

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
April 8, 2015**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Elliot Beinfest led the flag salute.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:28 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 Brian Heun; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: Councilman Todd Gordon; and Councilman Darren Matik.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2015 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**ORDINANCE**

**4 OF 2015 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 4 of 2015 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 4 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilmen Gordon and Matik absent. Motion was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Paolone presented a Power Point presentation on the 2015 Municipal Budget (Attached as Exhibit B).

**75-2015 A Resolution introducing the 2015 Municipal Budget**

The Clerk read Resolution No. 75 of 2015 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Resolution No. 75. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilmen Gordon and Matik absent. 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.

- 71-2015** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2015-02, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 72-2015** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Alex Kuhns to the position of Patrolman in the Linwood Police Department
- 73-2015** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to participate in the Atlantic County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- 74-2015** A Resolution confirming the Mayoral appointment of Judd J. McLaughlin to the Linwood Board of Education
- 76-2015** A Resolution honoring Pamela J. Kallen for twenty-five years of service with the City of Linwood
- 77-2015** A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to hold an electronic tax sale

- 78-2015** A Resolution honoring Dr. Shelly Meyers
- 79-2015** A Resolution honoring Joseph M. Jacobs
- 80-2015** A Resolution honoring Diana Rutala
- 81-2015** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2015-06, to Jewish Family Service of Atlantic and Cape May Counties

Council President Tighe announced that Resolution No. 82, 2015, authorizing the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application, was added to the agenda. Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolutions No. 71-74, 76-82 of 2015. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$250,785.54**

Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, and Councilmen Gordon and Matik absent. 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.

John Ott 17 W. Edgewood Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Ott advised that the lights at the park have been left on after curfew. He would like to see the Police Officers walking around Linwood or riding bikes. He would like to see management on the second shift of the Police Department. He does not feel that City employees should be wearing shorts because it is a liability for the City. He would like to see more items donated to the City. He would also like to see more community events including the Police and Fire Departments.

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 commended the efforts of the Finance Committee on the budget. The school budget is about 61% of the taxes. That will never change until the state changes the funding formula. The Mayor attended the Easter Egg Hunt and thanked the Fire Department and Recreation on a job well done.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest congratulated Pam Kallen for twenty-five years of service, noting twenty-five years is quite an accomplishment. He also thanked and commended the retiring school board members. Being on the school board is a tough job. One of the most thankless.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised that the spring leaf collection begins April 6 and ends May 8.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone echoed the comments of the Mayor regarding the school funding formula. He also believes it should be changed. Councilman Paolone thanked Mr. Ott for his comments. He advised Mr. Ott that some of the issues he brought up are for the Police Chief to decide. City Council has no control over the operations of the Police Department.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun echoed the comments of Councilman Beinfest regarding the school board members. He thanked and commended those retiring and welcomed Judd McLaughlin.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe echoed the comments of the Mayor, Councilman Beinfest and Councilman Paolone. Linwood's volunteers are what make Linwood great. The three retiring school board members will be missed. Judd McLaughlin will be a good addition to the board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk