

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 9, 2013

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 9th day of July, 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
Fran Grenier

Veronica Soultz
Glenn Merkle
Ed Segrest
Dave Layton

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon
Jim Hackett
Harry Vanaman
Edel Huskey
Tom Nardewski
Joe Gemberling

Cynthia Dalessio
Jane Gallagher
George Rosenberger
Tom Lyons
Paul Forlenza

Public Portion

Tom Lyons was present to discuss the remodeling project at Friends Village. The project will be renovating existing rooms to assisted living rooms. The final plans will be submitted to Joe Wille.

Tom Nardewski and Paul Forlenza of Cettei & Connell were present to discuss the Borough's membership renewal in JIF. A presentation packet was submitted to Council.

Joe Gemberling continues to have flooding problems with his Bowen Ave. property. The Borough has indicated that it is a County issue. Ms. Farrell stated that both the Borough and County flow goes into the pipe, so we should all work together to address the situations. Mr. Hiles will meet with Ms. Farrell and the County Engineer to try to resolve this problem with Mr. Gemberling.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Grenier to approve the minutes with two corrections of the June 25, 2013 Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Soultz. Abstained: Mr. Segrest, Mr. Layton

Finance

ORDINANCE 2013-7

Ordinance 2013- 7 Court Salary Ordinance was opened for public hearing on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Ms. Soultz.

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

Ordinance 2013- 7 Court Salary Ordinance was adopted on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Ms. Soultz, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The Tax Collector's report was presented.

Mr. Hackett has certified the tax rate for 2013.

Public Safety

Ms. Soultz thanked the police for their work during the 4th of July celebration.

The Police Report was presented.

Utilities

ORDINANCE 2013-6

Ordinance 2013- 6 Capital Ordinance for emergency water repairs at Borough Hall was opened for public hearing on a motion by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Hiles.

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

Ordinance 2013- 6 Capital Ordinance for emergency water repairs at Borough Hall was adopted on a motion by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

A motion to approve a 75¢ pay increase for Quenton Mulford retroactive to July 2, 2013 was made by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Streets and Roads

The Engineer's Report was presented.

The Public Works Report was presented.

South Jersey Technology Partnership estimated the cost for removal and repair of the curbing at High Bridge to be \$341,542.55. Ms. Farrell will proceed with placing this project out to bid.

ORDINANCE 2013-8

Ordinance 2013- 8 Authorizing the Borough of Woodstown to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00 to make capital improvements to the High Bridge Development located off Auburn Road was introduced by title on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

A motion to enter into an agreement with Salem County to pay one half of the installation and equipment cost for the street light installation on Bailey Street was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Grenier. Mr. Hiles rescinded his motion so that someone can speak with the neighboring property owners regarding whether or not it will be an inconvenience for them to have the street light installed.

Ms. Farrell stated there are not set rules regarding the amount of lumens a street light is required to emit.

General Government

RESOLUTION 2013-57

Resolution 2013-7 Renewing the Borough of Woodstown's Membership in JIF was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

RESOLUTION 2013-58

Resolution 2013-58 Awarding Contracts for Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grant Agreement was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

An interview with a potential certified candidate for the Fire Official position is being scheduled.

Health Recreation and Welfare

A motion was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Ms. Soultz, to introduce an Ordinance by title only prohibiting smoking in public parks.

Upon discussion, Mr. Merkle rescinded his motion until appropriate language is obtained for the Ordinance.

Solicitor's Report

No report

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

A motion to enter into closed session under potential real estate purchase was made by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Ms. Soultz

A motion to return to open session was made by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Ms. Soultz.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Jane Gallagher
Assistant to the Borough Clerk