

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**

November 26, 2013

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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	Matthew Perry
Fran Grenier	Dave Layton
Joe Hiles	

Absent: Ed Segrest

Cris Simmermon	Edel Huskey
Jim Hackett	Danielle Farrell
Jane Gallagher	Julie Acton
Denise McVeigh	

**Public Portion**

Mr. Perry was sworn in by Julie Acton. Ms. Acton congratulated Mr. Perry for his community service.

**Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 Council meeting was made by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Grenier, with the exception of Mr. Merkle, who abstained.

**Finance**

**RESOLUTION 2013-78**

Resolution 2013-78 for Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$1,231,000.00 was approved on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest

**RESOLUTION 2013-80**

Resolution 2013-80 Budget Transfer Resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest

Mr. Grenier is still looking into whether it's the Borough's responsibility to place a bench for a bus stop in front of Mr. Zehner's office on North Main Street.

Denise McVeigh from Recycle Bank presented her "Renewal" proposal. She distributed packets to Council with the information.

## **Public Safety**

### **RESOLUTION 2013-79**

Resolution 2013-79 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Extension January 1, 2014 to June 20, 2014 was approved on a motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest

Mr. Simmermon stated the grand opening of the Early Childhood Learning Center will be held on November 27, 2013. Woodstown High School will be having a football game on November 28, 2013. The Candlelight Tour will be on December 6, 2013 and the Woodstown High School versus Haddonfield High School will be held at Rowan University on December 7, 2013.

## **Utilities**

### **RESOLUTION 2013-81**

Resolution 2013-81 to Purchase Under State Contract was approved on a motion by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest.

As part of the hiring process of the two new employees for Public Works, they will be required to sign a contract. There is a stipulation in the contract that requires them to obtain certain licenses within two years.

The Green Street project has been challenging. Mr. Layton is concerned with communication between the contractor and the residents. . Mr. Layton proposes a single contact person to cut down on the confusion. Mr. Layton volunteered himself as the contact person.

### **ORDINANCE 2013-16**

Ordinance 2013-16 Increasing Water Rates was introduced on a motion by Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest

## **Streets and Roads**

The Engineer's Report was presented.

The ADA curb cuts in High Bridge are complete.

Mr. Segrest is taking the lead in the firehouse heater replacement. Ms. Farrell and Mr. Segrest have spoken with three contractors for the boiler replacement.

The Public Works Report was presented.

At the previous meeting, residents on East Avenue were present to discuss their concerns with speeding and potholes in front of their homes. Repaving on East Avenue is scheduled for 2015. This does not include a speed analysis. The State recommends that someone else conduct a speed analysis study. Mr. Hiles will contact an engineer to discuss this.

## **General Government**

There are three dying trees on East Wilson Avenue. A series of branches on other trees are hanging too low. The County has proposed splitting the cost with the Borough. The Borough's share would be \$1,450, which will be paid from the Shade Tree Committee. A motion to approve the Borough's share of the tree trimming cost not to exceed \$1,600.00 was made by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Layton, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest.

**Health, Recreation & Welfare**

**ORDINANCE 2013-15**

Ordinance 2013-15 Capital Ordinance for Purchase of Trash Containers was opened for public hearing on a motion by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-15 was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Segrest

After further consideration, Mr. Merkle and Mr. Grenier withdrew their motions so that Council can review the most current information.

The County Cultural Heritage Commission is asking communities to adopt a sample Resolution for next year celebrating NJ350, which is celebrating New Jersey's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for 2014.

Mr. Merkle questioned why the Borough is paying for overtime police coverage for the Candlelight Tour. Council agreed it was too late to do anything about this year's tour, but will revisit the issue next year.

**Solicitor's Report**

No Report.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Jane Gallagher  
Assistant to the Borough Clerk