

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 7, 2021

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow on July 7, 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 DeaAbreu	Councilperson	
Robert Lee	Councilperson	
Steve Pollard	Councilperson	
Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley	Councilperson	Connection at 7:09pm (audio challenges throughout the meeting)
Eric Wilcox	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
Chief Harper	Fire Department Connection at 7:10pm

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

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard Absent; Wardlow-Hurley No Response; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No Response. Motion declared carried

- **Mrs. Fullard – 84 East Oak Avenue:** Questioned Who is Responsible for the inspection and maintenance of the sewer system. She expressed her concerns about the lack of clear communication from the Borough in regards to the current Oak Avenue Road Closure due to Sewer Repairs.

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

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard Absent; Wardlow-Hurley No Response; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No Response. Motion declared carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Council Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2021

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

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley No Response; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No Response. Motion declared carried

PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021 An Ordinance Prohibiting The Operation of Any Class of Cannabis Businesses Within Its Geographical Boundaries and Amending Lawnside Code to Create Chapter 51A

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by DeAbreu to **Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 04-2021:**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley No Response; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No Response. Motion declared carried

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A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox to **Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 04-2021:**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley No Response; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No Response.
Motion declared carried

A motion as made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Adopt Ordinance No. 04-2021:**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley No Response; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No Response.
Motion declared carried

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2021 An Ordinance Authorizing Vacation of The Eastern Portion of Highland Avenue

A motion was made by Pollard and seconded by DeAbreu to **Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 05-2021:**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley no response; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No Response.
Motion declared carried

- NONE

A motion was made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by DeAbreu to **Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 05-2021:**

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

A motion as made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by DeAbreu to **Adopt Ordinance No. 05-2021:**

Roll Call: 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

A. Resolutions:

1. Resolution No. 74 - 2021 – Approving Refund for Tax Overpayment
2. Resolution No. 75 - 2021 – Approving Refund of Sewer Charges Due to Discontinue of Service
3. Resolution No. 76 - 2021 – Approving Funds to Cancel Filing Fee with Camden County Registrar of Deeds
4. Resolution No. 77 - 2021 – Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJDOT For the Pedestrian Crosswalk Improvement Project
5. Resolution No. 78 - 2021 – Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJDOT for the Lawnside Bike Path Project
6. Resolution No. 79 – 2021 - Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJDOT For the Construction of the Lawnside Bike Path Project
7. Resolution No. 80-2021 - Authorizing Appointing Police Officer Patrolman I Ramon G. Fernandez

B. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made Wilcox and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **accept the items listed under the Consent Agenda including the Resolutions and The Payment of Bills**

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

MAY 2021

BOROUGH CLERK	\$ 35,043.55
CONSTRUCTION	\$ 47,308.47
DOG ACCOUNT	\$ 2,855.48
TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 1,259,766.61
SEWER RENTALS	\$8,431.77
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 9,915.06
PRO CHAMPS	\$ 2,900.00
	\$ 8,800.00 - 2021 YTD TOTAL

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

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

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*****Special Presentation*** Swearing in of Promoted Officer by the Public Safety Committee**

It was decided that the Committee will swear in the Officer at a later time.

REMARKS BY MAYOR: Wished everyone a happy summer and announced there is no meeting scheduled for August at this time but any updates will be posted on the website.

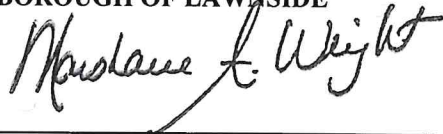
REMARKS BY COUNCIL:

- **Councilman DeAbreu** - Congratulated Officer Fernandez and Thanked DPW for their continued hard work. He expressed his appreciation to the Fire Department for their hard work as well.
- **Councilman Pollard** – Congratulated Officer Fernandez. He thanked Rafiq and the DPW team for their due diligence with the Oak Avenue Sewer Repair efforts
- **Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley** – Stated she was connected to the call since 6:57 pm and voting yes to all items. She announced that there will be pop-up socially distanced Super Seniors Events coming up.
- **Councilman Lee** – Expressed his support of the DPW team with the Oak Avenue Sewer Repair Initiatives

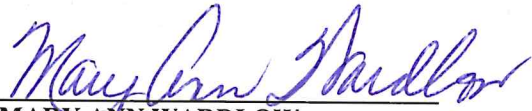
At 7:49 pm there was a Motion Made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to Adjourn the Meeting
The Voice Vote was unanimous in the affirmative action. Motion declared carried

Meeting Adjourned 7:49P.M.

BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE



MARSHAREE A. WRIGHT
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK



MARY ANN WARDLOW
MAYOR