

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS  
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097  
APRIL 21, 2010 7:30 P.M.**

In the absence of Mayor Harry W. Elton, Jr., Council President Brett D. Scull called the meeting to order with the following note: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of meetings for 2010 which was faxed and mailed to the Gloucester County Times and Courier Post on January 4, 2010 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building conforming to the directives of the "Open Public Meetings Act".

Councilman Scull led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The call of the roll showed the following to be present: Councilwoman Susan S. Degnen, Councilman Harold "HAP" Pye, Councilman Duane Pheasant, Councilwoman Debra Truhan, Councilman Eshia "Jake" Jacob and Councilman Brett D. Scull. Also in attendance were Brian Lozuke, Esq., Borough Engineer Don Edwards of Sickels & Associates, Sandra Kraus, CMFO and Janet Pizzi, Borough Clerk/Admin. Absent was Mayor Harry W. Elton, Jr.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 17, 2010 and Special Council Meeting on April 01, 2010 were made by Councilman Pheasant and Councilwoman Truhan. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

The Borough Clerk reported total receipts in the amount of \$1,1151.98. Of this amount, \$729.18 was turned over to the Treasurer and \$388.00 was deposited into the Dog Fund.

Councilman Scull opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments: Shelly Bronum of Glassboro Road notified Council that Patrick Schoen will be seeking authorization for his Eagle Scout Project. She also informed Council that there will be two Girl Scout Troops using the Lake on April 24. Mrs. Bronum stated that the Lake Association is looking to purchase an aerator for the Lake and also stated that the Borough no longer needs to mow the Lake area. She also informed everyone that the Fishing Derby will be held on June 5 and rain date June 12. There will be a clean up at the Lake on May 22.

Chris Crowley, Glenwood Avenue: Mrs. Crowley stated that she does not want the Lake to become a scout camp site. She was assured by Councilman Jacob that it will not.

Engineer's Report: Don Edwards of Sickels and Associates reported on the progress pertaining to the various projects he is working on such as the Reconstruction of West Jersey Avenue, the Recreation Center and Public Works Garage Project, the 2010 CDBG Applications, College Square including Penn Medical, the Y-Buy Site, Giant Fitness and Capital Bank. Mr. Edwards asked Council for authorization to go out to bid for the Recreation Center and Public Works Garage Projects. A copy of Mr. Edward's report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**ORDINANCES  
FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE 10-2010**

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FROM CIVIL CLAIMS

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 10-2010 by title only. Councilman Scull opened this ordinance to the public for question or comment. Walt Lausaukas, Ivy Drive, asked what the ordinance is indemnifying and Solicitor Lozuke replied that this ordinance allows the Borough Solicitor to defend and the Borough to assume legal cost for officials and employees who are sued within the scope of their duties. Mr. Lausaukas asked why the tax payers should pay for this and Solicitor Lozuke further explained that this is only when the official or employee is sued in the performance of their jobs and within the scope of their duties. Upon hearing no additional questions or comments, Councilman

Scull closed this ordinance to the public. A motion to approve Ordinance 10-2010 was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous.

## **FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION**

### **ORDINANCE 12-2010**

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 107-1A OF THE WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE AND REPEALING A PART OF ORDINANCE 19 – 1996

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 12-2010 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 12-2010 was approved on introduction.

### **ORDINANCE 13-2010**

ORDINANCE REVISING WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 13-2010 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilwoman Truhan and seconded by Councilman Pheasant. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 13-2010 was approved on introduction.

### **ORDINANCE 14-2010**

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJS 40A4-45.14

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 14-2010 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Pheasant. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 14-2010 was approved on introduction.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION 44-2010**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OVERTIME RATE OF PAY FOR POLICE PARTICIPATION IN THE “CLICK IT OR TICKET ENFORCEMENT” GRANT PROGRAM

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 44-2010 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 44-2010 was approved.

### **RESOLUTION 45-2010**

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PERFORMANCE SURETY OBLIGATION FOR SITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 45-2010 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Degnen. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 45-2010 was approved.

### **RESOLUTION 46-2010**

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 46-2010 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 46-2010 was approved.

A motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to go out to bid for both the Recreation Center and Public Works Garage Projects was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Degnen. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Authorization was granted.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PROPERTY: Councilwoman Degnen reported that the Woodbury Heights Elementary School budget passed; however, Gateway Regional High School was defeated. Councilwoman Degnen advised that the JIF Safety Committee meetings will now be held during the monthly Department Head meetings since most of department heads are a part of the Safety Committee.

Councilwoman Degnen is working on a Heights Highlights which will include notification of the new cat licensing requirement effective January 2011, etc.

**STREETS & ROADS:** Councilman Pye read the Streets and Roads report for March 2010. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Pheasant presented the Police Report for April 2010. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

**WATER & SEWER:** Councilwoman Truhan stated that the Water & Sewer report for March 2010 will be on file in the Clerk's office. Councilwoman Truhan advised Council that the vehicle maintenance mechanic has been hired and the Borough has realized a savings in the amount of \$3,862.50 during the first eight (8) days of his employment.

**RECREATION & CIVIC:** Councilman Jacob noted that the dedication of the press box for former Mayor Donald W. Steward was held on Opening Day. Councilman Jacob advised that he also attended a ceremony for two (2) Eagle Scouts that same day. Councilman Jacob is extending an invitation to the Senior Citizens Association for movie night in August. The scheduled movie this year is "Meatballs from Heaven". National Day of Prayer is May 6, with the ceremony scheduled to begin at Noon at Veterans Park.

**FINANCE:** Councilman Scull reported that the 2010 municipal budget was introduced this evening in the amount of \$3,551,152.26 which represents a 5.5 cent increase in the local purpose tax. The Borough also introduced an ordinance to exceed the budget cap limits from 2.5% to 3.5% of the total 2010 municipal budget appropriations. The public hearing of the introduced budget will be held on May 19, 2010. A copy of the Finance Report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

**BILL LIST:** A motion to approve the bill list as presented noting that PO# 10219040 (COUNTY TAX) AND PO# 10219050 (LIBRARY TAX) will be held until May 14, 2010 was made by Councilwoman Truhan and seconded by Councilwoman Degnen. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The bill list was approved.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** Councilman Scull opened the meeting to the public for question or comment. Shelly Bronum of Glassboro Road asked if the alleyway at Fairview & Clearview could be filled. The Public Works Superintendent will handle this request.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilwoman Truhan. All of Council agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator