

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
JULY 20, 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 Brett D. Scull, Councilman Harold "HAP" Pye, Councilman Duane Pheasant and Councilman Eshia "Jake" Jacob. Absent were Councilman William Packer and Councilwoman Debra Truhan. Also in attendance were Solicitor Brian Lozuke, Borough Engineer Mark Brunermer and Borough Clerk/Administrator Janet Pizzi.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting 05-18-2011 and the Regular Meeting 06-15-2011 was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pheasant. A roll vote call in favor was unanimous.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Borough Clerk reported for June 2011 total receipts in the amount of \$2,929.88. Of this amount, \$2,873.48 was turned over to the Treasurer and \$29.00 was deposited into the dog fund.

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

Rose Yerka, Stratford Avenue: Mrs. Yerka distributed to Mayor and Council a newsletter entitled "Your Hometown & the United Nations' Agenda 21" along with other documents pertaining to sustainable development. Mrs. Yerka made a short presentation on local government for sustainability. Discussion ensued.

Joseph Brasberger, Chestnut Avenue: Mr. Brasberger requested Council's help in having developers/owners maintain properties as required by ordinance and to control rentals. Councilman Scull responded that the Borough recently adopted an ordinance to regulate residential rental properties.

Anne Smith, Glassboro Road: Mrs. Smith asked if it is a conflict to have David Baresich as a voting member of the Planning/Zoning Board. Mayor Elton responded that our Director of Public Works, Mr. Baresich, is the employee member of the Board and is an asset to the Planning/Zoning Board with the knowledge he has about our town.

Walt Lasauskas, Ivy Drive: Mr. Lasauskas asked if the Borough has any investment money tied up in the builder's remedy lawsuit, and if so, who authorized it. Mayor Elton replied "no". Mr. Lasauskas asked why the conversion action was extended for two years. Councilman Scull replied that 24 months was the only option.

Beth Lukas, Glassboro Road: Mrs. Lukas asked if there was any follow up on the Gateway taxes discussed at the last meeting. Councilman Scull replied that the Borough was informed that the State determined that our taxes increased because we have more ratables and have more to pay. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Lukas asked about the criteria being used during the revaluation process. She was informed to contact the County Assessor's office. Also mentioned were various potholes needing repair throughout the Borough.

Mrs. Moll, Maple Avenue: Mrs. Moll informed Mayor and Council of the needed repair of her street. Councilman Pye will take a look at the street tomorrow.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mark Brunermer reported that regarding the Community Building, and as recommended by his office, a Resolution authorizing a change order and final payment to MIBO Construction is on the agenda for consideration this evening.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

**ORDINANCES
FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION**

ORDINANCE 17-2011

ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE 1-2011 ENTITLED "ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS BOROUGH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011"

Position:	Compensation:
Municipal Prosecutor	\$300.00 per Special Sessions of Court
Municipal Judge	\$400.00 per Special Sessions of Court

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 17-2011 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 17-2011 was approved on introduction. Public hearing will be held on August 17, 2011.

RESOLUTIONS

As requested by Council, Solicitor Lozuke read by title only Resolutions 86, 87, 88, 90, 92, 93, 94 and 95-2011. A motion to approve all resolution as stated was made by councilman Scull and Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. All resolutions were approved.

RESOLUTION 86-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS

RESOLUTION 87-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF DEVELOPMENT ESCROW ACCOUNT BALANCE

RESOLUTION 88-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAID TAXES

(NOTE: Resolution 89-2011 Special Meeting July 5, 2011- not adopted)

RESOLUTION 90-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEE AGREEMENT FOR DEFENSE COUNSEL

(NOTE: Resolution 91-2011 pulled)

RESOLUTION 92-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION 93-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION 94 - 2011

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS EXTENDING THE TAX DUE DATE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2011 PROPERTY TAXES

RESOLUTION 95-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Administration: Councilman Scull reported that the tax bills will be delayed. A resolution was passed tonight to authorize an additional 25 days for the billing. A copy of the Finance Report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye stated that he will look at the problem streets discussed this evening. A copy of his report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Public Safety: Councilman Pheasant stated that his report will be on file in the Clerk's office. The Police Chief was in today for a couple of hours and is feeling a lot better.

Recreation and Civic: Councilman Jacob reported that movie night is scheduled August 10th at dusk. The scheduled movie is Toy Story III.

Mayor Elton stated that the Community Building Open House will be held on August 20th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Mayor Elton also stated that he was notified that the Woodbury Heights Post Office will close in September.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 96-2011

RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 96-2011 by title only. Solicitor Lozuke noted that upon the temporary absence of the Borough's Chief of Police, Gary Krohn was recommended to the appointment of Officer-In-Charge. A motion to approve Resolution 96-2011 was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Jacob. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 96-2011 was approved.

BILL LIST: Councilman Pheasant requested that the check for P.O. 11236770 be held. A motion to approve the bill list holding the check for P.O. 11236770 was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pye. 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.

Beth Lukas, Glassboro Road: Mrs. Lukas asked what the Borough's tax collection rate is and Mayor Elton responded that it is approximately in the high 70's or low 80's.

Ken Brown, Brooklawn Avenue: Mr. Brown suggested that all veterans should file a copy of their discharge papers and DD214 with the County.

Rose Yerka, Stratford Avenue: Mrs. Yerka asked if Mayor Elton would authorize the Borough to perform the "3-click" test as discussed during her Agenda 21 presentation. Mayor Elton responded that he would not authorize this test. Mrs. Yerka asked when Assemblyman Norcross plans to conduct Town Hall meetings. Councilman Scull responded that those are on hold until after the litigation settlement. Solicitor Lozuke added that the hearing date is scheduled with Judge McDonald on August 24, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Pheasant. All of Council agreed. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator