

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 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 –Hackett, Hiles, Hyman, Merkle, Nixon, Mayor Dietrich**
- **Absent – Bobbitt**
- **Others Present – Joe DiNicola Jr (Solicitor), Cynthia Dalessio (Clerk), John Hitchner (Deputy Clerk), Ryan DeFalco (Police Chief), Jud Moore (CFO), Wesley “Buster” Burden (Resident), Thomas Glah (Resident), Linda Graham (Resident), Brian Pokrzywa (Resident)**

Flag Salute:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and Mayor Donald Dietrich led Council in the flag salute.

Finance:

CFO Moore and the Auditor Caltabiano reviewed the finalized budget with the Council. Council instructs Deputy Clerk Hitchner to place the tax chart on the website.

Mayor Dietrich opens the budget discussion to the public. There is discussion about the new development and when the new tax revenue will be available to the Borough.

As no more of the public wishes to speak about the budget, Mayor Dietrich closes the public portion.

RESOLUTION 2022-54

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-54 approving the 2022 municipal budget on second reading. Mr. Hackett seconds the motion and it is approved with a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-55

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-55 inserting the JIF Safety Funds into 2022 municipal budget. Mr. Hackett seconds the motion and it is approved with a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-56

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-56 entering into a contract for professional services for bond counsel with Parker McKay. Mr. Merkle seconds the motion and it is approved with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the bills as provided by the CFO in an amount of \$55,508.98. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Hyman and approved 5-0.

Public Comments:

The meeting was opened for public comment by Mayor Dietrich.

Ms. Graham informs the Council that she came tonight in support of having a rain date for the community yard sale. Mr. Glah goes over various items which he had requested from Council. Mr. Pokrzywa thanks the Borough’s police for their presence throughout the town.

Being as no more members of the public wished to speak, Mayor Dietrich closed the public portion.

Minutes:

Mr. Hiles made a motion to approve the 4/26/2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Hyman and the motion carries with a unanimous vote; 5-0

Utilities:

Council reviews the monthly water report.

Public Safety:

ORDINANCE 2022-05

Mayor Dietrich opens discussion of Ordinance 2022-05 for public discussion. As no members of the public wished to speak, the public portion is closed.

Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-05 bonding to purchase the new fire truck on second reading. Mr. Hackett seconds the motion and it is approved with a 4-0 vote with Mr. Hiles abstaining.

[Mr. Hackett excuses himself from the meeting at 7:25 pm]

Chief DeFalco states the Borough is scheduled to purchase 7 new crosswalk signs within the year.

The Police Department report is reviewed with Council.

Streets and Roads:

RESOLUTION 2022-57

Mrs. Hyman makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-57 requesting that Salem County close roads for the Fourth of July parade route. Mr. Hiles seconds the motion and it is approved with a 4-0 vote.

General Government:

ORDINANCE 2022-04

Mayor Dietrich opens Ordinance 2022-04 amending the checklist for public discussion. As no members of the public wished to speak, Mayor Dietrich closes the public portion.

Mrs. Nixon makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-04. Mr. Hiles seconds the motion and it is approved with a 4-0 vote.

ORDINANCE 2022-06

Mrs. Nixon makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-04 on first reading amending sidewalk regulations in the Borough. Mr. Hiles seconds the motion and it is approved with a 4-0 vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-58

Mrs. Nixon makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-58 approving the contract with grant writer Mark Blauer to manage the Housing Rehabilitation grants. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved with a 4-0 roll call vote.

Health, Recreation, and Open Space:

RESOLUTION 2022-59

Mrs. Hyman makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-59 approving the contract with grant writer Mark Blauer to manage the Public Facilities grant. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Mrs. Hyman makes a motion to approve Spencer Church's request to use Watson Park on August 13. Mr. Hiles seconds the motion and it carries with a 4-0 vote. Public Works will open the bathrooms.

Council discusses options regarding the rain that occurred on the annual community free yard sale day. It is decided that a second free yard sale day will be held on the first Saturday in August.

Mrs. Hyman makes a motion to approve waiving of the fees for yard sales on August 6, 2022. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved 4-0.

General Discussion:

RESOLUTION 2022-60

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-60 entering into executive session for potential litigation. Motion is seconded by Ms. Nixon and approved with a 4-0 vote.

[Council enters into executive session at 7:40 pm]

[Council exits executive session at 7:50 pm]

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hiles at 7:50 pm. Motion is seconded by Mr. Merkle and approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Hitchner III, Borough Deputy Clerk