

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 11, 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	Family and Friends of Jack Ledden
Chris Snyder	Mr. and Mrs. Ledden
Andy Ware	Frank Mitchell at 7:45pm
Mike Quinnette	Cathy Johnston

Public Portion

Mayor Don Dietrich read aloud the proclamation honoring Jack Ledden as an Outstanding Citizen and presented him with a plaque from the Borough of Woodstown. Mayor Don Dietrich was followed by Mrs. Shorter-Carney reading a letter from Senator Booker and Mr. Hall reading aloud letter from Senator Menendez honoring Jack Ledden. Mr. Hiles read a Resolution written and signed by the 3rd District for Jack Ledden and all of his accomplishments. Freeholder Hassler gave a brief speech regarding Jack Ledden.

A motion for the Borough of Woodstown to subordinate the housing rehab loan on Frank Hearst's property at 21 Bowen Ave was approved by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote.

Andy Ware came to discuss the 4th Friday Event starting in June. He would like to have a wine garden at the Historical Society and a permit from the State to sell wine has been obtained. Mayor Don Dietrich told him he would have to ask the Historic Society for permission. Chief Mattson said he will have police coverage for the first 4th Friday Event and then determine if coverage is needed for the other 4th Fridays.

Cathy Johnston from 165 East Ave came to discuss the speed limit on East Ave, which is supposed to be 30mph but still has a sign for 35mph. Council informed her there is a meeting on Friday with DOT and the signs will be changed during construction. Mrs. Johnston is also concerned that the construction has been in non compliance with the Borough noise ordinance, but in this case since it is a State project the State supersedes the Borough. Lastly, Mrs. Johnston is concerned with the fact her drive way was blocked due to construction and she is requesting that there be a second driveway apron put in so that this doesn't happen again in case she would need to get out with her son or if emergency vehicles would need to get in. Mr. Biermann will discuss this at the DOT meeting on Friday and see if anything can be done.

Minutes

Approval of council minutes from May 28, 2019 was done on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mrs. Lacy followed by a unanimous vote.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Telsey informed Council that 33-35 South Main Street has a construction appeal that will be being heard next month and he has been working with the Construction Department on this matter.

The Police FOP Attorney is going to be sending an email to Mr. Telsey in regards to where they are in the negotiations.

Close session will be held at the end of meeting.

Finance

Resolution 2019-56

A resolution rescinding emergency appropriation resolution 2019-52 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2019-57

A resolution refunding an electronic tax overpayment for Block 20 Lot 9 in the amount of \$2,273.36 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote.

A motion to make an offer to Yvonne Bullock for the CFO position in the amount of \$24,000.00 was done by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

Public Safety

Police Report was presented for review.

Chief Mattson stated that the speed survey was done on East Grant from May 9th through May 17th and the average speed was 24mph. The survey also showed that on a daily basis 1,100 cars use East Grant.

Mr. Merkle informed Council that the Ambulance Hall did not go in front of the Planning Board this month, but will be at the July 3rd meeting.

Mr. Merkle would like to see a luncheon take place in September to discuss Health Benefits. Mr. Hall said he just needs to have a date and time and he will discuss this with Allen Associates. The luncheon will be paid from the HIF dividend.

Utilities

Mr. Biermann informed Council that South Jersey Gas main renewal is over half completed.

DOT revised the storm sewer plan for North Main.

A reminder about DOT Municipal Aid Grant Application was brought up by Mr. Biermann in regards to picking a street and the application deadline. Mr. Hackett informed Council there is a PO ready for this application, but that there would be no more money for Engineer fees. Mayor Don Dietrich asked if Mr. Hackett could hold the PO in order for Council to have time to pick a street and decide if they want to move forward with the application.

Mr. Hiles has asked Mr. Biermann to look into the emergency street opening that was done on Green Street because it is only half fixed.

Mike Quinnette informed Council that the Sewer Plant is on phase two of aeration tank improvements.

Streets and Roads

Mrs. Hyman thanked the Public Works again for how great the lake area looked for Memorial Day.

The two young gentlemen that are returning for their third summer with the Borough to help out the Public Works Department would like an increase in their pay.

A motion to raise their hourly rate to \$10.50 an hour not to exceed 350 hours for the summer effective on 6/17/19 was made by Mrs. Hyman and second by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote.

General Government

Mrs. Shorter-Carney informed Council that 33-35 South Main is trying to get steps on the back on their house, but have been unable to reach anyone in the Construction Department until recently and she believes they are working out a time to meet.

All the upgrades have been completed that were requested by the Fire Inspector and are ready for him to come back and re-inspect.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Mr. Hall received a nice note from a resident on the way the new fencing looks by the lake and wanted to say thank you again to Public Works.

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

Resolution 2019-58

A motion to enter into closed session to discuss petition to organize was made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous vote.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 9:27 PM

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk