

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 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 Mayor, Don Dietrich followed by the flag salute.

The following members were present:

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

The following members were absent:

Glenn Merkle

Also Present:

Melissa Fackler Jim Hackett Bruce Sherman
Shawn Glynn Frank Mitchel Edel Huskey
Ray Mattson Erik Biermann Larry Kulp
Adam Telsey Welsey Burden Daniel & Roberta Zehner

Public Portion

Daniel and Roberta Zehner came to discuss the flooding that occurs on North Main in front of their building each time a large amount of rain falls. Mr. Zehner has gotten a petition signed in support of DOT fixing the storm sewer drain located on North Main. Larry Kulp a business owner on North Main came to support the concerns of the Zehner's. Mr Zehner would like Council to pass a resolution to support the need for repair to the storm sewer drain.

Resolution 2019-21

A motion in support of Merchants, Business Owners and Residents on North Main Street to fix the storm sewer drain to help prevent flooding during heavy rainfall, was made by Mr. Hall and seconded Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Bruce Sherman owner of 138 West Ave. came to discuss the concern of on street parking in front of his building after the road work is completed. Mayor Don Dietrich told him to come take look at the maps located in the Clerk's Office to confirm the number of spaces that will be placed on his side of the street.

Edel Huskey came to inform Council the letter she previously received from the Construction Department was only an informational letter to keep her updated on the matter. And that she is having issues with the sump pump at 8 West Grant Street flooding her yard and basement, and she is working with Rick Pfeffer on this matter.

Minutes

Approval of Council minutes from January 22, 2019 was done on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mrs. Lacy with a unanimous vote.

Solicitor's Report

No report besides closed session items, which will be handled at the end of the meeting.

Finance

Resolution 2019-22

A resolution authorizing the refund of first quarter 2019 taxes for a total disabled veteran Block 2.02 Lot 14 (Smith, David M. & Mary Ellen) was done on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2019-23

A resolution for transfer of appropriation reserves in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Tax Collector Report presented for review.

Budget Workshop will be held on February 26, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Public Safety

Police Report was presented for review.

Utilities

South Jersey Gas is replacing about of 15,000 linear ft of gas main along multiple roads in the Borough with over 300 street openings that will done over a five month project timeline. Mr. Biermann is working on putting together an estimate for his office to do the inspections on roadways and sidewalks. South Jersey Gas is required to post an escrow and performance bond, which Mr. Biermann is working on the amounts.

Streets and Roads

Resolution 2019-24

A resolution to adjust the existing speed limits along Route US 40 was approved by Mrs. Hyman and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

General Government

Discussion was held regarding the water damage repairs to basement and at this time Council is waiting to discuss this more during the next budget workshop.

Woodstown is hosting the Local Government Dinner on March 28 at Creekside Inn and Mayor Don Dietrich will be the speaker to discuss the Route 40 project.

Woodstown Pilesgrove Business Association is meeting on February 13, 2019 for their monthly meeting and all are invited to join at 7:00am at Friends.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

JIF Safety Breakfast will be Thursday, February 28, 2019.

Mr. Hall looked into Pesticide Training for a few Public Works employees and it is \$99.00 a person plus other fees for the Operator altogether totaling \$637.00. Harry Vanaman will be the Operator and Keith Haney and Jimmy Hickman will work under him.

Mr. Hall received two quotes in the amount around \$2,300.00 for replacing the fence along the lake. A motion to put \$2,300.00 in the budget to replace the fence was done by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Lacy followed by a unanimous vote.

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

A motion to enter into closed session for pending litigation and contract negotiations was made by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall followed by a unanimous vote.

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

A motion for the amount of fees for South Jersey Gas's for the current project only, be set at \$25,000.00 total for openings fee, escrow and performance bond to be satisfactory of the Borough Engineer was made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hiles followed by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 9:00 PM

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk