

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
MARCH 20, 2019 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor William C. Packer called the meeting to order with the following note: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of meetings for 2019 which was faxed to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on January 5, 2019 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building conforming to the directives of the "Open Public Meetings Act".

Mayor Packer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The call of roll showed the following to be present: Councilman Joseph Getsinger, Councilman Robert Morison, Councilman Harold "Hap" Pye, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Richard Gambale and Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo. Also in attendance were Mark Brunermer, Borough Engineer, Brian Lozuke, Borough Solicitor, Vikki Holmstrom, CFO, and Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting December 19, 2018 was made by Councilman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. The roll call vote went as follows:

Getsinger	Abstain
Morison	Yes
Pye	Yes
Witasick	Yes
Gambale	Yes
Pitzo	Abstain

The minutes were approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 27, 2019 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote went as follows:

Getsinger	Yes
Morison	Yes
Pye	Abstain
Witasick	Yes
Gambale	Yes
Pitzo	Yes

The minutes were approved.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Packer opened the public portion of the meeting.

William Holmstrom, Jr., Park Avenue: Mr. Holmstrom stated that the abandoned vehicles he spoke about at the last meeting are still on the road. The police department put stickers on the vehicles which were then removed by the owner. Mr. Holmstrom advised the Police Department and nothing was done about it.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Brunermer reported on various Borough projects, such as the CDBG project on West Jersey and the West Jersey Phase II- handicap ramp project. He also stated that the DEP well sampling results are pending and that the DOT Municipal Aid announcements have not yet been released. On a final note, Mr. Brunermer stated that Starbucks is proceeding.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCES

FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2-2019

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 51, ARTICLE II, SECTION 51-18, OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE ENTITLED "DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS" CONCERNING ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 2-2019 by title only. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance and upon hearing no comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to approve Ordinance 2-2019 upon final reading was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 2-2019 was approved.

ORDINANCE 3-2019

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$40,000 TO BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 3-2019 by title only. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance and upon hearing no comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to approve Ordinance 3-2019 upon final reading was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 3-2019 was approved.

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 4-2019

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 4-2019 by title only. A motion to approve this Ordinance on first reading was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 4-2019 was approved on introduction.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 46-2019

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PATH TO PROGRESS RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC AND FISCAL POLICY WORKGROUP

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 46-2019 by title only. Solicitor Lozuke noted that there was a comprehensive report distributed earlier in the month concerning the results that emanated from multiple discussions and meetings by an entity established by the NJ Legislature entitled "Economic and Fiscal Policy". This reports contains general initiatives and recommendations which municipalities are requested to support. Mayor Packer noted his support of the plan and the importance of supporting open discussion of reform. Councilman Getsinger agreed, adding the importance of properly addressing the issues. Councilman Morison commented that change is needed, however, he does not support merging schools into regional schools and he believes the shared services initiative is more consolidation.

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Resolution 46-2019 (continued)

Councilman Pye stated he likes the report but logistically is not sure how some of the items will work out, such as the pension hybrid plan. Councilwoman Witasick agrees with the plan conceptually, and supports it as a starting point. Councilman Gambale stated he feels the concept is good, but that each individual item needs to be considered separately. Councilman Pitzo stated that he supports the plan but is concerned about the effect on our employees and also the impact of the hybrid pension plan and the defined contribution plan.

A motion to approve Resolution 46-2019 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote went as follows:

Getsinger	yes
Morison	no
Pye	yes
Witasick	yes
Gambale	yes
Pitzo	yes

Resolution 46-2019 was approved.

RESOLUTION 47-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE BYLAWS OF THE WOODBURY HEIGHTS BOROUGH MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 47-2019 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 47-2019 was approved.

RESOLUTION 48-2019

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

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 48-2019 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 48-2019 was approved.

RESOLUTION 49-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 49-2019 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 49-2019 was approved.

RESOLUTION 50-2019

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 50-2019 by title only. Vikki Holmstrom, CFO, provided a brief explanation of the 2019 budget highlights. Mrs. Holmstrom stated that the budget increase for the municipal tax rate will be 3.2 cents which, for the average home assessed at \$177,897.57, will be approximately \$56.92. The total appropriations for 2019 were up \$49,526 which includes \$30,000 for recycling tonnage as a new line item. A total of \$390,000 will be used from surplus to off-set the budget, compared to \$470,000 in 2018. A deposit of \$255,000 is being sent to capital improvement for future project use, which is higher than the 2018 appropriation of \$145,000. The capital improvement increase is

RESOLUTION 50-2019 (CONTINUED)

being funded by the Borough not making principal payments on loan obligations in 2019, but instead deferring these payments to permanent financing. This amount is being kept in the budget as capital improvement in order to have it in the base budget looking ahead to 2020. 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 50-2019 was approved.

ORDINANCES
FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 5-2019

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 SALARY ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 1-2019) OF VARIOUS BOROUGH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 5-2019 by title only. A motion to approve this Ordinance on first reading was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 5-2019 was approved on introduction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets & Roads: Councilman Getsinger commented that the public works department is doing a fine job and the director is a credit to this Borough.

Water & Sewer: Councilman Morison presented the utility report and the water and sewer reports. A copy of these reports will be on file in the Clerk's office. Mayor Packer requested a status report on the water quality accountability act main replacement program.

Public Safety: Councilman Pye gave a fire department vehicle update and presented the police department report for the month of February. Councilman Pye noted that there is a new on-line application system for firearms ID and permits. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Finance and Administration: Councilwoman Witasick stated that the CFO presented the finance report earlier when the 2019 municipal budget was introduced. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office. At 8:10 p.m., Councilwoman Witasick stated she had a family obligation to attend to, excused herself, and left the meeting.

Property and Environmental: Councilman Gambale gave a brief property update on the Athletic Association building and commented that he does not have a code official report to present this evening.

Recreation & Civic: Councilman Pitzo stated that there will be a field clean up on March 30. Opening day is April 6 at 10 a.m. Councilman Gambale asked Councilman Pitzo to have the people participating in the clean up sign a form for submission for clean communities.

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

Kate McKelvey, Lincoln Avenue announced the egg hunt will be held on April 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the lake.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Packer opened the public portion of the meeting.

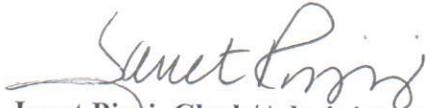
Upon hearing no additional comments, a motion to close the public portion was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Morison. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: At 8:15 p.m., pursuant to Resolution 48-2019, Mayor and Council went into closed session, and at 8:38 p.m., returned to open session.

Back in open session, a motion to authorize Solicitor Lozuke to extend the current Construction Department Shared Service Agreement was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Morison. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Morison. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator