

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2020

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow on February 5, 2020 at 7:00p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 4 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Road, Lawnside, New Jersey.

Following a 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
Chief Harper	Fire Department

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 Wilcox and seconded by DeAbreu 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. Tutt** – 110 Williams Ave. – expressed her concern about the MLK Day 2020 Celebration only being set up for 60 Senior Citizens when Dr. King wanted unity for everyone, including children, so the event should have been opened to the entire community. This evening as her third time expressing her concerns regarding the website, it is not user friendly as you have to sign in to get access and the meeting dates are not change son the website. Ms. Tutt questioned Mayor and Council what are they going to do about her concerns and situations. She also mentioned that she has not received a response yet from her latter regarding the Farm on Williams Avenue.
- **Ms. Holmes** – 361 JFK Blvd. – expressed that are questions are not answered at the public meeting and no responses given to letters written to Mayor and Council. She questioned why Public Comment was at the beginning and not the end of the agenda because residents would have to wait a whole month to ask a question about something Mayor & Council already discussed. She spoke about Senior Citizens not knowing about events happening in town and asked why the Borough doesn't distribute event information in a newsletter. She explained what a financial report is and suggested that we give monthly and quarterly financial statements on the agenda and not just the money collected. Ms. Holmes told Mayor and Council "You need to get your act together, you all need to fix this."
- **Ms. E. Benson** – 140 Watkins Ave. – expressed she was not aware of the MLK Day event and spoke about her neighbors at 135 Watkins Avenue who have a lot of activity in and out of the wanted to know if this was a rental or group home. She also mentioned that her family member, Carolyn Gaines was never notified about the Borough naming a street after her deceased husband.
- **Bethany Benson King** – 140 Watkins Ave. – on behalf of the Benson History Museum inquired about the status of the old OEO/CDI Head Start building for the museum to be placed there since the family is having difficulty finding a new location within the Borough to accommodate their needs and desires.
- **Mr. Mears** – 411 E. Charleston Ave. – Spoke about Transparency, Holding Up his OPRA Request, The language within the mayor's Roundtable Pamphlet, inquired about not having resolutions to appoint of the Prosecutor or Public Defender listed on the agenda
- **Sabrina Forrest** – 69 E. Oak Ave. – Thanked Ms. Rankins for her help with her Recycling Issue she had earlier in the day

- **Joyce Sheed** – 25 Charman Ave. – Requested Mayor & Council to be Servers at the Town Watch Black History Month program to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 9:30 am - 2pm

It was moved by Pollard and seconded by Wright-McLeod 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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Council Meeting Minutes December 4, 2019  
Reorganization Meeting Minutes January 4, 2020

It was moved by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Adopt Minutes**.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Submitted Electronically to Mayor, Council, & Clerk's Office

It was moved by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox to **Accept Engineer's Report**.

