

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 28, 2015

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 28th day of July 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	
Dave Layton	Ed Segrest
Joe Hiles	Glenn Merkle
John Hall	Debra Tierno

Also Present:

Cynthia Dalessio	James Hackett
Jane Gallagher	Cris Simmermon
Jean Chetney	John Cantwell
Jennifer Dubler	Mike Quinnette
Tom Hollinger	Dina Murray
Gerry Cowan	

Public Portion

Jennifer Dubler and Tom Hollinger were present to discuss plans for the 2015 Fall Festival

Dina Murray and Gerry Cowan of Allen Associates informed Council a new Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund is being formed. Our rate increase will be less than the State. No benefits or parameters of the plan will change. They hope to have the amount of the rate increase in September.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 Council meeting was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Solicitor's Report

Both tax appeal matters have been postponed until October 8, 2015 due to a new judge being assigned to the case.

The lampposts in town were installed in 1997-1998. The JIF stated the lampposts could be covered by the Borough, however insurance is separate from ownership. The Borough will insure the lampposts and the Beautification committee will continue to maintain them.

Finance

RESOLUTION 2015-67 TO JOIN SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

Resolution 2015-67 renewing the HIF and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The Statement of Cash Position was presented.

We have had settlement on the Alloway Road property. It could take 3-4 months before we received the money from Green Acres. There has been discussion regarding a walking path to connect this property to the park. It would have to go through Atlantic Electric's right of way, which is separate from the easement. Mr. Cantwell will reach out to Atlantic City Electric to discuss.

Public Safety

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Police Contract was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

An update to the Joint Municipal Court MOU will be coming. It will allow for additional hours if needed.

Mr. Segrest attended the Fire Company budget meeting. He stated they are requesting turn out gear.

Utilities

Council welcomed John Cantwell as the Borough's new engineer.

The County submitted to Mr. Simons the DEP's comments on the County's Wastewater Management Plan.

The estimated completion date of the Sewer Plant is August 15, 2015

Streets and Roads

No quotes were received for the tree removal on Bailey Street.

General Government

RESOLUTION 2015-68 AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION

Resolution 2015-68 was approved on a motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

There was discussion regarding new yard sale signs. It was determined that Mrs. Gallagher will do further research regarding the durability of the signs.

Pay Bills

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Jane Gallagher
Assistant to the Borough Clerk