

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 25, 2022**

**Sunshine Statement:**

“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.”

- **Roll Call – Bobbitt, Hackett, Hiles, Hyman, Merkle, Nixon, Mayor Dietrich**
- **Absent – NONE**
- **Others Present – Joe DiNicola Jr (Solicitor), Cynthia Dalessio (Clerk), John Hitchner (Deputy Clerk), Erik Biermann (Engineer), Jud Moore (CFO)**

**Flag Salute:**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and Mayor Dietrich led everyone in the flag salute.*

**Public Comments:**

*Mayor Dietrich opened the meeting for public comment.*

*Being as no members of the public wished to speak, Mayor Dietrich closed the public portion.*

**Minutes:**

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the 10/11/2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hackett and the motion carries with a unanimous vote; 6-0*

**Solicitor’s Report:**

*Solicitor DiNicola informs Council that he has nothing new to report at this time in open session.*

**Finance:**

**RESOLUTION 2022-104**

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-104 approving tax exempt status for a 100% fully disabled veteran. Mr. Hackett seconds and it is approved 6-0.*

**RESOLUTION 2022-105**

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-105 approving tax exempt status for a 100% fully disabled veteran. Mr. Hackett seconds and it is approved 6-0.*

**RESOLUTION 2022-106**

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-106 hiring Lois Yarrington as assistant to the CFO. Mr. Hackett seconds and it is approved 6-0.*

*Council reviews the tax collector’s report.*

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the bills as provided by the CFO in an amount of **\$983,264.13**. Motion is seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and approved 6-0.*

**Public Safety:**

*Council agrees to table Ordinances 2022-11, 2022-12, and 2022-13 in addition to the proposed amendments to the Police Department Rules and Regulations due to the Chief’s absence.*

*Mr. Merkle informs Council that the ambulance has 26 open positions available.*

*There is discussion regarding the Salem County Courts regionalizing. Council feels they were not given enough notice to make a determination this evening.*

**Utilities:**

*Council reviews the water report. Usage is up.*

*Engineer Biermann distributes the drainage study report which was completed and requests Council review it for budget discussion. Mr. Biermann also informs Council that SJG has multiple open projects around town.*

**Streets and Roads:**

**RESOLUTION 2022-107**

*Mrs. Hyman makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-107 amending the Safe Routes to School agreement to include the additional DOT funding to cover the increased construction costs. Mr. Hiles seconds and it is approved 6-0.*

*Engineer Biermann informs Council that he had contacted NJ DOT regarding the sidewalk repairs on East Ave.*

*Council discusses Kingsberry Lane and when it will be opened for through-traffic.*

**General Government:**

*Council discusses whether Pilesgrove or Oldmans will perform the construction inspections for the Friends Home improvements. Ms. Nixon will discuss it further with Oldmans.*

**Health, Recreation, and Open Space:**

*Council discusses the proposed Parks Ordinance and related fees and policy for introduction at the next meeting.*

**General Discussion:**

**RESOLUTION 2022-108**

*Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-108 entering into executive session regarding personnel. Ms. Nixon seconds and it is approved 6-0.*

*[Council enters executive session at 8:35 pm]*

*[Council exits executive session at 8:50 pm]*

*Mr. Hackett makes a motion to reimburse the Hyman family \$1,415.37 for damage to their sewer lateral caused by South State during the Liberty Avenue water main replacement project. Mr. Hiles seconds the motion and it is approved 5-0 with Mrs. Hyman abstaining*

**Motion to Adjourn:**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hiles at 8:55 pm. Motion is seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and approved 6-0.*

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John H. Hitchner III, Borough Deputy Clerk**