

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 13, 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, Mayor Dietrich**
- **Absent – Merkle**
- **Others Present – Joe DiNicola Jr (Solicitor), Cynthia Dalessio (Clerk), John Hitchner (Deputy Clerk), Frank Mitchell (CPWM), Ryan DeFalco (Police Chief), Harry Vanaman (P/W Foreman), Jud Moore (CFO), Mike Quinette (Sewer Chairman), Wesley “Buster” Burden (Resident), Tom Barney (Barney’s Books), Trudy Parker-Spence (Candlelight Tour)**

**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 opened the meeting for public comment. Ms. Parker-Spence discusses wanting to make the 2022 Candlelight Tour a larger event like the fall festival. She reviews with Council the activities which will be available from 4:00 – 9:00 pm on Friday, December 2, 2022. She is requesting road closures. Chief DeFalco informs her that closing North Main requires State permission, but closing South main only requires County approval. Chief informs Council what police presence will be required and the costs. Mr. Mitchell discusses labor costs which will be incurred from his department. There is discussion about food vendors and permits.*

**RESOLUTION 2022-95**

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the road closure of South Main Street and to request permission from the County. Mrs. Hyman seconds and it is approved 5-0.*

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

**Minutes:**

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve the 8/23/2022 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 \$142,659.50. Motion is seconded by Ms. Bobbitt and approved 5-0.*

**Public Safety:**

*Ms. Bobbitt makes a motion to approve the Wolverine Run on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 8:00 am. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Hyman and approved 5-0.*

*Ms. Bobbitt makes a motion to approve William Buirch as a regular member of Reliance Fire Company. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Hyman and approved 4-0 with Mr. Hiles abstaining.*

*Chief DeFalco reviews his report with Council.*

**Utilities:**

**RESOLUTION 2022-89**

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-89 authorizing the Mayor to sign the approval letter for AT&T’s application to the FAA. Ms. Bobbitt seconds and it is approved 5-0.*

*Mike Quinette (Sewer Authority Chairman) addresses Council. He briefs them on the status of the Sewer Authority. The Authority is financially stable. He goes over a list of large projects which the Authority will undertake in the next few years. Chairman Quinette asks Council if the Authority’s full-time employee would be able to be placed on the Borough’s healthcare plan. Councilman Hackett says it is something which could be added to the inter-local agreement. The rest of Council agrees.*

**Streets and Roads:**

**RESOLUTION 2022-94**

*Mr. Hackett asks an inquiry about the name on the resolution hiring a new public works employee. Mr. Mitchell reviews the qualifications of the proposed new hire.*

*Mrs. Hyman makes a motion to approve the resolution with the amendment that the new employee's name be corrected to "Jeffrey Bowser". Mr. Hiles seconds and it is approved 5-0 with a roll call vote.*

*Mrs. Hyman thanks all of Council, the employees, and the residents for their outpouring of love to her family during the loss of her brother.*

**General Government:**

*There are no items for open session in General Government.*

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

**ORDINANCE 2022-10**

*Council tables Ordinance 2022-10 regarding the new park policies.*

**General Discussion:**

**RESOLUTION 2022-96**

*Mr. Hiles makes a motion to approve Resolution 2022-96 entering into executive session regarding contract negotiations. Mrs. Hyman seconds and it is approved 5-0.*

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

*[Council exits executive session at 8:05 pm]*

**Motion to Adjourn:**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hiles at 8:05 pm. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Hyman and approved 5-0.*

**Respectfully submitted,**

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