

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2022

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow on **April 6, 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
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
Chief Lewis	Fire Department

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 DeAbreu and seconded by Lee to **Open Public Comments**

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

- NONE

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

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

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Council Meeting – March 2, 2022

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

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

### **INTRODUCTION:**

#### **ORDINANCE 06-2022:**

An Ordinance Authorizing Acceptance of Redeveloper's Grant of Easements for Pocket Park I and For the Trail

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Lee to **Introduce Ordinance No. 06-2022**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Resolutions:**

1. Resolution No. 52-2022 – Approving Refund for Tax Overpayment
2. Resolution No. 53-2022 – Approving to Release CCMUA Monies collected by Tax Collector – BLK 1103 LOT 15
3. Resolution No. 54-2022 - Authorizing Application for Program Year 2022 CDBG - Summer Program
4. Resolution No. 55-2022 - Approving to Release CCMUA Monies collected by Tax Collector – BLK 207 LOT 2
5. Resolution No. 56-2022 – Appointing and Setting A Salary for a Tax Assessor
6. Resolution No. 57-2022 - Setting the OPRA Custodian Hours of Operation
7. Resolution No. 58-2022 – Proclamation Honoring Most Worshipful Grand Master Michael Anthony Wiggins

**B. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Wilcox to **Adopt Resolutions and Payment of Bills**

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

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:**                      **FEBRUARY 2022**

<b>BOROUGH CLERK</b>	<b>\$ 20,620.22</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 39,519.98</b>
<b>DOG ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 3,353.29</b>
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	<b>\$ 1,617,988.23</b>
<b>SEWER RENTALS</b>	<b>\$ 15,364.90</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL COURT</b>	<b>\$ 15,531.31</b>

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

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

**REMARKS:**

- **Councilwoman Wright-McLeod** – Asked all Councilmembers to read their emails and save the dates of upcoming events in their calendars and advised them to see the clerk regarding ad booklet donations
- **Councilman Lee** – offered DPW Supervisor Rafiq to give department updates
  - April is the clean-up month
  - Leaf pick up will stop April 30<sup>th</sup> and will begin again on October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Asked residents to be mindful of the littering in the park as DPW has been picking up a substantial amount of trash in the park that could have went into the waste bins
- **Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley** – Stated that there will be various events coming up, announced the Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 1pm - 3pm for ages 4 to 10 years old to be advertised via Flyers, the website and the school automated phone call system. Councilwoman also thanked everyone who participated in the UPS Truckers against Trafficking event. She also asked residents to adhere to the community park behaviors of no smoking, no drinking, no littering and no unleashed dogs.

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- **Captain Plenty** – clarified that the rule is no dogs allowed in the park and park is open from dawn to dusk. He asked everyone to follow the speed limit, be safe and mindful of pedestrians walking, children out and about and new traffic via Walter A. Gaines Way.  
There was discussion between Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley and Captain Plenty regarding motor bikes doing donuts in the Charleston Avenue parking lot. Captain advised that people can call the incidents in but law enforcement cannot chase the individuals because fatalities have occurred during those chases. When law enforcement officers are able to safely approach the riders, they are to advise them of the rules.
- **Madam Clerk** – announced that all Lawnside Animal registration fees are due by 4/17/2022 and if payment is not received, the clerk's office will proceed with license violation enforcement. She also stated that Berlin NJ is hosting a free rabies clinic for all Camden County Residents on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 12pm.
- **Mayor Wardlow** – Read the Al-Uqdah Family Thank You Letter signed by Mrs. Loretta Al-Uqdah, the wife of the late Mr. Ronald Al-Uqdah; expressing their sincere appreciation and thanks to the municipality during their time of bereavement.

**At 7:19 pm there was a Motion Made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Wright-McLeod to Adjourn the Meeting.**

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:19 P.M.  
BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE

  
MARSHAREE A. WRIGHT  
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

  
MARY ANN WARDLOW  
MAYOR