

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
DECEMBER 18, 2013 7:30 P.M.**

In the absence of Mayor Harry W. Elton, Jr., Council President Cara Witasick called the meeting to order with the following note: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of meetings for 2013 which was faxed and mailed to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on January 7, 2013 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building conforming to the directives of the "Open Public Meetings Act".

Councilwoman Witasick led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilwoman Cara Witasick presented a Mayoral Proclamation to the Woodbury Heights Lightning team.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk reported total receipts in the amount of \$110.77. Of this amount \$43.17 was turned over to the Treasurer and \$36.00 was deposited into the Dog Fund. The Clerk presented the results of the RFQ received on December 4, 2013. Also noted was that the 2014 Reorganization is scheduled to be held on January 4, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC PORTION: Councilwoman Witasick opened the public portion of the meeting for question or comment.

Charles Crompton, 21 Academy Avenue: Mr. Crompton stated that the rescue squad and the fire department are very important to this town and the volunteers do it because they care about the town. He also stated that if Council has any intention of moving the squad, they had better think twice and if Council can't support them, they can't support Council.

Councilman Jacob and Councilwoman Truhan both commented in support of the volunteer ambulance squad. Councilman Packer stated that as Finance Chair, we don't want to raise taxes so everything in the budget is being looked at. Councilwoman Witasick stated that all expenses must be considered at budget time. Councilman Pye noted that this request comes from the County every year for consideration.

Brian Collins, Central Avenue: The Fire Department is about to build a massive Fire Department. Maybe the Borough should tell the Fire Department before it spends all that money.

Wilma Belcher, Lake Avenue: Mrs. Belcher stated that she has called the ambulance many times and it should be the taxpayers who make the decisions. She suggested cutting employee salaries instead.

Councilwoman Truhan also noted receiving over 21 calls and text messages about this issue.

Ken Brown, Brooklawn Avenue: Mr. Brown stated that 21 text messages do not represent a majority of this town.

Mrs. McKelvey, Crossing Guard: Mrs. McKelvey noted that there is a problem on Glassboro Road with snow not being cleared from the sidewalk making it difficult for the children to walk to school.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mark Brunermer reported that The Reconstruction of Lake Avenue is being suspended due to weather conditions. Contractor is responsible for maintenance. As issues come up please notify his office. Also discussed was the problem at Elm and Academy. Solicitor Lozuke advised to warn of the hazard and adequate warning at the site of the hazard is the most effective.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

**ORDINANCES
FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

ORDINANCE 18 – 2013

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS JOINING THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 ET SEQ

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 18-2013 by title only. After a brief explanation by Solicitor Lozuke, Councilwoman Witasick opened the public hearing for this ordinance for questions or comments and upon hearing none, closed same. A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 18-2013 was approved.

ORDINANCE 19 – 2013

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY BY GIFT TO THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 19-2013 by title only. Councilman Witasick opened the public hearing for this ordinance for questions or comments and upon hearing none, closed same. A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Pye. Ordinance 19-2013 was approved.

ORDINANCE 20-2013

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1-2013 ENTITLED "ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS BOROUGH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013"

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 20-2013 by title only Councilwoman Witasick opened the public hearing for Ordinance 20-2013 for questions or comments. Upon hearing none closed same. A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 20-2013 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 135 -2013

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TRANSFER OF 2013 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 135-2013 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 135-2013 was approved.

RESOLUTION 143 – 2013

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR VOICE AND DATA SERVICES WITH MONMOUTH TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH AND MONMOUTH TELECOM

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 143-2013 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 135-2013 was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Administration: Councilman Packer reported that the Borough's credit rating has improved allowing us to borrow at very low rates. The CMFO projects an annual \$600.00 savings with the voice and data services contract approved by Resolution 143-2013.

Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye reported that there will be no trash pick up on Christmas Day. The trash will be picked up on the Friday after Christmas. This is posted on the sign outside Borough Hall.

Public Safety: Councilman Pheasant presented the Public Safety report. A copy will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Water & Sewer: Councilwoman Truhan stated that her report will be on file and noted that the annual tree lighting ceremony was a success and thanked the Fire Department.

Recreation & Civic: Councilman Jacob commented on the tree lighting ceremony and thanked all those involved.

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

PUBLIC PORTION: Councilwoman Witasick opened the public portion of the meeting for questions or comments.

Peg Riordan, Crossing Guard: Mrs. Riordan advised that she has lost her stop sign.

Upon hearing no additional questions or comments, Councilwoman Witasick closed the public portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION 142 - 2014

RESOLUTION EXCLUDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITHIN A PORTION OF A MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL PURSUANT TO NJSA 10:4-12

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 142-2013 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 142-2013 was approved.

At 8:36 p.m. pursuant to Resolution 142-2013, Council went into closed session to discuss litigation. At 9:04 p.m. the closed session ended and Council returned to open session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pheasant and seconded by Councilman Pye. All of Council agreed. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator