

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
JANUARY 19, 2011 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 2011 which was faxed to the Gloucester County Times and Courier Post on January 4, 2011; 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, Councilman Brett D. Scull, Councilman Harold "HAP" Pye, Councilman Duane Pheasant, Councilwoman Debra Truhan, and Councilman Eshia "Jake" Jacob. Also in attendance were Bill Mesogianes of Sickels & Assoc. and Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting December 21, 2010 and the Reorganization Meeting January 03, 2011 was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Scull. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous.

Mayor Elton opened the meeting to the public for question or comment and upon hearing none, closed same.

Engineer's Report: The Borough Engineer distributed to Mayor and Council a revised schedule for the Community Center project. This schedule reflects final inspections by April 15.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCES

FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 1 – 2011

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS BOROUGH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011

Mayor Elton read Ordinance 1-2011 by title only and opened the public hearing for Ordinance 1-2011. Rose Yerka of Stratford Avenue asked what changes were in this salary ordinance. Mayor Elton replied that the changes were contractual increases. Upon hearing no additional questions or comments, Mayor Elton closed the public hearing for Ordinance 1-2011. A motion to adopt Ordinance 1-2011 was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Scull. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 1-2011 was approved.

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 2 - 2011

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 6 – 2010 PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING, CONTROL AND PROTECTION OF DOMESTICATED ANIMALS
Mayor Elton read Ordinance 2-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 2-2011 was approved on first reading.

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ORDINANCE 3 - 2011

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 55-2 OF THE WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE TO DESIGNATE THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHALL AS THE ENFORCING AGENCY UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT.

Mayor Elton read Ordinance 3-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Scull. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 3-2011 was approved on first reading.

ORDINANCE 4 - 2011

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

Mayor Elton read Ordinance 4-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Jacob and seconded by Councilman Scull. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 4-2011 was approved on first reading.

ORDINANCE 5-2011

ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 22-1 OF THE WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE ENTITLED "OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS, ACCESS"

Mayor Elton read Ordinance 5-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pheasant. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 5-2011 was approved on first reading.

ORDINANCE 6-2011

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY CANCELING CERTAIN FUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES HERETOFORE PROVIDED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND REAPPROPRIATING SUCH UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

Mayor Elton read Ordinance 6-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pheasant. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 6-2011 was approved on first reading.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 28 - 2011

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-2404 CAPPING ATTORNEY FEES IN LITIGATION AGAINST PUBLIC ENTITIES

Mayor Elton read Resolution 28-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Scull. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 28-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 29 - 2011

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A3431 TO AMEND TITLE 59 BY GRANTING IMMUNITY TO PUBLIC ENTITIES FOR SIDEWALK INJURIES WHERE THE HOMEOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE BY ORDINANCE

Mayor Elton read Resolution 29-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 29-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 30 - 2011

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-2333 AND A3432 TO AMEND TITLE 59 TO PROVIDE IMMUNITIES FOR BEACHES, BOARDWALKS AND SIMILAR PROPERTY

Mayor Elton read Resolution 30-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this Resolution was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 30-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

RESOLUTION 31 - 2011

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A REPEAL OF SICK LEAVE INJURY

Mayor Elton read Resolution 31-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this Resolution was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilwoman Truhan. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 31-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 32 - 2011

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A-3430 TO AMEND TITLE 59 BY STRENGTHENING WEATHER IMMUNITY

Mayor Elton read Resolution 32-2011 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 32-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 33 - 2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT FOR FIRE HOUSE PROJECT

Mayor Elton read Resolution 33-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this Resolution was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 33-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 34 - 2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT #3 FOR THE COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT

Mayor Elton read Resolution 34-2011 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 34-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 35 - 2011

RESOLUTION APPROVING PERFORMANCE SURETY ESTIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT ESCROW FEE DEPOSIT

Mayor Elton read Resolution 35-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this Resolution was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilwoman Truhan. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 35-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 36-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WINNER FORD FINANCE AGREEMENT FOR LEASE/PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE

Mayor Elton read Resolution 36-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this Resolution was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Scull. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 36-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 37 - 2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND INVITATION OF BIDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PARKING LOT PROJECT

Mayor Elton read Resolution 37-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this Resolution was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 37-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 38-2011

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Mayor Elton read Resolution 38-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this Resolution was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 38-2011 was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property, Insurance & Environmental: Councilman Packer reported that he is reviewing information on some of the Borough's potential projects such as a roof repair, rezoning of the hvac, and obtaining a website host. He attended a meeting with the Borough's IT service provider who will soon provide the Borough with an IT status report. The JIF insurance assessment is up 13% from 2008 due to higher claims experience. There will be a JIF and a Lake Association meeting this upcoming Monday evening.

Finance, Administration & Personnel: Councilman Scull reported that the tax collection rate is 93.5%. All 2010 records are closed. Preparation of the Financial Statement has begun. Budget worksheets will be distributed to all department heads next week.

Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye reported that although we experienced a great deal of snowfall, trash and recycling was collected throughout the Borough without interruption. He is requesting that residents clear the area where trash cans are placed to save time and to avoid potential injury. A copy of his report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Public Safety: Councilman Pheasant presented his report for December 2010. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's Office.

Water/Sewer: Councilwoman Truhan reported that water testing is complete and was sent to the DEP. The infiltration project will begin soon. A copy of her report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Recreation & Civic: Councilman Jacob reported that baseball registration will begin soon. Opening day will be posted on the sign. The Veterans Way sign was added to West Jersey Avenue. Councilman Jacob is working on getting a gazebo and starting a horticulture program at Veterans Park. He has also contacted the zoning official and the County regarding two complaints from disabled residents who are having difficulty getting around town.

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

Mayor Elton opened the public portion of the meeting for question or comment:

Rose Yerka, Stratford Avenue: Mrs. Yerka informed Councilman Packer that the Lake Association meeting will be held on January 26. Mrs. Yerka stated that there is still an overwhelming ice problem on Stratford Avenue. She also stated that there are people interested in serving on the Environmental Commission.

Ken Brown, Brooklawn Avenue: Mr. Brown stated that the residents should be clearing the snow from fire hydrants as well as for trash cans.

MaryBeth Gill, Chestnut Avenue: Mrs. Gill stated that the speed humps on her road have not made a difference in the speeding problem and now the plows are shearing off the screws. Councilman Pye will have public works remove the speed humps and screws. New speed humps will be installed in the spring.

Shelly Bronum, Glassboro Road: Mrs. Bronum stated that people are parking facing in the wrong direction.

Nick DiFabio, Lake Avenue: Mr. DiFabio stated that erosion is beginning to undermine the concrete cap of the stormdrain on Lake Avenue.

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Mayor Elton stated that Girl Scout cookies will be sold at the Borough for approximately one month. Letters for the Shade Tree Advisory Committee are going out. He is looking for tree planting on Elm Avenue, and for the Park and Lake areas to be spruced up. He would like to do something along the train tracks and at the ball field as well. Mayor Elton stated that he met with a developer and with a representative of the Veterans Administration to discuss the possibility of veterans housing on Glassboro Road. Discussion ensued.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Jacob. All of Council agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator