**MINUTES OF THE SCOUT IN GOVERNMENT**

**MEETING OF THE 2015 COUNCIL OF THE**

**CITY OF LINDEN**

**APRIL 28, 2015**

The regular meeting of the 2015 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:00 pm., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Jorge Alvarez and he announced that the notice of this meeting stating the date, place and time, has been disseminated as required under the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

The Clerk rendered the opening prayer, after which the members of the Governing Body and the persons in attendance saluted the flag. Each of the Scout groups, lead their Scout Oath and Law.

Council President Jorge Alvarez informed those present of the proper procedures for exiting the room in the event of an emergency.

Council President Jorge Alvarez asked all members of the public, wishing to speak during the public comment session to please sign in on the sign-in white sheets provided in the front of the room.

Council President Alvarez asked all to place their cell phones on vibrate, and if they must take a call to please leave the room to do so.

A roll call showed the following members were present:

Councilman

“ Christopher Kolibas

“ Donald Beyer

“ Monty Brooks

Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby- Hurling

“ Robert Sadowski

Michael Minarchenko

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

“ Armando Medina

“ Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Derek Armstead

Mr. Brown was excused from the meeting.

President Alvarez announced that tonight is the annual participation in City government by the Boy and Girl Scouts. He spoke about the purpose of Scout in Government day, and that Mr. Kolibas, as a scout had participated in the Scout in Government program. Mr. Kolibas stated that he served as Scout Council from the First Ward, when he was selected to participate. President Alvarez stated that this will mark the 71th Annual Scout in Government Day in the City of Linden. President Alvarez invited the scouts to take their place on the dais.

**SCOUTS PARTICIPATION IN MEETING TO FOLLOW**

**Mayor – Daniel Gomolka Council President – Gianna Villani**

**1st Ward – Andrew Maldonado 2nd Ward – Allyson Padavano**

**3rd Ward – Erica Conde 4th Ward – Case Wilkins**

**5th Ward – Anahy Claudio 6th Ward – Lucas Osiecki**

**7th Ward – Joseph Maldonado 8th Ward – Brianna Thomas**

**9th Ward – Riley Frees Kroboth 10th Ward – Garret McNelis**

**City Clerk – Christopher Cafeiro**

**Chief Financial Officer – Deanna Hernandez**

**Police Chief – Kyle Tarabokia**

**Fire Chief – Olivia Principato**

**Municipal Attorney – Sebastian Rodriguez**

**Engineer – Dylan Kurstedt**

**Girl Scouts – Caitlin Welsh and Erica Hernandez**

**SCOUT PARTICIPATION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Scout Council President Gianna Villani called upon Scout Clerk Christopher Cafeiro to read the first consent item, which he did.

1. Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block & lot.

Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

98 13 4/7/15 13-00120 $1,300.00

176 20 3/20/15 13-00223 $12,700.00

556 11 3/20/15 13-00476 $1,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $15,300.00 payable to: MTAG Cust Fig Cap Invest NJ, 13, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #5-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilman Andrew Maldonado moved the first consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilwoman Allyson Padavano was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilwoman Brianna Thomas voting no.

Scout Council President Gianna Villani called upon Scout Clerk Christopher Cafeiro to read the second consent item, which he did.

1. Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2012 tax sale on the following block & lot.

Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

134 11 3/31/15 11-00077 $8,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $8,500.00 payable to: US Bank Cust. for Phoenix, 2 Liberty Place-TLSG 50 South 16th Street-Ste 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 charging same to account #-5-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilwoman Allyson Padavano moved the second consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilwoman Erica Conde and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilwoman Anahy Claudio and Scout Councilwoman Brianna Thomas who voted no.

Scout Council President Gianna Villani called upon Scout Clerk Christopher Cafeiro to read the third consent item, which he did.

1. Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block & lot.

Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

152 19 3/18/15 13-00198 $9,000.00

539 3 3/30/15 13-00459 $17,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $26,100.00 payable to: TTLBL, LLC, Attention: John Lemkey, 4747 Executive Drive, Suite 1, San Diego, CA 92121 charging same to account #-5-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilwoman Erica Conde moved the third consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Case Wilkins and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilwoman Anahy Claudio who voted no and Scout Councilwoman Brianna Thomas who abstained.

Scout Council President Gianna Villani called upon Scout Clerk Christopher Cafeiro to read the fourth consent item, which he did.

1. Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block & lot.

Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

390 3 3/16/15 13-00352 $700.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $700.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC4 Firstrust, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-5-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilman Case Wilkins moved the fourth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Anahy Claudio and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilwoman Anahy Claudio, Scout Councilman Lucas Osiecki and Scout Councilman Joseph Maldonado who voted no.

