

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
March 8, 2017**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 Eric Ford; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Todd Gordon.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; 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 February 22, 2017 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Council President Paolone. Motion was approved.

**SWEARING IN**

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Michael Fountas.

**ORDINANCES**

**3 OF 2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I, GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 263-4 PROHIBITED PARKING; STOPPING OR STANDING; TIME LIMIT PARKING; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 3 of 2017 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve Ordinance No. 3 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilman Gordon absent. Motion was approved.

**4 OF 2017** AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 4 of 2017 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 4 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilman Gordon absent. Motion was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**68-2017** A Resolution introducing the 2017 Municipal Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 68 of 2017 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Resolution No. 68. Councilman Matik and Mr. Strazzeri presented an update on the budget. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilman Gordon absent. Motion was approved.

**65-2017** A Resolution appointing Reverend Louis Strugala as Police Chaplain in the Linwood Police Department

The Clerk read Resolution No. 65 of 2017 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 65. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilman Gordon absent. Motion was approved. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Reverend Strugala.

### **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.

- 52-2017** A Resolution authorizing the canceling of small balances
- 53-2017** A Resolution rejecting the bids for Lawn Maintenance Services in the City of Linwood
- 54-2017** A Resolution authorizing the partial release of Surety with regard to Block 6, Lot 24 (2110 New Road) in the City of Linwood
- 55-2017** A Resolution authorizing the placement of a commercial sign within the Public Right-of-way of Patcong Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 56-2017** A Resolution designating Block 1, Lots 26.03, 27, 28, 29.01, 29.02, 30, 31, 32.01, 32.02, 33-39, 43.01, 43.02, 46.01, 46.02, 47, 48 as an Area In Need of Rehabilitation
- 57-2017** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for Lawn Maintenance Services for the City of Linwood
- 58-2017** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for Banking Services for the City of Linwood
- 59-2017** A Resolution authorizing entering into an Agreement with Atlantic County for Municipal Aerial Mosquito Control Services
- 60-2017** A Resolution of support from the City of Linwood Common Council authorizing the American Water Environmental Grant Application
- 61-2017** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to participate in the Atlantic County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- 62-2017** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 – Final with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. with regard to the School House Drive Neighborhood Resurfacing project in the City of Linwood
- 63-2017** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 – Final with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. with regard to the Woodlynne Boulevard Resurfacing project in the City of Linwood
- 64-2017** A Resolution authorizing participation in the Stockton University Credit Internship Program
- 66-2017** A Resolution reappointing Kevin Cain as the Acting Plumbing and Fire Sub Code Official for the City of Linwood
- 67-2017** A Resolution supporting the Distracted Driving Crackdown – U Drive, U Text, U Pay
- 69-2017** A Resolution establishing salaries for Non-Contractual employees of the City of Linwood

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. 52-64, 66-67, 69 of 2017. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,881,899.99**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilman Gordon 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.

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

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor attended the Firemen’s Installation Dinner to swear in new officers. It was a nice event and the Mayor was glad to attend. He congratulated the new Police Officer and Police Chaplain. He also congratulated Councilman Matik on his efforts preparing the budget.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis noted how happy she is to see so many members of the Police Department at tonight’s meeting. She serves on the Budget Committee with Councilman Matik and noted how he is steering everyone in the right direction on the budget. They are doing the best they can.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest welcomed the new Patrolman and noted how nice it is to see the morale so good in the department. He also welcomed the Chaplain.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford congratulated the new Patrolman. He wished all Mainland spring sports good luck and reminded everyone that the special school board election is March 14.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik congratulated the new Patrolman. He discussed the upcoming project at the old Poplar Avenue School site and how nice it is going to look.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun welcomed the new Patrolman. He thanked the Budget Committee members for their hard work. He knows it is a struggle because of the tax base.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone thanked the Budget Committee, especially Councilman Matik. He used to Chair that committee and knows it is a very tough job. Council has been very productive in keeping costs down. Council President Paolone congratulated Councilwoman DeDomenicis on becoming a Grandmother. He reminded everyone that as the weather gets warmer, more kids are out for sporting events. He asked everyone to drive safely and watch for pedestrians and bicyclists. Council President Paolone congratulated Coach John Napoli on his retirement as Coach of the Mainland boys soccer team. He put together a great soccer program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk