

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 5, 2020

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow on August 5, 2020 at 7:00p.m. Via Free Conference Call.

Following a moment of silence in lieu of prayer 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
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
Tyrone Wakefield	Public Work Supervisor
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 DeAbreu and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Open Public Comment**.

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

- **Ms. Thelma Tutt** – 110 Williams Ave. – stated that due to the storm from Tuesday evening, a tree fell onto her property from 105 Williams avenue and that the property has high grass and the yard maintenance has not been up kept.
- **Mrs. Ann Bull** – 325 Ashland Ave. - questioned why the Lions Gate residents were not notified about the by the Zoning Board in regards to the PSE&G substation Expansion project. She is aware of the 200 feet property listing notification but would like a copy of what was sent to those property owners.

It was moved by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox to **Close Public Comment**.

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

### **Budget Items:**

- **Resolution No. 61-2020** - Authorizing Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only for Public Hearing  
A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox to **approve Resolution No. 61-2020**  
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- **PUBLIC HEARING on Introduced Budget:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-2020**

**Calendar Year 2020 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. 02-2020**

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

- **NONE**

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 02-2020**  
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- **Resolution No. 62-2020 – Amend the 2020 Budget**

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **approve Resolution No. 62-2020**  
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- **Adoption of Budget:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-2020                      Calendar Year 2020 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 Lee and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Adopt Ordinance No. 02-2020**  
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**

**A. Resolutions:**

1. Resolution No. 63-2020 - Authorizing Appointing Police Officer Patrolman I - Lamar Ransome
2. Resolution No. 64-2020 – Granting Approval to Submit A Grant Application and Execute Grant Contract with Carver Court's Resurfacing Project

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox to **accept items listed under the Consent Agenda**  
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard abstain; Wardlow-Hurley abstain; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod abstain; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Abstentions. Motion not carried.

*Mayor Wardlow asked for advisement from Solicitor, Ed Hill, who was disconnected from the call.  
Council asked for the vote to be redone.*

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox to **accept items listed under the Consent Agenda**  
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley abstain; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod abstain; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstentions. Motion declared carried.

*Solicitor reconnected to call*

**REMARKS BY MAYOR:** Congratulated Councilman Wilcox & Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley for their success on their Council campaign and she wished everyone to have a happy, healthy and safe rest of the summer.

**REMARKS:**

- **Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley** – Thanked everyone who voted for her and Councilman Wilcox. She asked that everyone keep the Still family in their prayers as they have occurred a loss in their family.
- **Councilwoman Wright-McLeod** – Congratulated Councilman Wilcox & Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley on a successful campaign. She asked the community to be vigilant, and hold the fort down, complete the census and ask your neighbors to complete theirs. She will be delivering yard signs to councilpersons' homes and to whomever else who would like one.
- **Councilman DeAbreu** - Congratulated Councilman Wilcox & Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley on a successful campaign. He asked the community to pray for the health and safety of all residents, follow the CDC guidelines and be mindful during this time.
- **Councilman Lee** – Congratulated Councilman Wilcox & Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley on a successful campaign. He asked residents to continue to be patient with DPW as they are cleaning up from the storm and continuing with their everyday duties.

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- **Councilman Pollard** - Congratulated Councilman Wilcox & Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley on a successful campaign. He asked all resident to continue to be safe and for Councilman Wilcox to call him.
- **Councilman Wilcox** – Thanked his campaign partner, Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley and the residents who have confidence in him and Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley. He stated that they plan to continue to work hard and better.

**At 7:24pm there was a Motion Made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wright-McLeod to Adjourn the Meeting**

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

**Meeting Adjourned 7:24P.M.**

**BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE**



**MARSHAREE A. WRIGHT**  
**ACTING BOROUGH CLERK**



**MARY ANN WARDLOW**  
**MAYOR**