

# WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 9, 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:

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

Also Present:

Cynthia Dalessio	Jim Hackett
Erik Biermann	Ray Mattson
Karin Wood	Mike Quinnette
Adele Huskey	Joe Battista

## **Public Portion**

Joe Battista of Kresswold stated that he is having a problem with runoff from the brick walkway on Cedar Way. He said it is overgrown and the bricks are uneven and in a low spot so the water runs down onto his property. The engineer will look at it and see what needs to be done.

Thomas Glah of 2 Chestnut asked that the speed limit on Route 40 be lowered to 30 mph to the end of the Borough. A motion was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Hall to make that request to the state.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## **Minutes**

The minutes from the September 25, 2018 Council meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles with all in favor with the exception of Mr. Merkle who abstained.

## **Solicitor's Report**

The La Rosa property closed on Friday.

The defendant in the animal cruelty case was found guilty and ordered to pay restitution of the impoundment fees directly to the shelter. He has 20 days to appeal.

## **Finance**

There will be budget workshop meeting on October 23 at 5:30 pm.

## **Public Safety**

### RESOLUTION 2018-61

Amending the Mid-Salem Municipal Court Agreement was moved by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Ms. Tierno and a unanimous roll call vote.

### RESOLUTION 2018-62

Recommending reappointment of Judge Whitcraft was moved by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mrs. Hyman and a unanimous roll call vote.

George Lacy presented Council with a sample ordinance he would like adopted. It would enable Emergency Management and the fire company to be reimbursed for the supplies used. He also discussed the possibility of seeking reimbursement for personnel involved. Council will review the proposed ordinance for discussion at the next meeting.

Trident Environmental would like to install a monitoring well in the grassy area by the lake on Lotus Avenue. Mr. Biermann said they should submit plans and notify us when they are testing. He will work with Mrs. Wood and she will prepare an agreement and request liability insurance.

The Police Department report was submitted for review.

Chief Mattson stated that no applications were received for substitute crossing guard. A motion was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Ms. Tierno and a unanimous vote to rehire Brett Boone as crossing guard.

The Police would like to compare the HIF to the State health benefits plan as part of the police contract negotiations. Allen Associates will be asked to come to a meeting and the employees will be notified so they can attend.

### **Utilities**

#### RESOLUTION 2018-63

Expenditure from the Water Utility Capital Improvement Fund for preliminary expenses for South Main Street water improvements was moved by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Hall and a unanimous roll call vote.

The Engineer's report was reviewed.

Mr. Biermann will prepare a proposal for the water main that needs to be replaced on North Main Street before the DOT paving is done.

### **Streets and Roads**

#### RESOLUTION 2018-64

Authorizing grant application for Colson Court Roadway Improvements was moved by Mrs. Hyman, seconded by Mr. Hiles and a unanimous roll call vote.

South Jersey Gas has requested a street opening permit for Maple Court which is under a paving moratorium. Mr. Biermann will have them post inspection escrow and do infrared.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hyman, seconded by Mr. Hall approving the Mayor to send a letter to DOT authorizing the removal of the emergency warning beacon at Lincoln and East Avenue.

Interviews for part time public works employees will be conducted by Mrs. Hyman, Ms. Tierno, Mayor Dietrich, Frank Mitchell and Jim Hackett.

We are waiting to hear from the county about the Bailey Street sidewalks.

### **General Government**

We received a letter from John Jordan asking if the Borough would be interested in purchasing the remainder of 298 Bailey Street. The Mayor will talk to the Beautification Committee to see if they have an interest.

A motion was made by Ms. Tierno, seconded by Mrs. Hyman amending the Personnel Policy for OPMA procedures for personnel as recommended by the JIF.

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

Discussion was held regarding trash and recycle carts and if there should be a limit on how many people can have. Frank Mitchell will also add it to the certificate of occupancy checklist to make sure the carts are there.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 9:01 PM

Cynthia Dalessio

Borough Clerk