

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
JANUARY 15, 2014 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Harry W. Elton, Jr. called the meeting to order with the following note: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of meetings for 2014 which was faxed to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on January 6, 2014 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building conforming to the directives of the "Open Public Meetings Act".

Mayor Elton led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The call of roll showed the following to be present: Councilman William Packer, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Harold "Hap" Pye, Councilman Duane Pheasant, Councilwoman Debra Truhan and Councilman Eshia "Jake" Jacob. Also in attendance were Borough Solicitor Barry Lozuke, Borough Engineer Mark Brunermer and Janet Pizzi, Borough Clerk/Administrator.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Elton opened the public portion of the meeting for questions or comments:

Tom Butts, Gloucester County Emergency Director of Emergency and Andy Lovell, Gloucester County EMS Chief made a presentation regarding the possibility of providing Gloucester County EMS services in the Borough of Woodbury Heights. Councilman Packer asked if the cost is covered by insurance. Mr. Butts replied that the County bills the patient's insurance directly and if there is no insurance, there is no charge for County residents. Councilwoman Witasick asked if an increase in participating towns will require an increase in County personnel. Mr. Butts replied "yes". Councilman Pye asked about the Borough's truck. Mr. Butts replied that if an ambulance can get inspected and is of value to the County, the County will lease it from the Borough. Councilwoman Truhan asked about the cost to taxpayers and was informed that it is included in the broad based County Tax. Councilwoman Truhan asked where the stations are located and was advised that they are within five minutes of Woodbury Heights. Discussion ensued with various residents and members of the Woodbury Heights Fire Department/EMS voicing concerns and opposition to County EMS services. Woodbury Heights Fire Chief Robbie Conley stated several reasons why the Borough will lose money doing this such as with the state training fund, first aid equipment, etc., and noted that this is not the time to make this move. Former Fire Chief Ed Hernisey stated that the Woodbury Heights ambulance doesn't respond quick enough and that most of the time it's actually Deptford that is responding.

Councilman Pye stated that Council is the voice of the people and asked to move Resolution 35-2014:

RESOLUTION 35-2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 35-2014 by title only. A motion to deny issuance of a letter of intent and not approve Resolution 35-2014 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 35-2014 was not approved.

Upon hearing no additional questions or comments, Mayor Elton closed the public portion of the meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk reported total receipts in the count of \$138.07. Of this amount, \$113.07 was turned over to the Treasurer.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT: Borough Engineer Mark Brunermer reported that as recommended by his office, a partial payment and change order resolution for the Reconstruction of Lake Avenue-Phase II is on the agenda for consideration this evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 33-2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY, 2014-JUNE 2019

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 33-2014 by title only. A motion to approve this Resolution was made by Councilwoman Truhan and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 33-2014 was approved.

RESOLUTION 34 – 2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 1 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LAKE AVENUE – PHASE II PROJECT

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 34-2014 by title only. A motion to approve this Resolution was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Truhan. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 34-2014 was approved.

RESOLUTION 36-2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 36-2014 by title only. A motion to approve this Resolution was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Jacob. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 36-2014 was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Elton waived the presentation of the Committee Reports this evening. Reports will be on file in the Clerk's office. Councilman Jacob noted that the new President of the Senior Citizens Association is Charles Troccoli.

BILL LIST: A motion to approve the bill list as presented this evening was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The bill list was approved.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Elton opened the public portion of the meeting for questions or comments and upon hearing none, closed same.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Pheasant. All of Council agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator