

Mayor Roach called the meeting to order.

Resolution 2018:99 - Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lindenwold that the Mayor and Council are now going into closed session to discuss legal matters, Motion was made by President Randolph-Sharpe, second by Councilman Strippoli that Resolution 2018:99 be adopted as read. Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Motion was made by President Randolph-Sharpe, second by Councilman Strippoli to go out of executive session. Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Sunshine Law - Notice of this meeting has been duly advertised in compliance with the provisions of the open public meetings law. Please be advised that this meeting will be audio and video recorded for possible later playback.

Flag Salute

Roll Call of Council Members Present: DiDomenico, Hess, Jackson, Sinon, Strippoli, President Randolph-Sharpe, and Mayor Roach

Motion was made by President Randolph-Sharpe, second by Councilman Strippoli that the Council Minutes for February 14, 2018 be adopted as presented. Roll call vote the affirmative with Councilman DiDomenico abstaining. Motion carried.

Motion was made by President Randolph-Sharpe, second by Councilman DiDomenico that the Council Minutes for February 28, 2018 be adopted as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Motion was made by President Randolph-Sharpe, second by Councilman DiDomenico that all bills that have been properly audited be approved for payment. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

The following reports have been filed and are available in the respective offices for review and will be included in the minutes:

a. Tax Collector’s Report	\$4,301,210.53
b. Sewer Report	\$ 17,651.67
c. Treasurer’s Report	\$ 6,223.37

Second Reading Ordinance 2018-1 Fee Schedule

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD FEE SCHEDULE WHEREAS, the municipal governing body of the Borough of Lindenwold wishes to ensure consistency in its provisions, and WHEREAS, an update in the fee schedule has been recommended for the efficiency of the functions for the Borough of Lindenwold. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the municipal governing body of the Borough of Lindenwold, as follows:

107.3	Mercantile Fee	
Business		License fee
Yard sale(after 2)		\$25.00 per sale per day

Section 150-11 Alcoholic beverages

	Type	Fee
Alcoholic beverages licenses and fees (per year):		
Plenary retail consumption license		\$1,725
Plenary retail distribution license		\$1,725
Seasonal retail consumption license		\$1,725
Club license		\$ 188

Replace Section 150-28 Property Inspection Added 4-28-2003 by Ord. No. 1130; amended 5-12-2004 by Ord. No. 1149; 11-12-2008 by Ord. No. 1240]

- A. Change in occupancy:
(1) Inspection of property: \$50.
(2) Reinspection: \$50.
(3) Administration fee to be assessed for any change of inspection date or unit number more than once and that fees must be paid before a change is made: \$20.
- B. Change in ownership of multiple dwellings containing three or more dwelling units:
(1) Inspection of property: \$40 per unit.
(2) Administration fee to be assessed for any change of inspection date or unit number more than once and that fees must be paid before a change is made: \$20.
- C. Change of ownership, all other dwellings:
(1) Inspection of property: \$50.
(2) Reinspection: \$50.
(3) Administration fee to be assessed for any change of inspection date or unit number more than once and that fees must be paid before a change is made: \$20.
- D. Application fee for residential structures: \$50.

[Added 11-5-2014 by Ord. No. 2014-01]

E. All fees are nonrefundable in this section.
This ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage and publication according to law.

Mayor Roach opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments. There being no one desiring the floor, the Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

Motion was made by President Randolph-Sharpe, second by Councilman DiDomenico that Ordinance 2018-1 be adopted as read on second reading. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: The items listed below are considered routine by the Borough of Lindenwold and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.
Motion was made by President Randolph-Sharpe, second by Councilman Strippoli that Resolution 2018:100 to 2018:103 be adopted as read. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018:100 Compliance EEOC

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lindenwold, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

RESOLUTION 2018:101 Property Maintenance Lien

WHEREAS, the following property in the Borough of Lindenwold had property maintenance work done by the Lindenwold Public Works for Code Compliance, and

WHEREAS, lien should be put on the following property for the cost of performing this work:

Date	Block	Lot	Address	Amount
3/06/2018	88	1	301 E. Elm Ave. (Excessive Trash)	\$250.02

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Lindenwold that lien be put on this property.

RESOLUTION 2018:102 Appointment to Environmental Commission

WHEREAS, there is a need for members to the Environmental Commission for the Borough of Lindenwold, and
WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Lindenwold designates a liaison for various departments, and
WHEREAS, a member of the Joint Land Use Board is required to be a member of the Environmental Commission, and

WHEREAS, Council Liaisons serve a term of one year, and
WHEREAS, Councilwoman Linda Hess has been appointed as liaison.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor with Council consent that Councilwoman Linda Hess be appointed to the Environmental Commission for a one year term ending December 31, 2018.

RESOLUTION 2018:103 Release escrow

WHEREAS, McDonalds submitted funds for an escrow account for a project dated March 7, 2003, and
WHEREAS, the Engineer has approved the release of the escrow funds as the project has been completed and reviewed, and
WHEREAS, a formal request has been received to release these funds totaling \$659.38.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Lindenwold that the escrow funds for McDonalds in the amount of \$659.38 be released.

RESOLUTION 2018:104 Litigation Dismissal

WHEREAS, under Resolution 2016:65 the Borough of Lindenwold directed the Joint Land Use Board to undertake a study of Block 243, Lots 7.01, 7.02, and 7.04 known as “The Arborwoods”, and
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 19, 2017 conducted by the Joint Land Use Board regarding the findings of this study and recommending the designation of Block 243, Lots 7.01, 7.02, and 7.04 known as “The Arborwoods” as a Condemnation Redevelopment Area, and
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lindenwold accepted these findings under Resolution 2017:127, and
WHEREAS, on June 30, 2017, the Borough of Lindenwold received a summons by Maley and Associates, P.C. on behalf of Pine Ridge Investments, LLC and Wakefield Holdings, LLC to void and overturn Resolution 2017:127 designating 243, Lots 7.01, 7.02, and 7.04 known as “The Arborwoods” as a Condemnation Redevelopment Area, and
WHEREAS, under Resolution 2018:38, Timothy Higgins was appointed as the Redevelopment Attorney for the Borough of Lindenwold, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lindenwold authorizes the Redevelopment Attorney, Timothy Higgins, to execute a stipulation of dismissal without prejudice resolving the litigation involving Pine Ridge Investments, LLC and Wakefield Holdings, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Lindenwold that the Redevelopment Attorney, Timothy Higgins, is authorized to execute a stipulation of dismissal without prejudice to resolve the litigation involving Pine Ridge Investments, LLC and Wakefield Holdings, LLC.

Department Reports

Councilman DiDomenico presented the Police Department Report for the month of February which included 1,558 total calls of service including traffic accidents, enforcements, complaints, summonses, and investigations. The Lindenwold Fire Department has a new Fire Chief, Phil Beeler.

Councilwoman Hess presented the Library report for February including the circulation of materials, wireless users, new members, and fees collected. Lindenwold baseball registration has been extended until March 29. Football registrations will begin at the Library in April. Connections Family Success Center grand opening will be this Saturday at Lindenwold Fire Station #1. Connections is now at the Library every Friday 11:00 to 5:00. Friends of the Library Book Sale is April 12 to April 14. The Library is accepting resumes for two part time employees.

Councilman Jackson started his report with the announcement that the Junior Home Run Derby will be held Sunday, July 1. Opening day for Lindenwold baseball is April 14. Basketball is going well with fifth and sixth graders in the playoffs. Unfortunately, people have been playing soccer on the grass in front of the amphitheater which is prohibited. On April 21, volunteers will be working at the Lindenwold Park including painting, planting flowers, etc. Public Works has been working to install cameras at the park. Lindenwold Fire Company is celebrating its 125th anniversary. Next he presented the report for Code Enforcement including cars towed and worked being done without permits.

Councilman Strippoli presented the Public Works report for February including trash collected, recycling collected, complaints, two pothole complaints and property maintenance. In the Sewer Department, he reported on the service calls, stoppages including main stoppages, emergencies and seven pump station repairs.

Councilwoman Sinon reported that she had no department meetings this past month. Next meeting will be for the Municipal Alliance.

President Randolph-Sharpe reported that the website is running well with over a hundred subscribers. She invited the residents to go to the website and subscribe for the latest information. We are currently working on the newsletter to go out with the summer events. She congratulated the Administrator on her Budget preparations. The preliminary budget was presented to Mayor and Council. The High School is preparing for their spring musical, Little Mermaid. Tickets can be purchased through the school. The school did participate in the walkout by having a presentation in the auditorium regarding school violence.

Business Administrator presented a letter to commend the Lindenwold Sewer Department and the Supervisor for their prompt handling of a request by a plumber on behalf of a resident.

Mayor reminded the residents to take the time to look at the valuable information that is included especially the great events scheduled at the park.

Engineer's Report was presented by Anthony Chadwell of Remington and Vernick with updates on the receipt of a grant for Chews Landing Road Pedestrian Improvements for \$165,260. Traffic Study for Egg Harbor and Gibbsboro Road has been completed. Bids have been received for Safe Routes to School and are being analyzed. The request for Supplemental funding has been submitted for the Reconstruction of Carlton Street. Preconstruction meeting was held for Laurel Road Pedestrian Improvements.

President Randolph-Sharpe questioned the detour for Laurel Road. The Police Chief responded with updates.

Mayor Roach opened the meeting to the public.

Bob Stefanow, resident, stated that he did not receive a response to his prior appearance to Council regarding the problem of smoke from fireplaces. The Mayor responded that Councilman Jackson will look into the matter.

