

# WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 25, 2015

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 25th 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 President of Council Dave Layton, followed by the flag salute.

The following members were present:

Glenn Merkle	John Hall	Deb Tierno
Ed Segrest	Joe Hiles	

Members Absent: Don Dietrich.

## **Also Present:**

Cynthia Dalessio	Cris Simmermon	Jean Chetney
Jim Hackett	John Cantwell	Buster Burden

## **Public Portion**

There being no comment from the public portion was closed.

## **Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Tierno to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 Council meeting.

## **Solicitor's Report**

Mrs. Chetney stated that the appeal process is continuing and the appraiser has looked at Hillcrest.

Mrs. Chetney changed the indemnity clause for the street sweeper shared service agreement to reduce the Borough's liability. She had also stated she would like to make certain that JIF has approved the agreement. A motion was made by Mrs. Tierno, seconded by Mr. Hiles, contingent upon JIF approval. Mr. Hall will report back with any concerns from JIF.

A discussion centered around abandoned property ordinances. Mr. Hall and Mr. Hiles reviewed ordinances from other municipalities and discussed fines for violations. Mr. Segrest discussed having an outside company, possibly through a County cooperative that would address issues on our behalf and obtain revenue for the Borough. Mr. Layton asked Council to review the samples ordinance and be prepared to discuss their ideas at the second meeting in September.

## ORDINANCE 2015-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 43 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN ENTITLED "BRUSH, HEDGES, WEEDS AND OBNOXIOUS GROWTH, was introduced on a motion by Mrs. Tierno, seconded by Mr. Merkle. And a unanimous roll call vote. This amendment includes cutting grass at the curb and limits the height of grass to 8 inches.

## **Finance**

## ORDINANCE 2015-5

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

There being no comment from the public the hearing was closed. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Hall and a unanimous roll call vote.

The statement of cash position was reviewed.

Mr. Hackett would like to have a brief budget workshop on September 8 at 6:00 pm and a regular budget workshop on October 13 at 5:30 pm. He stated that the fire company is looking for a new truck and will need \$400,000.00 from the Borough.

## **Public Safety**

### RESOLUTION 2015-70

Approving the plenary retail consumption license for the Woodstown Diner was moved by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall and a unanimous roll call vote.

### RESOLUTION 2015-71

Cancelling outstanding court checks was moved by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall and a unanimous roll call vote.

### RESOLUTION 2015-72

Approving an amendment to the joint court agreement for personnel was moved by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall and a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Segrest stated that he could request the fire company to come to the budget workshop to discuss the new truck if Council would like.

## **Utilities**

A motion to forgive the water bill in the amount of \$135.46 for Rose Carter of 22 Liberty Avenue was made by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The monthly water meter reading report disclosed some meters are not transmitting and some indicate there are possible leaks. Letters will be sent to residents.

## **Streets and Roads**

Pierson submitted a quote for tree removal on Bailey Street in the amount of \$13,635.00, which includes prevailing wage. The road will be closed with a police presence. Police will be paid overtime for this project. Mr. Merkle commented that the original cost proposal for this sidewalk project was \$15,000.00 and is now costing \$40,000.00 with no sidewalks.

A motion to approve a change order including tree removal for the Bailey Street project was made by Ms. Tierno, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

ANJEC informed Council that funding is available for rain gardens in the Borough. These gardens are low maintenance and native plants will be planted. Rutgers staff and students will maintain these gardens for the first two years. They are asking for Council's approval and also for the proposed property location owner's information.

## **General Government**

Cost options for replacement of the cupola on Borough Hall have been received. Option A is closest to the original cupola and the architect prefers this option. Council agreed.

The quarterly report from JIF has been received. There has been zero loss since 2009.

## **Health Recreation and Welfare**

Quotes have been received for tree trimming at the park and lake with the low quote being \$1,850.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mrs. Tierno to pay the bills.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Cynthia Dalessio  
Borough Clerk