

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 27, 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 Council President, Joe Hiles followed by the flag salute.

The following members were present:

John Hall Glenn Merkle Stacy Shorter-Carney
Bertha Hyman Valerie Lacy

The Following members were absent:

Don Dietrich

Also Present:

Melissa Fackler Jim Hackett Ray Mattson Erik Biermann
Judson Moore Jr. Sean O'Donnell Edel Huskey Chris Powell
Adam Telsey Wesley Burden Frank Mitchell Paul Miola
Joe Henry

Public Portion

A packet of handouts were given to Council members to review regarding the relationship between the Borough and JIF over the past years to go along with the discussion that was held with Paul Miola for the JIF renewal.

A discussion was held with Joe Henry from Hardenbergh regarding JIF renewal.

Resolution 2019-77

A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract renewing membership in the Gloucester, Salem, and Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund was approved on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Minutes

Approval of council minutes from August 13, 2019 was done on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote except for Mrs. Lacy who abstained.

Solicitor's Report

There has been little movement on the Police Contract.

Mr. Telsey has not heard anything from the American Legion Ambulance Hall regarding the purchase of the parking lot on Maple Court.

Mr. Telsey attended a meeting regarding the Pierson Properties cross over easement last Monday.

Finance

Mr. Hackett informed Council that there are no funds in legal to cover the rest of the year and in addition to normal legal fees we will have the cost of the outside council for contract negotiations. Mr. Hackett said he believes \$20,000.00 should cover the remainder of 2019 for legal services.

Resolution 2019-78

A resolution for an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 be made for Legal Services and Cost was approved on a motion by Mr. Merkle and second by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

In regards to the LaRosa refund the Borough was supposed to be getting, once the walk through is done the paperwork will be sent to the Borough and from there the Finance Department will submit it.

Public Safety

The hedges on Elm and North Main have been trimmed in order to be in compliance with the ordinances.

The American Legion is having issues with insurance funds and has put their Planning Board application on hold.

A discussion regarding the storm water of Broad Street was held. Mr. Moore informed Council that he has discussed this project and cost with the auditor and it will be adding cents on the tax rate for next year. Mr. Moore is going to set up a meeting with bond council before the next meeting and get a hand out with numbers prepared for Council to review at the budget meeting for different options.

Mr. Biermann will put together a cost for the Broad Street storm water project for the next meeting.

Chief Mattson said the Police have issued a lot of traffic tickets for drivers failing to obey construction signs.

Chief Mattson also informed Council that the coaches at the school are informing the students they cannot park on the side streets during the day.

Utilities

The monthly water reports were submitted for review.

After Labor Day the water main replacement work will start on Liberty Ave.

Mr. Hiles informed Council that during the construction on Liberty and Spring Garden a new fire hydrant might want to be considered. The total cost for an additional hydrant is \$7,500.00.

A motion to create a change order in the amount of \$7,500.00 for an additional fire hydrant on Spring Garden was made by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Biermann informed Council that Sickles will be doing a walk through to create a punch list for South Jersey Gas.

Streets and Roads

Elmer Borough has requested a quote for street sweeping services. Mr. Mitchell said that Elmer does not have a way to dump the dirt or a place to dump it, which would add to their cost. Mr. Mitchell said he will come up with a quote for the next budget meeting for Council to discuss.

General Government

A brief discussion was held regarding the updates to Borough Hall, but at this time the Public Works have been working in the Police Station.

Mrs. Shorter-Carney asked Mr. Mitchell if he knew anything about the quotes for windows and he stated that he knows the lowest quote was from Archer and they were the ones that did the windows before.

A motion was made to approve Archer for 27 windows with an amount not to exceed \$14,989.00 by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Mrs. Lacy followed by a unanimous vote.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Resolution 2019-79

A resolution authorizing a shared service agreement with the County of Salem for public health services was approved on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Hyman followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

A discussion was held regarding the newsletter. Council has agreed to move forward with the December newsletter, but to wait until next year to make any further commitment for future issues of the newsletter.

Paying the bills were approved on a motion by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney followed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:37 PM.

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk