

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 12, 2019

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 with the Annual Notice adopted January 2, 2019 advertised in the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal posted in the Borough Hall Foyer in compliance with the Sunshine Law NJSA 10:4-5 to 10:4-21.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Joe Hiles followed by the flag salute.

The following members were present:

John Hall Stacy Shorter-Carney
Bertha Hyman Valerie Lacy
Glenn Merkle

The following members were absent:

Don Dietrich

Also Present:

Melissa Fackler Frank Mitchell
Ray Mattson Erik Biermann
Adam Telsey Sean O'Donnell
Cynthia Dalessio Ken and Sally McIlvaine
Clarence and Donna Gardiner
Ken Mack

Public Portion

Council President, Joe Hiles presented Ken McIlvaine with a proclamation and a medal naming him Woodstown's Veteran of the year for 2019.

Ken Mack from 83 West Ave came to discuss the road work in front of his house and issues with the way they have left his driveway apron and street. Mr. Biermann assured him that those items will be getting fixed, but he is not sure about the time line. Mr. Biermann has asked that Mr. Mack send pictures of the driveway to his email.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner came to discuss their idea for the Borough owned property on East Millbrooke. They would like to plant cover crop, which is low maintenance and will make the property look more appealing. They raise bees and this would be an area for new bees to come too forage.

A motion was made to allow Clarence and Donna Gardiner to plant cover crop and maintain the property on 182-184 East Millbrooke as long as all paper work is filled out completely with the JIF. The motion was approved by Mr. Hall and Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous vote.

Minutes

Approval of council minutes from October 22, 2019 meeting was done on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Lacy followed by a unanimous vote except Mr. Merkle who abstained.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Telsey informed Council that he reviewed the contract for construction for the pavilion at Marvin Watson Park.

Finance

Ordinance 2019-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Public hearing was opened and hearing no comments the public portion was closed.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-10 for the Sewerage Authority Treasurer in the amount of \$9,000.00 was made by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2019-90

A resolution approving transfers to be made in the amount not to exceed \$4,700.00 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2019-91

A resolution for insertion of a special item of revenue for JIF Cyber Security in the amount of \$1,500.00 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Tax Report was presented for review.

Public Safety

Police Report was presented for review.

Chief Mattson informed Council that they have received a total of 28 applications for patrolman.

Chief Mattson plans on holding interviews for the Chief position in December.

Mr. Merkle stated there have been no new updates on the police contract.

Utilities

Mr. Biermann informed Council that South Jersey Gas and Sickles inspectors did a walk through earlier today and will be creating a punch list of items that need to be addressed.

Harris Acres is still an ongoing project.

Sickles will be getting a list together for DOT of issues that need to be addressed on Route 40.

Liberty and Spring Garden are close to being paved.

There is a meeting tomorrow regarding Route 40 to 77 to hear how they purpose handling the road and utilities. Mr. Biermann will report any updates at the next Council meeting.

Streets and Roads

Mrs. Hyman stated that a larger no truck sign has been placed on Bailey Street.

Mrs. Lacy informed Council that one of the fire hydrants on Bailey Street looks like dirt has been moved away and never filled back in. Mr. Mitchell stated he will take a look.

General Government

Resolution 2019-92

A resolution for Municipal Alliance Grant on alcoholism and drug abuse for the fiscal grant cycle July 2020-June 2025 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2019-93

A resolution awarding contract for replacement of 27 windows to Archer Exterior Renovation in the amount not to exceed \$14,989.00 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2019-94

A resolution awarding contracts for small cities housing rehabilitation grant was approved on a motion by Mrs. Shorter-Carney and seconded by Mrs. Lacy followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

A review of the Best Practices Inventory was presented by Mrs. Dalessio.

A brief discussion was held regarding RFP's for professional services and Council agreed to post on the website.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Mr. Hall reported we should have the HIF Dividend announcement sometime this week.

Paying the bills were approved on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Merkle followed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:10 PM.

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk