

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**October 11, 2022**

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 by noticing the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal and posting on the Borough Website 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 a roll call of members present.

The following members were present:

Glenn Merkle	James Hackett	Joe Hiles
Bertha Hyman	Heather Bobbitt	Kristin Nixon

Members absent:

Also Present:

Cynthia Dalessio, Erik Biermann, Joe DiNicola, Ryan DeFalco, Jud Moore, Frank Mitchell, Harry Vanaman, Mike Quinnette, Valerie Lacy, Kennard Braxton, Jesse Williams, Mark Lumry.

**Public Portion**

Mark Lumry from One Span was present to discuss their request to use Watson Park as a helicopter landing area for Atlantic City Electric. They would be using the park for 4 days for take-off and landing of the helicopter while they are making repairs to the lines. It was requested that they notify the residents of Bailey Street and Alloway Road.

A motion was made by Ms. Bobbitt, seconded by Mrs. Hyman and a unanimous roll call vote authorizing the Mayor sign a letter authorizing use of the park by One Span for helicopter take off and landing.

Valerie Lacy stated that the grass needs cutting at 380 Bailey Street. Mr. Mitchell will send a letter to the owner.

Ken Braxton stated that truck traffic on Bailey Street is an ongoing issue. Chief DeFalco stated that the police are patrolling the area.

Jesse Williams was present concerning Community Fun Day events. He said they would like to hold it on August 12, 2023 with a rain date of August 13, 2023. The dates for oldies in the park next year would be May 28, June 25, July 30, August 27 and September 24. They would also like to hold a picnic for seniors on May 13. All of the event dates were approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Ms. Bobbitt.

There being no further business the public portion was closed.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the September 27, 2022 Council meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Hiles. All were in favor.

**Solicitor**

The Alloway Road property owner has been notified. Public Works will remove the fence after the first of the year.

**Finance**

A motion was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Ms. Bobbitt approving Jack Ledden as Veteran of the Year. Mr. Ledden will attend the November 9 Council meeting.

A motion to pay bills was made by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hackett with all in favor.

**Public Safety**

George Lacy will be resigning as Emergency Management Coordinator at the end of the year.

The Police Department report was reviewed. Chief DeFalco is looking for a second back up crossing guard.

**Utilities**

RESOLUTION 2022-97

Approving the interlocal agreement with the Woodstown Sewerage Authority was moved by Mr. Hackett, seconded by Mr. Hiles and a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Biermann will be providing some additional information about the Howard Avenue drainage study at the next meeting.

**Streets and Roads**

RESOLUTION 2022-100

Hiring Paul Schnetzler, Jr. as a full-time Public Works employee was moved by Mrs. Hyman, seconded by Mr. Hackett and a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-101

Opposing the DEP reassignment to Tier A for stormwater was moved by Mrs. Hyman, seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and a unanimous roll call vote.

The resident at 41 West Avenue says that the cherry tree planted by DOT in front of her house is interfering with the site triangle and impeding her view trying to exit her driveway. It was decided that it is her tree and she may remove it if she would like.

**General Government**

No report.

**Health, Recreation and Open Space**

Public Works will be winterizing the bathrooms at Watson Park.

RESOLUTION 2022-102

Closed session for contract negotiations and personnel was moved by Mrs. Hyman, seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and a unanimous vote.

A motion to return to open session was moved by Mr. Hackett, seconded by Mr. Hiles.

RESOLUTION 2022-103

Authorizing emergency repair of the sewer lateral at 11 Liberty Avenue was moved by Mr. Hackett, seconded by Ms. Nixon and a unanimous roll call vote with the exception of Mrs. Hyman who abstained.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Cynthia Dalessio  
Borough Clerk