

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 28, 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, Dietrich**
- **Absent – NONE**
- **Others Present – Joe DiNicola Jr (Solicitor), Cynthia Dalessio (Clerk), John Hitchner (Deputy Clerk), Frank Mitchell (Public Works Superintendent), Harry Vanaman (P/W Foreman), Erik Biermann (Engineer), Jud Moore (CFO), Anwar Golden (Property Owner)**

**Flag Salute:**

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

**Public Comments:**

*The meeting was opened for public comment by Mayor Dietrich.  
Anwar Golden thanks Council for extending his time to demolish the house on Bailey Street. He anticipates the house to be demolished within the week.  
Being as no more members of the public wished to speak, Mayor Dietrich closed the public portion.*

**Minutes:**

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the 6/14/2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and the motion carries with a unanimous vote; 6-0*

**Solicitor’s Report:**

*Solicitor DiNicola has nothing new to report at this time.*

**Finance:**

**ORDINANCE 2022-09**

*Ordinance setting the policy for fully disabled veteran’s tax deductions was tabled.*

**RESOLUTION 2022-68 – Curtis**

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-68 cancelling taxes for a 100% disabled veteran. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hackett and approved with a 6-0 vote.*

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the bills as provided by the CFO in an amount of **\$513,284.07** with the amendment that on page #7 the purchase order to Sickels should go to Mount Construction. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hackett and approved 6-0.*

**Public Safety:**

**RESOLUTION 2022-69**

*Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-69 approving the liquor license renewal for Cream Valley. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved with a 6-0 vote.*

**RESOLUTION 2022-70**

*Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-70 approving the liquor license renewal for the Moose Lodge. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hackett and approved with a 6-0 vote.*

**RESOLUTION 2022-71**

*Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-71 approving the liquor license renewal for the Woodstown Pub. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved with a 6-0 vote.*

**RESOLUTION 2022-72**

*Mr. Merkle makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-72 authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract for the new Spartan firetruck. Motion is seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and approved with a 5-0 vote with Mr. Hiles abstaining.*

**Utilities:****RESOLUTION 2022-73**

*Mr. Hackett makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-73 approving the final payment on the South Main Street water main reconstruction project. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved with a 6-0 vote.*

*Engineer Biermann states that South Jersey Gas will be repairing the sewer lateral at 18 East Grant Street after receiving the letter from Solicitor DiNicola.*

**Streets and Roads:**

*Mrs. Hyman makes a motion to approve Sickels to review the Safe Routes to School bids and prepare the bid summary. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hackett and approved 6-0.*

*Mrs. Hyman makes a motion to approve the resignation of Jacob Eichorn subject to written notice. Motion is seconded by Mr. Merkle and approved 6-0.*

**RESOLUTION 2022-74**

*Mr. Hyman makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-74 hiring Scott Cronin and Jeffrey Proud upon satisfactory completion of physicals and background checks. Motion is seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and approved with a 6-0 vote.*

**General Government:**

*Mrs. Nixon informs the rest of Council that she followed up with Woodstown Community Fun Day (WCFD) organizers and JIF. They will likely be getting insurance through JIF for a single day event as it was quoted less than their quote from a private insurance company.*

**Health, Recreation, and Open Space:**

*Council discusses a complaint regarding late fees for dog licenses. Deputy Clerk Hitchner states that the new software's renewal notice could have been clearer and the company had created a new form for next year which should resolve the issue. He also stated that 225 licenses have already been issued, 25 of which paid their late fees without complaining. Council determines they do not want to set a precedent by refunding the late fees.*

*Council discusses the property on Alloway Road. Solicitor DiNicola suggests the owner of the horses be noticed of the violation and the State of NJ be copied on it. Ms. Bobbitt suggests that the fence be taken down and an electric fence be placed on the property line so that the horses do not run loose. There is discussion about placing a lien on the resident through the agreement the Borough has with Pilesgrove. Council discusses getting quotes from an outside contractor to take care of the work with a clause indemnifying the contractor.*

*Mr. Merkle discusses that the memorial which was donated by the Moose Lodge will have a new individual added, Corporal Kerns.*

**General Discussion:****RESOLUTION 2022-75**

*Mr. Hackett makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-75 entering into executive session for contract negotiation. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Nixon and approved with a 6-0 vote.*

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

*[Council exits executive session at 8:00 pm]*

**Motion to Adjourn:**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hiles at 8:05 pm. Motion is seconded by Mr. Merkle and approved 6-0.*

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John H. Hitchner III, Borough Deputy Clerk**