Scout Council President Gianna Villani called upon Scout Clerk Christopher Cafeiro to read the fifth consent item, which he did.

1. Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block & lot.

Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

439 59 3/30/15 13-00220 $7,000.00

582 50 3/31/15 13-00499 $52,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $59,300.00 payable to: US Bank Cust BV001 Trust, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #19, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-5-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilman Anahy Claudio moved the fifth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Lucas Osiecki and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilman Joseph Maldonado, Scout Councilwoman Brianna Thomas and Scout Councilman Riley Frees Kroboth who voted no.

Scout Council President Gianna Villani called upon Scout Clerk Christopher Cafeiro to read the sixth consent item, which he did.

1. Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2010 tax sale on the following block & lot.

Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount

534 14 3/27/15 09-00247 $4,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,100.00 payable to: Tower Lien, LLC, P.O. Box 823502, Philadelphia, PA 19182-3502, charging same to account # #-5-01-55-276-999-956

Scout Councilman Lucas Osiecki moved the Sixth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Joseph Maldonado and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilwoman Erica Conde, Scout Councilman Case Wilkins Scout Councilman Lucas Osiecki who voted no and Scout Councilman Anahy Claudio who abstained.

Scout Council President Gianna Villani called upon Scout Clerk Christopher Cafeiro to read the seventh consent item, which he did.

1. Refund of Overpayment

Due to Homestead Benefit Credit

Block 10 Lot 20

Sandra A. Mc Clain

2029 Fay Avenue

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the payment of the 2015 2nd taxes prior to the Homestead Benefit Credit being issued by the State of New Jersey. Required the Homestead Benefit Credit was applied to the 2015 2nd quarter.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check

in the amount of $310.11payable: Sandra A. Mc Clain, 2029 Fay Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 refunds charging same to account # 5-01-55-288-999-904.

Scout Councilwoman Joseph Maldonado moved the seventh consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilwoman Brianna Thomas and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilman Joseph Maldonado and Scout Councilman riley Frees Kroboth who voted no.

Scout Council President Gianna Villani called upon Scout Clerk Christopher Cafeiro to read the eighth consent item, which he did.

1. Refund of Overpayment

Due to Homestead Benefit Credit

Block 270 Lot 7

Harmon G. & Elizabeth A Maurer

112 Princeton Road

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the payment of the 2015 2nd taxes prior to the Homestead Benefit Credit being issued by the State of New Jersey. Required the Homestead Benefit Credit was applied to the 2015 2nd quarter.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check

in the amount of $606.74payable: Harmon G. & Elizabeth A Maurer, 112 Princeton Road, Linden, NJ 07036 refunds charging same to account # 5-01-55-288-999-904.

Scout Councilwoman Brianna Thomas moved the eighth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Riely Frees Kroboth and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilman Garret McNelis who voted no.

Scout Council President Gianna Villani called upon Scout Clerk Christopher Cafeiro to read the ninth consent item, which he did.

1. Refund of Overpayment

Due to Homestead Benefit Credit

Block 315 Lot 14

Chiragkumar & Bina Patel

615 W Henry Street

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the payment of the 2015 2nd taxes prior to the Homestead Benefit Credit being issued by the State of New Jersey. Required the Homestead Benefit Credit was applied to the 2015 2nd quarter.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check

in the amount of $327.58payable: Chiragkumar & Bina Patel, 615 W Henry Street, Linden, NJ 07036 refunds charging same to account # 5-01-55-288-999-904.

Scout Councilman Riley Frees Kroboth moved the ninth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Garret McNelis and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilman Case Wilkins, Scout Councilman Joseph Maldonado and Scout Councilwoman Brianna Thomas who voted no.

Scout Council President Gianna Villani called upon Scout Clerk Christopher Cafeiro to read the tenth consent item, which he did.

1. Block 336 Lot 7

Robert & Darlene Komoroski

1309 Thelma Terrace

The above referenced owners Mortgage Company and a servicing company have paid the 2014 3rd qtr property taxes and the mortgage company is entitled a refund in the amount of $ 77.23.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $77.23 payable to: PNC Mortgage, Attention: Tax Dept/Vanessa Erb, 3232 New Mark Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342, charging same to # 5-01-55-288-999-904.

Scout Councilman Garret McNelis moved the tenth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Andrew Maldonado and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilwoman Allyson Padavano, Scout Councilwoman Erica Conde and Scout Councilwoman Brianna Thomas who voted no.

Scout Council President Villani recognized Scout Mayor Daniel Gomolka to say a few words.

