

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 11th day of October 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall in accordance with the Annual Notice adopted January 5, 2016 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	John Hall
Joe Hiles	Deb Tierno

Absent: Ed Segrest, Dave Layton, Glenn Merkle

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon	John Cantwell
Jane Gallagher	Cynthia Dalessio
William Zeigler	Mike Quinnette
Jodi Fox	

Public Portion

Jodi Fox was present to request use of Marvin L. Watson Park for church youth activities on October 23, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Council approved Ms. Fox's request. The police department will be instructed to open and close the bathrooms at the park on that day.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest, Mr. Layton, Mr. Merkle

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Ziegler presented a draft of the Vacant Property Ordinance to Council for their review.

ORDINANCE 2016-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 43 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN ENTITLED "WEEDS AND OBNOXIOUS GROWTHS" TO ADD A SECTION TO ADDRESS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES

Ordinance 2016-15 was introduced on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest, Mr. Layton, Mr. Merkle. This Ordinance would require the registration and maintenance of vacant and abandoned properties.

Finance

The Tax Collector's Report was presented.

There will be a budget workshop held before the next meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Public Safety

A motion to table the Abandoned Vessel Ordinance was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest, Mr. Layton, Mr. Merkle.

A motion to approve Lawrence Newton as a member of the Reliance Fire Company was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest, Mr. Layton, Mr. Merkle.

The Police Report was presented.

Utilities

Gaudelli Brothers have finished work on the upstairs air conditioner at Borough Hall.

The Transportation Trust Fund should be signed by the Governor tomorrow.

Streets and Roads

Ms. Tierno discussed having a representative of Guardian Tracking present at the next meeting to discuss their program. This program is used by the police department and it is an electronic employee record system. Ms. Tierno would like to see if it would be beneficial to have all employees on this program.

Mr. Hiles brought up a concern from Jack Ledden about parking on East Grant Street. Mr. Ledden says there are too many people parking on the street and proposed that perhaps the Borough could limit parking to one side of the street. Mr. Simmermon said East Grant is a wide street and there have been no incidents.

Mr. Ledden also wanted to know when leaf pickup would start. Public Works is shorthanded and leaf pickup will begin the week of October 17.

Mr. Hiles also brought up Mr. Horvath's request that the cross walk at Layton's Funeral Home be moved. The minutes will be reviewed from previous discussions to determine what the last discussion was.

There will be an upcoming meeting with the NJDOT concerning curbs on East Ave.

General Government

Mr. Hall reminded everyone that the JIF will be having a conflict resolution class.

Work has started on the rain garden at Garrison Park.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

No Report

Mr. Hiles nominated Mr. Russell Pepperess as Veteran of the Year.

Pay Bills

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 7:42 p.m.

Jane Gallagher, Assistant to the Borough Clerk