

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
September 27, 2017**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Elliot Beinfest led the flag salute.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:25 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 Todd Gordon; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Brian Heun.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2017 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**HEARING**

Hardship Exception from Road Opening Moratorium  
Block 110, Lot 3.02  
5 E. Monroe Avenue

Council President Ralph Paolone opened the floor for discussion on the Hardship Exception from Road Opening Moratorium. Mike Pepper, 114 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Northfield, advised that he is requesting a street opening for gas and sewer service to a new home he is building at 5 E. Monroe Avenue. Council President Paolone reported that Mr. Pepper has not applied to the Gas Company yet, which is the first step in the process. The hardship only takes place after the Gas Company denies it. Mr. Polistina further explained the process. Councilman Ford motioned to table this matter until the October 25, 2017 meeting. Councilman Matik seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilmen Gordon, and Councilman Heun absent. Motion was approved. Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

**161-2017** A Resolution approving a request for a hardship exception from Road Opening Moratorium for Block 110, Lot 3.02 located at 5 E. Monroe Avenue in the City of Linwood (TABLED)

**HEARING**

Hardship Exception from Road Opening Moratorium  
Block 182.02, Lot 16  
104 Country Club Drive

Council President Ralph Paolone opened the floor for discussion on the Hardship Exception from Road Opening Moratorium. Casey McAllister, 104 Country Club Drive, Linwood, explained that he is seeking a hardship to open the street for gas service to his home. The house currently has oil heat and wants to switch to gas. Mr. Polistina explained the street opening restoration process. Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

- 162-2017** A Resolution approving a request for a hardship exception from Road Opening Moratorium for Block 182.02, Lot 16 located at 104 Country Club Drive in the City of Linwood

The Clerk read Resolution No. 162, 2017 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolution No. 162 of 2017. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative, two abstentions by Councilmen Gordon and Matik, and Councilman Heun absent. Motion was approved.

- 160-2017** A Resolution honoring Henry Kolakowski

The Clerk read Resolution No. 160, 2017 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve Resolution No. 160 of 2017. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilwoman DeDomenicis read the Resolution.

## **ORDINANCES**

- 9 OF 2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 119 CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, SECTION 119-3 FEES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH. **(PULLED)**

- 10 OF 2017** AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 251 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD, TAXATION, ADDING ARTICLE III "100% DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 10 of 2017 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Ordinance No. 10 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilman Heun 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.

- 156-2017** A Resolution approving the submission of a Grant Application and execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Linwood Bike Path Extension – Phase 2 project
- 157-2017** A Resolution approving the submission of a Grant Application and execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of Bartlett, Van Sant, Marie and Richards Avenues project.
- 158-2017** A Resolution authorizing the payment of the sum of One Thousand Dollars into a Special Escrow Account for payment of Special Master Fees and Professional Fees related to the Mount Laurel Litigation
- 159-2017** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2017-13, to Mainland Performing Arts Parent Organization
- 163-2017** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2017-14, to Mainland Performing Arts Parent Organization
- 164-2017** A Resolution requesting the return of \$20,660.63, which funds were previously paid from the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, from the Atlantic County Improvement Authority
- 165-2017** A Resolution authorizing the continuance of an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the administration of the affordable assistance requirement in the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve Resolutions No. 156-159, 163-165 of 2017. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,090,633.06**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Heun 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 W. Edgewood Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Ott indicated that the Police are doing a good job. He would like to see them write tickets to the high school students that are constantly speeding down his street.

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 wished Mr. Kolakowski best wishes, noting that he was a good employee. He also advised that the Linwood Historical Society is hosting a City wide yard sale on Saturday, October 7, 2017.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis announced that the Farmer's Market is open again and doing well. She invited everyone to come out and visit.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon wished Mr. Kolakowski a long and happy retirement.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik is going to miss Mr. Kolakowski. He wished him the best.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone echoed the comments with regard to Mr. Kolakowski and also wished him the best.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk