

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 25, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Todd Gordon led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Carol Kiniry, Auditor; Vincent Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2018 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

101-2018 A Resolution honoring the Linwood LASAR Seventh/Eighth Grade Girls Basketball Team
The Clerk read Resolution No. 101, 2018 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolution No. 101. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Matik read and presented Resolution No. 101. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated the team and its coaches.

102-2018 A Resolution honoring the Linwood LASAR Fifth/Sixth Grade Girls Basketball Team
The Clerk read Resolution No. 102, 2018 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 102. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Matik read and presented Resolution No. 102. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated the team and its coaches.

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.

95-2018 A Resolution canceling Grant Balances

96-2018 A Resolution amending Resolution No. 82, 2018 approving the Certification of Qualified Volunteers for LOSAP

97-2018 A Resolution authorizing a Military Leave of Absence of Patrolman Michael Fountas, Jr.

98-2018 A Resolution amending Resolution No. 76, 2018 establishing salaries for non-contractual employees of the City of Linwood for 2018

99-2018 A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. with regard to the 2017 Road Program in the City of Linwood

100-2018 A Resolution certifying the review of the annual Audit by the Governing Body

103-2018 A Resolution authorizing the refund of tax overpayments of the 2017 3rd and 4th Quarters and the 2018 1st Quarter Tax Payments made for Block 21, Lot 8, located at 311 W. Forest Drive in the City of Linwood

104-2018 A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Stephen J. Kroger, Jr. as a Part Time Relief Firefighter for the City of Linwood

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 100, 2018 was removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolutions No. 95-99, 103-104 of 2018. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 100, 2018 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 100. Council President Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on Resolution No. 100. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. All members of Council were in favor. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,732,061.33

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, 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 Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Bob Kleiner, 302 Lincoln Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Kleiner discussed how the contractor the City hired to pave the streets in his neighborhood drove their trucks on private property and left large amounts of debris in the area. The contractor also left behind a few barricades. Mr. Kleiner met with the inspector from the City Engineer's office to make them aware of the issues. He also indicated that there are numerous holes in the street left behind from the gas company that he would like to see get fixed. Mr. Kleiner also discussed problems with brown water in their home since the water company did their project. Mr. Polistina advised that he will contact New Jersey American Water regarding the water and indicated that there is a punch list for the paving project that the contractor will address prior to final payment by the City.

Gerard Spanier 288 Lincoln Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Spanier also discussed the holes on Lincoln Avenue and how the gas company patched them, but the patches have all now sunk. Council President Paolone advised that the City will have them corrected.

Laurie Montgomery, Linwood Park Director – Mrs. Montgomery announced that the Recreation Board is accepting scholarship applications from High School seniors until May 11.

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 Historical Society is holding an appraisal night on May 7, 2018 at the Masonic Lodge.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis reminded everyone about the Farmers Market every Saturday.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun recognized the recent paving completed by the State along Route 9 at the intersection of Seaview Avenue. That area was very bad with potholes and their patching jobs kept deteriorating.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik addressed the residents that discussed the recent road work project and explained that the City is required by State law to award the contract to the lowest bidder. The resident's issues will all be addressed.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked the residents of Lincoln Avenue for attending the meeting and sharing their concerns.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone wished Patrolman Fountas and his family the best and safe return upon his Military Leave.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 7:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk