

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2023

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow on **March 1, 2023 at 7:00p.m.** Via ZOOM Conference Call.

Following a prayer led by Councilwoman Wright-Mcleod and a Flag Salute by Councilman Wilcox, The Deputy 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	Deputy Borough Clerk
Captain Plenty	Public Safety
Rafiq Golphin	Public Works Supervisor

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; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.

- **Jose Laracuente — 87 Access Road** - expressed his interest in raising chicken on his property but realized there was a 1976 rule that forbids chickens in Lawnside. He asked if there will be consideration in amending the ordinance.
- **Noa Gordon-Guterman – 154 Rogers Ave, Brooklyn, NY**- Inquired for the “4th time” when Mayor and Council will consider adopting the resolution to oppose the LPNG transport. She gave the consensus of NJ municipalities who have adopted the resolution including Camden County towns.
- **David Steinberg – 825 E. Clements Bridge Road Apt 313, Runnemede, NJ** – He piggy backed on Noa’s comments regarding the LPNG transport. He also offered his assistance in helping Lawnside become a certified Sustainable NJ municipality.

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by DeAbreu 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 – February 1, 2023

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox 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 carried.

INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 02 - 2023

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN
ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATION
OF THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF
LAWNSIDE, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW
JERSEY**

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Wilcox to **Introduce Ordinance No. 02-2023**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 03 - 2023

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 99 – LEAD PAINT
INSPECTIONS**

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Pollard to **Introduce Ordinance No. 02-2023**

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. 01 - 2023

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 77 – FOOD TRUCK
OPERATIONS**

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 01-2023**

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 Lee to **Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 01-2023**

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 Wright-McLeod to **Adopt Ordinance No. 01-2023**

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 DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Resolutions:

1. Resolution No. 26-2023 - Appointing A Borough Solicitor and Authorizing Contract with Borough Solicitor
2. Resolution No. 27-2023 - Authorizing Appointment of A Municipal Prosecutor
3. Resolution No. 28-2023 - Authorizing Appointment of a Municipal Public Defender
4. Resolution No. 29-2023 - Authorizing Appointment of A Municipal Engineer
5. Resolution No. 30-2023 - Appointing A Planning Board Attorney
6. Resolution No. 31-2023 - Appointing A Zoning Board Attorney
7. Resolution No. 32-2023 - Appointing A Planning and Zoning Board Engineer
8. Resolution No. 33-2023 - Authorizing Appointment of An Insurance Broker
9. Resolution No. 34-2023 - Authorizing the Hiring of Redevelopment Counsel
10. Resolution No. 35-2023 - Authorizing the Agreement for Bond Counsel Services

11. Resolution No. 36-2023 - Authorizing the Hiring of Redevelopment Consulting Engineer
12. Resolution No. 37-2023 - Appointing A Borough Special Counsel OPRA & Conflict Counsel and Authorizing Contract with the Borough Special Counsel
13. Resolution No. 38-2023 - Authorizing the Hiring of Two Full Time Laborers in DPW
14. Resolution No. 39-2023 - Awarding A Contract For Solid Waste And Bulky Waste Collection Service
15. Resolution No. 40-2023 – Authorizing the Hiring of a Full Time Purchasing Clerk

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 y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.

JANUARY 2023 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BOROUGH CLERK	\$ 21,753.99	
CONSTRUCTION	\$ 63,263.07	
DOG ACCOUNT	\$ 2,366.23	
TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 697,390.66	
SEWER RENTALS	\$ 76,577.65	
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 21,220.95	
PRO CHAMPS –	\$ 1,300.00	
Defaulted Mortgage Registration Program	\$ 1,300.00	- 2023 YTD TOTAL

A motion was made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Pollard 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

REMARKS:

- Mayor Wardlow thanked everyone who attended the recent Town Hall Meetings that were a success and stated that any future meetings would be advertised accordingly.
- Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley asked everyone to keep the Cruz family in prayers and Commended Captain Plenty and the police department for being attentive with the matter. She also acknowledged Officer Verdell who helped a student who rode his bike home from school on the evening of the Valentine's Day dance. Councilwoman also announced that there is a Camden County Resource Center located at 555 Blackwood Clementon Road offering funds for rental, mortgage, and utility assistance. She encouraged everyone to stay safe as "Covid is still Real"

At 7:29pm there was a Motion Made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wright-McLeod to Adjourn the Meeting.

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

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


PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC, CMR
BOROUGH CLERK


MARY ANN WARDLOW
MAYOR