WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
October 26, 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:

Joe Hiles	Glenn Merkle	James Hackett
Stacy Shorter-Carney	Bertha Hyman	

Absent was Councilwoman Heather Bobbitt.

Also Present:
Cynthia Dalessio, Erik Biermann, Joe DiNicola, Ryan DeFalco, Frank Mitchell, Jud Moore, Mike Riley, Rob Cureton, Will Pine, Floyd McNally, LaVera Spence, Charles Lindenmuth, Dell Braxton, Ken Braxton, Ryan Bogner.

Public Portion

Rob Cureton and Mike Riley were present to discuss the pickup schedule for next year. They are proposing picking up recycling every Wednesday with trash rather than every other Friday. There will be no change in the cost to the Borough for the remainder of the current contract that runs through 2023. There also should be no increase in tipping fees.

A motion was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney approving the change to pick up recycling every Wednesday beginning January, 2022.

Ken Braxton, of 396 Bailey Street asked when the detour will be taken down on Bailey Street. Mr. Biermann stated that the striping was to be done today and he will talk to the contractor about taking the sign down as soon as possible.

Mr. Braxton also asked about proposed town homes between Bailey Street and South Main. The Planning Board has had an informal concept review but no official application has been received.

Dell Braxton stated that the grass needs to be mowed for that property. Mr. Mitchell will reach out to the County again.

Charles Lindenmuth of 438 South Main stated that there should be more police presence because of speeding and people parking on the side of the road. Mr. Merkle will have the police document when they are there.

Ryan Bogner of Kresswold Lane asked what will be done with Cedar Way. A title search will be done to determine who actually owns the property.

There being no further comment the public portion was closed.

Minutes

Minutes from the October 12, 2021 Council meeting were approved on a motion by Mrs. Shorter-Carney, seconded by Mr. Hiles. All were in favor.

Solicitor

There will be a closed session for contract negotiations.

Finance

RESOLUTION 2021-85

Accepting the audit was moved by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Hackett and a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2021-86

Assigning a municipal lien to an outside lien holder was moved by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mrs. Hyman and a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2021-87

Cancelling taxes for a totally disabled veteran was moved by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2021-88

Clarifying the term expiration date of the CFO was moved by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Public Safety

The ambulance meeting has been postponed.

Utilities

The Borough previously had a maintenance program for the water tower that expired several years ago. A proposal for a new 20 year program was reviewed as well as a bond ordinance that would be needed to cover the expense.

There was also discussion of a water rate increase. Mr. Hackett proposed raising the minimum $50.00 per year to $425.00. The excess rates would also be increased to $6.35 and $6.80.

The information and proposal will be reviewed by Council and Mr. Biermann for the next meeting.

Streets and Roads

Interviews have been conducted for 2 part-time Public Works Laborers. A recommendation will be made for the next meeting.

Business owners are concerned about the overgrown trees and lack of lighting in the Wulderk Way parking lot. Mr. Mitchell will get an estimate for tree removal.

General Government

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"

Public Hearing

There being no comment from the public the hearing was closed.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-12 was moved by Mrs. Shorter-Carney, seconded by Mr. Hiles and a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2021-89

Authorizing application for a Municipal Alliance grant was moved by Mrs. Shorter-Carney, seconded by Mr. Merkle and a unanimous roll call vote.

There is a new owner next to the Borough owned property at 288 Bailey Street. There is some confusion about the property lines by the new owner. The Borough will look into having a survey done and what the process would be to have it removed from open space for possible sale.

The Best Practices Inventory was reviewed.

Both unions will be contacted about opening negotiations for Juneteenth.

Health, Recreation and Open Space

No report.

RESOLUTION 2021-90

Closed session for contract negotiations was moved by Mrs. Shorter-Carney, seconded by Mrs. Hyman.

A motion to return to open session was made by Mrs. Shorter-Carney, seconded by Mr. Merkle.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Cynthia Dalessio
Borough Clerk