

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 14, 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
Glenn Merkle	

The following members were absent:

Valerie Lacy

Also Present:

Erik Biermann	Karin Wood
Melissa Fackler	Cynthia Dalessio
Jim Hackett	Floyd McNally
Frank Mitchell	Ray Mattson and family
Cris Simmermon	Officers and Chiefs
Lois Yarrington	Mike Quinnette
Ed Segrest	John Hathaway
Niki Trunk	Chuck Miller

Public Portion

Mayor Don Dietrich read out loud the proclamation created on request by the Borough Council for Cris Simmermon.

Mayor Don Dietrich swore in Ray Mattson as Woodstown Borough Police Chief.

Recess for refreshments.

Lois Yarrington came on behalf of three FFA teams that are trying to raise money for Nationals and asked if they could do a clean up after the Fall Fest in September as part of Clean Communities. Mrs. Dalessio will send her an application each team to earn \$300.00.

Minutes

Approval of Council minutes from July 24, 2018 was done on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles with a unanimous vote.

Solicitor's Report

Mrs. Wood updated Council for 24 West Ave and the letter that was sent for vacant property registration. This property was bought in tax sale so they do not have to register. Mrs. Wood has suggested that we focus on the up keep of the property. Mrs. Wood is going to follow up with Carneys Point Township and see what they are doing with properties that have been bought in tax sale and that are sitting empty.

Performance bond ordinance is being reviewed by other professionals before being introduced.

Finance

Authorizing to advertise for a Chief Financial Officer was done on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by unanimous vote. The position will be advertised as 15-20 hours a week and will be advertised in the news paper, Association of NJ, Government Finance Offices of NJ, League.

Public Safety

ORDINANCE 2018-8

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

A public hearing was open and hearing no comments the public hearing was closed. A motion to adopt was done by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion to authorize Mayor to sign amended Municipal Alliance agreement was done by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous vote.

Discussion of the use of Reliance Fire Company signal located on East Ave. across from Lincoln Ave was held and Mr. Hiles and Mr. Merkle will follow up with the Reliance Fire Company and see if it's still being used or not for the next meeting.

Discussion of amending the Borough ordinance to permit speed limit reduction to 15 miles per hour on any Borough street was held and Mrs. Wood says we must list out each street name verses leaving it open. A motion to allow Mrs. Wood to prepare the amendment to the ordinance for reducing speed to 15 miles per hour on Liberty Ave was done on a motion by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Merkle has a meeting tomorrow regarding the parking lot on Maple Court that the Ambulance Company wants to buy twenty spaces.

Utilities

Mr. Hiles informed that South Jersey Gas will be working on South Main Street this week and then the final paving will take place.

Mr. Biermann has received the revised proposal from McCormick Taylor, Inc for the Safe Routes to School project and it is still higher than the Borough thought it would be and Mr. Biermann will continue to work on his proposal to compare the prices.

Liberty and Spring Garden small cities water main project is being finalized and will be submitted to NJDOT next week for approval.

The parking lot located on Maple Court that the Ambulance Hall is interested in purchasing some of the spaces, has sheds and fences that are not on the correct property line. A full title search and deeds must be pulled for all surrounding properties. The total cost is \$5,650.00 for the survey and preparation of sub division by the engineer.

Streets and Roads

ORDINACE 2018-9

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XXII ENTITLED "PERFORMANCE, INSTALLATION, AND ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS," OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SO AS TO CONFORM WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW

Introduction of ordinance 2018-9 was done on a motion by Mrs. Hyman and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-53

Resolution to request that the New Jersey Department of Transportation lower the speed limit on East Avenue to 30 miles per hour on both sides of the street beginning at the rail road tracks and continuing to Richmond Street was approved on a motion by Mrs. Hyman and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-54

Resolution accepting the New Jersey Department of Transportation proposal to perform day and night operations to ensure the ride quality and least amount of noise was approved on a motion by Mrs. Hyman and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call.

General Government

Resolution 2018-55

Resolution authorizing 2019 small Cities Public Facilities Grant for South Main Street water main project was approved on a motion by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call.

Resolution 2018-56

Resolution approving Public Facilities Grant Management Plan was approved on a motion by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call.

Resolution 2018-57

Resolution adopting State Model Citizen Participation Plan was approved on a motion by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call.

Resolution 2018-58

Resolution identifying Cynthia Dalessio as Fair Housing Officer was approved on a motion by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Mr. Hall had the JIF retreat and many important topics were discussed there, such as, OPRA, cyber security, vacant property registration, and safe municipal building.

Mr. Merkle and Mr. Hall had a meeting with Logan Township to discuss the trash and recycle pickup and they want to continue to work with us and have the Borough sign a five year contract. Logan Township will be getting the rates to us soon for review.

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

A motion to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation and purchase of real property was done by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous vote.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:25 PM

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk