

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2022

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow on **February 2, 2022 at 7:00p.m.** Via ZOOM Conference Call.

Following a prayer and flag salute led by Councilwoman Wright-McLeod, and a moment of silence, The Acting Municipal Clerk called the roll.

### **Roll Call showed present:**

Mary Ann Wardlow	Mayor
Ronald DeAbreu	Councilperson
Robert Lee	Councilperson
Steven Pollard	Councilperson
Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley	Councilperson
Eric J. Wilcox, Sr.	Councilperson
Dawn Wright-McLeod	Councilperson

### **Also present were:**

Edward H. Hill	Borough Solicitor
Sean Smith, Sr.	Borough Engineer
Angelique Rankins	Business Administrator
Marsharee A. Wright	Acting Borough Clerk
Captain Plenty	Public Safety
Rafiq Golphin	Acting Public Works Supervisor

Mayor Wardlow declared the meeting officially open and the Acting 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 Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Open Public Comments**

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.

- **Sharron Whitney – 403 Charleston Avenue** – Spoke of the alleged threat to the safety and health of the community from Transportation of Liquefied Natural Gas throughout Lawnside and that the new fortress energies will be preparing shipping routes for the LNG that would pass through Lawnside via rail and truck transport.
- **Noa Gordon-Guterman** - Stop Fracked Gas Exports Organizer – Spoke about LNG and sent the following email message in response to the meeting : “I just wanted to follow-up on the council meeting from this past Wednesday evening and urge you to bring a resolution to council in opposition to the transit of volatile Liquefied Natural Gas via truck right through Lawnside. If accident were to occur in the transport of this LNG, Lawnside would experience a disastrous blow of a fire too hot to extinguish. This project would also emit as much methane into the air as an entire coal-fired power plant.”

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

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Council Meeting - December 1, 2021  
Special Council Meeting – December 16, 2021  
Reorganization Meeting – January 5, 2022

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Adopt Meeting Minutes**

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared

### **INTRODUCTION:**

#### **ORDINANCE 01-2022:**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 80 Garbage, Rubbish, and Refuse

A motion was made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Pollard to **Introduce Ordinance No. 01-2022**

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried

**ORDINANCE 02-2022:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 109 Property Maintenance Code

A motion was made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by DeAbreu to **Introduce Ordinance No. 02-2022**  
Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried

**THE NEW BUSINESS STATEMENT WAS READ BY THE ACTING BOROUGH CLERK CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Resolutions:**

1. Resolution No. 05-2022 – Establishing The Travel Policy
2. Resolution No. 06-2022 – Authorizing Mileage Reimbursement for Official Travel
3. Resolution No. 07-2022 – Specifying Various Depositories for All Funds
4. Resolution No. 08-2022 – Authorizing Bank Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> Colonial Bank
5. Resolution No. 09-2022 – Authorizing Petty Cash Fund for Borough Treasurer
6. Resolution No. 10-2022 – Specifying Rate of Interest to be Collected on Delinquent Sewer Rentals and Delinquent Taxes for 2022
7. Resolution No. 11-2022 – Authorizing Cash Management Plan for 2022
8. Resolution No. 12-2022 – Authorizing the Hiring of A Full Time Laborer/Driver in for DPW
9. Resolution No. 13-2022 – Authorizing the Hiring of A Part Time Clerk I
10. Resolution No. 14-2022 – Authorizing the Hiring of a Deputy Municipal Clerk
11. Resolution No. 15-2022 – Appointing A Deputy Registrar
12. Resolution No. 16-2022 – Authorizing A Closed Executive Session for Council
13. Resolution No. 17-2022 – Approving Cancellation of Sewer Billing
14. Resolution No. 18-2022 – Approving the Hiring of a Part Time Clerk for DPW
15. Resolution No. 19-2022 – Authorizing the Changing of Signers for Certain Bank Accounts
16. Resolution No. 20-2022 – Proclamation Congratulating Jacqueline “Jacqui” Wilcox
17. Resolution No. 21-2022 – Approving the Borough Master Plan Re-Examination
18. Resolution No. 22-2022 - Authorizing the Adoption of the 2021 Camden County, New Jersey Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

**B. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Adopt Resolutions and Payment of Bills**  
Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried

**BOROUGH CLERK**

NOVEMBER 2021- \$10,977.31  
DECEMBER 2021- \$1,827.42

**COLLECTOR OF SEWER RENTAL**

NOVEMBER 2021 - \$4,420.74  
DECEMBER 2021 - \$ 32,435.53

**CONSTRUCTION**

NOVEMBER 2021 - \$147,835.34  
DECEMBER 2021 - \$80,625.21

**DOG ACCOUNT**

NOVEMBER 2021 - \$2,803.52  
DECEMBER 2021 - \$2,985.76

**TAX COLLECTOR**

NOVEMBER 2021 -\$ 2,023,582.80  
DECEMBER 2021 - \$ 163,433.20

**MUNICIPAL COURT**

NOVEMBER 2021 - \$10,388.11  
DECEMBER 2021 - \$11,792.31

**PRO CHAMPS** - Defaulted Mortgage Property Registration.

*\*\*\*There was a temporary suspension of the program, we received notice from the Camden County Improvement Authority on 11/12/2021. There are no remittance reports for November and December 2021; the 2021 YTD TOTAL \$23,800.00\*\*\**

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Accept Monthly Financial Reports**  
Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**           LEGAL AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

At 7:20 pm there was a Motion Made by DeAbreu and Seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to enter into Executive Session  
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.


At 10:15 pm there was a Motion Made by DeAbreu and Seconded by Wright-McLeod to close Executive Session  
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

At 10:15 pm there was a Motion Made by Lee and Seconded by Wilcox to Convene with Council Meeting  
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**REMARKS:**                   NONE

At 10:16pm there was a Motion Made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Wright-McLeod to Adjourn the Meeting.  
The Voice Vote was unanimous in the affirmative action. Motion declared carried

Meeting Adjourned 10:16 P.M.  
BOROUGH OF LAWNESIDE

  
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MARSHAREE A. WRIGHT  
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

  
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MARY ANN WARDLOW  
MAYOR