

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 9, 2019

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, 2019 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:

Bertha Hyman John Hall

Joe Hiles

Glenn Merkle

The following members were absent:

Stacy Shorter-Carney Valerie Lacy

Also Present:

Melissa Fackler

Jim Hackett

Erik Biermann

Mike Quinnette

Ray Mattson

Edel Huskey

Adam Telsey

Welsey Burden

Dorothy Curley

Chris Snyder

Public Portion

Mike Quinnette discussed his concerns as the Sewer Authority Chairman with an ordinance on the agenda that would require residency for Sewerage Authority members. Mr. Hiles said he was going to table the ordinance for further review. Mr. Merkle questioned the origin of the ordinance considering it had not previously come before council.

Minutes

Approval of Council minutes from March 26, 2019 was done on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Merkle with a unanimous vote except for Mrs. Hyman who abstained.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Telsey informed Council that he has been working on the Ordinance that was on tonight's meeting requiring residency for Sewerage Authority members. He also has been looking into golf carts on the Borough roadways and confirms that is not allowed.

Mr. Telsey and Mr. Merkle conducted police negotiations with the Police FOP lawyer during a meeting that was held last week.

Finance

Tax Collectors Report was presented for review.

Resolution 2018-36

A resolution amending the temporary budget in the total amount not to exceed \$73,500.00 was approved on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Safety

Police Report was presented for review.

Woodstown Pilesgrove Business Association is meeting on April 11, 2019 for their monthly meeting and all are invited to join at 7:00am at Friends.

Utilities

A motion to approve change order #1 for Pioneer Pipe increasing the contract by \$70,195.00, which includes four ground hydrants, filling old water mains with grout and two emergency water main repairs was done by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion to approve partial payment #1 to Pioneer Pipe in the amount not to exceed \$776,534.42 was done by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Biermann informed Council that NJDOT awarded Woodstown with a \$180,000 grant for the repaving of Colson Court.

The quote for the storm sewer on Broad Street came in at \$191,600.00, which Mr. Merkle will discuss with Pilesgrove to see if they will be willing to split the cost.

Route 40 & Route 45 NJDOT paving project will start tomorrow by setting up signs and starting the tree work that needs to be completed.

Mr. Hiles informed Council that he has been in contact with South Jersey Gas and they are waiting on the time frame from their contractor on the repaving of South Main Street.

A motion to approve Tracy Cianci and Jim Hackett's requests for an old fire hydrant was done by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

Streets and Roads

ORDINANCE 2019-5

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN REGARDING STREET OPENINGS.

Public hearing was opened and hearing no comments public portion was closed.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-5 was done by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

The portable cross walk sign was stolen and the Borough has received two mounted signs. A motion to deploy the mounted signs at South Main and Dickinson Street was approved by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mrs. Hyman followed by a unanimous vote.

General Government

Resolution 2019-37

A resolution certifying compliance with the hiring practices of United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Merkle brought up questions regarding Facebook and what is allowed verses what is not allowed. Mr. Telsey is going to research the regulations and get back to Council at the next meeting.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Mr. Hall informed Council of Chief Mattson's good work taking care of the abandoned cars.

Paying the bills were approved on a motion by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2019-38

A motion to enter into close session to discuss contract negotiations was done by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous vote.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:20 PM

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk