

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
OCTOBER 15, 2014 7:30 P.M.**

In the absence of Mayor Harry W. Elton, Jr., Council President Harold “Hap” Pye 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”.

Councilman Pye led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 17, 2014 was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote went as follows:

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| Packer | yes |
| Witasick | yes |
| Pheasant | yes |
| Truhan | yes |
| Jacob | yes |
| Pye | abstain |

The minutes were approved.

CLERK’S REPORT: The Borough Clerk reported total receipts in the amount of \$561.11. Of this amount, \$335.11 was turned over to the Treasurer and \$101.00 was deposited into the Dog Fund. The clerk’s report was approved.

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

Robert Yerka, Stratford Avenue: Mr. Yerka advised that the CDBG sign at the Lake is being vandalized and requested that it be removed. He also advised that someone is dumping leaves and dirt at the Lake.

Anthony Ilisco, Alliance Street: Mr. Ilisco asked if there is anything that can be done to make the Community Center more usable for the youth in town. Councilwoman Witasick replied that to have the community center open on a continuous basis takes manpower and money and insurance. Right now the center is booked and is being utilized by various associations which comply with the application process, submit insurance certifications, and supervise the scheduled activity. Mr. Ilisco was invited to attend a community center committee meeting on the second Thursday of each month. Mr. Ilisco asked about what the Borough does with the money it receives from recycling. Councilman Pye replied that it goes back into the General Fund.

Upon hearing no additional questions or comments, Councilman Pye closed the public portion of the meeting.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mark Brunermer reported that his office has submitted the NJDOT application for the Reconstruction of Oak Avenue.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCES

FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 6-2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES OF PAYMENT FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE SERVICES AND RELATED FEES

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 6-2014 by title only. Councilman Pye opened the public hearing for this ordinance and upon hearing no questions or comments, closed same. A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 6-2014 was approved.

ORDINANCE 7-2014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS TO ESTABLISH A SECTION ENTITLED "VACANT AND ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES" AND ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE CARE, MAINTENANCE, SECURITY AND UPKEEP OF SUCH PROPERTIES

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 7-2014 by title only. Councilman Pye opened the public hearing for this ordinance. Rose Yerka, Stratford Avenue asked if this ordinance helps the Borough and Brian Lozuke replied that it gives the municipality greater enforcement strength. Upon hearing no additional questions or comments, Councilman Pye closed the public hearing. A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilwoman Truhan. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 7-2014 was approved.

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 8-2014

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 44-8 OF THE WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE RELATING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 8-2014 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilwoman Truhan and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 8-2014 was approved on introduction.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 87-2014

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

RESOLUTION 89-2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO THE BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA

RESOLUTION 90 – 2014

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NJDOT APPROVAL OF A BUS STOP LOCATION

Upon Council's request, Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 87-2014, Resolution 89-2014 and Resolution 90-2014 by title only. A motion to approve these resolutions was made by Councilwoman Truhan and seconded by Councilman Pheasant. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 87-2014, Resolution 89-2014 and Resolution 90-2014 were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Administration: Councilman Packer reported that the budget accounts look good and tax sale has been completed.

Property and Insurance: Councilwoman Witasick reported that construction on the bathrooms at the Athletic Association clubhouse is in progress and she is working with Mayor Elton on the abandoned property problem in town.

Public Safety: Councilman Pheasant presented the Police Department report. Halloween curfew is October 28, 29, 30 & 31 at 8 p.m. for everyone under 18 years of age. The Fire Department doors are in and the fire house should be up and running within 4 to 6 weeks.

Water & Sewer: Councilwoman Truhan stated that there is no W/S report.

Recreation & Civic: Councilman Jacob thanked the EMS/Ambulance for their help after last meeting. Councilman Jacob announced that the free flu shot clinic will be held at the WHES on October 28 from 4-6 p.m. and the Veterans Day ceremony will be at 11 a.m. on November 8.

Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye reported that leaf pick up will start November 4. The schedule is posted on the Borough website. Councilman Pye also noted that Geekfest will be held on October 25 at the Community Center and the Haunted Trail will be held at the WHES on October 25.

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BILL LIST: A motion to approve the bill list as presented was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The bill list was approved.

PUBLIC PORTION: Councilman Pye opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments.

Rose Yerka, Stratford Avenue: Mrs. Yerka requested an explanation of Resolution 87-2014 and was informed that it was for over the limit under arrest grant funding. Mrs. Yerka asked for explanation of the bus stop and was advised that it was for a stop at Route 45 and Maple Avenue.

Anthony Ilisco, Alliance Avenue: Mr. Ilisco asked if Council could elaborate on the bus stop resolution. Councilman Pye replied that it's simply a bus stop. Mr. Ilisco asked why there is no "non-emergency" number for residents. He was informed that there has always been a non-emergency number 856-589-0911.

Amy Collins, Central Avenue: Mrs. Collins asked what Ordinance 8-2014 amends and Councilwoman Witasick replied leaf pick up.

Robert Yerka, Stratford Avenue; Mr. Yerka asked what surplus equipment was being sold. Councilman Pye replied that it is a diagnostic scanner that the Borough no longer uses.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator