

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:22 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Brian Heun led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilwoman June Byrnes; 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; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

195-2019 A Resolution honoring Lynn E. Roesch

The Clerk read Resolution No. 195, 2019 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 195 of 2019. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

196-2019 A Resolution honoring Joseph Breidenstine

The Clerk read Resolution No. 196, 2019 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 196 of 2019. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

198-2019 A Resolution canceling appropriation balances

The Clerk read Resolution No. 198, 2019 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve Resolution No. 198 of 2019. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

20 Of 2019 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD FROM KIEJDAN FAMILY, LLC AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 20 of 2019 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve Ordinance No. 20 of 2019. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 20. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

186-2019 A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused engineering escrow funds to EI Homes, LLC posted as part of an application to build a new single family home at 917 Wabash Avenue in the City of Linwood

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 187-2019** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused engineering escrow funds to EI Homes, LLC posted as part of an application to build a new single family home at 514 W. Vernon Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 188-2019** A Resolution scheduling the 2020 Reorganization Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Linwood
- 189-2019** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Lynn E. Roesch
- 190-2019** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Joseph Breidenstine
- 191-2019** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Darren Matik
- 192-2019** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Donald Auge as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class II, for the City of Linwood
- 193-2019** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Anthony Disciascio as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III, for the City of Linwood
- 194-2019** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Belford Rivera as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III, for the City of Linwood
- 197-2019** A Resolution authorizing submission of a Grant Extension for the Linwood Municipal Alliance Grant
- 199-2019** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Animal Control of South Jersey
- 200-2019** A Resolution authorizing and scheduling paid Holidays for the Calendar Year 2020
- 201-2019** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Premier Computer Services
- 202-2019** A Resolution authorizing an Agreement for Shared Municipal Court Services for the Municipalities of the City of Linwood and the City of Northfield
- 203-2019** A Resolution authorizing the payment of accrued time off to Lynn E. Roesch

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 201 of 2019 was removed. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 186-194, 197, 199-200, 202-203 of 2019. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 201, 2019 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Resolution No. 201 of 2019. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilman Matik. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,404,809.99

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, 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.

Steve Zambetoglou 726 Brighton Drive, Linwood

Mr. Zambetoglou indicated that he spoke to City Council over a year ago requesting a guard rail on Route 9 behind his home. He witnessed a child on a bicycle almost get hit by a car while riding on the sidewalk. He is hoping one can be installed soon.

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

Mayor DePamphilis – Mayor DePamphilis attended the annual tree lighting at the Arboretum and noted how well attended it was and commended all involved for their efforts.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun echoed the Mayor's comments on the tree lighting. The event gets better every year.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik also attended the tree lighting and commended the efforts of the Recreation Board and Laurie Montgomery. He advised Mr. Zambetoglou that since Route 9 is a state road, the state Department of Transportation would have to authorize and install the guardrail. City Council has written to them in the past requesting same. He will follow up with them.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford also advised Mr. Zambetoglou that he will follow up with the state on the guardrail. He commended the efforts of the Recreation Board on a successful tree lighting event. He announced the retirements of Joe Breidenstine and Lynn Roesch noting that they will both be missed. Mr. Breidenstine started his public service in 1978 and will retire on December 31, 2019. If you see him around the City, thank him. He dedicated a lot of time working for our community.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon echoed everyone's comments on the tree lighting. A great job to all involved. He worked with Mrs. Roesch when he was on the Zoning Board. She was always very dedicated and professional. She imparted a lot of knowledge to the members on the Board. She will be missed. Mr. Breidenstine has worked for our community for over 40 years which is highly commendable. He too will be missed.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes advised that a new outside Menorah will be lit for Hanukkah. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis commended everyone for a successful tree lighting. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik advised that the sirens that everyone is hearing are Santa going around on the fire truck.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone thanked Mrs. Roesch. He also worked with her on the Zoning Board. She was very professional and did a tremendous job. Mr. Breidenstine's service record is impeccable. He will miss them both. Council President Paolone indicated that under tonight's Consent Agenda was a Resolution to authorize an Agreement for Shared Municipal Court Services with Northfield. He thanked Mayor Chau for attending the meeting and advised that court will be held in Linwood now. He thanked members of Northfield and Councilman Matik for completing the agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk