

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 9, 2013

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 9th day of April, 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
Ed Segrest	Veronica Soultz
Dave Layton	Glenn Merkle

Absent: Fran Grenier

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon	Cynthia Dalessio
Jim Hackett	Jane Gallagher
Harry Vanaman	Danielle Farrell
Nick Petroni	Deanna Roller
George Rosenberger	Joe Shelcusky

Public Portion

A motion to open public hearing for the 2013 Budget was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Layton.

With there being no comment from the public, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Layton.

RESOLUTION 2013-36

A motion to approve Resolution 2013-6 amending the 2013 Budget was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Grenier

RESOLUTION 2013-37

A motion to approve Resolution 2013-37 adopting the 2013 Budget was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Grenier

Mr. Hiles asked whether the salaries of Council will be reduced. Mr. Hackett stated that they will be reduced by approximately 42 percent.

Residents of High Bridge were present to get a status update for their development. Mayor Dietrich stated that the release for the performance bond has been received. We should have the check shortly.

Rich Allen of Allen Associates was present with Joe Linker of Perma Risk Management to discuss and/or answer questions regarding employee health insurance. Mayor Dietrich stated that the Borough joined the Southern Fund and not the Southern Coastal Fund. Mayor Dietrich requested Mr. Allen and Mr. Linker to review their records for written proof that the Borough consented to join the Coastal Fund and to submit same to him. Mr. Allen and Mr. Linker agreed to do so.

Mr. Shelcusky was present to discuss the intersection of Main Street and Auburn Road. He stated that when cars are parked on Main Street, it is hard to see past them to make a left turn. Mr. Hiles will look into this matter with the NJDOT.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Segrest to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013 Council meeting, with one correction, seconded by Mr. Merkle.

Finance

RESOLUTION 2013-38

A motion to approve Resolution 2013-38 Requesting Dedication by Rider for Landfill Closure was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Grenier

RESOLUTION 2013-39

A motion to approve Resolution 2013-39 Supporting S-1896 to Share Burden of Tax Appeal Refunds was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Grenier

The Tax Collector's Report was presented.

Public Safety

Buster Burden was congratulated for his completion of the CERT Program.

The Police Report was presented.

Utilities

Mr. Layton thanked Mr. Rosenberger and Ms. Farrell with their help with negotiations with the NJDEP in having the ACO lifted.

A motion to approve final payment to Level-1 Construction for the chlorine contact tank in the amount of \$16,840.00 was made by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Grenier

A motion to approve NJ Water Association to prepare and Emergency Response Plan and Vulnerability Assessment for USDA closing at no cost to the Borough was made by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Grenier

A motion to deny a reduction in a water bill in the amount of \$279.29 for Mr. Boatright of 24 West Grant Street was made by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Grenier

Mr. Rafuse spoke with Mr. Layton regarding the monitoring lead and copper. As a result of three years of being below the limit, we are not required to test again until 2015.

Mr. Hackett stated that the school needs to post an escrow account for water for their new building.

Streets and Roads

A motion to sign the release of the bond for High Bridge was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Grenier

Alan Bader requested a street light to be installed in front of his house at 38 Bailey Street. Mr. Hiles looked into this matter with Frank Mitchell and determined that the Borough would have to pay the installation cost of \$692.00, plus electric for this street light. Mr. Mitchell suggested that we request the County to cover these costs since Bailey Street is a County road.

The Engineer's Report was presented.

Public Works is in the process of filling potholes on Borough roads. They will begin mowing and weed whacking soon. The street sweeper has been out and leaf pick up is done. The paving of the back parking lot behind Borough Hall will begin soon.

General Government

The Joint Environmental Commission will be at the next meeting to present their environmental deed restricted proposal.

A meeting took place with representatives of Carney Point regarding a shared services agreement for trash pickup. They stated initially they are not able to enter into such an agreement. They would have to hire new employees and purchase a truck to do so. They are looking at it again. We are still waiting to hear from East Greenwich Township regarding their proposal for trash pickup.

Mannington shared services construction code is still in negotiations.

Health Recreation and Welfare

RESOLUTION 2013-40

A motion to approve Resolution 2013-40 2012 Tonnage Grant was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Grenier

The Rotary Club has requested a donation in the amount of \$1,200 from the Borough for their annual concert. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Marlton Recreation Association requested a donation from the Borough for their Fourth of July Fireworks display. This request was denied, since the Borough has never donated to the fireworks before.

A motion to approve Mr. Merkle as the Wellness Coordinator for the JIF was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Grenier

A motion to enter into closed session under police contract negotiations was made by Ms. Soultz, seconded by Mr. Layton.

A motion was made to enter into open session was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Layton

A motion to extend the existing contract three years to commence upon expiration of the current contract with Cris Simmermon, Public Safety Director was made by Ms. Soultz, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council, with the exception of Mr. Hiles, who abstained. Absent: Mr. Grenier

Solicitor's Report

No report

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Jane Gallagher
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