

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 24, 2013

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 24th day of September, 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
Dave Layton
Joe Hiles
Fran Grenier

Glenn Merkle
Ed Segrest
Veronica Soultz

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon
Jim Hackett
Jane Gallagher
Fran Rapa
Ellen Perry
Harry Vanaman

George Rosenberger
Cynthia Dalessio
Floyd McNally
Shane Godshall
Danielle Farrell
Al Goforth

Public Portion

Fran Rapa thanked Council for their leadership with the Open Space Plan. The environmental assessment quote of \$3,560, plus \$1,000 is to be paid by the Open Space Fund for possible purchase of property on Alloway Road. Fifty percent would be reimbursed through Green Acres.

Al Goforth requested a status update on the heater repair/replacement at the Reliance Fire Company. The quotes received for replacement are outdated and new quotes will have to be obtained. The last quote was submitted by Laury Heating and at that time, they recommended that the heater be replaced. A new system could cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Ms. Soultz with speak with Mayor Eachus of Pilesgrove to see if they will pay half of the cost.

A motion to approve Danielle Farrell to prepare bid specifications for the heater replacement at the Reliance Fire Company was made by Ms. Soultz, seconded by Mr. Segrest, with a unanimous roll call vote of Council, with the exception of Mr. Hiles who abstained. A Capital Ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting.

The Borough's share of the cost for the concrete replacement at Reliance Fire Company will be \$4,625.00. This will have to be part of the Capital Ordinance.

Ellen Perry stated she has walked around the entire Borough and notated what properties are without sidewalks. Mr. Layton stated that when grants become available for road replacement, sidewalk installation is included.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Grenier to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013 Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Hiles. Abstained: Ms. Soultz

Finance

RESOLUTION 2013-72 EMERGENCY RESOLUTION PER NJS 40A:4-48

Resolution 2013-72 was approved on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

The next Budget Workshop will be held on October 22, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Safety

A motion to hire a back up crossing guard was made by Ms. Soultz, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Fire Prevention Week will begin on October 7, 2013.

Utilities

A motion to award a contract to Mazzara Trucking & Excavation in the amount of \$613,328.00 for the reconstruction of Green Street was made by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Streets and Roads

A motion to award a contract to Ocean Construction, LLC in the amount of \$52,547.00 for sidewalks improvements was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Paving at High Bridge will begin on September 25, 2013. The 4 water valves were repaired by Public Works.

The last day for chipping will be October 3, 2013. Leaf pick up will begin October 7, 2013.

Over 30 applications were received regarding the Public Works laborer position

General Government

A motion to authorize Mayor Dietrich to sign the agreement of sale in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a subdivided lot at 298 Bailey Street was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Mr. Hiles wants to have sidewalks installed at this property as soon as possible. Mr. Segrest stated it is easier to receive sidewalk grants if the property is Borough owned.

Mr. Rosenberger will review the proposed agreement regarding the shared services agreement for trash removal with Logan Township.

Health Recreation and Welfare

ORDINANCE 2013-11

A motion to introduce ORDINANCE 2013-11 AMENDING CHAPTER 73 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

ORDINANCE 2013-10

A motion to introduce ORDINANCE 2013-10 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN TO PURCHASE TWO PARCELS OF UNIMPROVED LAND WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN TO PURCHASE TWO PARCELS OF UNIMPROVED LAND WITHIN THE BOROUGH FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$150,000.00 FROM THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC TRUST FUND FOR FINANCING

SUCH APPROPRIATIONS was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Rosenberger is communicating with the defense attorney handing the lawsuit we received from the Sylvestri Estate.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Jane Gallagher
Assistant to the Borough Clerk