WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
October 12, 2021

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 all of members present.

The following members were present:

Heather Bobbitt	Joe Hiles	Glenn Merkle
Stacy Shorter-Carney	Bertha Hyman	

Absent was Councilman Jim Hackett

Also Present:
Cynthia Dalessio, Erik Biermann, Joe DiNicola, Ryan DeFalco, Jud Moore, Christine Scarpa, John Hitchner, Richard Eber, Dana Bogner.

Public Portion

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

Minutes

Minutes from the September 28, 2021 Council meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney. All were in favor.

Solicitor

There was no report from the Mr. DiNicola.

Finance

An outside lien holder would like to take assignment of a municipal lien. They would be able to pay the current taxes and foreclose after a period of time. The Tax Collector will prepare the necessary documents for the next meeting.

The Tax Collector's report was reviewed.

A discussion was held regarding the Time Clocks. Mr. Hiles stated that some of the department heads feel they are not necessary. It was questioned if they are required per the CWA contract or Personnel Policy.

The audit was distributed for review. The resolution accepting the audit will be done at the next meeting..

A motion to pay bills was made by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Ms. Bobbitt. Motion passed, all were in favor.

Public Safety

Police reports can no longer report the total number of tickets or arrests.

Rich Eber of Blanche Street has donated a flashing stop paddle for the crossing guard on North Main. Additional signs are needed for the other crossing guards. The crossing guard is performing her duties and has held the children and helped to avoid accidents.

There has been another ambulance meeting and discussions are ongoing. Christiana Care would like to have the ambulance share the cost of DEP monitoring if they purchase that property.

Utilities

The monthly water reports were submitted.

Striping still needs to be done on South Main Street.

Streets and Roads

The Engineer's Report was reviewed.

One application has been received for the advertised CDL position.

General Government

RESOLUTION 2021-83

Hiring John H. Hitchner, III as Deputy Clerk was moved by Mrs. Shorter-Carney, seconded by Mr. Merkle and a unanimous by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE 2021-12

An Ordinance repealing Article XI Section 67-57.2 of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem, State of New Jersey Code which is entitled "Affordable Housing Growth Share Requirement" and amending Article VIII Section 67-39.3 of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem, State of New Jersey Code which is entitled "Inclusionary Residential (IR) District" and Repealing Article XXIV of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem, State of New Jersey Code which is entitled "Affordable Housing" was introduced on a motion by Mrs. Shorter-Carney, seconded by Mr. Merkle and a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2021-84

Referring Ordinance 2021-12 to the Planning Board for review and comment was moved by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and a unanimous roll call vote.

A discussion was held regarding Juneteenth, the third Friday in June. Mrs. Shorter-Carney stated that day is when all Americans were truly set free and would like it to be recognized as a Borough holiday. Questions were raised as to how to incorporate it into both union contracts.

Health, Recreation and Open Space

Mrs. Bobbitt asked if there was any update on the Salem Oak sapling. The Clerk will contact Ms. Deanna Miller at the high school who is caring for the tree.

Mr. Biermann presented a proposal regarding Cedar Way to look into what repairs would be needed. There are several trees with a lot of tree roots and fences encroaching the property. There was discussion of approaching the 4 adjoining owners to take ownership of the walkway. A title search should be done to determine the ownership of the property.

A motion was moved by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mrs. Hyman to secure a title search for Cedar Way.

Grant award for Watson Park will not be available until the end of November or later.

It was moved by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt to honor Mr. Thomas Lynn as the Veteran of the Year at the next meeting on November 9, 2021.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Cynthia Dalessio
Borough Clerk
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