

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
November 22, 2022

Councilwoman June Byrnes called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Councilman Todd Michael.

Absent: Council President Ralph Paolone.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Captain Jay Loder, Fire Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with two abstentions from Councilwoman Albright and Councilman Levinson. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Ford

A. Planning, Engineering & Development

1. Councilman Ford discussed an amendment to Chapter 221 Sewers. The fee change is for existing sewer connections that have been disconnected within two years due to fire, demolition, or other casualty.
2. Councilman Ford reviewed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Change Order with American Pipe Cleaning for 2022 Video Inspections. This was to video an additional section of the pipes.
3. Councilman Ford discussed a Resolution authorizing a Change Order with Arawak Paving for Franklin Resurfacing. This change is a reduction in cost due to some striping that was removed.
4. Councilman Ford reviewed a Resolution authorizing a Change Order with Arthur R. Henry for Oak Avenue Restoration. This is due to a small sink hole that appeared after the paving of Edgewood Avenue. The hole has been patched but needs to be permanently fixed.
5. Councilman Ford advised that his committee met today to discuss upcoming projects including the 2023 road program and drainage issues. They discussed the Mainland Pond and the possible removal of an old system, the issues with sidewalk maintenance, and the needed lighting upgrades at Memorial Park. They reviewed the plans for the new multi-purpose building to replace the old soccer building. That project will go out to bid in the new year. They also discussed the ongoing drainage problems at Memorial Park and what is needed to be done to make the fields safer.

4. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson reviewed a Resolution authorizing a budget appropriation transfer for the Fire Department.

5. Councilman Michael

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Michael announced that the City received grant money from the 2022 American Rescue Firefighter Grant that will be used to purchase equipment.
2. Councilman Michael advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the reappointment of Tom Flynn as the Fire Official.

Councilman Michael
Public Safety (continued)

3. Councilman Michael discussed the need to purchase a new fire truck for the Fire Department and the urgency to order it now to secure the price and the two-year delay in delivery. The Mayor and present Council members agreed to move forward with purchasing a new truck.

6. Council President Paolone
 - A. Administration
 1. Councilwoman Byrnes advised of Resolutions on the agenda authorizing a Bingo and Raffle Licenses to Contact Cape Atlantic
 2. Councilwoman Byrnes reviewed dates for the 2023 Reorganization Meeting. Monday, January 2, 2023 was selected.

At 6:24 P.M., Councilwoman Byrnes called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk