**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2016 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**April 26, 2016**

The regular meeting of the 2016 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 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. The flags were presented by the Scouts.

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:

**ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Lisa Ormon

Councilman Donald Beyer

“ Peter Brown

“ Monty Brooks

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Derek Armstead

President Alvarez noted that Mrs. Cosby-Hurling and Mr. Sadowski were excused this evening.

President Alvarez announced that tonight is the annual participation in City government by the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Law Explorers. He spoke about nice it was that this tradition continues in the City of Linden. He asked Mrs. Yamakaitis to introduce each of the Scouts, and their roll tonight.

**SCOUT PARTICIPATION IN MEETING**

Matthew Figueroa – Mayor Samuel Fraser – Council President

Valerie Sanchez – First Ward Joseph Maurigi – Second Ward

Dylan Kurstedt – Third Ward Pierre Mertune – Fourth Ward

Joscelin Busse – Fifth Ward Katiie ???? – Sixth Ward

Riley Frees-Kroboth – Seventh Ward Andrew Figueroa – Eighth Ward

Conrad Walcott – Ninth Ward Erica ??? – Tenth Ward

Andrew Maldonado – City Clerk Tyler James ???? – Fire Chief

Alexis Brown – Chief Financial Officer Andre Ellis – Municipal Attorney

Lucas ???? – Police Chief Joseph Maldonado – Engineer

**SCOUT PARTICIPATION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read the first consent item, which he did.

**Item #1** Block 102 Lot 2.02, 1057 Penn LLC

1 W. Baltimore Avenue

The above referenced property owners are entitled to a refund due to a Tax Court of New Jersey judgment reducing the assessment by 17,500 for 2014.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,077.13 payable to: Michael I. Schneck, Trustee for 1057 Penn LLC, 301 South Livingston Avenue, Suite #-105, Livingston, NJ 07039, charging same to account #6-01-55-275-999-000.

Scout Councilwoman Valerie Sanchez moved the first consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Joseph Maurigi and was ordered approved by all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilwoman Riley Frees-Kroboth who voted no.

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read the second consent item, which he did.

**Item #2** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

13 7 3/16/16 13-00017 $151,100.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $151,100.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for Pro Cap 4 & Crdtrs, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilman Joseph Maurigi moved the second consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Dylan Kurstedt and was ordered approved, with all voting yes with the exception of Scout Councilwoman Erica ??? who voted no.

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read the third consent item, which he did.

**Item #3** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

62 7 3/24/16 14-00049 $10,800.00

66 11 3/8/16 14-00053 $1,700.00

118 3 3/22/16 14-00088 $5,600.00

150 12 4/1/16 14-00122 $3,700.00

183 10.02 3/8/16 14-00151 $2,900.00

196 26 3/8/16 14-00159 $2,000.00

364 18 3/24/16 14-00248 $2,600.00

386 17 3/24/16 14-00259 $1,800.00

389 30 3/16/16 14-00265 $2,400.00

555 1 3/16/16 14-00344 $2,500.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $36,00.00 payable to: TTLBL, LLC, Attention: John Lemkey, 4747 Executive Drive, Suite 1, San Diego, CA 92121 charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilman Dylan Kurstedt moved the third consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Pierre Mertune and was ordered approved with all voting yes except Scout Councilman Joseph Maurigi, who abstained, and Scout Councilpersons Joscelin Busse, Katie ??? and Riley Frees-Kroboth who voted no.

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read the fourth consent item, which he did.

**Item #4** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

87 1 3/9/16 14-00067 $200.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $200.00 payable to: Public Tax Investments, LLC, 575 Route 70, 2nd Floor, Brick, NJ, 08723, charging same to account #-6-1-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilman Pierre Mertune moved the fourth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilwoman Joscelin Busse and was ordered approved with all voting yes except Scout Councilpersons Joscelin Busse and Andrew Figueroa who voted no.

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read the first consent item, which he did.

**Item #5** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2012 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

129 19 3/24/16 11-00073 $10,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $10,000.00 payable to: Isaac Moradi, 520 Elm Street, Kearny, NJ 07032 charging same to account #6-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilwoman Joscelin Busse moved consent item five. The motion was seconded by Scout Council Katie ??? and was ordered approved with Scout Councilwoman Valerie Sanchez not voting and Scout Councilpersons Katie ???, Riley Frees-Kroboth and Andrew Figueora abstaining.

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read the Sixth consent item, which he did.

**Item#6** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following block & lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

135 12 3/7/16 13-00178 $1,300.00

421 32 3/21/16 13-00382 $1,300.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $2,600.00 payable to: MTAG Cust Fig Cap Invest NJ, 13, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #6-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilwoman Katie ??? moved consent item six. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilwoman Riley Frees-Kroboth and was ordered approved with all voting yes except Scout Councilman Pierre Mertune who voted no.

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read the sevemth consent item, which he did.

**Item #7** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

152 1 3/14/16 14-00126 $5,400.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $5,400.00 payable to US Bank Cust BV Trst 2015-1, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #19, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilwoman Riley Frees-Kroboth moved for approval of Consent item Seven. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Andrew Figueroa and was orders approved with all voting in favor except Scout Councilpersons Joscelin Busse and Erica ??? who voted no.

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read the eighth consent item, which he did.

**Item #8** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2013 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

160 11 3/29/16 12-00123 $1,000.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $1,000.00 payable to: Cazenovia Creek Funding I, LLC, P.O. Box 54897, New Orleans, LA 70154, charging same to account #6-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilman Andrew Figueroa moved for approval of Consent item eight. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Conrad Walcott and was ordered approved with all voting in favor except Scout Councilwoman Joscelin Busse who voted no.

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read the ninth consent item, which he did.

**Item #9** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2015 tax sale on the following block &

lot.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

169 4 3/8/16 14-00137 $1,100.00

221 5 3/8/16 14-00181 $1,000.00

255 1.02 3/14/16 14-00205 $900.00

457 16 3/21/16 14-00285 $900.00

472 36 3/21/16 14-00296 $900.00

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $4,800.00 payable to: US Bank Cust for PC5 Sterling National, 50 South 16th Street, Suite #2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, charging same to account #-6-01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilman Conrad Walcott moved for approval of consent item Nine. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilwoman Erica ??? and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting yes except Scout Councilperson Joseph Maurigi who did not vote, and Scout Councilpersons Joscelin Busse and Andrew Figueroa who voted no.

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read the tenth consent item, which he did.

**Item #10** Requesting the refund of the premium paid at the 2014 tax sale on the following blocks &

lots.

**Block Lot Redemption Date CTF# Amount**

507 1 3/11/16 13-00439 $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: Ace Plus, LLC, 1416 Ave L, Brooklyn, NY 11230, charging same to account #-6 -01-55-276-999-956.

Scout Councilperson Erica moved consent item ten. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilwoman Valerie Sanchez and was ordered approved with all voting yes except for Scout Councilwoman Joscelin Busse who did not vote and Scout Councilman Conrad Walcott who voted no.

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read consent item eleven, which he did.

**Item #11** Block 290 Lot 1, 2741 Summit Terrace

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lots due to the Owner’s Mortgage Company and the owner paying the 2016 2nd & part of the 3rd quarter twice in the amount of $3,764.39.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $3,764.39, payable to: Christie Paladino, 2741 Summit Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #-6-01-55-288-999-904.

Scout Councilwoman Valerie Sanchez moved for approval of consent item eleven. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Joseph Maurigi and was ordered approved with all voting in favor except Scout Councilpersons Joscelin Busse, Andrew Figueroa, and Erica ??? who voted no.

Scout Council President Samuel Frazier called upon Scout Clerk Andrew Maldonado to read the twelve consent item, which he did.

**Item #12** Block 203 Lot 16, 836 Baldwin Avenue, 2016 Partial Garbage Fee Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to a property being listed as a 2 family and is utilized as a 1 family per documentation provided from the owner. The property owner has paid the entire amount due and is entitled to a refund of $120.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $120.00 payable to: Linda Waltman, 836 Baldwin Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account *#* 6-01-08-607-011.

Scout Councilman Joseph Maurigi moved for approval of consent item twelve. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilman Dylan Kurstedt and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting yes except for Scout Councilwoman Erica ??? who voted no.

Scout Mayor Matthew Figueroa made the following statement about how grateful he was for the opportunity to understand better how local government works and what a great experience it was. He thanked all that made the day possible.

President Alvarez noted that Councilman Sadowski had been an intricate part of the scout activities, even though he wasn’t here this evening. He then called up Mrs. Yamakaitis, Mrs. Hickey and Mayor Armstead to make a presentation. Mrs. Yamakaitis called up Matthew Eastman to be recognized for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting’s highest award. Mrs. Yamakaitis read the resolution recognizing Mr. Eastman. Mayor Armstead noted that Mr. Eastman’s grandfather was the Seventh Ward Councilman for a number of years and was a good Councilman, that Mr. Eastman was born the same day as one of his children and that he had attended high school with Mr. Eastman’s father. He then congratulated Mr. Eastman on his achievements. Mrs. Ormon then read a resolution, from Senator Scutari, recognizing Mr. Eastman.

