

# WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 10, 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    Joe Hiles  
Glenn Merkle

The following members were absent:

Valerie Lacy

Also Present:

Melissa Fackler        Cynthia Dalessio  
Ray Mattson            Erik Biermann  
Chair Turnbull        Wesley Burden  
Adam Telsey            Ruth Jones

## **Public Portion**

Ruth Jones from 320 Bailey Street came to discuss the Spencer's Church fun day that will be held on August 8, 2020 and they have some activities planned for under the pavilion. She wanted to know if the pavilion would be ready to use by then and Council assured it would be up. Also, she wanted to know if there would ever be a walking track at Marvin Watson Park as discussed previously by Council. Mayor Don Dietrich informed her that there are certain obstacles and cost associated with this project and at this time they are unsure if it can be built on Green Acres property.

## **Minutes**

Approval of council minutes from November 26, 2019 meeting was done on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney followed by a unanimous vote.

## **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Biermann informed Council that the Broad Street drainage study will be done this week.

The County has awarded the bid for the installation of the pipe at the rail road crossing. However, there is a discrepancy in the elevation. Mr. Biermann will setup a meeting to discuss this issue as soon as possible with the County, Mayor Don Dietrich and Mrs. Hyman.

There are still items that South State is working on to fix as per the punch list that was provided to them.

Layton's Funeral home will be moving the fountain to the center of town.

## **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Telsey informed Council he had completed the contract of sale between the Ambulance Hall and the Borough and it has been sent out.

## **Finance**

### **Resolution 2019-98**

A resolution approving transfers to be made in the amount of \$16,650.00 was approved on a motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **Public Safety**

### **Resolution 2019-99**

A resolution approving 2020 Memorandum of Understanding for Mid Salem Municipal Court was done on a motion by Mr. Merkle seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Merkle informed Council that the meeting with the Ambulance Hall in regards to finances for next year went well and we are just waiting to see their audit.

Mr. Merkle stated that it would be best to do the dumpster ordinance next year verses now.

Police report presented for review.

Interview for Police Chief were conducted yesterday.

There are 13 applicants for the Patrol Officer spot and they will have a physical fitness test on Saturday.

Chief Mattson suggested that the Borough might want to look into getting a credit card for fuel just in case the County Pumps are down like they were over the weekend.

## **Utilities**

Monthly water usage report and leak letter list were presented for review.

## **Streets and Roads**

### **Resolution 2019-100**

A resolution approving agreement with DOT for moving a pedestrian crossing signal to Lincoln Ave and Route 40 was done on a motion by Mrs. Hyman and seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

A discussion was held regarding the dedication ceremony for the relocation of the fountain in the center of town. Council is going to dedicate the fountain to Estelle Sherman during the dedication ceremony being held on March 8, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

## **General Government**

Mrs. Shorter-Carney asked if there were any updates on the windows for Borough Hall. The contract for the windows has been sent out, but we have not received a copy back yet.

## **Health, Recreation & Open Space**

Mr. Hall informed Council that the items left on the Borough property on East Millbrooke belong to Mr. Buzby. Council has authorized Mr. Telsey to send Mr. Buzby a letter to inform him those items need to be removed.

The closeout meeting will be on December 30, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

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

### **Resolution 2019-101**

A motion enter into closed session for personnel was made by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mrs. Shorter-Carney followed by a unanimous vote.

A motion to enter into open session was made by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

A motion to make Ryan Defalco Chief, James LaPalomento Sergeant, and Scott Vegenock Corporal effective January 1, 2020 was made by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:04 PM.

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk