

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 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, Nixon, Dietrich**
- **Absent – Merkle**
- **Others Present – Joe DiNicola Jr (Solicitor), Cynthia Dalessio (Clerk), John Hitchner (Deputy Clerk), Ryan DeFalco (Police Chief), Frank Mitchell (Public Works Superintendent), Harry Vanaman (P/W Foreman), Jud Moore (CFO), Kenneth Johnson & family (resident), Julia Gaskins & family (resident), Marc DeCastro (Coach) and various members of the 2022 Woodstown High School State Championship Baseball Team, Thomas Glah (Resident)**

Flag Salute:

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

Public Comments:

Mayor Dietrich gives a presentation for Mr. Kenneth Johnson in honor of a lifetime of service to the Borough, his church, and his country. The Mayor gives him a proclamation acknowledging his achievements.

Mayor Dietrich gives a presentation for Mrs. Julia Gaskins in honor of a lifetime of service to the Borough and her church. The Mayor gives her a proclamation acknowledging her achievements.

Mayor Dietrich gives a presentation for Mr. Marc DeCastro in honor of leading the 2022 Woodstown High School baseball team to winning the State Championship. Mayor Dietrich also acknowledges all of the players on the team and members of the staff who contributed to this great achievement. The Mayor gives them proclamations acknowledging their achievement.

The meeting was opened for public comment by Mayor Dietrich. Being as no members of the public wished to speak, Mayor Dietrich closed the public portion.

Minutes:

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the 6/28/2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Hyman and the motion carries with a unanimous vote; 5-0

Solicitor’s Report: *Solicitor DiNicola has nothing to report in open session at this time.*

Finance:

ORDINANCE 2022-09

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-09, setting policy regarding fully disabled veteran tax deductions, on first reading. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hackett and approved 5-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-07

Mayor Dietrich opens Ordinance 2022-07 to the public. Being as no members of the public wished to speak, Mayor Dietrich closes the public portion.

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-07, a bond ordinance for the improvements at Watson Park. Motion is seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and approved 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2022-80

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-80 (Chapter 159) inserting Safe Routes to School funding into the budget. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hackett and approved with a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-76

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-76, totally Disabled Veteran Tax Deduction. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Nixon and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Council reviews the monthly Tax Collector’s report.

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the bills as provided by the CFO in an amount of \$170,783.19. Motion is seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and approved 5-0.

Public Safety:

RESOLUTION 2022-77

Ms. Bobbitt makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-77 approving the liquor license renewal for the Woodstown Diner. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved with a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-78

Ms. Bobbitt makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-78 approving Reliance Fire Company to apply for ARP-FFG grant with the Fire Company covering their part of the cost share for the grant. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Hyman and approved with a 4-0 vote with Mr. Hiles abstaining.

Council reviews the monthly police report.

Utilities: *There is nothing to discuss regarding utilities.*

Streets and Roads:

ORDINANCE 2022-08

Mayor Dietrich opens Ordinance 2022-08 to the public. Mr. Glah asks Council who will be getting the land? Solicitor DiNicola states it will go to adjoining property owners. Being as no more members of the public wished to speak, Mayor Dietrich closes the public portion.

Mrs. Hyman makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-08, vacating Cedar Way. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Nixon and approved 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2022-79

Mrs. Hyman makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-79 hiring Doug Shimp upon satisfactory completion of physicals and background checks. Motion is seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Council reviews the monthly public works report

General Government:

Mrs. Nixon discusses the status of the Safe Routes to School grant, the timelines required, and the options for financing the Borough's share. Council discusses if they wished to pay for it out of American Rescue Plan funds or capital. Due to time constraints, it seemed best to pay for it out of ARP funds.

RESOLUTION 2022-81

Mrs. Nixon makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-81 approving the construction contract with Charles Marandino LLC for the Safe Routes to School project pending NJ DOT approval. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved with a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-82

Mrs. Nixon makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-82 awarding the engineering contract for the Safe Routes to School project to Sickels and Associates pending NJ DOT approval. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Council discusses the new lead paint laws and options for getting into compliance over the next 2 years.

Health, Recreation, and Open Space: *There is nothing to discuss regarding Health, Recreation, and Open Space.*

General Discussion:

Council discusses the regulations for food trucks within the Borough. With the new brewery open, it is anticipated that there will be more requests from food vendors. It is discussed to place speed bumps along the easement behind the brewery to reduce traffic cut-through and speeding off of Route 40.

RESOLUTION 2022-83

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-83 entering into executive session regarding contracts. Motion is seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and approved with a 5-0 vote.

[Council enters executive session at 7:40 pm]

[Council exits executive session at 8:30 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