

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 13th day of August, 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

Absent: Dave Layton

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon
Jim Hackett
Harry Vanaman
Bruce Sherman

Danielle Farrell
Jane Gallagher
Floyd McNally

Public Portion

Floyd McNally of 36 N. Main St. was present to discuss the workers on the water tower. He stated that there are pieces of metal that have fallen off the tower while they were working on it. He is concerned that he might mow over these pieces and damage his lawnmower. Mrs. McNally was also present and expressed her concern over the hours that they work on the tower. She stated that there were workers in her yard at midnight with flashlights. She would like to be notified in advance when they will be working late. Mr. Simmermon will speak with the workers.

Mr. McNally also expressed his concern over the Borough possibly spending tax payers' money to complete the improvements at High Bridge.

Bruce Sherman was present to express his concern over the unkempt state of 40 West Ave. He stated that the foliage is overtaking his property. He spoke with the attorney handling the foreclosure of this property. The attorney stated that he does not have the address for the property owner. The Mayor will speak with the attorney regarding this matter. Mr. Sherman requested public works to trim the foliage on the property. Mr. Grenier requested Mr. Vanaman to clean up the overgrown foliage.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Grenier to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2013 Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Soultz. Absent: Mr. Layton. Abstained: Mr Segrest and Mr. Merkle

Finance

RESOLUTION 2013-66

Resolution 2013-66 Accepting the Audit was approved on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

The Cash Position Statement was presented.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented.

Streets and Roads

A motion to award paving contract for High Bridge to Asphalt Paving Corp. in the amount of \$192,071.50 was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Ms. Soultz, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

A motion to award contract to Site Video Survey in the amount of \$2,000.00 to video High Bridge Storm drains was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Ms. Soultz, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

A motion to authorize soliciting bids for Alloway Road sidewalks for the remainder of the Small Cities Grant was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

RESOLUTION 2013-68

Resolution 2013-68 Requesting 6 Month Extension to NJDOT State Aid Grant for East Millbrooke Ave. was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Mr. Hiles received letters of approval from residents surrounding the proposed location for installation of a street light on Bailey Street. The total cost is \$692.50 with Salem County paying half of that cost.

A motion to allocate \$692.50 in anticipation of Salem County honoring their proposal to pay half was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Ms. Soultz, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

The Public Works Report was presented.

Utilities

The Borough received a \$400,000 Small Cities Grant for water main replacement on Green Street.

A motion to authorize receiving bids for Green Street water main replacement and paving was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

Public Safety

A motion to approve Joseph Anthony Gonnelli as a Junior Member of Reliance Fire Company was made by Ms. Soultz, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

A motion to approve Social Affairs Permit for the Fall Festival Beer Garden was made by Ms. Soultz, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

RESOLUTION 2013-67

Resolution 2013-67 Supporting Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over was approved on a motion by Ms. Soultz, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

The Police Report was presented.

General Government

No report

Health Recreation and Welfare

No Report.

Solicitor's Report

No report

Mr. Hiles was contacted regarding a driveway replacement requirement in the Borough. After much discussion it was decided that the Ordinance must be reviewed for clarification.

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

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

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Jane Gallagher
Assistant to the Borough Clerk