

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 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 – Cynthia Dalessio (Clerk), John Hitchner (Deputy Clerk), Erik Biermann (Engineer), Lois Yarrington (Assistant CFO), Harry Vanaman (Public Works), Ryan DeFalco (Police Chief), Wesley “Buster” Burden (Resident)**

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 10/25/2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Ms. Nixon and the motion carries with a unanimous vote; 6-0

Finance:

RESOLUTION 2022-109

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-109 approving transfers as requested by the CFO. Ms. Bobbitt seconds and it is approved 6-0.

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the bills as provided by the CFO in an amount of \$174,362.13. Motion is seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and approved 6-0.

Public Safety:

ORDINANCE 2022-11

Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-11 regulating the placement of dumpsters and portable storage units on first reading. Mr. Hiles seconds and it is approved with a 6-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE 2022-12

Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-12 regulating disorderly conduct on first reading. Mr. Hackett seconds and it is approved with a 6-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE 2022-13

Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-13 regulating Special Law Enforcement Officers on first reading. Mr. Hackett seconds and it is approved with a 6-0 roll call vote.

Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve revisions to the Police Policy as suggested by Chief DeFalco. Motion is seconded by Ms. Nixon. Chief Defalco states that this revision will bring the Borough into compliance with the most recent guidance from the Attorney General. Motion carries with a 6-0 roll call vote.

Chief Defalco reviews his monthly report with Council. He addresses an issue of having a crossing guard shortage and requests permission to seek out more employees for coverage. Council agrees.

Utilities:

Engineer Biermann reviews with Council the various utility construction projects happening in town.

Streets and Roads:

Council discusses the barrier between the Woodstown Greens and Candlelight developments on Kingsberry Lane. Engineer Biermann discusses safety concerns for first responders as a large portion of the homes are now occupied. Council discusses having “No Construction Traffic” signs placed where the barrier currently is. There was also discussion about soil runoff into the Candlelight

development. Council requests that Engineer Biermann try to get something in writing with the developer regarding opening the barrier, not allowing construction traffic through, and controlling soil runoff.

Mr. Vanaman informs Council that due to being short staffed and the number of construction projects in town, leaf collection has been difficult. Public works is aware and working on it diligently.

General Government:

Council discusses the Municipal Alliance Grant

RESOLUTION 2022-110

Ms. Nixon makes a motion to approve the resolution applying for the Municipal Alliance Grant for the 2023-2024 FY. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved 6-0.

Mrs. Dalessio reviews the results of the Best Practices Inventory.

Health, Recreation, and Open Space:

ORDINANCE 2022-10

Ms. Bobbitt makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10 regulating the parks on first reading. Mrs. Hyman seconds and it is approved with a 6-0 roll call vote.

Council discusses the price of trash and recycle carts. New carts were recently purchased and the “at cost” price to the residents would be \$58 each.

Ms. Bobbitt makes a motion to approve the price change. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hackett and approved 6-0.

Council discusses the upcoming construction at Watson Park. Council agrees that there should not be individuals out there after dark. Council discusses issues with individuals driving on the grass and the damage it causes.

General Discussion:

RESOLUTION 2022-111

Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-111 entering into executive session regarding personnel and potential litigation. Mr. Hackett seconds and it is approved 6-0.

[Council enters executive session at 7:45 pm]

[Council exits executive session at 8:05 pm]

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hiles at 8:05 pm. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Hyman and approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Hitchner III, Borough Deputy Clerk