

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2021

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow on September 1, 2021 at 7:00p.m. Via ZOOM Conference Call.

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

Roll Call showed present:

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

Also present were:

Edward H. Hill	Borough Solicitor
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 –

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

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

- **Thelma Tutt – 110 Williams Avenue** – Ms. Tutt spoke on the following items:
 1. Parking at The Community Garden
 2. Oak Avenue Construction Noise
 3. The Lack of Yard Maintenance at Free Haven Farms located at 105 Williams Avenue

It was moved by Wilcox and Wright-McLeod by DeAbreu to **Close Public Comment**.

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

Budget Items:

- **Resolution No. 91-2021** - Authorizing Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only for Public Hearing

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Lee to **Approve Resolution No. 91-2021**

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

- **PUBLIC HEARING on Introduced Budget:**

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2021

Calendar Year 2021 Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 06-2021**

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

- **NONE**

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 06 - 2021**

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

- **Resolution No. 92-2021** – Amend the 2021 Budget

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Approve Resolution No. 92-2021**
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: Special Council Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2021

It was moved by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by DeAbreu to **Adopt Minutes**

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

PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2021 A Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Sewer Utility Improvements

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 07-2021**

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

- NONE

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Pollard to **Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 07- 2021**

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

A motion was made by Pollard and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Adopt Ordinance No. 07-2021**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2021 A Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 08-2021**

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

- NONE

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 08 - 2021**

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

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Pollard to **Adopt Ordinance No. 08-2021**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 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. 93 - 2021 – Certifying Receipt and Review of Annual Audit for 2019
2. Resolution No. 94 - 2021 – Approving A Corrective Action Plan for the 2019 Audit Report
3. Resolution No. 95 - 2021 – Approving Release of CCMUA Monies Collected by The Tax Collector
4. Resolution No. 96 - 2021 – Dedication By Rider for Parking Offenses Adjudication Act Money

B. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

***Councilman Lee inquired about purpose of Resolution No. 96-2021 and Mayor Wardlow gave an explanation.*

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

<u>MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:</u>	JULY 2021
BOROUGH CLERK	\$ 37,948.69
CONSTRUCTION	\$ 39,501.88
DOG ACCOUNT	\$ 2,921.95
TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 33,339.96
SEWER RENTALS	\$22,278.30
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 6,229.10
PRO CHAMPS	\$ 2,100.00
	\$ 19,300.00 - 2021 YTD TOTAL

It was moved by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Lee to **accept the 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

REMARKS:

- **Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley:** Acknowledged the Veterans wall of Honor presented by Girl Scout Teghan Sydnor and thanked everyone involved. Councilwoman announced upcoming socially distanced events; more information can be obtained from the clerk's office or the borough website and thanked the School Board, Hiram Lodge, and other community partners with The Borough for the collaboration with the Back To School Bonanza that was held inside last week and offered anyone needing a book bag or school supplies to contact the School.
- **Mayor Wardlow -** Thanked Girl Scout Teghan Sydnor for a job well done on the Veterans wall and explained that there is still opportunity for other Lawnside Veterans to be placed on the wall. Any interested Veterans or their family members can contact the Clerk's office to get the application information. Mayor Wardlow also advised people to get vaccinated, if they're vaccinated encourage others to get vaccinated, continue to wear masks, sanitize, and socially distance.

At 7:28pm there was a Motion Made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Pollard to Adjourn the Meeting.
The Voice Vote was unanimous in the affirmative action. Motion declared carried

Meeting Adjourned 7:28 P.M.
BOROUGH OF LAWNESIDE


MARSHAREE A. WRIGHT
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK


MARY ANN WARDLOW
MAYOR