Mrs. Yamakaitis stated next the Council would recognize Law Explorer’s Post 629. She called upon Andre Ellis and Andrew Maldonado to come forward on behalf of the Post. Mrs. Yamakaitis then read a resolution recognizing the accomplishments of Law Explorer’s Post 629 and its members and presented it to the two representatives.

Mrs. Yamakaitis reported on the day’s activities that the scouts participated in, including a tour of the Bayway Refinery, an exposition by the Fire Department, and a tour of City Hall, including the Police Department. She thanked Phillips 66 for the tour of their facility, Clerk Joseph Bodek and Deputy Clerk Jennifer Honan for all of their efforts. Mrs. Yamakaitis asked all of the Scout leaders and parents for all of their efforts for these children. She urged the scouts to aim high.

Mrs. Yamakaitis and the Mayor presented certificates of participation to all of the scouts. Erica ??? noted the absences of one of the scout’s this evening due to her being hospitalized, and urged her to get well soon. President Alvarez noted what a great honor it was to have all of the scouts, and their leaders, here tonight. He asked for a big hand for all of the scouts.

**EARTH DAY PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Armstead began by thanking the Environmental Commission for all of their hard work in putting this contest together every year, and for the presentations tonight. He also noted his appreciation for the participation by the young people of Linden, in the contest. He thanked all for working together.

Mayor Armstead noted that this is the Eighteenth Annual Poster Contest put on by the Linden Environmental Commission. He then called up the following individuals to receive their awards:

Aderline Baez Daniel Carlucci

Matthew Cassidy Caleb Cruz

Ludmila DaSilva Kayla Delbrune

Georgia Dink Victoria Dossantos

Alexander Gonzalez Samantha Gonzalez

Dante Jennings Karolina Kepa

Victoria Konopka Felix Lettin

Allan Lin Jaylin Martinez

Samantha Mejia Victor Melchionna

Samantha Morais Emily Ortiz

Leah Pershand Leah Pichardo

Natalie Polanco Emily Ramirez

Gianna M. Reyes Ava Rosa

Julie Slagle Edward Spes

Allyson Valclivici

Mayor Armstead acknowledge all of the judges for the contest and thanked them for their services. He thanked the members of the Environmental Commission, Linden’s Green Team, for their volunteer service to the City of Linden.

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

President Alvarez called upon Mayor Armstead to make the presentations to City Employees with thirty years of service to the City. The Mayor called up the following employees, Doretha Blassingame, Janice Brown, James Ferretti, and Janice Risko. He spoke about each and presented them with their thirty year watches. President Alvarez congratulated the employees.

**LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM**

Mayor Armstead spoke about the team, and told some stories related to the team. He congratulated them on their achievements this year and called up each member of the team to present them with their certificates. He also present certificates to the coaches and assistant coaches.

**LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL HEAD BASKET BALL COACH COLICCHIO**

Mayor Armstead stated that all were impressed with Coach Colicchio and the performance of the basketball team, that it was decided to present him with the key to the City. He then presented the key to the city to Coach Colicchio. He spoke about the work done by the coach growing these young men. He then announced that Wood Ave, for a period of one month, would be known Coach Colicchio Way. Next he read a resolution honoring the accomplishments of Coach Colicchio and presented it to him. Coach Colicchio thanked the Mayor, Council President and members of Council. He also thanked a number of other individuals, and spoke about all who support the kids.

President Alvarez announced that the Linden High School 2015-2016 cheerleading squad was not present this evening, for a presentation.

**LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING TEAM**

Mayor Armstead stated that sometimes we are focused on sports like basketball, football and baseball and forgot that there are other sports. This year we have one heck of a bowling season, and bowling team. He noted that we are equally proud of Linden’s bowling team as we are of any other team. He congratulated the team. The Mayor then read the resolution honoring the team and its coaches. He called each of the members of the team up for a presentation. Mr. Brown assisted with the presentation.

**LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL GIRL’S WINTER TRACK**

Mayor Armstead spoke about the accomplishments of the Girl’s winter track team and read a Mayor’s proclamation honoring the team. Mr. Brooks assisted the Mayor.