President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead, Mrs. Yamakaitis and Mr. Brooks to make presentations to the scouts in recognition of their participation today. Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about the day’s activities that the scouts participated in during the day. She spoke about each of the locations they visited and the activities participated in. Mr. Brooks noted that it was a great time. Mrs. Yamakaitis called each of the Scouts up to receive their certificate, as well as the government official they served with. During the presentations Mayor Armstead noted that Scout Council Present Gianna Villani was the granddaughter of Dee Villani, who had been recognized as one of Linden’s outstanding veterans and how Mr. Villani, and his bus company have been a fixture in Linden for many years.

Mrs. Yamakaitis thanked the Scouts for participating and thanked the Scout leaders for their help and assistance. Mayor Armstead also thanked the scouts, their leaders, and spoke about being prepared to step up as government leaders.

**EARTH DAY PRESENTATION – POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

Council President Alvarez announced that in honor of Earth Day, the Linden Environmental Commission held their annual Earth Day Poster Contest. The winners of the contest will be presented with their awards this evening. Mayor Armstead spoke about the job being done by Environmental Commission Chairperson Mary Purves, and the purpose of the contest. He then turned the floor over to Ms. Purves. Ms. Purves spoke about the importance of Earth Day, and thanked all of the individuals, by name, who participated in the process. She also recognized Mayor Armstead for his support and cooperation with this project. Next she recognized all of the members of the Environmental Commission, and spoke about their roles. Ms. Purves then announced the names of all of the companies that have supported the Commission and the Earth Day contest and thanked them for their support.

Ms. Purves and Mayor Armstead called upon each of the listed winners, of the poster contest, to come up and be recognized. The winners are:

Aidan Aponte Joseph Krempa

Jackelyn Afonso Brianna Lamberty

Job Austin Otis Livingston II

Taylor Battle Isabella Maldonado

Mia Bier Andres Mclain

Edna Boss Jalia Motley

Diogo Bragatto Victoria Pirgo

Ariany Cabrera Olivia Principato

Nicole Carey Santiago Puerto

Brianna Cedeno Catarina Ramos

Gabriella Czylek Anthony Rosalio

Raffaele Dotro Emma Ruela

Niki Econonomdis Ryan Samtner

Joanne Froser Savannah Solano

David Furtek Angela Sosa

Brianna Gomez Jisela Torres

Annie Hartnett Lilly Ward

Kayci Hora Ioyonnah Watkins

Yasmeen Issa Armani Winston

**CITY OF LINDEN EMPLOYEES WITH THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE**

President Alvarez announced that, tonight, employees with thirty years of service to the City, will be recognized for their dedication. He called upon Mayor Armstead to make the presentations.

**MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN -  DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**LUKE YAMAKAITIS  ~ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**MARK SCOTT  ~ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**TYRONE GIVENS  ~ TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING**

Mr. Yamakaitis, was the only employee present. He came forward, as did his wife, Councilwoman Yamakaitis. Council President Alvarez present Mr. Yamakaitis with a gag gift, first. Mayor Armstead then presented Mr. Yamakaitis with a watch and thanked him for his service.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR THOSE SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT APPROVAL. PLEASE READ THE SYNOPSIS OF THE RESOLUTIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE. EACH IS INFORMATIVE AND SELF-EXPLANATORY, HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC RESOLUTION, THE COUNCIL WILL ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS ON IT.**

**RESOLUTION: 2015-204**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTIONS TAKEN BY SCOUT**

**OFFICIALS TO BE ADOPTED AS OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN:**

That the actions taken by the Scout Officials at this meeting, all of which occurred in the presence, under the supervision, with the acquiescence and consent of the Council Persons attending this meeting, shall be and the same hereby are adopted as the official actions of the Governing Body as fully as though performed by such Body, and that same shall be and hereby are ratified and conformed in all respects.

**Mrs. Cosby Hurling moved for approval of Resolution # 2015-204. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Kolibas who was absent from the room.**

**ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

**NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE – ON CITY BUSINESS ONLY (NOT TO EXCEED 4 MINUTES)**

**Michael Aneson, 350 Rosewood Terr. Mr. Aneson commended all members of the governing body for the Scout in Government. He noted his participation, as scout, for several years. He thought it was a wonderful event, and glad that the tradition continues.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Council President Alvarez announced the following Council meetings:

**Council Conference meeting:**

**Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**\*Council Conference meeting prior to the Council meeting:**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Cosby-Hurling moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Minarchenko and was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes with the exception of Mr. Sadowski who voted no, and Mr. Beyer, who abstained. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk