

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
FEBRUARY 15, 2017 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Robbie J. Conley called the meeting to order with the following note: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of meetings for 2017 which was faxed to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on January 9, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building conforming to the directives of the "Open Public Meetings Act".

Mayor Conley led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The call of roll showed the following to be present: Councilman Robert Yerka, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Harold "Hap" Pye, Councilman William Packer, Councilman Richard Gambale and Councilman Eshia "Jake" Jacob. Also in attendance were Gabriel DiLeonardo, Esq., Mattleman, Weinroth & Miller, P.C., Mark Brunermer, Borough Engineer and Janet Pizzi, Borough Clerk/Administrator. Absent was Brian Lozuke, Borough Solicitor.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting January 18, 2017 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote went as follows:

Yerka	yes
Witasick	yes
Pye	yes
Packer	yes
Gambale	yes
Jacob	abstain

The minutes were approved.

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

Bruce Farrell, 440 Spruce Court, stated that since 2006 he has been maintaining a detention basin on his property and because the area was developed as individual single lots prior to standardized storm water regulations, he believes there was an error in the interpretation of the requirements and wishes to subdivide the basin off of his property and dedicate it to the Borough. Mr. Farrell is requesting a consensus to proceed with his application to the Planning Board. Councilman Gambale asked how much the maintenance of the basin would cost the Borough and both Councilman Packer and Mayor Conley agreed that they would like to consult with the Director of Public Works for more information prior to a consensus.

Cheryl Mull, Maple and Barlow Avenue, advised that Barlow Road has overgrowth of brush and wanted to know who is responsible for this area. Mark Brunermer will review the tax map and follow up.

Upon hearing no additional questions or comments, a motion to close the public portion was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mark Brunermer reported that he is still waiting to hear comments from DEP on the Well #2 project. Bid results Phase 1 West Jersey Avenue came in very good so his office will prepare a change order to allow the work to go beyond Oak towards Linden. The application for West Jersey Avenue Phase 2 was submitted last Friday and the DOT is reviewing Linden down to the Deptford Township line. The list of streets prepared by the Director of Public Works for the 2017 Road Program will be reviewed and discussed further to determine which qualify for inclusion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCES
FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 1-2017

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS BOROUGH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017

Solicitor DiLeonardo read Ordinance 1-2017 by title only. Mayor Conley opened the public hearing on Ordinance 1-2017 and upon hearing no questions or comments, closed same. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Jacob. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to approve Ordinance 1-2017 was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 1-2017 was approved.

ORDINANCE 2-2017

TABLED TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING MARCH 15, 2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS RELEASING, EXTINGUISHING AND VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN A PORTION OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY Solicitor DiLeonardo read Ordinance 2-2017 by title only. A motion to table Ordinance 2-2017 until the next regular meeting of Council scheduled March 15, 2017 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Packer. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 2-2017 is tabled until March 15, 2017.

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 3-2017

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,020,408 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 \$950,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Solicitor DiLeonardo read Ordinance 3-2017 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Packer. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 3-2017 was approved on first reading.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 31-2017

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS OF 2016 APPROPRIATION RESERVES

Solicitor DiLeonardo read Resolution 31-2017 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 31-2017 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

RESOLUTION 32-2017

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WEST JERSEY AVENUE-PHASE II ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Solicitor DiLeonardo read Resolution 32-2017 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Gambale and seconded by Councilman Packer. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 32-2017 was approved.

RESOLUTION 33-2017

TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

Solicitor DiLeonardo read Resolution 33-2017 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 33-2017 was approved.

RESOLUTION 34-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 2 FOR THE ROUTE 45 PUMPING STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Solicitor DiLeonardo read Resolution 34-2017 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Yerka. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 34-2017 was approved.

RESOLUTION 35-2017

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST JERSEY AVENUE PROJECT

Solicitor DiLeonardo read Resolution 35-2017 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 35-2017 was approved.

RESOLUTION 36-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW ACCOUNT BALANCE FOR PROJECT AT BLOCK 10.01 LOT 22

Solicitor DiLeonardo read Resolution 36-2017 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 36-2017 was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety: Councilman Yerka presented both Police and Fire reports. Copies will be on file in the Clerk's office. The Fire Department will be sponsoring a Cub Scout/Boy Scout regional troop. Mayor Conley asked about the progress of the new fire truck purchase. Chief Radcliff responded that the paperwork is being completed. The CMFO requested an amount for the truck from the Public Safety Committee as well as the specs to review.

Water/Sewer: Councilwoman Witasick noted that first quarter bills are due and water shut offs are tentatively scheduled for March 27. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye reported that he met with the Public Works Director and reviewed the roads for the 2017 road maintenance project.

COMMITTEES (Continued)

Finance & Administration: Councilman Packer asked the CMFO to present a budget synopsis. Mrs. Holmstrom stated that the budget total appropriation for 2017 is down but the budget is up and the proposed increase to the average home assessed at \$178,371.95 is \$47.43. The budget is scheduled for introduction on March 15 with adoption in April.

Property and Environmental: Councilman Gambale reported all quiet for the month and he also noted that there are several sale signs posted on various vacant properties in town.

Recreation & Civic: Councilman Jacob also reported a quiet month and that the Athletic Association opening day is April 1.

Mayor Conley reported that he and Councilman Pye attended a roundtable at Gateway Regional High School hosted by Senator Sweeney regarding school funding reform. Under the Senate plan, dollars are not shifted from poor to wealthy, but instead, all districts are brought to 100% full funding. Gateway Regional HS funding will increase by \$3.2M and Woodbury Heights Elementary will increase by \$274k.

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

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Conley opened the public portion for questions or comments and upon hearing none a motion to close the public portion was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Yerka. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator