

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 29, 2014

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 29th day of December, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall in accordance with the Annual Notice adopted January 6, 2014 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 Councilman, Ed Segrest, followed by the flag salute.

The following members were present:

Joe Hiles	Glenn Merkle
Matt Perry	Fran Grenier

Absent: Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Layton

Also Present:

Jim Hackett	Jane Gallagher
Cris Simmermon	

Public Portion

No public comment.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 Council meeting was made by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Perry followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton, Mr. Dietrich

Finance

ORDINANCE 2014-15 CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FIREHOUSE

Ordinance 2014-15 was opened for public hearing on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Layton

With there being no comment from the public; the public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Layton

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-15 was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council, with the exception of Mr. Hiles who abstained. Absent: Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Layton

Mr. Hackett stated there will be a notice given to all employees comparing the 2014 to the 2015 health insurance rates. This is the last year of the statutory rate increase.

RESOLUTION 2014-86 TRANSFER RESOLUTION

Resolution 2014-86 was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Layton

The Statement of Cash Position was presented.

Public Safety

There was discussion concerning salaries for Deputy Municipal Emergency Coordinators. Mr. Segrest will check with a representative of Pilesgrove to determine what they pay their deputy before making a recommendation.

There was also discussion regarding quarterly payments to Reliance Fire Company in lieu of payment of monthly bills. Mr. Segrest will discuss this with Jeff Bowling before a determination is made. Mr. Hackett will compile a list of the fire company's bills before the next meeting.

The budget and salaries are set for the Joint Municipal Court. Woodstown's share is 22%. Revenue is also up for the court. Prosecutor John Hoffmann will be retiring at the end of the year. Resumes were received and the new municipal court Prosecutor will be Nikki Trunk.

The yearend synopsis for the police department was presented.

Utilities

ORDINANCE 2014-16 AMENDING CHAPTER 90 (WATER RATES)

Ordinance 2014-16 was opened for public hearing on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Layton

With there being no comment from the public; the public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Layton

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-16 was made by Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Layton

Streets and Roads

There was discussion regarding authorization to sign a maintenance roadway resurfacing contract from the DOT for Route 40.

A motion to authorize Frank Mitchell to sign the maintenance roadway resurfacing contract upon condition of the engineer's approval was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Grenier, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Layton

General Government

Reorganization will be held on January 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Mr. Merkle spoke with resident, Susan Champion, regarding her request to place a memorial plaque and tree planting for her son. Quotes were received and given to Ms. Champion.

Solicitor's Report

No Report

Pay Bills

A motion to pay the bills with additions was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Grenier

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Jane Gallagher
Assistant to the Borough Clerk