

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held at 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall in accordance with the Annual Notice adopted January 2, 2018 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	Valerie Lacy
Bertha Hyman	Glenn Merkle
Deb Tierno	

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon	Wesley Burden
Karin Wood	Andrew Ware
Erik Biermann	Cynthia Dalessio
Melissa Fackler	Jim Hackett
Doug Sabel-Eagle Scout	

Public Portion

Andrew Ware introduced the Fourth Friday event schedule that is held on North and South Main Street. The plans are for it to take place April 27, 2018 and to go through October 2018. Mr. Ware is trying to get a classic cruise car show to kick off the events and possibly expanding into Snelbaker lawn for kid events and music. Council discussed cost for overtime for our officers and Mr. Ware mentioned cost sharing if their raffle drawing is a success. A motion was approved by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hall for the Fourth Fridays to take place for the 2018 year.

Minutes

Approval of Council minutes and the budget meeting minutes from February 27, 2018 were approved on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Merkle with a unanimous vote by all except Ms. Tierno which abstained.

Solicitor's Report

Mrs. Wood informed Council of the correct steps that need to be taken for the house on 351 South Main Street in order to demolish the building. Frank Mitchell needs to get a report from the sub code official stating their finding along with, if possible the fire code officials finding. Frank Mitchell will then act the judge and official letter will be sent to owners. Approved on a motion by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mr. Hall follow by a unanimous vote.

The owners of "pink house" on 40 West Ave have yet to respond to the letter sent by Mrs. Wood and she is hoping to hear back by next meeting.

Mrs. Lacy brought up email addresses and OPRA request. The discussion was had suggesting everyone set up a separate email for all Borough related emails to go into.

Finance

Resolution 2018-26

Open Space Tax was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call.

Ordinance 2018-2

Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank

Introduction of CAP ordinances was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll vote.

Budget

Budget Resolution 26A

Introduction of Budget was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call. There is a \$.02 increase in this budget. March 30, 2018 it will be published in South Jersey Times and a Public hearing will be held on April 30, 2018.

Ordinance 2018-1

An ordinance fixing and establishing the salaries and compensation of the officers and employees of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem, state of New Jersey

With no comments during the public hearing it was closed and was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-27

Salary increase for Finance Clerk to \$16.50 an hour was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous roll call.

Resolution 2018-28

Amending the temporary budget was approved by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call.

Public Safety

Mr. Simmermon present police report.

Crossing guard Gordon Lockman was in an accident and the backup is covering. Mr. Merkle suggested possibly looking for another back-up in case anything else happens.

Utilities

Eric Biermann has reviewed Pierson water application and made comments asking for resolutions on the issues before Council approves. He hopes for it to be ready in a few weeks.

Video of pipe on Broad St. has been reviewed with point repairs needed at a number of different locations, but the biggest concern is East Grant and Bowen. There is a meeting set up for budget on the repairs in the upcoming week.

The contract for Mark Blauer as Grant Consultant of Spring Garden and Liberty water main replacement was tabled until next meeting.

Streets and Roads

Approval of payment to R&V for Maple Court in the amount not to exceed \$637.00 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Hyman and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call.

General Government

No New reports

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Mr. Hall had a meeting with the Rec. Association.

A Community Garden on E. Millbrook was a topic discussed as the school would like to get Mary Shoe Maker students involved. The school is to be looking into a plan with FFA and send Mr. Hall a letter with what they want. Once we get the letter at that point we will see what the Borough can do, but in the time being we will look into the deed for any life time rights to the land from the previous owner.

In a special request from Mrs. Lacy, Mayor Don Dietrich will be writing a proclamation letter celebrating a current resident's 100th birthday.

Paying the bills with additions approved by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk