

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 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:

John Hall Glenn Merkle
Joe Hiles Stacy Shorter-Carney
Valerie Lacy

The following members were not present:

Bertha Hyman

Also Present:

Melissa Fackler	Jim Hackett
Cynthia Dalessio	Mike Quinnette
Adam Telsey	Wesley Burden
Ed Strom	Ray Mattson
Amy Wojciechowski	Bill McCullin
Jeffery Frisone	Linda Widdowson
Ronald Mayro	Kevin Eachus

Public Portion

Amy Wojciechowski from the School Board came to provide Council with a print out of salaries and possible increases if the merging of schools takes place.

Minutes

Approval of council minutes from June 25, 2019 was done on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous vote.

Solicitor's Report

Closed session will be held at the end of meeting.

Finance

Mr. Hackett informed Council that there is an arbitration seminar open to those that wish to take it and it is free of charge.

Public Safety

Resolution 2019-66

A resolution renewing alcoholic beverage license for Woodstown Hotel was done on a motion by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Merkle extended a thank you to the Police Department for the work put into the 4th of July Parade and fireworks.

There has been no update on the Police contract.

Mr. Merkle informed Council that water was standing in the parking lot of the Fire Company after the last storm.

Mr. Merkle spoke with Pilesgrove Committee member, Joseph Crevino regarding the fire and emergency charging ordinance that was passed and he will talk to their solicitor and find out what the issues are and bring it back to Council.

Police Report was presented for review.

Chief Mattson informed Council that speed surveys were conducted on Bailey St and also South Main Street. The speed on Bailey Street is 35mph and the average clocked speed was 34.5 mph. The speed on South Main is 25mph and the average clocked speed was 34mph.

Ed Strom would like to hold an antique car show on North Main from Marlton Road to Bowen during the Fall Festival. He will work with the Police to determine how many cars can fit and if it would be worth it to hold a show there.

Utilities

Mr. Hiles informed Council that the County Engineer meeting is getting scheduled for South Main Street and the train tracks behind the old Agway.

DOT office reached out to Mr. Biermann regarding East Grant Street for the DOT Municipal Aid Grant, however with all the other projects going on at this time Council has decided to hold off and not apply. Mr. Hackett will void the purchase order for the application fee.

Mr. Merkle asked about the monthly water meter readings and if they were being done. Mr. Hiles will follow up with Mr. Simons to make sure they are being done and submitted to Council for review each month

Streets and Roads

The design work for Safe Routes to School is underway.

General Government

ORDINANCE 2019-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 67 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN IN ORDER TO ADD A HISTORIC DISTRICT ZONE

The public hearing was reopened.

Linda Widdowson and Ronald Mayro from 45 Lotus Ave came to discuss what the benefits are of being in the Historic District for the home owners. They are concerned for their plans to build a retaining wall on their property now that they are in the Historic District. It was explained that it only applies to the front of the building.

Jeffery Frisone owner of 17 North Main St wanted to know if there was any impact on taxes now that his building is in the Historic District and Council informed him there was not going to be any change in taxes.

Bill McCullin owner of the Woodstown Hotel and Tavern wanted to make sure he was able to replace the siding that fell off during the last storm, which Council said yes.

Hearing no other comments Mayor Don Dietrich closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve final adoption of Ordinance 2019-6 was made by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Kevin Eachus from Pilesgrove Township came in at 7:30pm.

Mayor Kevin Eachus came to discuss the Fire and Emergency Ordinance that was passed by the Borough and he is strongly opposed and said they were not notified of this Ordinance until after it was passed. He is going to work with their Solicitor and get back to us with his suggestions and concerns.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

A motion to approve a request from Spencer Church to use Watson Park on August 10, 2019 with the use of bathrooms was done by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous vote.

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

Resolution 2019-67

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

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

Resolution 2019-68

A resolution to hire Judson Moore as CFO with a term expiring 12/31/2022 at \$25,000.00 per year was approved by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2019-69

A motion to enter into closed session to discuss personnel was made by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hall 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.

Resolution 2019-70

A resolution to hire Brown and Conner Law Firm as Special Labor Counsel at \$180.00 an hour was made by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the stipulation of agreement for PERC and to remove Ned Shimp from the list was made by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk