## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS 500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097 MARCH 19, 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.

**ROLL CALL**: The call of roll showed the following to be present: Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Harold "Hap" Pye, Councilman Duane Pheasant, Councilwoman Debra Truhan and Councilman Eshia "Jake" Jacob. Absent was Councilman William Packer. Also in attendance were Borough Solicitor Barry Lozuke, William Mesogianes of Sickels and Associates, Vikki Holmstrom, CMFO and Janet Pizzi, Borough Clerk/Administrator.

#### **MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting 02/19/2014 was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote went as follows:

Witasick yes
Pye yes
Pheasant yes
Truhan abstain
Jacob yes

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting 02/19/2014 were approved.

A motion to approve the Budget Work Session 02/27/2014 was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote went as follows:

Witasick yes
Pye yes
Pheasant yes
Truhan abstain
Jacob yes

The minutes of the Budget Work Session 02/27/2014 were approved.

**CLERK'S REPORT**: The Borough Clerk reported total receipts in the amount of \$1,055.65. Of this amount, \$368.25 was turned over to the Treasurer and \$609.00 was deposited into the Dog Fund.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**: William Mesogianes of Sickels & Associates reported that the contractor for Lake Avenue Project Phase II will begin work in about two weeks. Public Works Director Rick Middleton reminded him that the contractor is to haul away the spoils.

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**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** 

# ORDINANCES FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

#### **ORDINANCE 2-2014**

# ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.14)

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 2-2014 by title only. A motion to approve this Ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Jacob and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 2014 was approved on introduction.

## RESOLUTIONS

#### **RESOLUTION 42-2014**

# RESOLUTION APPROVING RELEASE OF DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ESCROW FUNDS

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 42-2014 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 42-2014 was approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 43-2014**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$41,000 OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID NOTES FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE NOTES

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 43-2014 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 43-2014 was approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 44 – 2014**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF ONE 1989 CHEVY BUCKET TRUCK, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 1GBM7D1G2KV114205 TO THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 44-2014 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 44-2014 was approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 45-2014**

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE SURETY FOR BLOCK 28, LOTS 1, 2.01, 2.02 & 2.03

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 45-2014 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 45-2014 was approved.

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#### RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

### **RESOLUTION 46-2014**

#### SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 46-2014 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Jacob and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 46-2014 was approved.

The Borough CFO, Vikki Holmstrom advised that the 2014 budget represents a 4.5 cent increase on the local purpose tax which equates to a \$79.54 increase in taxes to the average home assessed at \$177,872.00

### **RESOLUTION 47-2014**

### INTRODUCTION OF THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 47-2014 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 47-2014 was approved.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance & Administration**: In the absence of Councilman Packer, the finance report was presented during the budget introduction by the Borough CFO.

**Property & Insurance**: Councilwoman Witasick reported that the JIF Elected Officials Seminar will be held on March 25. This seminar will reduce the Borough's insurance assessment by \$250 for each elected official in attendance. Mrs. Witasick also noted that the Borough received an award in the amount of \$2,925 for the 2013 Safety Incentive Program. Councilwoman Witasick also advised that the DEP remedial action deadline has been extended for two years.

**Streets & Roads**: Councilman Pye reported that the Borough is in the process of repairing potholes. He also noted that the truck transfer approved earlier this evening was to facilitate a truck swap with the Borough of Clayton.

**Public Safety**: Councilman Pheasant presented the Police Report for the month of February 2014. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's Office.

**Water & Sewer**: Councilwoman Truhan thanked Rick and the public works employees for the good work they continued to do for the Borough.

**Recreation & Civic**: Councilman Jacob reported that a representative from Social Security will attend an upcoming senior citizens meeting on May 5. The athletic association clean-up will be held on March 22 at 9:00 a.m. Opening Day is scheduled April 12 at 9:00. The Borough is still waiting for the steel for the Veterans Park 9-1-1 Memorial.

**BILL LIST**: A motion to approve the bill list to include \$200 for Gateway was made by Councilwoman Truhan and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The bill list was approved.

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#### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

Kate McKelvey, Lincoln Avenue: Mrs. McKelvey advised that the egg hunt at the Lake will be held on April 13 at 1p.m.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JANET PIZZI, CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR