

# WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 28, 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        Stacy Shorter-Carney  
Valerie Lacy    Glenn Merkle

Also Present:

Melissa Fackler                      Jim Hackett  
Erik Biermann                        Cynthia Dalessio  
Ray Mattson                            Edel Huskey  
Adam Telsey                            Wesley Burden  
Frank Hearst

## **Public Portion**

Frank Hearst from 21 Bowen Ave came to discuss the possibility of subordinating his housing rehab loan in the amount \$22,246.35. Council would like Mr. Hearst to forward his appraisal of the house to Mrs. Dalessio and discuss it at the next meeting.

## **Minutes**

Approval of council minutes from May 14, 2019 was done on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote.

## **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Telsey informed Council that we cannot charge for mark outs.  
Mr. Telsey also reported that there has been no movement in the Police Contract.

## **Finance**

### **Resolution 2019-50**

Resolution authorizing the refund of a portion of second quarter 2019 Taxes for total disabled veteran Block 12.02 Lot 13 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Resolution 2019-51**

Resolution providing for the insertion of any special item of revenue in the 2019 budget of the Borough of Woodstown Chapter 159 for Clean Communities Grant in the sum of \$8,008.32 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed a unanimous roll call vote.

The Borough is getting a dividend from HIF in the amount of \$13,571.00.

## **Public Safety**

A motion to approve Jeffrey Proud as a junior member of Reliance Fire Company was done by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote, except Mr. Hiles who abstained.

Mr. Merkle gave a big thanks to our Public Works Department for getting the lake looking good for the Memorial Day Celebration.

## **Utilities**

A motion to authorize advertising the bids for Spring Garden and Liberty was done by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mrs. Lacy followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

South Jersey Gas will be paving South Main in the upcoming week.

The contractor working around the rail road tracks on South Main recommends the Borough request that the County require the road to be repaved upon completion of the work.

South Jersey Gas wants a new connection to the Fire House coming off of Elm St. However considering the drainage issues at the Fire House Mr. Biermann does not suggest placing it there and feels it should be placed on the driveway side, which is where it is now.

### **Streets and Roads**

A discussion was held regarding the 2019 Municipal Aid grant application, which is due on July 19, 2019. The fee for Sickels to prepare the application is \$2,650.00 and Council needs to decide on a street, if any that needs repaving, and how to pay for it.

#### **Resolution 2019-52**

A resolution introduced by title only for an emergency appropriation in the amount up to \$4,000.00 was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

A discussion was held regarding picking two street names for the Pierson development. Mayor Don Dietrich would like to name the streets after the two individuals that hold the Outstanding Citizens Award. Mr. Hall suggested Estelle Sherman, who was the first female on Council.

A motion to name the fountain and flower area that is going in front of the bank after Estelle Sherman and have Eichmann and Hathaway be used for the street names for Pierson development was made by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote, except for Mr. Merkle who opposed.

Mayor Don Dietrich will reach out to the Eichmann and Hathaway families for input on using Road, Lane or Avenue.

Mrs. Hyman informed Council that the County will be spraying the overgrown area by Mrs. Lindenmuth's house on South Main.

Mr. Hiles informed Council that Jeff Ridgeway will be putting up a no U-Turn sign and will be looking into other signs to help the traffic on South Main Street.

### **General Government**

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of intent to renew JIF membership was made by Mr. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

A discussion was held regarding the Town Center Designation and review of cost proposal from Bach, which was in the amount of \$12,400.00. Mr. Hackett advised Council that this might be able to fall under emergency appropriation, but he would need to check with the Auditor. Council has decided to wait until next meeting to see what Mr. Hackett finds out before moving forward.

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

#### **Resolution 2019-53**

A resolution amending a resolution authorizing a contract with Omni Recycling for 3 years with two 1 year extension was approved on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Resolution 2019-54**

A resolution authorizing a contract with Voorhees Animal Orphanage for sheltering services was approved on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Last week the Borough was fined for recycling due to plastic bags in the load. Mrs. Dalessio will be working with Logan Township for stickers on carts and different ways on educating the residents.

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

#### **Resolution 2019-55**

A motion to enter into closed session to discuss interviews for the CFO position was made by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:45 PM

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk