

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
November 22, 2016**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Darren Matik led the flag salute.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:31 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; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Eric Ford.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2016 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. 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.

- 170-2016** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016 Property Tax payment that was made in error for Block 68, Lot 1.03, located at 222 E. Balfour Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 171-2016** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016 Property Tax payment that was made in error for Block 16.01, Lot 61, located at 2000 Franklin Boulevard in the City of Linwood
- 172-2016** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Property Tax payment that was made in error for Block 29.01, Lot 1.01, located at 213 Alexander Drive in the City of Linwood
- 173-2016** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016 Property Tax payment that was made in error for Block 118, Lot 8, located at 507 Wilson Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 174-2016** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Premier Computer Services
- 175-2016** A Resolution authorizing the collection of connection fees and prior year billing of inactive sewer accounts
- 176-2016** A Resolution authorizing settlement with Nick D'Allessandro for a complaint filed against the City of Linwood pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act
- 177-2016** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Michael Fountas, Jr. to the position of Patrolman in the Linwood Police Department

Council President Paolone announced that Resolution No. 178, 2016 authorizing the hiring of Donald Auge to the position of Special Class II Officer in the Linwood Police Department was added to the agenda during the Caucus meeting. Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Resolutions No. 170-178 of 2016. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,141,721.93**

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

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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

John Ott 17 E. Edgewood Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Ott is against the hiring of a new Patrolman in Linwood. He indicated that the City does not need another one. The Patrolmen they have now do a good job. The taxes are too high.

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

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest announced that the annual tree lighting is Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The rain date is December 7.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked the public for their comments.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik advised that Council is hiring another Patrolman because there is one short shift and one imminent retirement in the future. Councilman Matik read for the record a note of thanks from a resident to Patrolmen Pagano and Levenson and Detective Sergeant Cunningham on a fine job they did helping them with a car and home break in.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun agrees with Councilman Matik with regard to the Police hiring. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone also agrees with Councilman Matik's comments with regard to the Police hiring. The hiring will ultimately save money in overtime costs. He welcomed the new Patrolman. He also encouraged everyone to attend the tree lighting and thanked Public Works for the holiday decorations. Council President Paolone wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk