

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**

August 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 11th day of August 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	Annina Hogan
Greg Busa	Frank Mitchell

**Public Portion**

Members of the Moose Lodge were present to discuss their plans for a fundraiser to purchase a 2' x 3' memorial plaque to place at Memorial Lake.

**Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2015 Council meeting was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

**Solicitor's Report**

No report

**Finance**

Mr. Busa presented the Tax Assessor's Report. He stated that 34 tax appeals were received this year which resulted in a \$1,000,000.00 loss for the Borough. He also stated that the assessment ratio is 105%. There remains two outstanding tax appeals: Hillcrest and Town and Country Golf.

**ORDINANCE 2015-5 FIXING AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN**

Ordinance 2015-5 was introduced on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

**Public Safety**

**RESOLUTION 2015-69 RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – WOODSTOWN HOTEL ASSOCIATES, LLC**

Resolution 2015-69 was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

A motion to approve the purchase of three sets of turn-out gear for the fire department totaling \$5,671.74 under state contract was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council with the exception of Mr. Hiles who abstained.

The police contract has been signed by all parties.

The Police Report was presented.

### **Utilities**

Kris Shulze has finished working his notice.

A meeting for the Woodstown Sewerage Authority will be held this Thursday, not the following Tuesday to approve bills before the USDA deadline to prepare for loan closing.

Rose Carter of 22 Liberty Avenue has had a problem with her water meter. The transmitter is not working and should have been replaced but was not. She had unusually high usage last year but the history is lost due to the transmitter not working. Mr. Layton has contacted her to discuss a solution.

Water utility usage reports will now be submitted on the second Tuesday of every month.

### **Streets and Roads**

The Engineer's Report was presented.

Pierson is set to start August 24, 2015 on the Alloway Road project.

The DOT road grant was approved.

There was discussion regarding the tall grass Ordinance. Mr. Mitchell suggested a specific height that grass cannot exceed be put into the Ordinance.

### **General Government**

The Housing Officer Report was presented.

### **Health, Recreation & Open Space**

Spencer Church has requested use of Marvin L. Watson Park the weekend of August 22, 2015.

### **Pay Bills**

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Jane Gallagher  
Assistant to the Borough Clerk