Councilman Jackson requested the address. Resident commented that he was glad to hear that the newsletter was going out to stop residents from having fires in their yard.

Joann Engels and Michael Caron, residents, informed Council of the Laurel Springs annual community efforts to clean up Laurel Lake. Residents from the Garden Lake section of Lindenwold will be participating on April 21.

They are requesting assistance from Lindenwold. They are hoping Public Works will assist especially cutting up trees. The Mayor responded that Lindenwold had in the past taken the lead on this effort. The Borough requested that a boat ramp be placed for access by Lindenwold residents. The residents refused access. Mr. Caron stated that he has lived here over 10 years and he was not aware of this. He states the residents are willing to provide access to the lake and would like to get the Borough support with the cleanup efforts. The Mayor responded that the Borough will not be able to assist at this time as it is unfair to use Borough resources for a small number of residents. Joann Engels stated there is Borough property at the end of Laurel Road that is in need of trash removal. The Mayor requested that Public Works look into. The resident continued to explain how the neighbors will be assisting other neighbors to clean up this area. The Mayor responded that he will discuss this matter with the Business Administrator. Michael Caron continued to explain the goal of the residents to improve this area for all residents. The Mayor again explained how Lindenwold was very active in this endeavor until the residents refused to allow access. The residents thanked Mayor and Council.

James Schwartwalder, resident, discussed the news report regarding the installation of cameras at a low income housing project that reduced the crime rate. A state grant paid for these cameras. He recommended that Council look into this option for areas of Lindenwold in high crime areas instead of the use of manpower. Next, he stated that two years ago he recommended the ordinance by Washington Township that institutes background checks on new tenants. He stated that this helped control crime rate. Mayor responded that there is a similar ordinance. Mayor responded that cameras have been installed at various locations in Lindenwold. The third item was a New York Times article regarding creating Opportunity Zones. The Mayor responded that he is aware of this and that the Governor will be specifying these zones. Finally, he noted that the Borough of Somerdale is actively pursuing

ratables on the White Horse Pike. He recommends to the Borough to combine the smaller parcels in order to attract potential businesses. The Mayor responded that the Borough does have incentive programs. Councilman DiDomenico stated that the Borough is actively working to bring businesses to Lindenwold. President Randolph-Sharpe also stated that the White Horse Pike is not as heavily traveled as highways such as Route 295 which attract businesses.

Shahbaz Ahmed, resident, stated that he is trying to get more involved politically and that the Borough should be working with Camden County for job opportunities and hold job fairs in Lindenwold. President Randolph-Sharpe stated that job fairs are posted for these events in various locations throughout town. Next, he stated that the minutes are not posted on line. The Borough Clerk responded that the minutes are posted through the last meeting in January, 2018. The minutes for February were just approved tonight and will be posted.

Craig Keiser, resident, questioned the trash situation in his development. The Mayor responded that the position is to remain with the dumpsters since they were purchased specifically for this area and that similar complexes utilize dumpsters. The resident stated that this is not the best option for his development and that the senior citizens have to drive to the dumpsters. The Mayor responded that they were informed that the containers presented a safety issue. The resident countered that the dumpsters are more of a safety hazard and that the Borough still possess these containers. The Mayor responded that the Borough had to spend additional funds in order to accommodate the request by management for dumpsters. Mr. Keiser stated that the majority of the residents have requested to go back to the totes. The Mayor responded that other residents have purchased additional totes and may not have enough. Resident continued to discuss the matter with Mayor and Council. President Randolph-Sharpe stated that the only way she would consider the matter was if there was a majority that wish to change. Councilman Strippoli questioned if the complex was willing to pay the cost to the Borough for this expense. Resident could not address the complex's ability to reimburse. The Mayor again stated that the Management Co. put the Borough on notice that there was a safety issue. The resident responded that he was putting the Borough on notice that the current system is unsafe. The Mayor stated that this matter will be discussed and notification will be sent.

Connie Spiegle, resident, does not like the dumpsters but if they have to remain, can they be lower. The Mayor understands this issue. The Borough made the decision for the trash removal to be brought in house as the most cost effective for the residents. Craig Keiser added that the complex sought an independent trash removal but was unsuccessful.

Trevor Shaw, resident, questioned the dates of the upcoming event for the cleanup. Councilman Jackson responded that volunteers are coming April 21 at the Lindenwold Park. Next, he recommended to Councilwoman Hess an idea at the Atlantic City Library that has a program where people are reading while having their hair cut.

Joe Amodeo, resident, stated that he personally prefers the dumpsters. There are other residents that also favor the dumpsters. He was not invited to these meetings where this was discussed even though he pays his condo fees. He wanted to specify that he is not represented by the other resident.

There being no one desiring the floor, the Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

Motion was made by President Randolph-Sharpe, second by Councilman Jackson that the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

DATED: April 25, 2018

Deborah C. Jackson, RMC
Borough Clerk