

# WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 10, 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 Council President Glenn Merkle, followed by the flag salute.

The following members were present:

John Hall	Glenn Merkle
Joe Hiles	Valerie Lacy
Deb Tierno	

Members absent:

Bertha Hyman  
Don Dietrich

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon	Allen Rosenberg
Karin Wood	Representative from RE Pierson
Erik Biermann	Cynthia Dalessio
Melissa Fackler	Jim Hackett
Frank Mitchell	Nick Petroni

## **Budget**

### **Resolution 2018-32**

Certifying Budget Self-Exam was adopted on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Public hearing, with no comments public section was closed.

### **Resolution 2018-33**

Amending the 2018 Budget Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mrs. Lacy followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Resolution 2018-34**

Adopting the 2018 Budget Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **Public Portion**

Allen Rosenberg 65 W Millbrook discussed the bamboo at his house regarding the notice that was sent out after last meeting. He stated it has been there for over 38 years and has sentimental value to him and his family. He also stated the he had a cord holding back the bamboo until the last few storms this year. Mr. Simmermon commented on the issues with it covering the road and it makes it hard for emergency vehicles to pass through considering it covered 2/3 of the roadway. Allen Rosenberg says he will put up another cable within the next few weeks. Council would like to see two cables used to hold back the bamboo and if it the bamboo covers the roadway again it must be taken down. Allen Rosenberg agreed with those terms and a motion to approve that two secure cables will be used and if it is an issue again it must be removed was made by Mr. Hiles and second by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

Andy Ware Fourth Friday was tabled until next meeting

Being no other comments public section was closed.

## **Minutes**

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

## **Solicitor's Report**

351 South Main demolition process is continuing to move along. The formal complaint was filed stating the house is unfit for human habitation and hearing is set for April 19, 2018. However, the owners of 351 S. Main Street, the Carter's have been in contact with Mrs. Wood and have stated they have found a different contractor and will be signing contracts to have the house removed within 6-8 weeks. Council would like an agreement created between the Borough and the Carter's stating that if demolition has not started within those 6-8 weeks then the Borough has all rights to continue process where we left off. A motion was approved by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous vote that Mrs. Wood will draft a contract stating that if by June 1, 2018 demolition has not started that the Borough has the right to continue and Mr. Carter waives the hearing and any further notice.

## **Finance**

Statement of cash position was presented for review

Tax Collector's report was presented for review.

Online payments hope to be running by May if not for sure by August payment.

## **Public Safety**

The approval for the sale of the fire truck for \$5,000 was done so by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote.

Discussion regarding medical marijuana was held and Mrs. Wood state that in the bills current state Council would have year to ban or have to permit for five years.

Approval for Antique Fire Truck Brigade to use the lake on Sunday, June 3 was done by Mr. Hall and seconded by Ms. Tierno.

Monthly police report was presented by Mr. Simmermon. And also Mr. Simmermon informed Council that a crossing guard quit and that they are looking for a replacement.

Mr. Hiles also would like to place a sign for 30 days for Fire Company volunteers on the lawn out front of the Borough.

Tim Riley will be having Kathy's run 5K on May 12, 2018 on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded Ms. Lacy followed by a unanimous vote.

## **Utilities**

### **Resolution 2018-35**

Authorizing approval to sign NJDEP potable water permit supplication subject to conditions for Pierson Properties LLC was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call.

Engineers report was presented for review

Mr. Hiles would like to come up with a sewer issue notification system to insure all issues are taken care of as quickly as possible by the appropriate personal

## **Streets and Roads**

Gas main replacement from the lake to the center of town is now in process and will continue until complete.

Spring clean up is set for the third week of April and will be posted on the website.

Over 40,000 pounds chipped so far by public works.

## **General Government**

### **Resolution 2018-36**

Awarding Dillard Properties contract for small cities housing rehabilitation grant was approved on a motion by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Hall talked about the news letter and we will be doing one this year. We will be including the Water Quality Report as done before.

## **Health, Recreation & Open Space**

Approval of Memorial Lake for Read Across America Day event by Mary Shoemaker School on April 19<sup>th</sup> was made on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote.

Approval to use Watson Park with the use of water and bathrooms if Public Works can get them working, by Doretha Reese on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 3:00pm-7:00pm was approved by Mr. Hall and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous vote by all except Mrs. Lacy who abstained.

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 8:13 p.m.

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk