

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2022**

Sunshine Statement:

“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 by noticing the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal and posting on the Borough Website in compliance with the Sunshine Law NJSA 10:4-5 to 10:4-21.”

- **Roll Call – Bobbitt, Hackett, Hiles, Hyman, Merkle, Nixon**
- **Absent – Mayor Dietrich**
- **Others Present – Joe DiNicola Jr (Solicitor), Cynthia Dalessio (Clerk), John Hitchner (Deputy Clerk), Erik Biermann (Engineer), Ryan DeFalco (Police Chief), Jud Moore (CFO), Wesley “Buster” Burden (Resident), Thomas Glah (Resident), David Butler (Chairman of the Firetruck Committee), Jim Pearo (Resident)**

Flag Salute:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and Council President Merkle led Council in the flag salute.

Public Comments:

The meeting was opened for public comment by Council President Merkle.

Mr. Thomas Glah addresses the Council. He requests updates on his concerns from the previous council meeting. He asks if there is anything Council can do regarding passing on the right on Kresswold as recently he was almost struck by a vehicle. Chief DeFalco informs him we can place information regarding the new law concerning cyclists and pedestrians in the borough’s newsletter and if grants become available for an educational campaign he will look into them. Residents request signs in the crosswalks.

Being as no more members of the public wished to speak, Council President Merkle closed the public portion.

Minutes:

Mr. Hiles made a motion to approve the 4/12/2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and the motion carries with a unanimous vote; 6-0

Finance:

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the bills totaling **\$27,583.98**. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hackett and approved 6-0.*

Streets and Roads:

Mrs. Hyman makes a motion to go out to bid for the Safe Routes to School project. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved 6-0 with a roll call vote.

Engineer Biermann informs Council that the NJDOT is soliciting for grants. He recommends that Council take the Borton Drive application and repackage it for submitting prior to July 1st. Council agrees.

General Government:

There are no updates for General Government.

Health, Recreation, and Open Space:

Mrs. Dalessio updates Council on the annual tonnage report statistics.

RESOLUTION 2022-52

Ms. Bobbitt makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-52 approving the submission of the tonnage grant. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Hyman and approved with a 6-0 roll call vote.

Council discusses using flower baskets on the lamp posts rather than urns on the sidewalk, which will cut costs in half. Local businesses will water and maintain the baskets. Rotary has donated the money for the purchase of the flowers.

Public Safety:

Chief DeFalco discusses the “mass casualty” exercise which took place over the weekend. He described it as very successful and thanks the 50+ Rowan college students who showed up to help. [Fire Chief Facemyer enters the meeting]

Chief Facemyer updates Council on the status of purchasing the new firetruck. He states that after 7 months of committee work the committee has decided to purchase a Spartan which will replace two of the current trucks. The Fire Company currently has 2 Spartans. This will integrate well with their current fleet in terms of sales representatives and maintenance. Pilesgrove has already approved the purchase.

Mr. Merkle thanks the committee for the large number of hours of work which was put into this purchase to ensure the Fire Company made the best selection.

ORDINANCE 2022-05

Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-05 to bond for the new firetruck. Motion is seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and approved 5-0 with Mr. Hiles abstaining.

Utilities:

There are no updates for utilities.

General Discussion:

RESOLUTION 2022-53

Mr. Hackett makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-53 going into executive session. Mr. Hiles seconds the motion and it is approved with a 6-0 vote.

[Council enters into executive session at 7:35 pm]

[Council exits executive session at 7:45 pm]

Mr. Hackett makes a motion to authorize the Engineer to do a thorough study on the status of the water utility. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved with a 6-0 roll call vote.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hiles at 7:50 pm. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Hyman and approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Hitchner III, Borough Deputy Clerk