

## WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 22, 2013

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall in accordance with the Annual Notice adopted January 3, 2013 advertised in the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal posted in the Borough Hall Foyer in compliance with the Sunshine Law NJSA 10:4-5 to 10:4-21.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Don Dietrich, followed by the flag salute.

The following members were present:

Don Dietrich	Joe Hiles
Fran Grenier	Veronica Soultz
Ed Segrest (absent until 7:45 p.m.)	Glenn Merkle
Dave Layton	

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon	Cynthia Dalessio
Jim Hackett	George Rosenberger
Jane Gallagher	Edel Huskey
Valerie Lacy	Bert Lopez
Thomas Reilly	Donna Gardner
Corey Haaf	

### **Public Portion**

Bert Lopez & Thomas Reilly of Atlantic City Electric presented their proposal for replacing existing electrical towers within the Borough. The new towers will be 15' higher, but much thinner than the existing towers. Information for this project can be obtained on the website for Atlantic City Electric.

Members of the American Legion Ambulance were present to present their report.

High Bridge Residents were present for a status update for their development. Mr. Rosenberger stated that he wrote a letter to the bond company on January 9<sup>th</sup> and he has not heard back from them.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Grenier to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Layton. Absent: Mr. Segrest

### **Finance**

The statement of cash position was presented.

Resolution 2013-20 Transferring Reserves was approved on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest

A budget workshop will be held on February 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Public Safety**

A motion to approve Brent Michael Hitchner as a new member of the fire department was made by Ms. Soultz, seconded by Mr. Grenier. Abstained: Mr. Hiles, Absent: Mr. Segrest.

The fire company report was presented.

Mr. Simmermon sent information to Mr. Segrest and Ms. Soultz regarding the “Refuse to be a Victim” program that is to be held on February 23 and 24, 2013. He would like to send a member of the Police Department. The cost is \$120.00.

Prosecutor Lenahan will be providing support to the Woodstown Police Department for cleaning out the evidence locker. There is a tentative plan with Public Works to build shelves for the evidence locker.

A motion to approve a member of the Police Department to attend the “Refuse to be a Victim” class was made by Ms. Soultz, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest.

### **Utilities**

Mr. Hackett presented Council with letters regarding escrow deposits. He also gave a letter to Mr. Hiles regarding Marlton Park maintenance.

John Beranato would like to open a Laundromat in town.

### **Streets and Roads**

The proposed revision to the island and pedestrian walkway at the intersection of Route 40 was reviewed. The State has been asked to look at moving the cross walk by W. Maple Avenue to increase pedestrian safety.

Mr. Segrest arrived at 7:45

A resident of Kresswold Lane requested that a “Dead End” street sign be installed on Route 40 at the end of his street. He stated that trucks don’t see the existing Dead End sign until they have already turned onto Kresswold Lane. It was explained that Route 40 is a State highway and that the Borough is not authorized to install signs on it. A motion to install a “Dead End” sign on the existing street sign for Kresswold Lane was made by Hiles, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

### **General Government**

A motion to approve Valerie Lacy and Lorraine Pfeffer as alternates 3 and 4 for, respectively, to the Planning Board for the remainder of a two year term expiring 12/31/13 was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Resolution 2013-21 Awarding Rehabilitation Contracts to H.S. Graber and C.J. Berni Home Repair, LLC was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The Cable TV Ordinance was introduced on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Mr. Segrest stated that Comcast will give the Borough of one time “technology grant” in the amount of \$10,000 in return for a 15 year contract. This amounts to a 3 cent per month increase to residents of the Borough.

The Sign Ordinance was introduced with amendments on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

### **Health Recreation and Welfare**

The Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on January 26.

Mr. Grenier, Mayor Dietrich and Mr. Merkle will meet with Dave Golden of the NJ Fish and Wildlife regarding open space in the Borough.

## **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Rosenberger met with representatives of Pilesgrove regarding the Musumeci property and Green Acres.

A housing grant recipient is obtaining a reverse mortgage. She will be paying off her part of the outstanding grant.

A motion was made to pay the bills by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Layton.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Jane Gallagher  
Assistant to the Borough Clerk