

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
LOCATION: GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
775 TANYARD ROAD, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
NOVEMBER 21, 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 Brian Lozuke, Borough Solicitor, Mark Brunermer, Borough Engineer and Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting October 18, 2017 was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call went as follows:

YERKA	YES	PACKER	YES
WITASICK	YES	GAMBALE	YES
PYE	ABSTAIN	JACOB	YES

The minutes were approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Closed Session September 20, 2017 was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Conley gave a brief explanation clarifying some of the rumors and misinformation circulating around the Borough regarding the possibility of a police department shared service. The Mayor stated that the Borough has received a couple of viable proposals which were distributed to the appropriate committees (Public Safety and Finance) for review, and at this time, no decision has been made. Mayor Conley invited all who wished to comment to come up to the podium and to limit their comments to two to three minutes so that everyone would have an opportunity to speak. Mayor Conley also provided a brief explanation of a closed session.

A motion to open the public portion was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Pye. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

The public portion contained comments and questions regarding the savings and level of services associated with a Police Department Shared Service. Councilman Packer stated the savings would be approximately \$400 per home and provided an explanation of the municipal budget and operating costs. Additional questions and comments were made about the need for more school budget state funding, county ambulance service, the community center profit/loss, the process to purchase a new fire truck, and a tax collector shared service. Councilman Yerka stated that as an elected official and the Public Safety Chair, it is his duty to make certain that the town has the necessary manpower and equipment to keep everyone safe, and in his personal opinion, there is no need to disband the police department. Councilman Pye stated that he believes something this important should be done by public referendum. The following people spoke in support of the Woodbury Heights Police Department, with most commenting that the tax savings would not be worth losing the police department. All urged Mayor and Council to keep the police department in the Borough and to not enter into a police department shared service agreement: Robert Morrison, 133 Beech Ave., Robert Seibert, 350 Poplar Ave. Harold Peterson, 245 Holly Ave., Harold Holmstrom, 1055 Glassboro Road, Edmund Gilbert, 719 Second Street, Walter Lasauskas, 363 Ivy Drive, Sarah Perrone, 120 Central Ave., Margaret Minton, 995 Glassboro Road, Meghan Lopez Shapiro, 859 Boundary Road, Christopher Konawel, 149 Vanderbilt Ave., Debra Truhan, 113 Alliance Street, Carolyn Emory, 459 Oak Ave., Carolyn Emory for Blanche Biegenwald, 203 Glenwood Ave., Cheryl Mull, 508 Maple Avenue. Robert Jennings, 723 Fairview Ave., Joseph Getsinger, 433 Elm Ave., Christie Hodges, 233 Cherry Ave., Peggy Brown, 612 Brooklawn Avenue, John Storms, PBA Representative, Margaret Schoen, 940 Glassboro Road, Peter Pashantis, 233

PUBLIC PORTION (CONTINUED)

Glenwood Ave., Ed Gilbert, 718 Second Street, Ronald Clemins, 241 Wilson Ave., Claire Poole, 148 Vanderbilt Ave., Theodore Gasis, 141 Beech Ave., George Beatty, 871 Boundary, Mary Ortner, 748 Second St., Rose Yerka, 601 Stratford Ave., Glenn Scheetz, 415 Spruce Court, Erica O'Malley, 832 Lake Ave.

Rose Yerka, 610 Stratford asked if there will be any action taken in the closed session scheduled this evening and if there will be any action taken at the next planning board meeting. Solicitor Lozuke responded that there will be no action taken during the closed session, he cannot speak to any action the planning board may or may not take, and there will be no action taken after the closed session this evening with respect to the litigation items.

Council Richard Gambale: Councilman Gambale stated that his son is a police officer. He was advised by Solicitor Lozuke that he should not speak regarding this issue due to a conflict but he contacted the State Ethics Committee who advised him that he can speak as a resident. Councilman Gambale stated that he will not speak regarding the Police Department until he receives a written opinion from the State.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mark Brunermer reported that there were punch list items completed for the road project, an additional curb at Beech and Fourth to help with the drainage problem and the signs are being finalized.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Lozuke advised that there is a resolution this evening pertaining to Contract A of the Well Reconstruction Project. Regarding Contract B of that project, he will be working with Mr. Brunermer on some irregularities needing research regarding the three bids received, and by the next meeting, he should have a formal opinion with respect to an award.

**ORDINANCES
FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

ORDINANCE 8-2017

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017 SALARY ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 1-2017) OF VARIOUS BOROUGH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 8-2017 by title only. Mayor Conley opened the public hearing for this ordinance and upon hearing no comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A motion to approve this ordinance on final reading was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 8-2017 was adopted.

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 9-2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 104, SECTION 30, SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS (NO PARKING)

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 9-2017 by title only. A motion to approve this Ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 9-2017 was approved on first reading.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion to approve by consent agenda Resolutions 104-2017 through and inclusive of Resolution 114-2017 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Packer.

Roll Call:

YERKA	YES	
WITASICK	YES	RESOLUTIONS 104-2017 TO RESOLUTION 108-2017
		RESOLUTIONS 110-2017 TO RESOLUTION 114-2017
	ABSTAIN	RESOLUTION 109-2017
PYE	YES	
PACKER	YES	
GAMBALE	YES	
JACOB	YES	

Resolutions 104-2017 through and inclusive of Resolution 114-2017 were approved.

RESOLUTION 104-2017
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS OF 2017 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION 105-2017
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AWARD OF SOUTH JERSEY POWER COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESULTS FOR NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SERVICES

RESOLUTION 106 -2017
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION

RESOLUTION 107-2017
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CONTROL SYSTEMS (SCADA) FOR WELL #2 PROJECT

RESOLUTION 108 - 2017
RESOLUTION AWARDING AND CONFIRMING EMERGENCY CONTRACT AWARD FOR SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS BY PIONEER PIPE CONTRACTORS, INC.

RESOLUTION 109-2017
RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

RESOLUTION 110-2017
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF DEVELOPMENT FEE ESCROW FUNDS FOR THAT PROJECT AT BLOCK 97, LOT 9.01

RESOLUTION 111-2017
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE 2017 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM PROJECT

RESOLUTION 112-2017
APPROVING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 3 FOR THE 2017 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM PROJECT

RESOLUTION 113-2017
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (#P-18-0823)

RESOLUTION 114-2017
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WELL NO. 2 (CONTRACT A) PROJECT

RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

RESOLUTION 115-2017

RESOLUTION EXCLUDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITHIN A PORTION OF A MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

The public shall and will be excluded from that portion of a meeting conducted by the Borough Council on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, pertaining to matters contemplated in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq., and to specifically include the COAH lawsuit filed under Docket No. GLO-L-910-15 and the Conifer Realty, LLC lawsuit filed under Docket No. GLO-L-723-17 pursuant to N.J.S.A.10:4-12(b)(7) in which the Borough is a party.

ROLL CALL:

YERKA	NO
PACKER	YES
GAMBALE	YES
JACOB	YES
PYE	YES
WITASICK	YES

Resolution 115-2017 was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Conley stated that this month's committee reports will be on file in the Clerk's office. Councilman Pye reminded everyone that there is no recycling on Thursday.

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

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Conley opened the public portion of the meeting for question or comment:

Rose Yerka, 601 Stratford Avenue: Mrs. Yerka reported that a meeting of the 9/11 committee met on November 13 with Councilman Gambale. A total of \$1,500 was raised through fundraising and there are Christmas ornaments for sale through the school.

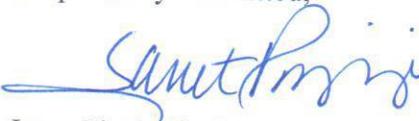
Upon hearing no additional questions or comments, a motion to close the public portion was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Conley stated that the Governing Body will go into closed session. The regular meeting will continue after the closed session. The closed session began at 9:52 p.m.

Upon return to open session at 10:02 p.m., Mayor Conley noted that there was no one in attendance from the public, and upon hearing that there was no further business, asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Yerka. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator