

WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 13, 2018

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, 2018 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:

Don Dietrich	John Hall
Joe Hiles	Valerie Lacy
Bertha Hyman	Glenn Merkle

The following members were absent:

Deb Tierno

Also Present:

Cris Simmermon	Frank Mitchell
Bruce Sherman	Karin Wood
Erik Biermann	Floyd McNally
Melissa Fackler	Wesley Burden

Public Portion

Dustin Wilson the new police recruit introduced himself and said a few words about his ties to Woodstown.

Resolution 2018-19

Appointing Dustin Wilson as a police recruit for the Woodstown Police Department was approved on a motion by Mr. Merkle and Seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Bruce Sherman addressed the "Pink House", 40 West Ave as he was under the impression that improvements were supposed to be made within a certain time frame from purchase. He would like the Borough to look into this agreement and take appropriate action.

Wesley Burden wanted to follow up with any progress for 351 South Main Street in reference to the unsafe structure. Mr. Mitchell informed Council that he did reach out to the owners through mail and certified mail, but has been unable to make contact. Mayor Don Dietrich would like Mr. Mitchell to get quotes on removing the house to discuss at next meeting on February 27, 2018.

Being no further comments from the public this section of the meeting was closed on a motion by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hiles.

Minutes

Approval of Council minutes from January 23, 2018 was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall, all in favor except for Mr. Merkle, which abstained the meeting minutes.

Solicitor's Report

Mrs. Woods has reviewed the shared service agreement with Oldmans Township for Construction and believes it looks good. With no further comments or concerns the agreement was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mrs. Hyman followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Finance

Resolution 2018-20

Borough of Woodstown rescinding agreement with Bach Associates for Master Plan revision approved by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote by all except Mr. Merkle which abstained.

Resolution 2018-21

Increasing deferred local school district tax was approved by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-22

Amending 2018 Temporary Budget was approved by Mrs. Lacy and seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Safety

Mr. Simmermon presented his monthly police report.

Mr. Merkle informed all of Council that the dam will need to be inspected in 2019 and that Mr. Mitchell is coming up with a maintenance plan for the dam.

Mr. Hiles also passed along information along with a sheet about the Reliance Fire Company coin drop, which will be Saturday, June 2, 2018 and Saturday August 25, 2018 with rain dates of Saturday, June 9, 2018 and Saturday, September 1, 2018.

With no other comments a motion was made by Mr. Merkle and seconded by Mr. Hall. Mr. Hiles abstained.

Utilities

Broad Street will be videoed Thursday February 15, 2018 on Broad Street

Mr. Biermann also informed Council that well pump 5 replacement will be installed either Thursday or Friday and running by sometime the following week.

Mr. Hiles spoke about concerns pertaining to the water meters and errors with manual readings.

Merit pay increase to \$23.65/hr for Ralph Gardner was approved on a motion by Mr. Hiles and seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Streets and Roads

Approval of payment to R & V for Maple Court in the amount not to exceed \$1,506.00 was done on a motion from Mrs. Hyman and seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Authorization for Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 for Maple Court for a total reduction of \$87,187.15 was done on a motion by Mrs. Hyman and seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

The old car was sold and along with both leaf machines on GovDeals.

General Government

General Government topics were covered in the Solicitor's section.

Health, Recreation & Open Space

Mr. Hall stated that there are two Jif Training classes for anyone who needs to go.

Mr. Merkle wants to make sure we have all of our documents stored safely, which everything is backed up daily on the computers. Also, Mr. Merkle would like to see all the data backed up off campus such as on "the cloud" or something similar.

Paying the bills with additions approved by Mr. Hall and Second by Mr. Hiles

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Melissa Fackler, Deputy Clerk