

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 8th day of July, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall in accordance with the Annual Notice adopted January 6, 2014 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	Glenn Merkle
Joe Hiles	Dave Layton
Matt Perry	Fran Grenier

Absent: Ed Segrest

Also Present:

Jane Gallagher	Virginia Hibbard
Cris Simmermon	Jim Hackett
George Rosenberger	Ken Johnson
Danielle Farrell	Frank Mitchell
Dave Strout	Tom Hollinger
Jen Dubler	Caroline Layton

Public Portion

Dave Strout was present to discuss the JIF Safety Award. The Borough had a 13.4% loss ratio, which is very good.

Jen Dubler and Tom Hollinger stated the Woodstown Fall Festival permit is in the process of being issued. There will be beer and wine tasting and sales this year. Insurance will be obtained by the Fall Festival Committee for these events. The local wineries and breweries will get permits. Ms. Dubler stated she has met with Mr. Simmermon regarding safety for this event. Mr. Perry asked what the time limit for removal of the scarecrows was. Ms. Dubler stated it is 30 days, but some people don't comply. They will make sure they are taken down in a timely fashion this year.

Ken Johnson thanked everyone for selecting him as the Parade Marshall for the 4th of July Parade this year.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2014 Council meeting was made by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Merkle. Abstained: Mr. Layton

Finance

ORDINANCE 2014-8

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR FULL TIME MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

ORDINANCE 2014-8 was opened for public hearing on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest.

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

ORDINANCE 2014-8 was adopted on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest.

Mr. Hiles stated there will be a HIF meeting on July 16, 2014.

Public Safety

The Police Report was presented.

Mr. Perry has received complaints from some residents about speeding on Route 40 by the high school. He proposed purchasing a solar powered speed limit sign for \$7,000 or an AC powered sign for \$2,500. Mr. Layton suggested contacting the State to see if they could tie this request for a sign in with the project in the center of town.

Utilities

A motion to forgive a portion of Mr. Snyder's water bill was denied on a motion by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call of Council.

The recent storm knocked out the telemetry system's auto shut off at the sewerage plant. Mr. Simons received quotes for repair.

Water has created a hole in the road in front of 25 Meadowview Drive. All tests conducted have not revealed the cause. Videotaping will begin on 7-9-14 to try to identify the cause.

Residents of Green Street received notices that paving will commence on Monday, July 7, 2014. Mr. Layton spoke with Mr. Goss regarding the damage to his railing. Mr. Goss stated that Mr. Mazzara is in the process of repairing the damage.

The Sewerage Authority requested that a webpage be created for them and attached to the Borough's website.

Streets and Roads

A motion to approve a fax line for Mr. Mitchell in the amount of \$21 per month was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

ORDINANCE 2014-9 AMENDING CHAPTER 43 ENTITLED "BRUSH, HEDGES, WEEDS AND DEBRIS" OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN

Ordinance 2014-9 was opened for public hearing on a motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Grenier.

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

Ordinance 2014-9 was approved on a motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest

Mr. Merkle thanked Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Hackett for their assistance on this Ordinance.

A motion to obtain bids for a Public Works multi-purpose truck was made by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest

A motion to approve the Borough's share of repairs to the sewer jet truck in the amount of \$436 was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest.

A curb cut is needed for a crosswalk on East Millbrooke Ave. Mr. Mitchell estimates the cost to be \$1,000.

East Millbrooke Ave. reconstruction has an estimated completion date of early October of this year.

General Government

Mr. Grenier and Mr. Mitchell met regarding the condition of Borough Hall. The air handler for the air conditioner needs to be replaced and has to go out to bid. The cupola and the front entrance are leaking. The bricks need to be repointed since they are falling out of the foundation. They also requested new bids for replacement of the fire escape.

Tonight is Andy Hoglen's last night as the Borough's Zoning Official.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Mr. Merkle spoke with the realtor several times regarding the property on Alloway Road. There is no progress to report.

Sustainable Jersey is moving forward.

Mr. Mitchell will replace the barriers at Park Garden Apts. to recoup the parking spaces that are being utilized for trash and recycling containers.

Mr. Mitchell will trim the trees on Verizon's property.

There has been no progress on the Griffith property.

Mr. Grenier stated that Charlie Porter of 20 S. Main St. and Laura Stanton of 47 N. Main St. both have hazardous trees in front of their property. They will have them removed and submit the bills to the Borough to be reimbursed by the hazardous tree grant.

Solicitor's Report

No Report

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll count of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Jane Gallagher
Assistant to the Borough Clerk