

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 22, 2015

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 22th day of September 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	Ed Segrest
Joe Hiles	Dave Layton
John Hall	

Absent: Debra Tierno, Glenn Merkle

Also Present:

Cynthia Dalessio	John Cantwell
Jane Gallagher	Cris Simmermon
Jean Chetney	Shane Godshall
Jeff Bowling	

Absent: James Hackett

Public Portion

Shane Godshall requested approval from Council for purchase of milkweed plants to be given out at the Fall Festival. The cost is \$170.11. This amount will have to be added to tonight's bill list.

A motion to approve the purchase of milkweed plants to be given out at the Fall Festival for a total cost of \$170.11 was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Jeff Bowling was present to discuss purchase of a new fire truck. He presented a proposal from HGAC (Houston Galveston Area Commission) which is a co-op for purchasing the truck, and would receive a 4% commission of the base price, plus a percentage off any additions. This would eliminate the need for bids. Ms. Chetney will review this proposal.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015 Council meeting was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Solicitor's Report

There was discussion regarding payment of the insurance deductible for the lamp post that was knocked down. It was decided that the Borough is responsible for payment of the deductible. Mr. Dietrich will contact the state prior to the reconstruction of the Route 40 to see if they will determine the location of the electrical lines for the lampposts.

Ms. Chetney advised she received a demand from the plaintiffs today for the Hillcrest tax appeal. Ms. Chetney will get Mr. Busa's opinion regarding their proposal. She will have a recommendation at the next meeting. The trial has been postponed to November 5, 2015.

Finance

No report.

Public Safety

ORDINANCE 2015-7 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK IN COOPERATION WITH PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$425,000, THEREFORE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$400,000.00 IN BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

Ordinance 2015-7 was introduced on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council with the exception of Mr. Hiles, who abstained. Absent: Mr. Merkle, Ms. Tierno

Mr. Simmermon reported he met with representative of the Fall Festival Committee regarding public safety. He also met with Pierson regarding traffic control for tree removal on Bailey Street. There is no date yet for the tree removal.

Utilities

A motion to approve a water connection for 1160 Route 40 in Pilesgrove Township was made by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Merkle, Ms. Tierno

The water reduction request for 250 N. Main Street was tabled until the next meeting in order for Mr. Layton to review the information provided.

Streets and Roads

RESOLUTION 2015-76 APPROVING TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPLICATION FOR SPRING GARDEN STREET

Resolution 2015-76 was approved on a motion by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Merkle, Ms. Tierno

General Government

Council accepted the resignation of the Fire Official and the Plumbing Official. Ms. Dalessio has advertised these positions on the NJLM website.

There is asbestos in the basement of Borough Hall. The plan is to remove the asbestos in the boiler room and contain it in other locations. Mr. Hall will discuss options for remediation with Mr. Mitchell.

The bid for a galvanized aluminum fire escape came in at \$141,500.00. We still need estimates for the generator and the air conditioner.

The weathervane is bent and needs to be repaired.

The JIF return should be good this year.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

No report.

Mr. Hiles received an email regarding sale of property near Spencer Church. He forwarded the email to Mr. Merkle.

Mr. Layton requested Council packets be sent home the Friday prior to the meetings. It was decided that minutes and the agenda will be sent electronically from now on.

Pay Bills

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Jane Gallagher
Assistant to the Borough Clerk