

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**

March 12, 2013

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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  
Fran Grenier  
Ed Segrest  
Dave Layton

Joe Hiles  
Veronica Soultz  
Glenn Merkle

Absent: E

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon  
Jim Hackett  
Danielle Farrell

Cynthia Dalessio  
Jane Gallagher

**Public Portion**

Residents of High Bridge were present to ask for a status update for their development. Mr. Rosenberger stated that they are in the process of formulating the bid package for this project. He spoke with the attorney for the bond company and was informed that the check is on its way. There was discussion whether the project would be completed by a united effort between outside contractors and public works employees. A subcommittee was formed including, Mr. Layton, Mr. Hiles, Mayor Dietrich, Mr. Rosenberger, Mr. Mitchell, and Ms. Farrell to review what needs to be done at the development and to report back at the next Council meeting.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Hiles to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2013 Council meeting with one correction, seconded by Mr. Segrest. Abstained: Mr. Layton

**Finance**

**RESOLUTION 2013-27**

Introducing the 2013 budget was approved on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Public Hearing and Adoption for this Resolution will be held on April 9, 2013.

**ORDINANCE 2013-3**

An Ordinance Fixing and Establishing Salaries and Compensation of the Police Officers of the Borough of Woodstown was introduced on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Ms. Soultz, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council

**ORDINANCE 2013-4**

An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Fixing and Establishing Salaries and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Woodstown was introduced on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Ms. Soultz, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

### **RESOLUTION 2013-28**

Transferring reserves was approved on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

### **RESOLUTION 2013-29**

Amending temporary budget was approved on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

### **RESOLUTION 2013-30**

Amending temporary utility budget was approved on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented.

Mayor Dietrich received a letter from Allen Associates regarding health benefits for Borough employees. Allen Associates is willing to come to a Council meeting to discuss any changes in health insurance coverage. Mayor Dietrich will email a representative of Allen Associates to invite them to the next Council meeting.

### **Public Safety**

A motion to approve Matthew Dodge of 4 Hereford Place as a regular member of the Reliance Fire Company was made by Ms. Soultz, seconded by Mr. Segrest.

A motion to approve \$295.00 for a police officer to attend bicycle patrol class was made by Ms. Soultz, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The Police Report was presented.

### **Utilities**

Change Order #1 for In-Line Services for a \$22,665.00 reduction was approved on a motion by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Final payment to In-Line Services in the amount of \$18,067.88 was approved on a motion by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The State is implementing a higher limit on sodium. We hope to be out of the ACO in the next few months.

The electric was shut off for non-payment at the pump station for High Bridge. It is currently running on a gasoline powered generator. The developer has paid the bill and arrangements are being made to turn on the electric.

The Sewerage Authority has determined that the number of EDUs to be put in the Resolution for the proposed Laundromat is six. Council will also require the same amount of EDUs for water.

Discussion of the water rate increase and quarterly billing is ongoing.

Mr. Layton stated there needs to be a definition of "emergency" relating to overtime. Ms. Dalessio will email a copy of the personnel handbook to Mr. Layton for his review.

The interceptor project for the sewer plant has been completed.

### **Streets and Roads**

Paul Horvath of Layton's Funeral Home has requested a crosswalk be installed from the funeral home and the First Baptist Church. He has spoken with the Freeholders and they requested a Resolution from Borough Council in favor of the crosswalk installation. Once the Freeholders have reviewed the request and Resolution, they will report back with their recommendation. A motion to approve a Resolution requesting installation of a crosswalk between Layton's Funeral Home and the First Baptist Church was made by Mr. Hiles.

Ms. Dalessio advised that a letter to the Freeholder Laury to review Mr. Horvath's request would be better than a Resolution and the motion to approve the Resolution was rescinded.

### **General Government**

#### **RESOLUTION 2013-33**

Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement with Green Acres was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

#### **RESOLUTION 2013-34**

Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Deed for the Musumeci property was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

#### **RESOLUTION 2013-31**

Opposing the Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

#### **RESOLUTION 2013-32**

Opposing the Early Voting Law was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Ms. Soultz, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

There was discussion regarding amendments to the Parking Ordinance. It was decided that the length of a truck be increased to 24'.

#### **ORDINANCE 2013-5**

Ordinance Amending Chapter 87 was approved on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council, with the exception of Mr. Hiles who voted no.

### **Health Recreation and Welfare**

Mr. Merkle met with Mr. Johnson regarding the proposed community garden. He hopes to arrange a meeting with a representative of Freedom Village to see if they are interested in participating.

April 26, 2013 is the Arbor Day Ceremony at Marlton Park.

Mr. Segrest stated that the Department Heads need to be reminded to submit their proposed updates to the Code Book.

Mr. Grenier received a letter from Atlantic City Electric regarding trees that need to be cut down that have the capability to grow over three feet. He will contact a representative of the electric company to clarify the letter.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Rosenberger informed Council that Ruth Mendez has previously obtained a reverse mortgage. It was not repaid upon her death. The mortgage company is foreclosing. He has recommended that Council take no action, since the amount owed to the Borough is about \$4,000.00.

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 9:10 PM.

Jane Gallagher

Assistant to the Borough Clerk