

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 24, 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 Mayor, Don Dietrich followed by the flag salute.

The following members were present:

John Hall	Deb Tierno
Joe Hiles	Bertha Hyman
Valerie Lacy	Glenn Merkle

The following members were absent:

Also Present:

Erik Biermann	Ransom Willard
David Hitchner	Bob Lovett
Edel Husky	Karin Wood
Melissa Fackler	Ken Braxton
Jim Hackett	Kirk and Edna Johnson

Public Portion

Kirk Johnson on Liberty Ave discussed the traffic that comes down Liberty Ave at high speed and wanted to know about the possibility of installing three speed bumps. However, at this time Council has suggested to send police out to watch and get their opinion on the matter. Also Kirk Johnson is having issues with a neighbor's trash on Old Salem Road whose yard backs up to his and Mrs. Hyman will be in contact with Frank Mitchell to send a letter.

Ken Braxton from 394 Bailey Street came to discuss the increase in tractor trailer traffic and to see if additional signs could be placed on the street to try to limit large trucks from going down Bailey Street. He also wanted to discuss who paid for the new police recruit's academy, which the Borough paid to get him from a tier 2 to and tier 3 officer. He wanted to find out who farmed the Gemberling Land on S Main at point of Bailey, but that was purchased by DEP and they hold contracts for who farms the land. Mr. Braxton asked for the completion date of Bailey St and lastly he wanted to know who would be responsible if Monarch had a spill and Mr. Hiles reassured him we have an Emergency Officer and he would work with Monarch to clean everything up.

Members from the Ambulance Squad came to discuss the possibility of purchasing some of the parking lot that their building is located next to. They would like to purchase the spots behind their building, which are about twenty spaces. Mayor Don Dietrich informed the members that the lot is assessed at \$36,000.00 as a whole and that the Borough must keep some of the parking lot for local businesses. Council and the members of the Ambulance Squad agreed that finding out the square footage and dividing that amount by the total assessed value and paying for only what they would use was fair. Mrs. Wood said they would need a survey and both deeds would need to be redrawn. Mr. Biermann will work with Mr. Merkle to find out the actual cost.

Minutes

Approval of Council minutes from July 10, 2018 was done on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall with a unanimous vote except for Mrs. Lacy and Mrs. Hyman who abstained.

Solicitor's Report

Mrs. Wood is working on the Land Development Ordinance and hopes to have more information by next meeting.

Mrs. Wood looked into job abandonment law, which states that after five days of no call or show the employee is no longer eligible for unemployment benefits.

Finance

ORDINANCE 2018-7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 56 ENTITLED "FIRE INSURANCE" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN SO AS TO RESTRICT PAYMENT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ANTICIPATED REMOLITION COSTS AND ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 17:36-10

Public hearing was opened and hearing no comments public hearing was closed. Ordinance 2018-7 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-50

Resolution authorizing extended grace period for third quarter 2018 taxes was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Cash position was presented for review.

Tax collector's report was presented for review.

Mr. Hackett discussed the four dates he would like to have the long range meeting on, which are Aug. 14 5:30-7:00, Aug 21 5:30- 7:00, Aug 28 5:30-7:00, Aug 29 5:30-8:00.

A motion to approve Aug. 14 5:30-7:00, Aug 21 5:30- 7:00, Aug 28 5:30-7:00, Aug 29 5:30-8:00 for the long range meeting was made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by an unanimous vote.

Mrs. Lacy informed Council about the meeting she and Mr. Hall had with Southern Coastal Fund and that next year there should be a larger dividend given out to the Borough.

Public Safety

ORDINANCE 2018-8

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODTOWN, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Ordinance 2018-8 introduced on a motion by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mrs. Hyman followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made to make Ray Mattson acting Chief until July 31, 2018 by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

Utilities

Resolution 2018-51

Resolution for appointment of Woodstown Sewerage Authority member John Hathaway was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Biermann reached out to the County about the Broad St. drainage study and the County recommended holding off on that rather than working it in with the Elm St. Rail Road project.

Mr. Biermann gave an update on the 40 & 45 intersection construction that it will be advertised for bids August 23, 2018 and anticipated start date is March 2019.

Mr. Biermann is moving forward with 2018 small cities application and will get the budget to Mark Blauer.

TWA was received for the Pierson project.

Safe Routes to School proposal from McCormick Taylor was discussed and Mayor Don Dietrich will be reaching out to them to try to find out more and requested a quote from Mr. Biermann to see what he would charge verses McCormick Taylor.

Streets and Roads

Mr. Hiles is in contact with South Jersey Gas to find out what third party company will be doing the paving on South Main Street and hopefully have an update next meeting.

Letter will be sent to all residents for work on Route 40 that will take place in the summer of 2019.

Mrs. Hyman will be meeting with Frank Mitchell to discuss hiring a public works employee to replace the employee that was lost.

General Government

Resolution 2018-52

Resolution renewing alcoholic beverage license for Woodstown Pub LLC was approved on a motion by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Sick leave policy revisions were approved and a motion to update the policy to read as the State regulations as of October 2018 was done by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous vote.

A motion to authorize Gary Thompson to pursue payment of outstanding invoice from 2016 from ABC Learning Station in the amount of \$449.50 was made by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mrs. Hyman followed by a unanimous vote.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Discussion about adopting the pledge of support of the plastic bag ban was held and a motion to approve the pledge with the conditions of taking out Governor Murphy's name and to take out the 5% tax fee on reusable and brown recycled bags was made by Mr. Hall and seconded Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote except for Mrs. Lacy who abstained.

Missing trash and recycle carts has become an issue and a new policy to read as the following, "The first cart that is stolen will be replaced by the Borough at no charge and the second cart or beyond must be purchased at the home owners expense" has been approved on a motion by Mr. Hall and Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous vote.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:40 PM

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk