

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2020

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow on November 4, 2020 at 7:00p.m. Via Free Conference Call.

Following a prayer, a moment of silence and flag salute led by Mayor Wardlow and The Acting Municipal Clerk called the roll

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

Mary Ann Wardlow	Mayor	
Ronald DeAbreu	Councilperson	
Robert Lee	Councilperson	
Steve Pollard	Councilperson	ARRIVED AT 7:15pm
Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley	Councilperson	
Eric Wilcox	Councilperson	
Dawn Wright-McLeod	Councilperson	

### **Also present were:**

Edward H. Hill	Borough Solicitor
Sean S. Smith, Sr.	Borough Engineer
Angelique Rankins	Business Administrator
Marsharee A. Wright	Acting Borough Clerk
Captain Plenty	Public Safety
Michael L. Harper Jr.	Fire Chief

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** - Please state your name and address for the record. Council will give all comments appropriate consideration. Each citizen will be allotted up to three (3) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions or concerns. Please direct all comments to the Mayor. Each citizen may only speak once during each public portion.

It was moved by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Open Public Comment**.

Roll Call: DeAbreu disconnected; Lee y; Pollard Absent; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Disconnection, 1 Absent, Motion declared carried

- **Ms. Thelma Tutt** – 110 Williams Ave. – suggested employees should complete sensitivity trainings, and advised if employees don't remember things, just say so and complete follow-ups.

It was moved by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Close Public Comment**.

Roll Call: DeAbreu Abstain; Lee y; Pollard Absent; Wardlow-Hurley Disconnected; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, 1 Disconnection, 1 Absent, Motion declared carried

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Council Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2020

It was moved by DeAbreu and seconded by Lee to **Adopt Minutes**.

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 03-2020** An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Salaries and Other Compensation of the Officials and Employees of the Borough of Lawnside

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 03-2020:**

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

- **NONE**

A motion was made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 03-2020:**

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

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A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Lee to **Adopt Ordinance No. 03-2020:**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 04-2020**

**An Ordinance Governing the Maintenance of Vacant properties in The Borough of Lawnside Amending Registration Requirements and Levying a Registration Fee upon Owners of Vacant Properties**

A motion was made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by DeAbreu to **Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 04-2020:**

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

- **Yvonne Savior** – 412 Quaker Road – asked for brief description of the ordinance, Mayor Wardlow and Solicitor Ed Hill gave explanation related to the expansion of vacant commercial properties

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox to **Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 04-2020:**

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

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Adopt Ordinance No. 04-2020:**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Resolutions:**

1. Resolution No. 73-2020 – Extending The Grace Period for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Property Taxes
2. Resolution No. 74-2020 – Approving Refund for Tax Overpayment
3. Resolution No. 75-2020 – Approving Grant Submission to NJDOT - TA - Cooper Ave Bikeway Path
4. Resolution No. 76-2020 – Certifying Ownership and a Maintenance Commitment - Cooper Ave Bikeway Path
5. Resolution No. 77-2020 - Authorizing Hiring Class II Police Officer - John J. Gibson
6. Resolution No. 78-2020 – Authorizing Hiring Police Recruit Officer – Ramon G. Fernandez

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by DeAbreu to **accept items listed under the Consent Agenda and Payment of Bills**

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

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:      SEPTEMBER 2020**

<b>BOROUGH CLERK</b>	\$ 5,536.06	
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	\$ 28,372.55	
<b>DOG ACCOUNT</b>	\$ 2,782.42	
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	\$ 1,014,434.40	
<b>SEWER RENTALS</b>	\$ 7,056.02	
<b>MUNICIPAL COURT</b>	\$ 8,850.51	
<b>PRO CHAMPS</b>	\$ 2,800.00	
	\$ 28,100.00	-YTD TOTAL

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It was moved by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Wilcox to **accept the Financial Reports.**

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

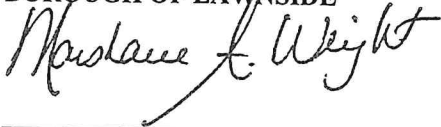
**REMARKS BY MAYOR:** Wished the community A Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. Mayor mentioned how two police officers saved a 3 year old child who was choking and will acknowledge Sergeant Hernandez and Officer Tatem when time allows us to meet again and celebrate. Mayor Wardlow congratulated Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley and Councilman Wilcox on a successful and honest election.

**REMARKS:**


- **Councilman DeAbreu** –Publicly acknowledged Officer Hicks for his work on the Vacant Property Registration Ordinance. He thanked Officer Hicks and Ms. Rankins for their help and research on the ordinance, Councilman DeAbreu also congratulated Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley and Councilman Wilcox on their election and he stated he looks forward to many more years to come and encouraged everyone to Stay Safe
- **Councilwoman Wright-McLeod** – The Board of Health has obtained 3 Dog Sanitation Stations and Congratulated Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley and Councilman Wilcox and looks forward to working more with them.
- **Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley** – Thanked all residents for coming out and voting as she ran a clean and honest campaign. And hopes to build a better relationship with all her constituents. She congratulated school board members on their election and asked that residents keep Mrs. Sylvia Vason in their prayers due to the loss of her daughter. Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley also advised residents to be mindful of the deer, drive safe, and support the school board and Dr. Johnson and attend the scheduled school board meeting tomorrow.
- **Councilman Wilcox** – Thanked his running mate, Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley and their campaign manager, Councilwoman Wright-McLeod and plans to continue to do his due diligence in the community working with mayor and Council
- **Councilman Pollard** – Congratulated Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley and Councilman Wilcox and told residents to watch out for the deer

At 7:29pm there was a Motion Made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to Adjourn the Meeting  
The Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative action. Motion declared carried.

Meeting Adjourned 7:29P.M.  
BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE



MARSHAREE A. WRIGHT  
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK



MARY ANN WARDLOW  
MAYOR