

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
October 25, 2017**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Todd Gordon led the flag salute.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Councilman Darren Matik 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 Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; and Councilman Darren Matik.

Absent: Council President Ralph Paolone.

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 Beinfest, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**168-2017** A Resolution honoring the Mainland Youth Lacrosse Club U-14 Team

The Clerk read Resolution No. 168, 2017 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolution No. 168. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated the team.

Councilman Matik asked for a motion to remove Resolution No. 175, 2017 from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to remove Resolution No. 175. All present members were in favor. Motion was approved. The Clerk read Resolution No. 175 of 2017 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 175. All present members were in favor. Motion was approved. The Mayor and each member of Council welcomed Mrs. Washington as the new Tax Collector for the City of Linwood.

**HEARING**

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

Councilman Matik 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. Councilman Ford asked Mr. Pepper if he was advised by the Construction Office that he will be required to do a full width paving of the street after his utility openings are complete. Mr. Pepper responded in the affirmative. Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Councilman Matik 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

The Clerk read Resolution No. 161, 2017 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Resolution No. 161 of 2017. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Gordon, and Council President Paolone absent. Motion was approved.

## 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.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 9 of 2017 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 9 for final reading. Councilman Matik opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 9. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilman Matik closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Council President Paolone 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.

- 169-2017** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to release the Performance Guarantee and reduce the Professional Escrow Fees with regard to Block 161 Lot 1 (Crown Bank) in the City of Linwood
- 170-2017** A Resolution authorizing payment of accrued time off to Patrolman Brandon Settle
- 171-2017** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2-Final with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. with regard to the Hamilton Avenue et al Resurfacing Project in the City of Linwood
- 172-2017** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Bingo License, #2018-01, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 173-2017** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2018-01, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 174-2017** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Linwood Farmers Market
- 175-2017** A Resolution appointing Silvia L. Washington as Tax Collector for the City of Linwood
- 176-2017** A Resolution awarding the Contract to Arawak Paving Company for Contract No. 15 – 2017 Road Program

Councilman Matik advised that Resolution No. 177, 2017 authorizing signage for Wells Fargo Advisors as recommended by the Linwood Redevelopment Committee was added in the Caucus meeting. He asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 169-174 and 176-177 of 2017. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

## APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,116,669.11

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 Council President Paolone absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

## MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Councilman Matik opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

### Jack Verseput 306 Poplar Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Verseput is concerned about the speeding on Poplar Avenue and asked for something to be done about it. He suggested maybe a four way stop intersection at Maple and Poplar Avenues. Chief Carman advised that his department has been monitoring the speed in that area as often they can. Discussion ensued on the issue and the Engineer and Police will look into a solution.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Councilman Matik closed the floor.

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun advised everyone to be careful driving and watch for kids crossing on Halloween.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford congratulated the boys and girls Mainland soccer teams on winning the CAL conference. They both qualified for second seed in the playoffs. The boys' team is also in the semi-finals of the Coaches Tournament tomorrow against Washington Township. This is the farthest the boys' team has gotten in that tournament.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon asked for all drivers in Linwood to obey the speed limit.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis also reminded everyone to obey the speed limit. She announced that Public Works will begin their leaf pick up program the week of November 13.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest announced that the Recreation Board is hosting Trunk or Treat this Sunday, October 29 from 12pm to 2pm.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik advised that the installation of the new playground began today and should be completed the week of November 7. He thanked Mr. Polistina and Mrs. Napoli for getting it done.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk