

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 13, 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
Bertha Hyman

The following members were not present:

Valerie Lacy

Also Present:

Melissa Fackler Jim Hackett Ray Mattson Erik Biermann
Judson Moore Jr. Cynthia Dalessio Sean O'Donnell
Adam Telsey Wesley Burden Chris Synder

Public Portion

Hearing no comments the public portion was closed.

Minutes

Approval of council minutes from July 23, 2019 was done on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Telsey informed Council that he spoke with the American Legion Ambulance Hall's lawyer and he does not have any information on the purchase of the Borough owned property and at this time there is no further action until we hear from their lawyer.

Mr. Telsey has heard from the police on Friday regarding their contract and he has a few questions for their attorney and is waiting to hear back from him. Once Mr. Telsey hears back from their attorney he will notify Mr. Merkle.

There is a meeting on Friday for the Pierson Properties cross over easement with all the professionals.

Finance

Ordinance 2019-7

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

Public hearing was open and hearing no comments the public portion was closed.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2019-7 was made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Tax Collector's report was presented for review.

Public Safety

During the last storm the flooding on Broad St. near the firehouse was an issue and the storm sewer needs to be fixed. Mr. Biermann will be working on a cost estimate and Mr. Hackett and Mr. Moore will be working on the best funding option.

Discussion was held regarding interest arbitration and a sample resolution will be coming out soon, which it is strongly recommended that the Borough passes the resolution in support.

Mr. Mitchell and Chief Mattson are working with a resident on getting their hedges trimmed on Elm and North Main so it doesn't interfere with the sight of traffic. Mr. Merkle will be reaching out to the resident as well.

Chief Mattson is working with the Postmaster in Elmer to address the concerns on Marlton Road where the mail carrier is parking, which is a safety issue and there is a request for additional no parking signs.

There has been no update from Pilesgroves regarding the recovery ordinance and changes they would like to see made.

Chief Mattson informed council that Corporal Lapalomento had a great turn out for the Church Emergency meeting in July.

Patrolman Dustin Wilson has been working on removing abandoned cars in the Borough and so far has removed 12 and he is working on an additional 5 more.

Utilities

Mayor Don Dietrich and Mr. Hiles met with the County regarding the paving on South Main, which as of now is going to start at Lotus and go to Woodstown Daretown Road. However, they requested the County start the paving at Green Street in order to pick up where the paving was done by South Jersey Gas earlier this year.

The Borough will be applying for a Small Cities Public Facilities Grant for water main replacement on South Main Street and the County paving will be the Boroughs match for this project.

Mr. Biermann informed Council that South Jersey Gas is not meeting their restoration requirements the first time and that Sickles is staying on top of them to make sure everything is fixed to the Borough's standards.

South Jersey Gas will be sending checks for East Millbrooke to rail road tracks for a permit that has already been issued, but expired and they must adhere to current ordinance not the old ordinance that the permit was given under.

Streets and Roads

Mrs. Hyman informed Council that the Police did an amazing job during the Spencer's Church fun day last weekend.

Mrs. Hyman thanked the Clerks Office for the great job on Recycle Coach.

General Government

Resolution 2019-73

A resolution to identify Small Cities Program Fair Housing Officer as Cynthia Dalessio was approved on a motion by Mrs. Shorter- Carney and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote.

Resolution 2019-74

A resolution to adopt the State Model Citizen Participation Plan for DCA Small Cities Program was approved on a motion by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2019-75

A resolution to approve the Public Facilities Grant Management Plan was approved on a motion by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2019-76

A resolution to approve the Small Cities Public Facilities Application Submission was done on a motion by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Mr. Hall informed Council the two day JIF retreat went well.

South Jersey Agriculture is another option for leaf drop off if needed.

Mr. Hall has been working with Smick Lumber for the cost of materials and size of the pavilion for Watson Park. The Rotary is in support with fundraising to help with cost.

Mr. Hall will contact Fran Rapa about the LaRosa Project and the refund that the Borough is supposed to be receiving.

Paying the bills were approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by unanimous vote with a \$1,000.00 bill addition for the Public Defender Funds.

Budget concern list given to Council and a budget work shop is scheduled for September 10, 2019 at 5:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:35 PM

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk