

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 2014**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Ralph Paolone led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION

Mayor DePamphilis read and presented Proclamations to Eagle Scouts Kyle Matthew Dailyda & John Thomas Wickham. He also congratulated other Eagle Scout awardees; Austin Barrett, Ryan Rimmele, Rece Thompson, Eric Battisti, and David Van Ollefen. All members of Council and the Mayor congratulated the Kyle and John.

ORDINANCES

21 OF 2014 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST OF SOUTH JERSEY L. L. C. TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 21 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 21 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 21. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

171-2014 A Resolution authorizing 2014 Budget Appropriation Transfers

The Clerk read Resolution No. 171 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Resolution No. 171. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, **Consent** Agenda, are considered to be routine by City Council, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds and any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. All Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.

165-2014 A Resolution authorizing the appointments of Mitchell Waldman, Michael C. Berman, and Alex Balcerski to the Linwood Zoning Board of Adjustment

166-2014 A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 and Change Order No. 2-Fnal with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. with regard to the Country Club Drive & Delmar Avenue resurfacing project in the City of Linwood

- 167-2014** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Wendy J. Schulman as a Part Time Substitute Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood
- 168-2014** A Resolution authorizing additional funds for a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Amy Rudley, Esquire for Legal Services with regard to employment training
- 169-2014** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of the Chief Financial Officer
- 170-2014** A Resolution authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments
- 172-2014** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a Zoning Board Escrow Fee with regard to Block 177 Lot 2.01 in the City of Linwood
- 173-2014** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Brandon Settle to the position of Patrolman in the Linwood Police Department
- 174-2014** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2015-01, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 175-2014** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2015-01, to our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 176-2014** A Resolution approving a Contract with the City of Linwood Blue Collar Workers and Police Secretary through its representative, Teamsters Local #331

Council President Tighe announced that Resolution No. 176 was pulled from the agenda. He asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 165-170 and 172-175 of 2014. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,366,440.11

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Tighe opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Anthony Strazzeri, CFO City of Linwood – 309 Pond Road, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ

Mr. Strazzeri thanked the Mayor and Council for his reappointment as CFO for the City of Linwood. He is looking forward to continuing to serve in that capacity.

Gene Corcoran - 408 Joseph Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Corcoran was in attendance at the last Council meeting and discussed trees and leaves on a neighboring property. He asked if leaves can be included in Chapter 99 of the City Code. Council President Tighe will review Mr. Corcoran's request.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor addressed the Boy Scouts in attendance and thanked them for staying for the entire meeting. He explained the City's form of government.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest congratulated Mr. Strazzeri on his reappointment.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked Dr. Lacy for his input on the bamboo ordinance. She also thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the meeting and congratulated Mr. Strazzeri.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon congratulated the Eagle Scout recipients. He announced that there is still ongoing work on the east side of Shore Road. He advised anyone to contact City Hall with any questions. Councilman Gordon also announced that Public Works is currently picking up leaves. They began at the north end and are working their way south.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone thanked Dr. Lacy for his input, noting the he had the pleasure of working with Dr. Lacy on the Arboretum. It is great to have his expertise and wealth of knowledge. Councilman Paolone congratulated the Boy Scouts and the Zoning Board appointees. The City has many great volunteers.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun thanked Dr. Lacy for his help. He thanked Mr. Strazzeri for his work as CFO, and thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the meeting.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe thanked Dr. Lacy and the Boy Scouts. He recognized Mr. Corcoran with his Korean War hat and thanked him for his service in honor of Veteran’s Day. Mr. Corcoran indicated that two pilots from Linwood were killed in the war and asked if they could be added to the monument at Memorial Park. Council President Tighe advised him to give the names to Mrs. Napoli.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk