

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 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 – Dietrich**
- **Others Present – Joe DiNicola Jr (Solicitor), John Hitchner (Deputy Clerk), Erik Biermann (Engineer), Harry Vanaman (P/W Foreman), Jud Moore (CFO)**

Flag Salute:

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

Public Comments:

President Merkle opens the meeting to the public. Mr. Jesse Williams discusses Woodstown Community Fun Day (WCFD). He discusses with Council having next year’s WCFD on August 12, 2023. Mr. Williams also requests use of Watson Park every other Sunday from 4:00 – 6:00 pm starting August 28, 2022, for an “Oldies in the Park” gathering with music and dancing. Public Works states they would be able to unlock the bathrooms. Council discusses an upcoming request for a birthday party in the park with a rain date on Sunday, 9/11/2022. Council approves Mr. Williams request with the caveat that if it rains on Saturday, 9/10/2022, the birthday party had already requested the 11th. Mr. Williams also brings up an event for seniors they wished to organize for May 13, 2023. Council states they can’t approve this until later due to the upcoming renovations to the park which may be in conflict with that date.

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

Minutes:

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the 8/9/2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hackett 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:

Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the bills as provided by the CFO in an amount of \$543,724.55. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hackett and approved 5-0.

Councilman Hiles instructs department heads to be thinking about next year’s budgets as workshops will start soon.

Utilities:

Council reviews the water department report. Usage is up.

Public Safety:

There are no items for discussion for Public Safety.

Streets and Roads:

Engineer Biermann states that reports were completed for Freedom Development on Bailey Street and advises Council on them. He also updates Council on two open projects for South Jersey Gas.

General Government:

There are no items for open session in General Government.

Health, Recreation, and Open Space:

Ms. Bobbitt makes a motion to approve the use of Watson Park for a birthday party the weekend of 9/10/2022. Motion is seconded by Mr. Hiles and approved 5-0.

Ms. Bobbitt makes a motion to approve the “Locals on the Lake” on October 16, 2022, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm pending proof of TULIP insurance. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Hyman and approved 5-0.

General Discussion:

There are no items for open session in General Discussion.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hiles at 7:30 pm. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Hyman and approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Hitchner III, Borough Deputy Clerk