

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 27, 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

Members absent:

Deb Tierno

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon	Wesley Burden
Karin Wood	Syed Benarba
Erik Biermann	Cynthia Dalessio
Melissa Fackler	Jim Hackett
Frank Mitchell	Harry Vannaman
Jeff Bowling	Don Simmons

Public Portion

Syed Benarba discussed the condition and concerns over 351 S. Main, which has been previously discussed by Council. Mrs. Wood has the complaint letter finished and is waiting on the construction code official report. Letter will be mailed out this week and the process can continue 10 days after the date it is sent. A motion to demolish 351 S Main immediately according the state statute was made by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mrs. Lacy, however the motion was rescinded. Mr. Hackett informed Council that the demolition was not in the budget and we would have to amend the resolution for the temporary budget. A new motion to demolish the house as soon as possible if the Construction Code Official deems it emergent and is legal by the New Jersey state statute was made by Mr. Hiles seconded by Mr. Hall. Mrs. Wood will look into the state statute to insure all requirements are met and reach back out to Council.

Minutes

Approval of Council minutes and the budget meeting minutes from March 13, 2018 were approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Merkle with a unanimous vote.

Solicitor's Report

Mrs. Wood has been in contact with the owners of the pink house on 40 West Ave. The owner has sent her an email stating he did not recall the time frame in which the work needed to be done and also provided a time of his own when everything on the outside will be completed. A closed session will be held at the end of meeting to further discuss this topic.

Finance

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

Public hearing was opened for adoption of CAP ordinance. Having no comments, public hearing was closed. A motion to adopt was made by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-29

Resolution amending temporary budget and adding \$10,000.00 for building demolition was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-30

Resolution amending temporary water budget was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Tax Collector's report was presented for review.

Public Safety

The fire truck did not meet reserve on Gov Deals. A motion was made to see if Elk Township wants it and if not it will be reposted with a \$10,000.00 reserve until our next meeting by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Andrew and Nicholas Buirch as regular members of Reliance Fire Company was done so by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote by all but Mr. Hiles abstain.

Police Chief position to be posted on April 01, 2018

Jeff Bowling spoke regarding the higher utility bills caused by the amount of activity they have been having and also housing the ambulance squad. They are looking into seeing if there is any help that can be given possibly by the ambulance's insurance company.

Utilities

Approval of water connection for 219 E Millbrooke was made on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous vote.

Approval of AC Schultes was made on a motion by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Erik Biermann informed us that he had received the Pierson plan, but revisions still need to be made and hopefully we will have it by next meeting.

Streets and Roads

West Millbrooke bamboo needs to be addressed and Frank Mitchell will send a letter to owner to cut it back.

County paving of Bailey Street is supposed to begin May 14, 2018. It will include sidewalks to be installed and stumps to be removed along with handicap ramps on Lotus. Frank Mitchell will be in contact with the County regarding the water main.

General Government

No New reports

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Ordinance 2017-13 authorizing the Borough of Woodstown, Salem County, New Jersey to provide funding to purchase new recycle containers, appropriating the of \$7,200.00 from the capital improvement fund of the Borough of Woodstown.

A public hearing was opened to re-adopt capital ordinance for purchase of recycle cart, hearing no comments it was closed and adopted on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-31

Borough of Woodstown Tonnage grant application resolution was approved by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Asbury Methodist Church was approved to have their sunrise service at the lake on Easter Sunday by Mr. Hall and second by Mrs. Hyman followed by a unanimous vote.

A motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous vote.

A motion to go return to open session was made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote.

It was decided that Mrs. Wood will send a letter to the owner of 40 West Ave. stating he needs to have at least the front of the house painted by October 2018.

Paying the bills with additions approved by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:36 p.m.

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk