

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 12, 2015

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 12th day of May 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall in accordance with the Annual Notice adopted January 5, 2015 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	Glenn Merkle
John Hall	Ed Segrest
Dave Layton	Debra Tierno

Also Present:

Jim Hackett	Denise Horton
Jane Gallagher	Cris Simmermon
Jean Chetney	Mike Galante
Shane Godshall	Fran Grenier
Edel Huskey	Ken Miller
Maricia Chiarelli	

Public Portion

Ms. Horton asked Council if the streets in High Bridge have been dedicated to the Borough. Mayor Dietrich stated that the previous Solicitor, George Rosenberger, advised that no action had to be taken for the Borough to accept the roads. He requested the Solicitor to research this matter and to report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Godshall announced that there will be a tree planting at Memorial Lake this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He also asked if the signs in the front yard of "Great Clips" conforms to the Borough Ordinance for signs. Ms. Dalessio advised him to speak to the Zoning Officer concerning this issue.

Ms. Chiarelli expressed her concerns regarding speeding in Candlelight Village. Mr. Segrest said that the police will patrol the area and see if that curtails the issue before proceeding with the next step.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2015 Council meeting was made with one change by Mr. Layton, seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Solicitor's Report

The seller for the Alloway Road property has requested a time extension for cleanup of the property. The anticipated date for settlement is June 1, 2015.

A motion to approve the Mayor signing the amended agreement for purchase of the Alloway Road property was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Ms. Chetney has prepared a draft agreement for the leasing of the Agway building for storage of Borough property. She is currently trying to locate the owner of the property.

Mr. Hall requested Ms. Chetney to review the Ordinance pertaining to tall grass to see if there was a way to curtail the time involved before the Borough can take action.

Finance

The Statement of Cash Position was presented.

The Clean Community grant for this year will be \$7,735.06.

Mr. Hackett attended a meeting with the Woodstown Branch Manager of Fulton Bank. He was advised that by the end of June, the bank will discontinue its courier service. Mr. Hackett stated that there is a possibility of paying for continued courier service for a fee. He will report back when he receives more information.

Public Safety

RESOLUTION 2015-31 SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 18-31, 2015

Resolution 2015-31 was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The Police Report was presented.

Utilities

The Engineer's Report was presented.

A motion to approve advertising for bids for the Alloway Road project was made by Mr. Layton, seconded by Ms. Tierno, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The JIF recognized the Woodstown Sewerage Authority for an accident free/safe place to work.

Streets and Roads

May 21, 2015 is Walk and Bike to School day.

General Government

Mr. Mitchell will look at the faulty drain at the fire house in the future and see if Mr. Galante can write a proposal for removal.

A motion to approve engineering services in the amount of \$40,500.00 for renovations to borough hall was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

A motion to hire Emily Grenier to conduct the 2015 Dog Census at a rate of \$1,500.00 plus an additional \$500.00 if completed by July 31 was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The Memorial Day Celebration will be held at 10:00 a.m on May 25 at Memorial Lake.

The Fourth of July fireworks will take place.

Ken Miller was present to express his concern over the grading of his neighbor's pool. It floods his and his other neighbor's yards when it rains. Council advised Mr. Miller to contact the Planning Board concerning this matter.

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.

A motion to enter into closed session under potential litigation was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Jane Gallagher
Assistant to the Borough Clerk