

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 26, 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 Mayor, Don Dietrich followed by the flag salute.

The following members were present:

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

Also Present:

Melissa Fackler Jud Moore
Ray Mattson Erik Biermann
Edel Huskey Wesley Burden

Public Portion

Resolution 2019-95

A resolution approving the agreement of sale with the American Legion Ambulance Association for Block 33 Lot 26 for a portion of the parking lot in the amount not to exceed \$55,643.25 was approved on a motion by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Minutes

Approval of council minutes from November 12, 2019 meeting was done on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Finance

Mr. Moore gave a brief report on the bond closing.

Resolution 2019-96

A resolution approving transfer of tax payment to water for Block: 33 Lot: 9 in the amount of \$500.00 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2019-97

A resolution canceling receivables and reserves was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2019-98

A resolution approving a transfer in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Safety

A motion to approve Grant Joseph Ashcraft as a member of Reliance Fire Company was made by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote except for Mr. Hiles who abstained.

Interviews for the Chief position will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019 and Mr. Merkle and Mrs. Hyman will be sitting in on the interviews.

Chief Mattson informed Council they are down to 15 applicants for patrolman and the fitness test will be held on December 14, 2019 at the High School.

Chief Mattson brought up the possible need to create a dumpster ordinance. Mr. Merkle will work on an ordinance for dumpster.

Utilities

Mr. Biermann is reviewing the punch list with South Jersey Gas.

Near 38 West Ave a sanitary sewer lateral was broken while trying to put in trees. DOT will be fixing and the trees will need to be placed elsewhere.

Spring Garden and Liberty have been paved.

Mr. Biermann gave an update on the meeting he had with DOT regarding Wilson to Route 77. DOT wants to reconstruct the full depth of the road, which means to the base of the water main. The water main will remain untouched, but the sewer main will need to be replaced. Mr. Biermann said the same detour will be in place and remain in place for likely the whole summer.

Streets and Roads

Mrs. Hyman reported that Don Rafuse retired.

General Government

Mrs. Shorter-Carney reported that she attended a social media class at the League and after the holidays she suggested they sit down and discuss this more in depth.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Mr. Hall informed Council that the Gardiners have started to clear the lot on East Millbrooke and have found items and trash on the property. Mr. Hall has asked Larry Maltman to do a survey.

A motion to approve Spencer's Day to be held at Marvin Watson Park on August 8, 2020 with a rain date of August 9, 2020 with use of bathrooms was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mrs. Hyman followed by a unanimous vote.

Paying the bills were approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney followed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 7:52 PM.

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk