

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 12th day of April 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall in accordance with the Annual Notice adopted January 5, 2016 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	John Hall
Joe Hiles	Deb Tierno
Ed Segrest	Dave Layton
Glenn Merkle	

Also Present:

Cynthia Dalessio	Jane Gallagher
Cris Simmermon	John Cantwell
Jean Chetney	James Hackett
Mike Quinnette	Frank Mitchell
Deanna Roller	Jamie Burns
Denise Morrison	

Finance

RESOLUTION 2016-36 **ESTABLISHING THE FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE TAX FOR 2016**

A motion to approve Resolution 2016-36 was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The public hearing for the 2016 budget was opened.

With there being no comment from the public, the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION 2016-37 AMENDING 2016 BUDGET

Resolution 2016-37 was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-38 2016 Budget was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Ms. Tierno, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented.

Public Portion

Jamie Burns of 35 Green Street was present to discuss her desire to convert from oil heat to natural gas due to her failing heating system. Green Street has been under a five year moratorium for paving. Mr. Mitchell stated the street will not be negatively impacted by this conversion to gas. A motion to allow Ms. Burns to open the street to convert to natural gas was made by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Denise Morrison of Bertha Avenue was present to discuss the state of the property at 1 Guernsey Place. The property has been abandoned and there are animals entering the house. She is concerned about the safety of the public. Mr. Mitchell stated he will investigate the property to see what is needed to close the entryways to the house. Ned Shimp will be called first to inspect the property for the presence of animals. The Salem County Department of Health will also be called to inspect the property.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Hall.

Solicitor's Report

Gary Thompson, Planning Board Solicitor has recommended changes to the Land Development Ordinance. Ms. Chetney will speak with Mr. Thompson to decide what is the most cost effective and simple way to initiate these recommended changes.

Ms. Chetney stated she will be attending the tax appeal hearings next Tuesday.

Public Safety

The Police Report was presented.

Salem County is looking into a shared services agreement for Construction Code.

Utilities

Jeffrey Nazar has started working in Public Works and is doing well. Drew Hitchner will be leaving his position in Public Works.

The Engineer's Report was presented.

The video that was done at the fire house has been reviewed. The storm sewer could be relined and the sanitary sewer needs to be replaced. The engineer's estimates were very high. Mr. Segrest will discuss options with the Fire Chief.

Streets and Roads

The County is installing sidewalks on Old Salem Road and Alloway Road.

There will be a conference call on April 13, 2016 regarding the Safe Routes to School grant.

There will be a meeting on May 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss changes to the personnel policy.

A motion to authorize the engineer to prepare a design for option "c" for the reconstruction of Maple Court was made by Ms. Tierno, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

General Government

RESOLUTION 2016-39 **SMALL CITIES HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT AGREEMENT**

Resolution 2016-39 was approved on a motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Kasey Carmer was hired as a temporary Zoning Officer.

A motion to hire Latrenee Jones Richardson contingent upon a background check at a rate of \$14.00 per hour as the Housing Secretary was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

RESOLUTION 2016-40 **TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION**

Resolution 2016-40 was approved on a motion by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Ms. Tierno, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Preparations for the Memorial Day celebration has begun

A bill was received for repair to the sewer lateral for 2 Alloway Road. Ms. Dalessio will forward this bill to Mr. Pierson.

Pay Bills

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Jane Gallagher
Assistant to the Borough Clerk