

# WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 11, 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 Council President, Glenn Merkle followed a moment of silence for the victims of 9/11 and their families and the flag salute.

The following members were present:

John Hall                      Deb Tierno  
Joe Hiles                      Bertha Hyman  
Valerie Lacy

The following members were absent:

Don Dietrich

Also Present:

Ray Mattson                  Cynthia Dalessio  
Melissa Fackler              Jim Hackett  
Wesley Burden              Karin Wood  
Greg Busa

## **Public Portion**

Hearing no comments the public portion was closed.

## **Minutes**

Approval of Council minutes from August 28, 2018 was done on a motion by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote.

## **Solicitor's Report**

No report.

## **Finance**

Statement of cash position was presented for review.

Tax Collector's Report was presented for review.

## **Public Safety**

Approval of the Run for Education on 11/22/2018 was done on a motion by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mrs. Hyman followed by a unanimous vote.

Approval of a new event, Wolverine Run on 09/29/2018 was done on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous vote.

Approval of new junior member of Reliance Fire Company, Austin Tyler Hickman was done on a motion by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by a unanimous vote except for Mr. Hiles who abstained.

Police Report was presented for review.

Chief Mattson stated the Run for Education over laps the football game and will be hard for police to cover both events in the future.

Speed sign has been removed from Bowen Ave and data is being collected.

## **Utilities**

Erik Biermann stated that Folwell Street is too small for a new water tower. He will work on another location.

Mr. Hiles has reached out to Senator Sweeney on the DEP fines and at this point has not heard back. Don Simons reached out to his contact and did not get a favorable answer. In 2009 the Borough had the same fine for failing to do the same required test.

South Jersey Gas is continuing work and needs to do a tie in with the main on Route 40 and at this time they have no timeline for completion.

### **Streets and Roads**

Liberty Ave needs investigation and a traffic report from the police before the speed limit can be lowered. The police will be preparing a report with the help of Mrs. Wood.

### **General Government**

No report.

### **Health, Recreation & Open Space**

Mr. Hall has been working with the newsletter company to see if two newsletters would be possible. We will be sending out a second newsletter in December this year. Moving forward we will look into other options before signing a contract with the current company for two newsletters per year.

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

Motion to enter into closed session for possible litigation and personnel was done by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by unanimous vote.

Motion to end closed session was done by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by unanimous vote.

A motion to settle as per solicitor's recommendation on the tax appeal for 2-8 North Main Street in the amount of \$285,000 for 2017 and \$275,000 for 2018 was done by Mr. Hall and seconded by Ms. Tierno followed by followed by unanimous roll call.

A motion was made by Ms. Tierno and seconded by Mr. Hiles to approve a prorated salary of \$3,800.00 per year as of September 1, 2018 be paid to Corporal LaPalomente for assuming additional duties due to Chief Mattson's promotion.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 7:50 PM

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk