

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 7:30 P.M.**

Council President Eshia “Jake” Jacob 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 and mailed 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”.

Councilman Jacob led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The call of roll showed the following to be present: Councilman William Packer, Councilman Brett Scull, Councilman Duane Pheasant, and Councilman Eshia “ Jake” Jacob. Absent were Mayor Harry W. Elton, Jr., Councilman Harold “HAP” Pye and Councilwoman Debra Truhan. Also in attendance were Borough Solicitor Barry Lozuke, Borough Engineer Mark Brunermer and Borough Clerk/Administrator Janet Pizzi.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting August 17, 2011 was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Scull. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous.

For the month of August 2011, the Borough Clerk reported total receipts in the amount of \$972.07. Of this amount, \$820.47 was turned over to the Treasurer and \$73.00 was deposited into the Dog Fund.

PUBLIC PORTION: Councilman Jacob opened the public portion of the meeting for questions or comments and upon hearing none, closed same.

The Borough Engineer reported that his office is preparing a NJDOT Municipal State Aid grant application for Lake Avenue. A resolution approving the submission and execution of this application is on the agenda for consideration this evening.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 101 - 2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT FOR TAXES

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 101-2011 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 101-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 102 - 2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE SURETY

Performance Bond or other surety document posted by Hollywood Café Diner in support of its site plan project is authorized for release.

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 102-2011 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 102-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 103 - 2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

County of Gloucester has agreed to provide the services of its Landscape Design Architect to the Borough for design of a project at Glen Lake and other projects.

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 103-2011 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Scull. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 103-2011 was approved.

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RESOLUTION 104 - 2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 104-2011 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 104-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 105 - 2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 105-2011 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 105-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 106-2011

RESOLUTION RATIFYING CLASSIFICATION OF POLICE OFFICERS

Classifications of the below-named Police Officers are hereby recognized and ratified retroactive to the dates specified, as follows:

Lauren Catullo	First Class Officer	Effective July 6, 2008
Josh Moline	First Class Officer	Effective October 24, 2008
Jason Neely	First Class Officer	Effective May 4, 2009
Nicholas DiBiasio	Second Class Officer	Effective July 8, 2011.

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 106-2011 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 106-2011 was approved.

RESOLUTION 107 -2011

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A 2012 MUNICIPAL AID PROJECT TITLED "RECONSTRUCTION OF LAKE AVENUE, ID# MA-2012-WOODBURY HEIGHTS BOROUGH-00396"

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 107-2011 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 107-2011 was approved.

Solicitor Lozuke advised Council that the lawsuit filed by a resident against the Borough to place a question on the ballot at the General Election was dismissed. Councilman Scull asked what the cost was for this lawsuit and Solicitor Lozuke replied that it was probably a few thousand dollars.

N.J. STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION- ROBERT KIZIRIAN, JR A motion to approve this application was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Scull. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property and Environmental: Councilman Packer distributed the JIF Woodbury Heights performance metrics and reviewed the Borough's insurance status with Council. Website training is on-going to keep our site current. Councilman Packer is working on the roof replacement project.

Finance and Administration: Councilman Scull stated that the dismissed lawsuit was a frivolous waste of money on an already tight budget. Budgets are being reviewed and worksheets for 2012 will be distributed soon. Pension and Health Benefit Reform compliance will be effective October 01, 2011.

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Finance & Admin. (continued): The 2011 tax sale is scheduled November 29 for all unpaid 2010 municipal charges. On September 19, water shut off was implemented for outstanding 2010 balances. Delinquent notices have been sent out and tax sale notices will soon go out as well. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Streets & Roads: No report was presented in the absence of Councilman Pye. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Public Safety: Councilman Pheasant presented the public safety report for August 2011. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Water & Sewer: No report was presented in the absence of Councilwoman Truhan. This report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Recreation and Civic: Councilman Jacob reported that the Veterans' picnic is scheduled October 01, 2011 and discussed a Veterans' discount program. He also noted that movie night, to be co-hosted with DARE, will soon be held at the Community Center.

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

PUBLIC PORTION: Councilman Jacob opened the public portion of the meeting for questions or comments.

Wilma Belcher, Lake Avenue, stated that the fire department should be recognized for the outstanding service to our residents during the recent hurricane Irene.

Shelly Bronum, Glassboro Road, noted that in addition to the Lake, the county architect can do landscape planning for Woodbury Heights Elementary School, the Community Center, Borough Hall and Veterans Park before he retires in December.

MaryAnn Wurst, Glassboro Road, asked if there is any new information on "the buildings". Councilman Scull stated that a man named Peter Moss is in negotiations to buy the former Bell Telephone building. His intention is to put an impound lot and garage type business there. If he buys the property, it will be converted back to light industrial, eliminating approximately 220 apartments, houses or condos from being built on that site. Mrs. Bronum, Glassboro Road, asked if it also included the property on Woodland Avenue and Councilman Scull replied that negotiations are to buy the Bell Telephone building only. The Mamco site is still in litigation with no determination at this point.

Peg Riordan, Auburn Street, thanked Council for the sign at her intersection at Third Street and Central.

Councilman Jacob announced that soon the Borough will have a new digital sign outside of Borough Hall.

Shelly Bronum, Glassboro Road, requested that the Borough acknowledge volunteers in recognition of "Day of Volunteerism" at the end of October.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Scull and seconded by Councilman Packer. All of Council agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator