

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 7, 2024

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Wardlow on **February 7, 2024 at 7:09p.m.** Via Microsoft Teams.

Following a Prayer and Flag Salute led by Councilwoman Wright-McLeod, The Deputy Borough Clerk called the roll.

Roll Call showed present:

Ronald DeAbreu	Councilperson
Robert Lee	Councilperson
Steven Pollard	Councilperson
Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley	Councilperson
Dawn Wright-McLeod	Councilperson

Also present were:

Edward H. Hill	Borough Solicitor
Sean Smith, Sr.	Borough Engineer
Angeliue Rankins	Business Administrator
Rafiq Golphin	DPW Supervisor
Marsharee Wright	Deputy Borough Clerk
Captain Plenty	Public Safety

Mayor Wardlow declared the meeting officially open and the Deputy Borough Clerk read that the meeting had been properly publicized as to the time, date, and place, in accordance with P.L. 1985, Chapter 231.

REMARKS BY CITIZENS:

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Open Public Comments**

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.
Motion declared carried.

- NONE

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Close Public Comments**

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.
Motion declared carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting - December 6, 2023
Reorganization Meeting – January 3, 2024
Council Workshop Meeting – January 10, 2024

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Adopt Meeting Minutes.**

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.
Motion declared carried.

INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 01- 2024

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 73 IN ITS ENTIRETY; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 73; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Introduce Ordinance No. 01-2024**

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.
Motion declared carried.

THE NEW BUSINESS STATEMENT WAS READ BY THE DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Resolutions:

1. Resolution No. 02-2024 – Establishing The Travel Policy
2. Resolution No. 03-2024 – Authorizing Mileage Reimbursement for Official Travel
3. Resolution No. 04-2024 – Specifying Various Depositories for All Funds
4. Resolution No. 05-2024 – Authorizing Bank Accounts at 1st Colonial Bank
5. Resolution No. 06-2024 – Authorizing Petty Cash Fund for Borough Treasurer
6. Resolution No. 07-2024 – Specifying Rate of Interest to be Collected on Delinquent Sewer Rentals and Delinquent Taxes for 2024
7. Resolution No. 08-2024 – Authorizing Cash Management Plan for 2024
8. Resolution No. 09-2024 - Authorizing the Holding of A Closed Session of Borough Council
9. Resolution No. 10-2024 – Approving Refund for Tax Over Payment – BL 202 LOT 8
10. Resolution No. 11-2024 – Approving Refund for Tax Over Payment – BL 301 LOT 40
11. Resolution No. 12-2024 – Authorizing the Hiring of A Full Time Police Officer – Patrolman I - Collin Stephans
12. Resolution No. 13-2024 - Appointing a Municipal Court Prosecutor
13. Resolution No. 14-2024 - Authorizing the Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation on Evesham Ave. To Determine Whether Block 805, Lot(s) 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 Qualifies for Designation as an Area in Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 ET Seq.

B. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Lee to **Adopt Resolutions and Payment of Bills**

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Motion declared carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BOROUGH CLERK

NOVEMBER 2023- \$11,862.10

DECEMBER 2023- \$5,133.42

COLLECTOR OF SEWER RENTAL

NOVEMBER 2023 - \$ 6,687.66

DECEMBER 2023- \$ 43,307.07

CONSTRUCTION

NOVEMBER 2023 - \$30,009.90

DECEMBER 2023 - \$21,803.69

DOG ACCOUNT

NOVEMBER 2023 - \$4,083.39

DECEMBER 2023 - \$4,086.16

TAX COLLECTOR

NOVEMBER 2023 -\$ 1,651,712.07

DECEMBER 2023 - \$ 114,375.00

MUNICIPAL COURT

NOVEMBER 2023 - \$6,777.59

DECEMBER 2023- \$6,055.80

HERA Registry Vacant/Foreclosure Property Registration - November 2023 \$2,100.00

December 2023 \$1,500.00

TOTAL 2023 - \$3,600.00

A motion was made by Pollard and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Accept Monthly Financial Reports.**

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Motion declared carried.

*****Special Presentation*****

The Public Safety Committee: Councilman Pollard, Captain Plenty & Ms. Rankins, swore in Officer Stephans

REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- **Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley** – stated Councilman Wilcox was not able to get in due to password errors
- **Councilman DeAbreu** – Congratulated Officer Stephans
- **Councilwoman Wright-McLeod** – Announced the Board of Health Heart Health Event 2/24/24 from 11am – 1pm
- **Captain Plenty** – Announced the LPD Protect & Serve Breakfast for Pre-K to 8th grade Families 2/24/24 from 9am – 12pm
- **Mayor Wardlow** – Thanked everyone who has been helping with the upcoming Black History Celebration that is to be held on 2/10/24

At 7:26pm there was a Motion Made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to Adjourn the Meeting.

The Voice Vote was unanimous in the affirmative action. Motion declared carried

**Meeting Adjourned 7:26 P.M.
BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE**


**PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC, CMR
BOROUGH CLERK**


**MARY ANN WARDLOW
MAYOR**