

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 13th day of October 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	Debra Tierno
John Hall	Glenn Merkle

Absent: Dave Layton

Also Present:

Cynthia Dalessio	John Cantwell
Jane Gallagher	Cris Simmermon
Jean Chetney	Frank Mitchell
James Hackett	Erin Mera
Denise Dodge	Mickey Griffith

Public Portion

Erin Mera requested use of Watson Park for a Family Fun Day church function on October 25, 2015 from 11:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. She also requested use of the bathrooms at the park. She will come to borough hall prior to the event to pick up the key for the bathrooms.

Denise Dodge requested Council to subordinate her housing rehab loan. The Solicitor feels there are extenuating circumstances in this case and that each request should be reviewed individually. Ms. Chetney will prepare a procedure for future requests. A motion to approve this request was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

Mickey Griffith requested permission to move the shed on the Borough's property back onto his property. A motion to approve this request was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Ms. Tierno, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015 Council meeting was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Ms. Tierno, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council with the exception of Mr. Merkle who abstained. Absent: Mr. Layton

Solicitor's Report

The Town and Country tax appeal has been postponed to December 3, 2015.

Ms. Chetney advised Council that a resolution should be adopted to enter into a national co-op for purchase of the fire truck. It will also have to be advertised.

Ms. Chetney stated that there has been an Appellate Division decision which states that municipalities cannot charge for landlord registration fees. She advised Council to not make any changes to the Ordinance until she does further research.

Finance

The Statement of Cash Position was presented.

The Best Practices worksheet was reviewed.

The construction office spent 80 hours in September in Oldmans Township for a total of \$3,888.00. Once the overhead was subtracted, the Borough's profit was \$530.00

The Southern Coastal HIF is separating on January 16, 2016. They should have a 6-7 million dollar surplus.

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 opened for public hearing on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-7 was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

RESOLUTION 2015-77 ABANDONED VEHICLE – 350 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Resolution 2015-77 was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton.

Interviews for a judge for the Mid Salem County Court will begin in late October, early November.

Utilities

A motion to reduce the water bill for 250 N. Main Street in the amount of \$172.85 was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton. This was a very difficult leak to locate.

RESOLUTION 2015-78 CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT ENTITLED: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LOWER DELAWARE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Resolution 2015-78 was approved on a motion by Ms. Tierno, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

Streets and Roads

The Engineer's Report was presented.

The Alloway Road project is about two weeks behind schedule.

Bid opening for borough hall improvements will be held on November 17, 2015.

Walk to School Day will be held on October 29, 2015

General Government

RESOLUTION 2015-79 APPOINTING PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL

Resolution 2015-79 appointing Peter Voros retroactive to October 1, 2015 was approved on a motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

RESOLUTION 2015-80 APPOINTING FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL

Resolution 2015-80 appointing Dennis Sharpe retroactive to October 1, 2015 was approved on a motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

RESOLUTION 2015-81 REJECTING BIDS FOR HOUSING REHAB GRANT 113 WASHINGTON STREET

Resolution 2015-81 was approved on a motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton.

Mr. Hiles would like to send a letter of support to the post office regarding their proposed move to the ground floor. It was the feeling of Council to wait due to other factors such as leases, etc.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

A motion to appoint William Roper as the 2015 Veteran of the Year was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

Mr. Dietrich will contact Mr. Roper to invite him to attend the next meeting on November 10, 2015.

Pay Bills

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

A motion to enter into closed session was made by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Hall.

A motion to return to open session was made by Mr Hall, seconded by Mr. Hiles.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Jane Gallagher
Assistant to the Borough Clerk