

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 23, 2024

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 by noticing the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal and posting on the Borough Website in compliance with the Sunshine Law NJSA 10:4-5 to 10:4-21.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joseph Hiles, followed by a roll call of members present.

The following members were present:

James Hackett	Glenn Merkle	Kristin Nixon
Bertha Hyman	Heather Bobbitt	

Absent: Stacy Shorter-Carney

Also Present:

Cynthia Dalessio, Patricia Bohren, Joe DiNicola, Erik Biermann, Jim Farro, Harry Vanaman, Wesley Burden, Ryan DeFalco, Brian Pokrzywa

Public Portion

Brian Pokrzywa of Kingsberry Lane thanked Public Works for their speedy response to a sink hole in front of his house. Engineer Biermann will make a site visit. Mr. Pokrzywa also discussed enforcement of on street parking in Candlelight Village. Chief DeFalco stated that the Police do issue warning and citations and he will look at that area.

There being no further comment the public portion was closed.

Minutes

Minutes from the April 9, 2024 Council meeting were approved on a motion by Nixon, seconded by Bobbitt with all in favor.

Solicitor

Solicitor DiNicola stated that they are approaching the final stages for the Cedar Way project. Deeds are ready and signatures will be obtained.

Solicitor DiNicola is preparing a resolution for the next meeting to proceed with in rem foreclosure on 24 West Ave.

Finance

A motion to pay bills was made by Nixon and seconded by Hyman. All were in favor.

Public Safety

A motion authorizing the mayor to sign the Municipal Alliance grant agreement was made by Merkle, seconded by Hackett with all in favor.

Chief DeFalco presented a report showing approximately \$13,000 in savings since the hiring of the shift breaker. Savings would have been higher, however there was unanticipated expense from Family Leave.

Mayor Hiles noted that Salem County Commissioners are having a meeting on May 1, 2024 in regards to the American Legion ambulance. Mayor Hiles will be attending the County meeting, while Councilman Merkle will attend the regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting.

Utilities

RESOLUTION 2024-47

A motion to approve the purchase of water meters was made by Hackett and seconded by Hyman. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor.

Engineer Biermann reported that the Marlton Road water main construction will start on April 24 and take approximately one week to complete. The county will come in after to complete the paving. There will be a lane closure with flaggers.

Streets and Roads

A resolution approving NJ DOT bus stops was tabled pending clarification.

There was discussion concerning a replacement plan for trash and recycle carts.

Councilman Merkle requested Public Works submit a written report monthly.

General Government

Lead Inspections for rentals was discussed. Councilwoman Nixon will be meeting with the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance.

Health, Recreation and Open Space

Leslie Gunnett would like to hold a free clothing swap at Memorial Lake on Saturday, May 11 (Give Away Day). People would bring used clothing items to swap or give away to others. Any leftover items will be taken back with them. A motion to approve was made by Bobbitt, seconded by Hyman, with all in favor.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Patricia Bohren
Deputy Borough Clerk