**Minutes of the Regular**

**Meeting of the 2018 Council of the**

**City of Linden, held Tuesday**

**April 24, 2018**

The regular meeting of the 2018 Council of the City of Linden, was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:09 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. After the Pledge to the flag, President Alvarez invited all of the scout groups present to stand, one by one, and recite their Scout oaths.

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 Jorge 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 Barry Javick

Councilman Peter Brown

Councilman Alfred Mohammed

Councilwoman Rhashonna Cosby

Councilman John F. Roman

Councilman Ralph Strano

Councilwoman Michele Yamakaitis

Councilman Armando Medina

Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey

Council President Jorge Alvarez

Mayor Derek Armstead

Council President announced that tonight is the annual participation by the Boy and Girl Souts in Linden City Government. Members of the Scouts will be taking the place of City officials. Tonight will be the 74th Annual Scout in Government. President Alvarez invited the scouts to come up on the dais and take their seats with the members of the Governing Body.

Mayor: Gavin Mayes

Council President: Brandon Fontanas

First Ward Councilperson: Sanai Irving

Second Ward Councilperson: MaryAnn L. Ellis

Third Ward Councilperson: Cody Lagun

Fourth Ward Councilperson: Jason Torre-Grasso

Fifth Ward Councilperson: Jahzia Lawrence

Sixth Ward Councilperson: Luchia Nativo

Seventh Ward Councilperson: Ryan Mayes

Eighth Ward Councilperson: Samantha Wilkolaski

Ninth Ward Councilperson: Amanda Alvarez

Tenth Ward Councilperson: Alyssa Martel

City Clerk: Adam Marchwinski

Municipal Treasurer: Alexis Meshinsky

Fire Chief: Sebastian Nativo

Police Chief: Andrew Dohn

Engineer: Arabella Mohan

Director of Public Works: Ryan Gamgemi-Berger

Law Cadets: Robyn Martel

Abraham Abdul

Stephan Jeannot

Thomas Rea

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Scout Council President called upon Scout Clerk Adam Marchwinski to read the first consent item, which he did.

**Credit Balance** Block 23 Lot 12, 1811 Mildred Avenue

Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $5.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $5.00 payable to: Foundation Title, LLC, 214 Highway 18, 3rd Floor, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

Scout First Ward Councilperson Sanai Irving moved the first consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilperson MaryAnn L. Ellis and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Scout Council President called upon Scout Clerk Adam Marchwinski to read the second consent item, which he did.

**Credit Balance** Block 51 Lot 12, 1314 E. St George Avenue

Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $10.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $10.00 payable to: D & A Associates, LLC, 2040 Emerson Avenue, Union, NJ 07083, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

Scout Second Ward Councilperson MaryAnn L. Ellis moved the second consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilperson Cody Lagun and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Scout Council President called upon Scout Clerk Adam Marchwinski to read the third consent item, which he did.

**Credit Balance** Block 100 Lot 5, 1041 Essex Avenue

Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $10.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $10.00 payable to: Rochelle A. Green, 1041 Essex Avenue, Union, NJ 07083, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

Scout Third Ward Councilperson Cody Lagun moved the third consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilperson Jason Torre-Grasso and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Scout Council President called upon Scout Clerk Adam Marchwinski to read the Fourth consent item, which he did.

**Credit Balance** Block 101 Lot 9, 1037 E. Elizabeth Avenue

Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $10.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $10.00 payable to: Orock B. Berghow, 1037 E. Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

Scout Fourth Ward Councilperson Jason Torre-Grasso moved the fourth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilperson Jahzia Lawrence and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Scout Council President called upon Scout Clerk Adam Marchwinski to read the fifth consent item, which he did.

**Credit Balance** Block 137 Lot 6, 725 E. Henry Street

Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $5.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $5.00 payable to: John Balanta, 725 E. Henry Street, Linden, NJ 07083, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

Scout Fifth Ward Councilperson Jahzia Lawrence moved the Fifth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilperson Luchia Nativo and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except the Tenth Ward Councilperson, who voted no.

Scout Council President called upon Scout Clerk Adam Marchwinski to read the sixth consent item, which he did.

**Credit Balance** Block 149 Lot 14, Secretary of Housing & Urban Development

1210 Roselle Street, 2017 Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $60.33.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $60.33 payable to: Midland Mortgage, Mid First Bank, 999 N. W. Grand Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK, 73118, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

Scout Six Ward Councilperson Luchia Nativo moved the sixth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilperson Ryan Mayes and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Scout Council President called upon Scout Clerk Adam Marchwinski to read the seventh consent item, which he did.

**Credit Balance** Block 156 Lot 13, 720 Roselle Street, Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount 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: Sheldon W. Williams, 720 Roselle Street, Linden, NJ 07036, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

Scout Seventh Ward Councilperson Ryan Mayes moved the seventh consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilperson Samantha Wilkolaski and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting yes except the representatives of the Fourth and Fifth Wards, who voted no.

Scout Council President Brandon Fontanas called upon Scout Clerk Adam Marchwinski to read the eighth consent item, which he did.

**Credit Balance** Block 196 Lot 22, 426 Washington Avenue, Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $65.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $65.00 payable to: Albert T. Frank Jr., 426 Washington Avenue, Linden, NJ 07083, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

Scout Eighth Ward Councilperson Samantha Wilkolaski moved the eighth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilperson Amanda Alvarez and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting yes except for the representatives of the First and Eighth Ward.

Scout Council President Brandon Fontanas called upon Scout Clerk Adam Marchwinski to read the ninth consent item, which he did.

**Credit Balance** Block 201 Lot 11 C0304, 104 E. Elizabeth Avenue Unit # 304

Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee the payment was applied to the incorrect unit, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $5.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $5.00 payable to: James R. & Paula J. Kopcho Jr., 104 E. Elizabeth Avenue, Unit # 304, Linden, NJ 07036 charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

Scout Ninth Ward Councilperson Armanda Alvarez moved the ninth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilperson Alyssa Martel and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except for the representatives of the Sixth and Tenth Wards, who voted no.

Scout Council President called upon Scout Clerk Adam Marchwinski to read the tenth consent item, which he did.

**Credit Balance** Block 227 Lot 14, 2 Gresser Avenue

Garbage Fee Overpayment Refund

There now exists a credit balance on the above referenced block & lot due to the City no longer billing the Annual Garbage fee and the owner has prepaid in advance, and is entitled to a refund in the amount of $60.00.

Therefore, it would be in order for the council to authorize the treasurer to issue a check in the amount of $60.00 payable to: Molly E, Lenz, 2 Gresser Avenue, Linden, NJ 07083, charging same to account #8-01-08-607-011.

Scout Tenth Ward Councilperson Alyssa Martel moved the Tenth consent item. The motion was seconded by Scout Councilperson Sanai Irving and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except for the representatives of the Eighth and Ninth Wards, who voted no.

Scout Council President Brandon Fontanas recognized Scout Mayor Gavin Mayes to stay a few words.

Scout Mayor Mayes provided the anticipated dates for the ground breaking ceremonies for several of the redevelopment projects. He then reported on the activities of the scouts throughout the course of the day, including tours of the Phillips 66 refinery, Departments of Public Works, Fire and Police. He thanked all for their time.

Scout Council President Fontanas called upon Mr. Mohammed, Mrs. Yamakaitis, Mrs. Ormon and Mayor Armstead to step forward to the front of the dais to present the Scouts with their certificates of participation.

Mrs. Yamakaitis reported on the day’s activities of the Scouts. She thanked City Clerk Joseph Bodek and Deputy Clerk Jennifer Honan for all of their assistance with today’s program. Next she gave a special thanks to all of the Scout leaders for their devotion and time to the scouts, and for keeping scouting going.

Council President Alvarez called each of the Scouts who participated in tonight’s program, forward and they were presented with a certificate of participation.

**PRESENTATION TO EAGLE SCOUTS**

President Alvarez called upon the Mayor, Mrs. Yamakaitis, Mr. Mohammed and Mrs. Ormon. To do the presentations to the Eagle Scouts.

Mrs. Yamakaitis spoke about Adam Marchwinski and how long she has known him. She then read the resolution **honoring Mr. Marchwinski and presented him with a copy.**

Mrs. Ormon read the resolution honoring Ryan M. Mayes on the achievement of earning the rank of Eagle Scout. She then presented him with a copy of the resolution.

Mr. Mohammed read the resolution honoring Brandon S. Fontanas on the achievement of earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He then presented him with a copy of the resolution.

**BOY SCOUT**

President Alvarez called upon Mrs. Hickey and Mr. Medina forward to do a presentation to scout Anthony Jose Merendeiro. Mrs. Hickey introduced Anthony Merendeiro and spoke about the reasons that Mr. Merendeiro was being honored this evening. Mr. Medina read the resolution honoring Mr. Merendeiro and presented him with a copy of the resolution.

**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

President Alvarez called upon Mr. Ormon and Mayor Armstead for a presentation to Lori Gonzalez for Autism Awareness Month. Mrs. Ormon spoke about children and parents dealing with autism. She called upon Ms. Gonzalez, and the children who are part of the Union County Spectrum All Stars to come forward. Mrs. Ormon talked about Ms. Gonzalez and how she created this bowling team for children with special needs. She spoke about the history of the team and all that Ms. Gonzales has done. Mrs. Ormon noted the team’s accomplishments, read the resolution and presented Ms. Gonzalez with a copy of the resolution. Ms. Gonzalez thanked the people of Linden for all of the support that the Community has given to this group. She thanked a number of individuals for their assistance.

Mayor Armstead read a mayoral proclamation recognizing the work of DASCA. The Mayor thanked the scouts for participating in the programs today, and being here tonight.

**EMPLOYEES WITH THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE**

Council President called upon Mayor Armstead and Mr. Javick to recognize employees with thirty years of service. Mayor Armstead called up Alexis Zack, Chief Financial Officer, Karen E. Wilson, Police Dispatcher, Fred G. Cassel, Fire Department. The Mayor spoke about the work done by each of these individuals and presented them with a watch for their thirty years of service to the City of Linden. Thomas Weldon, of the Fire Department, was also honored, but was not present to receive the recognition. Mrs. Hickey, as chairperson of the Fire Committee, assisted with the presentation to Mr. Cassel.

**Resolutions**

Mr. Roman moved for approval of Resolutions 2018-204 through 2018-213. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strano and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-204**

**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.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-205**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH SOUTH SHORE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE CITY HALL GARAGE WATERPROOFING – PHASE 2 IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Linden passed a Resolution No. 2017-251 on June 20, 2017 approving an award of a contract to South Shore Construction, LLC for the City Hall Garage Waterproofing – Phase 2 in the City of Linden in the amount of $334,220.00; and

**WHEREAS**, a change order in the amount of $6,675.00 is required to extend the project; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive of these additional funds the total expenditures for said contract is $340,895.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer or her designee has certified to the availability of funds for this purpose, to be charged to Account No. C-04-55-901-655-919;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** that the agreement awarded to South Shore Construction, LLC is hereby amended to increase the contract by the additional sum of $6,675.00, for a total contract of $340,895.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary amended contract documents between South Shore Construction, LLC and the City of Linden; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute an amendatory agreement with South Shore Construction, LLC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-206**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TIMOTHY McLEOD TO THE RENT LEVELING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

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

Section 1. That, pursuant to the provisions of an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE, CONTROL AND STABILIZE RENTS AND CREATE A RENT CONTROL BOARD WITHIN THE CITY OF LINDEN," passed October 3, 1972 and approved October 4, 1972, and as amended and supplemented, there shall be and hereby are appointed as members of the Rent Leveling Board of the City of Linden the following persons:

LAND LORD MEMBER

Timothy McLeod

Section 2. The above named persons shall serve as members of the Rent Leveling Board of the City of Linden for a term of one year effective April 25, 2018, and expiring June 30, 2018 and until her successors shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-207**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOAN KONRAD AS A MEMBER OF THE RENT LEVELING BOARD**

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

That **JOAN KONRAD,** a resident of the City of Linden, New Jersey, has tendered his resignation, on April 18, 2018, as a resident member of the Rent Leveling Board of the City of Linden, and said resignation is hereby accepted effective as of the date of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-208**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF**

**BOY SCOUT ANTHONY JOSE MERENDEIRO**

**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,** Anthony Jose Merendeiro, is a Linden Resident who attends Deerfield School #9 and is an active member of Boy Scouts Troop 101 where he has been recognized for his many accomplishments.

Anthony has earned the ranks of Arrow of Light, Webelo and Bear. He served as Patrol Leader at the 2018 Klondike Competition, was the 2017 Pinewood Derby winner, and received a perfect score plus extra merit for his knowledge and correct handling of the American Flag; and

**WHEREAS,** Anthony also participates in many activities at School #9. He is a member of the Band, Chorus, All City Chorus, School #9 K-Kids which volunteer at St. Jude’s Hospital and Five Star Senior Citizen Daycare located right here in Linden. In his spare time, he plays soccer, is a member of team Linden’s Hooked on Fishing Program and participates in the annual Toys for Tots program just to name a few; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they hereby thank Anthony Jose Merendeiro 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 Anthony Jose Merendeiro and that a copy of this resolution be appropriately presented to him.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-209**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ADAM MARCHWINSKI FOR HIS WORK AT**

**HAWKRISE SANCTUARY IN THE CITY OF LINDEN 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,** Adam Marchwinski, is currently a student at Roselle Catholic High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society, and in his spare time he tutors other students and participates in the High School Musicals. Adam will be attending Rutgers University in the fall.

**WHERERAS,** Adam is a candidate for Eagle Scout, developed his service project along with Kelly Wenzel of the New Jersey Audubon Society which consisted of renovations at Hawk Rise. One part of his project involved the installation of a Bat House for 100 bats which was erected on a pole. Adam also installed six duck houses, two bird baths and a bird feeding station. He also performed some minor landscaping repairs at the sanctuary; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they hereby thank Adam Marchwinski 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 Adam Marchwinski and that a copy of this resolution be appropriately presented to him.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-210**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LORI GONZALEZ FOR HER DEDICATION TO**

**CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS DURING AUTISM AWARNESS**

**MONTH IN THE CITY OF LINDEN**

**WHEREAS,** Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected, and;

**WHEREAS,** Autism affects an estimated 1 in 68 births nationally and 1 in 45 in the State of New Jersey, and as more health care professionals become proficient in diagnosing children on the Autism Spectrum this number could surely rise, and;

**WHEREAS,** Autism affects every member of the family in different ways, parents must now place their primary focus on helping their child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), which puts stress on their marriage, other children, work, finances, and personal relationships and responsibilities, and;

**WHEREAS,** Lori Gonzalez, a Linden resident has been employed with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital for twenty-six years, is the dedicated wife of Rick Gonzalez and proud mother to her four children, Ricky, John, Rachael and Christina; and

**WHEREAS,** Lori Gonzalez is one individual who has dedicated her time working tirelessly to fight for children with autism. In 2012 she founded the Union County Spectrum All Stars, which provides activities for children with disabilities including those with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Through this program, she spear headed a bowling program which resulted in the Union County All Stars participation in the Special Olympics bringing home Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Additionally, Lori has organized Yoga, Karate, Gymnastics, Movie Night and Dance Parties for special needs children; and

**WHEREAS,** Autism requires a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety, and being a part of a community and feeling included is extremely important in people’s lives. Lori Gonzalez has a love for all children, but has a huge heart for those who need her most and for that, the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden wishes to thank Lori Gonzalez for her dedication to the children and families who need her the most and promote Autism Awareness Month in order to better educate its residents about autism and create a better community for individuals with autism.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT 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 Lori Gonzalez in recognition of the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-211**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RYAN M. MAYES FOR HIS WORK AT**

**THE MOUNT PLEASANT ANIMAL SHELTER 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,** Ryan M. Mayes is a candidate for Eagle Scout, he developed his service project which consisted of landscaping improvements at the Mount Pleasant Animal Shelter. Ryan removed dead shrubbery and installed a blue stone dog walking path; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they hereby thank Ryan M. Mayes 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 Ryan M. Mayes and that a copy of this resolution be appropriately presented to him.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-212**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BRANDON S. FONTANAS FOR HIS WORK AT THE FRENCH RICHARDS CEMETERY IN SPRINGFIELD 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,** Brandon S. Fontanas is a candidate for Eagle Scout, he developed his service project which consisted of the landscaping improvements at the French Richards Cemetery located in Springfield. Brandon removed dead trees and brush from inside the cemetery and cleared an access path from the roadway. He also reset gravestones, located unmarked graves and will continue to serve as an Eagle Coach to other scouts in his troop so that the restoration of the historic cemetery would continue; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Linden that they hereby thank Brandon S. Fontana 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 Brandon S. Fontana and that a copy of this resolution be appropriately presented to him.

**RESOLUTION: 2018-213**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MERIDIA 1001 LINDEN, LLC TO**

**DEMOLISH CERTAIN STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1001 W. ELIZABETH AVENUE THE FORMER UNITED LACQUER PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Linden has a need for certain unsafe structures located at 1001 W. Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, Block 423, Lot 4.02 (the “Property”) to be demolished; and

**WHEREAS,** Meridia 1001 Linden, LLC is seeking authorization from the City of Linden to demolish said structures on the Property at no cost to the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN** as follows:

1. The City of Linden hereby grants Meridia 1001 Linden, LLC, located at 201 S. Wood Avenue, Linden, N.J. 07036 authorization to demolish certain unsafe structures located at 1001 W. Elizabeth Avenue (old United Lacquer property), at no cost to the City of Linden.

2. This Resolution is expressly contingent upon the negotiation and execution of the necessary contract documents between Meridia Lifestyles, and the City of Linden, a copy of which is attached.

3. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents to effectuate the purposes herein above expressed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

**COMMENTS BY MEMBRS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

There were no comments by members of the Governing Body.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Alvarez made the following announcement:

**Council Conference meeting, Monday, May 14, 2018 in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

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

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

**\*Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.**

There being no further business to come before the governing body, Mrs. Ormon moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roman and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

City Clerk