**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

President Alvarez called upon Mrs. Ormon to join Mayor Armstead in proclaiming April Autism Awareness month. Mrs. Ormon noted that it is customary for people to wear blue acknowledging Autism Awareness. She spoke about Autism, and how the number of individuals affected have increased over time. She stated that she is a mother of two children who are afflicted with Autism. Mrs. Ormon spoke about the affects autism has on the family as a whole, and then read the Mayors proclamation. She urged all to support the autism awareness fundraisers that are going on.

**VFW/AMERICAN LEGION – POPPY TEAM**

President spoke about the VFW/American Legion Poppy drive and its origination. Mayor Armstead read the proclamation regarding the distribution of the Poppy by the VFW, what the funds collected are used for and declaring the month of May as the VFW Buddy Poppy drive month.

**HONORING REVEREND MANUEL DONELSON**

Mrs. Ormon noted that while the Reverend Donelson could not be present this evening, she would still read the Mayor’s proclamation honoring him. She did and wished the Reverend well in his future endeavors.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(\*\*\*) City Clerk’s Office:

1. Advising that the following bingo/raffle applications have been submitted for approval:

Raffle Application Organization Event Fees

RA-1511 Morningstar Tricky Tray $10.00

Mr. Brooks moved for approval of consent item #1. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hickey and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTIONS**

President Alvarez announced **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 a specific resolution, the Council, will entertain questions on it.**

**There were no request to remove any resolution.**

**Mr. Strano moved to approve resolution #2016-189 through #2016-193. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and it was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.**

**RESOLUTION:2016-189**

**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.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-190**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MATTHEW EASTMAN FOR HIS WORK AT**

**THE WESTFIELD RED CROSS CHAPTER AS PART OF HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS,** the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, with 2.7 million youth members; and

**WHEREAS,** the BSA’s goal is to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs and career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** the BSA’s highest achievement is that of Eagle Scout, whose attainment has numerous requirements including an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages; and

**WHEREAS,** Matthew Eastman, a candidate for Eagle Scout, developed his service project which consisted of the rehabilitation of the landscape at the Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross Chapter; and

**WHEREAS,** his project involved removing old railroad ties from the landscaping from the front lawn of the Red Cross building and replacing them with a new wall of decorative stone. Relocated plants and added mulch to enhance the appearance and help moisture retention. Matthew reset and painted a loose handrail and lamp post as well as applied a fresh coat of paint to the main Red Cross sign. He repaired exiting spotlights, landscape lighting and installed new solar pathway lights; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they hereby thank Matthew Eastman and recognize his achievement of the goals of the Boy Scouts of America in becoming a responsible citizen; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden in recognition of the efforts of Matthew Eastman and that a copy of this resolution be appropriately presented to him.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-191**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF**

**PHILIP JOHN COLICCHIO**

**AS BOYS BASKETBALL HEAD VARSITY COACH**

**Whereas**, Philip John Colicchio was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on January 27, 1966, the youngest son of Thomas Patrick and Beverly Ann Colicchio; and,

**Whereas**, Phil attended St. Mary’s High School and when his coach, and later coaching mentor, Ben Candelino, moved from St. Mary’s to Elizabeth High School, he went along too and as point guard led the Minutemen to the 1984 Union Tournament Championship, for which he was given the Brian Piccolo Award by UNICO; and,

**Whereas,** Phil went on to attend Kean University where he played point guard for two seasons, and while matriculating he began his twenty-nine year coaching career, coaching the Elizabeth High Freshman squad; and,

**Whereas,** Coach Colicchio went on to coach the Elizabeth High Junior Varsity Team, from 1989 to 1995, winning six consecutive Union County Championships and commenced his varsity coaching career in 1996 at Newark’s Barringer High School, where he lead the team to the State Tournament for the first time in many years; and,

**Whereas,** in 1997 Linden Superintendent of Schools Joseph E. Martino and Linden’s late Mayor John T. Gregorio convinced Coach Colicchio that Linden High School would be the perfect place to return to Union County Basketball luring him away from his hometown team, which was also looking for a new head basketball coach the same year; and,

**Whereas,** during his nineteen seasons as the coach of the Linden Tigers Boys Basketball squad he has won five Group 4 New Jersey State Championships, reached the finals of the New Jersey Tournament of Champions twice, captured eight Group 4 North Jersey Section 2 Championships, and six Group 4 North Jersey banners, and he led the Tigers to the finals of the Union County Tournament ten times, winning twice against Catholic school powerhouses St. Patrick and Roselle Catholic; and,

