

BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 20, 2012 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Elton called the meeting to order with the following note: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of meetings for 2012 which was faxed and mailed to the Gloucester County Times and Courier Post on January 9, 2012 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 Scull, 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 Borough Clerk/Administrator Janet Pizzi.

Mayor Elton presented the Woodbury Heights Elementary School "Teacher of the Year" Proclamation to Laura DiBlasio.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting 04-18-2012; the Special Meeting 05-01-2012; and the Regular Meeting 05-16-2012 was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pheasant. All of Council agreed. The minutes were approved.

For the month of May 2012, the Clerk reported total receipts in the amount of \$5,596.72. Of this amount, \$5,496.12 was turned over to the Treasurer and \$66.00 was deposited into the Dog Fund.

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

Wilma Belcher, Lake Avenue: Mrs. Belcher commented that Woodbury Heights is the only sending district that does not sponsor an award at the Gateway High School graduation ceremony. Councilman Scull stated that he will work on doing this for next year's ceremony.

Susan DeFrancesco, Clearview Avenue: Mrs. DeFrancesco informed Mayor and Council that a Fire House rebuilding fundraiser called "Hot Run in Summer time" 5K race and 1 mile walk sponsored by the Road Runners Club of Woodbury is scheduled for Saturday, August 4 at 8:00 a.m.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mark Brunermer reported that his office is working on the preparation of plans for the Helen Avenue parking lot paving project and plans to go out to bid early July. The Lake Avenue project plans are nearing completion and will be sent to NJDOT next week.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

**ORDINANCES
FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

ORDINANCE 13-2012

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 4-2005 PERTAINING TO HOURS FOR INSPECTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 13-2012 by title only. Mayor Elton opened the public hearing for this ordinance. Shelly Bronum, Glassboro Road asked what the hours will be and the Clerk responded 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Upon hearing no additional questions or comments, Mayor Elton closed the public hearing for this ordinance. A motion to approve Ordinance 13-2012 on final reading was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Scull. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 13-2012 was adopted.

ORDINANCE 14- 2012

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE ROUTE 45 SEWER PUMP STATION IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$28,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$28,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 14-2012 by title only. Mayor Elton opened the public hearing for this ordinance and upon hearing no questions or comments, closed same. A motion to approve Ordinance 14-2012 on final reading was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 14-2012 was adopted.

ORDINANCE 15- 2012

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$311,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$129,150; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 15-2012 by title only. Mayor Elton opened the public hearing for this ordinance and upon hearing no questions or comments, closed same. A motion to approve Ordinance 15-2012 on final reading was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Jacob. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 15-2012 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 77 – 2012

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 77-2012 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Scull. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 77-2012 was adopted.

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RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

RESOLUTION 78 - 2012

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE PRESIDENT SWEENEY'S PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PLAN

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 78-2012 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 78-2012 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 79- 2012

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 79-2012 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 79-2012 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 80 -2012

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE OF SAI VINITH, LLC

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 80-2012 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by councilman Pheasant. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 80-2012 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 81 -2012

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE OF HOLLYWOOD CAFÉ DINER, INC.

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 81-2012 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pheasant. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 81-2012 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 82-2012

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY COORDINATOR

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 82-2012 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 82-2012 was adopted. Officer Richard Gambale was appointed to this position.

Solicitor Lozuke advised Mayor and Council on the status of the 2012 tax appeals. Two sessions were held with approximately 55 appeals filed. Approximately 41-42 have been disposed. Of the remaining appeals, which are commercial appeals, approximately two-thirds of those appeals will be disposed by dismissal due to non-compliance of Chapter 91. Mayor Elton requested a copy of the list of remaining appeals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property & Environmental: Councilman Packer reported that quotes are being sought for replacement of Council chairs. In addition to the parking lot paving project on Helen Avenue, some other aesthetic work is being done at

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS
PROPERTY & ENVIRONMENTAL (CONTINUED)**

the Community Center. Dare has requested to put vending machines at the Community Center and is requesting a waiver of Borough vending fees. This request must be approved by resolution and may be on the next regular meeting of Council.

Finance & Administration: Councilman Scull reported that a review of the budget status report provided by the CFO shows all departments to be within their 2012 budgeted allotments. There are two departments that have exceeded 50% of their current year allotment and each has been notified accordingly. The Borough's tax rate has yet to be certified due to delays with

the State Budget. If not certified by the July meeting of Council, the third quarter due date will need to be extended by resolution. Councilman Scull noted that this year's Gateway Regional High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian were both Woodbury Heights residents.

Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye presented his report for June and noted that the Fairview Avenue project is in progress. Mayor Elton added that summer help have been hired to assist the Public Works Department with vacant property clean up and noted that this work is reimbursable by tax lien. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Public Safety: Councilman Pheasant presented this report for June 2012. Officer Rich Gambale and Special Officer Mike Hatton assisted in directing traffic for the 16th Annual Crop Walk for Hunger. Officer Gambale obtained a click it or ticket grant for the Police Department. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Water & Sewer: Councilwoman Truhan noted that all fire hydrants have been flushed and there was a heavy grease build up in the Route 45 sewer main in front of Wendy's. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Recreation & Civic: Councilman Jacob stated that the seniors attended a show at the Hunterdon Playhouse. Councilman Jacob reported that Fall soccer registration is complete. This year's fishing derby had the largest turn out ever and Councilman Jacob thanked the Lake Association for a job well done. The sign for Veterans' discount is ready for distribution in area stores. Councilman Jacob thanked everyone who helped with the Memorial Day Ceremony, especially Wilma Belcher. Councilman Jacob thanked Hal Spence of County Consumer Protection for his attendance this evening.

BILL LIST: A motion to approve the bill list as presented this evening was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Scull. 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.

Beth Lukas, Glassboro Road: Mrs. Lucas asked if she could obtain information on dog licenses in the Borough because she is having a problem with a neighbor's dogs. She was instructed to contact the Police Department to

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PUBLIC PORTION (CONTINUED)

report problems. Mrs. Lucas also asked about fence regulations and was instructed to contact the zoning officer.

Mayor Elton advised that South Jersey Gas will be putting in a line under the railroad tracks. They will need to remove some of the bricks. He instructed David Baresich to take pictures of what is there now so that the restoration will be handled properly.

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

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pye. All of Council agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator