

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 8th day of October, 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

Glenn Merkle
Ed Segrest

Absent: Veronica Soultz, Dave Layton

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon
Jim Hackett
Jane Gallagher
Danielle Farrell
Harry Vanaman

Emma Lopez
Cynthia Dalessio
Ellen Perry
Denise Horton

Public Portion

Denise Horton informed Council that there will be a High Bridge Homeowner's Association meeting on October 28, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She invited Council and Borough Employees to attend.

Emma Lopez, Health Educator from Tobacco-Free New Jersey made a presentation of the dangers of second hand smoke.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Grenier to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2013 Council meeting with one correction, seconded by Mr. Hiles. Absent: Ms. Soultz, Mr. Layton

Health Recreation and Welfare

ORDINANCE 2013-11

ORDINANCE 2013-11 AMENDING CHAPTER 73 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE was opened for public hearing on a motion by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Segrest.

With there being no comment from the public, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Segrest.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-11 was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Ms. Soultz, Mr. Layton

ORDINANCE 2013-10

ORDINANCE 2013-10 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN TO PURCHASE TWO PARCELS OF UNIMPROVED LAND WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$150,000.00 FROM BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE,

RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC TRUST FUND FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATIONS was opened for public hearing on a motion by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Grenier.

Ellen Perry is concerned that trees on the Bailey Street property will interfere with the installation of sidewalks.

Public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hiles.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-10 was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Ms. Soultz, Mr. Layton

Mr. Grenier stated that NJ350, A Celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the founding of New Jersey will be celebrated in 2014. They have provided a sample resolution to be adopted next year.

Finance

Mr. Grenier stated there have been people sitting on the steps of Mr. Zehner's property on North Main Street. Mr. Grenier will try to speak with Mr. Zehner before the next meeting to discuss the possibility of installing a bench on North Main Street so that people will have somewhere to sit.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented.

A memo was presented to Council regarding anticipated transfers for High Bridge.

The technology grant from Comcast was received. This grant will be in next year's budget.

Public Safety

RESOLUTION 2013-73

Resolution 2013-73 Abandoned Vehicles was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier

The Mayor was authorized to sign the agreement for police coverage at the Early Childhood Learning Center was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Ms. Soultz, Mr. Layton

ORDINANCE 2013-14

ORDINANCE 2013-14 A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN, SALEM COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FIREHOUSE, AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$48,000.00 AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$48,000.00 FOR FINANCING THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN'S SHARE OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS was introduced on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council, with the exception of Mr. Hiles, who abstained. Absent: Ms. Soultz, Mr. Layton

A motion to obtain a quote from the engineer for a direct install grant application for the fire house repairs if there is money in residual capital to pay for the application was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council, with the exception of Mr. Hiles, who abstained. Absent: Ms. Soultz, Mr. Layton

Streets and Roads

The Engineer's Report was presented.

Mrs. Perry asked whether or not a sidewalk installation will be done on a portion of Green Street when the reconstruction is done. Ms. Farrell will look into getting the sidewalks done.

ORDINANCE 2013-12

ORDINANCE 2013-12 AMENDING CAPITAL ORDINANCE 2013-5 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO GREEN STREET INCLUDING

THE REPLACEMENT OF DETERIORATED SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAINS, INCREASING THE APPROPRIATION FROM \$500,000.00 TO \$680,000.00, THEREFORE, AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING OF SAID GREEN STREET PROJECT THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$470,000.00 OF THE BOROUGH THROUGH SMALL CITIES CDBG GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND THROUGH THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND WATER UTILITY CAPITAL was introduced on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

Mr. Hiles spoke with a Representative of the 3rd Legislative District regarding a safety evaluation of the intersection of North Main Street and Auburn Road.

A motion to approve a resolution asking the NJDOT to conduct a traffic survey of North Main Street and Auburn Road was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Grenier. Mr. Hackett stated the State conducted a traffic survey approximately 10 years ago and the State recommended the installation of a traffic light. At that time, Council voted no. Mr. Hiles will check with Richard Pfeffer regarding the previous traffic study.

Mr. Hiles and Mr. Grenier rescinded their motions.

A letter from Senator Sweeney was received regarding pedestrian safety at the intersection of Route 40 and 45.

The seconded round of interviews for a Public Works Laborer will begin tomorrow. Over 60 applications were received for this position.

Chipping is finished for the year and will resume the second Thursday of January. Leaf pick up has begun.

Mr. Hiles would like to name a Veteran of the Year at the November 12th meeting.

Utilities

ORDINANCE 2013-13

ORDINANCE 2013-13 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO PURCHASE TWO PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00 AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$70,000.00 FROM CAPITAL FUNDS FOR FINANCING OF SUCH IMPROVEMENT was introduced on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Ms. Soultz, Mr. Layton

General Government

The 3rd District Mobile Office will be at Borough Hall on October 23, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The first meeting of November 2014 will fall on Veteran's Day. This meeting will be held on November 10, 2013 instead.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

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

Mr. Hackett reviewed the Best Practices Checklist. We will have no reduction in state aid.

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

Jane Gallagher
Assistant to the Borough Clerk