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. 02-2020 – Establishing The Travel Policy
2. Resolution No. 03-2020 – Authorizing Mileage Reimbursement for Official Travel
3. Resolution No. 04-2020 – Specifying Various Depositories for All Funds
4. Resolution No. 05-2020 – Authorizing Bank Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> Colonial Bank
5. Resolution No. 06-2020 – Authorizing Petty Cash Fund for Borough Treasurer
6. Resolution No. 07-2020 – Specifying Rate of Interest to be Collected on Delinquent Sewer Rentals and Delinquent Taxes for 2020
7. Resolution No. 08-2020 – In Memory of Elder Frederick Eugene King
8. Resolution No. 09-2020 - Releasing CCMUA Monies Collected by Tax Collector for CCMUA Charges Due
9. Resolution No. 10-2020 – Authorizing Closed Session for Council
10. Resolution No. 11-2020 – Authorizing The Execution of A Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Camden and Lawnside for Project SAVE Referral Services
11. Resolution No. 12-2020 – Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 Census
12. Resolution No. 13-2020 – Appointing Municipal Engineer
13. Resolution No. 14-2020 – Appointing A Borough Solicitor and Authorizing Contract with Borough Solicitor
14. Resolution No. 15-2020 – Authorizing the Agreement for Bond Counsel Services
15. Resolution No. 16-2020 – Appointing Borough Auditor
16. Resolution No. 17-2020 – Authorizing the Hiring of Redevelopment Counsel
17. Resolution No. 18-2020 – Authorizing the Hiring of Redevelopment Consulting Engineer
18. Resolution No. 19-2020 - Appointing A Planning and Zoning Board engineer
19. Resolution No. 20-2020 – Appointing A Planning Board Attorney
20. Resolution No. 21-2020 – Appointing A Zoning Board Attorney
21. Resolution No. 22-2020 – Appointing A Borough Special Counsel Open Public Records and Conflict Counsel and Authorizing Contract with the Borough Special Counsel
22. Resolution No. 23-2020 - Establishing and Implementing A Fair and Open Process for the Selection of Professional Service Agreements
23. Resolution No. 24-2020 - Cancellation of Sewer Billing
24. Resolution No. 25-2020 – Re-Appointing A Tax Search Officer
25. Resolution No. 26-2020 – Re-Appointing The Sewer Rental Collector
26. Resolution No. 27-2020 – Re- Appointing A Part- Time Clerk in The Tax Assessor's Office
27. Resolution No. 28-2020 – Re- Appointing the Aide to Mayor & Council
28. Resolution No. 29-2020 – Appointment Authorized Agent to Represent the Borough for Tax Appeals
29. Resolution No. 30-2020 - Authorizing the Appointment of Representative and Alternate to the Camden County Community Development Advisory Board

30. Resolution No. 31-2020 – Authorizing the Re- Appointment of A Zoning Officer

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31. Resolution No. 32- 2020 – Authorizing Appointment of Representative and Co-Representative to the Camden County Council on Aging

32. Resolution No. 33-2020 – Honoring the Browns on the Play Lawnside

**B. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Pollard and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **accept items listed under the Consent Agenda and Payment of Bills**

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee on Municipal Services

DeAbreu

Committee on DPW

Lee

Committee on Public Safety

Pollard

Committee on Energy/Environment

Wright-McLeod

Committee on Judiciary

Wilcox

Committee on Recreation

Wardlow-Hurley

Committee on Finance/Personnel

Mayor Wardlow

There were no additional Committee Report Updates since Caucus Meetings.

It was moved by DeAbreu and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **accept the Standing Committee Reports**

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

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

**BOROUGH CLERK**

NOVEMBER 2019 - \$2,930.41

DECEMBER 2019 - \$13,658.37

**COLLECTOR OF SEWER RENTALS**

NOVEMBER 2019 - \$14,535.73

DECEMBER 2019 - \$ 33,042.15

**CONSTRUCTION**

NOVEMBER 2019 - \$3,481.12

DECEMBER 2019 - \$5,241.96

**DOG ACCOUNT**

NOVEMBER 2019 - \$6,841.43

DECEMBER 2019 - \$ 6844.34

**TAX COLLECTOR**

NOVEMBER 2019 - \$1,230,163.54

DECEMBER 2019 - \$ 181,647.62

**MUNICIPAL COURT**

NOVEMBER 2019 - \$26, 242.17

DECEMBER 2019 - \$29,411.04

**PRO CHAMPS –**

Defaulted Mortgage Property Registration

NOVEMBER 2019 - \$2,800.00

DECEMBER 2019 - \$6,300.00

2019 YTD TOTAL \$48,550.00

It was moved by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox to **accept the Financial Reports.**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Oak Avenue Redevelopment Area

At 7:48 pm there was a Motion Made by DeAbreu and Seconded by Wright-McLeod to enter into Executive Session

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

At 8:52 pm there was a Motion Made by DeAbreu and Seconded by Pollard to close Executive Session

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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At 8:53 pm there was a Motion Made by Wright-McLeod and Seconded by DeAbreu to open back up the Council Meeting and Adjourn the Meeting

The Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative action. Motion declared carried

**Meeting Adjourned 8:53 P.M.**  
**BOROUGH OF LAWNESIDE**



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



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