**Whereas,** Coach Colic, as he is affectedly known, has 402 wins as a varsity head Coach, with 390 at Linden High School, has been named twice as State Coach of the Year by The Star Ledger, including the 2016 season, Tri-State Coach of the Year in 2006 by MSG Network, and had the Linden High Basketball Court named after him in 2014, the first time in New Jersey history that such an honor was bestowed upon an active coach; and,

**Whereas,** Coach Colicchio is a true professional and competitor who gets the best out of his players, and as a coach and teacher, he has touched the lives of many basketball players, and his historic achievements will be celebrated by many of these young men, including the twenty-two players that received college scholarships upon graduation; and,

**Whereas,** Linden High School students, alumni, faculty and staff, along with countless Lindenites, Union County Residents, and the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden are immensely proud of the accomplishments of Coach Philip John Colicchio; and,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they do hereby recognize, applaud and express their admiration for the excellence, commitment, and achievements of Philip John Colicchio to the coaching of high school basketball in the City of Linden; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be entered in the minutes of the Council of the City of Linden and that a copy hereof be appropriately presented to “Coach” Philip John Colicchio in recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-192**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLSHMENTS OF**

**THE LAW EXPLORER POST 629**

**WHEREAS,** Law & Government Explorer Post 629 is a registered with the Boy Scouts of America, and their Exploring Program, which was formed for the benefit of young men and women in Union County, who are interested in learning about legal careers or about the interplay of the law on our daily lives; and

**WHEREAS,** “Exploring” is a program that provides a link between the academic environment and the real world. It offers leadership opportunities, citizenship, character education and the development of positive life skills; and

**WHEREAS,** under the guidance of President Andrew Maldonado, Recruitment Chairman and Council Liaison, Andre Ellis, and post members Dylan Kurstedt, Joey Maldonado, Katie Truch and Jason Kostovcik, the Law Explorer Post 629 earned a Journey to Excellence Gold Award for 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** Member and President Andrew Maldonado won the William H. Spurgeon Award, the highest recognition in the National Exploring Program and Andre Ellis won the Recruitment Award for his services to Exploring; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden wish to acknowledge the accomplishments of this outstanding group of young men and women in bringing exceptional recognition to the City of Linden and it’s remarkable young leaders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they hereby thank and recognize the achievements of the Law Explorers Post 629 in winning the William H. Spurgeon Award and to Andre Ellis for winning the Recruitment Award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the City Council of the City of Linden in recognition of the efforts and that a copy of this resolution be appropriately presented to him.

**RESOLUTION: 2016-193**

**LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING TEAM**

**WHEREAS,** under the direction of Coach Cherie Pizzano, the **2015-2016 Linden High School Bowling Team** had a very exciting and successful season; and

**WHEREAS,** the **Linden High School Bowling Team** won their first Prestigious Jersey Winter Classic on January 9, 2016 held at Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick, NJ. Through their hard work they were able to win the North II, Group IV Sectional State Title on February 11, 2016. On January 17, 2016 **Junior, Michelle Dekowski** captured the Union County Female Individual Title; and

**WHEREAS,** the Linden High School Bowling Teams have accomplished Six State North II Group IV Sections, Four Union County Titles, Three Watchung Conference Championships, Three Female Union County Individual Champions, One Male Union County Champion and One State North II Group IV Individual Champion; and

**WHEREAS,** the **LHS Bowling Team** was able to achieve these accomplishments with the dedicated guidance of Coach Pizzano who became the Linden High School Varsity Bowling Coach in 2000. Ms. Pizzano was named North II, Group IV Coach of the Year three times, the National Federation of High School Coaches 2006 Boys Bowling Coach of the Year, NJ and she currently serves on the NJSIAA Bowling Rules and Regulations Committee; and

**WHEREAS, Linden High School Bowling Team 2015-2016**: Seniors - Alexis Dulko, Amanda Foreman, James Fostinis, George Gwaldis, Kaitlen Kolakowski, Brandon Peters and Junior- Michelle Dekowski; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I DEREK ARMSTEAD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LINDEN,** do hereby congratulate the **LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING TEAM AND STAFF** on their successful bowling season. This 2015-2016 bowling team and season will be remembered for many years.

**ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

**There were no ordinances on First Reading.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Alvarez made the following announcements:

The following Council Meetings will be as follows:

Council Conference meeting:

Monday, May 16, 2016 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 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Conference Room,

City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the governing body Mr. Strano moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yamakaitis and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk