

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
FEBRUARY 17, 2016 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 2016 which was faxed to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on January 2, 2016 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 Borough Solicitor Brian Lozuke, Borough Engineer Mark Brunermer and Borough Clerk/Administrator Janet Pizzi.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting January 20, 2016 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Yerka. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

Discussion Item: Rick Ragan, Managing Member of American Commercial Development advised Mayor and Council of his intent to convert Bruster's Ice Cream Store to a Starbucks Coffee Shop.

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

Debbie Truhan, Alliance Street: Mrs. Truhan stated that she is happy to hear about Starbucks coming to Woodbury Heights and asked whether there is enough parking at the site. Mayor Conley invited Mrs. Truhan to attend the Planning Board meeting where these questions and concerns will be addressed.

Kayleigh Reim, Glassboro Road: Mrs. Reim requested that Brooklawn Avenue be added to the list of roads to be repaired in Woodbury Heights. Councilman Pye explained that an underground drain needs to be installed prior to the road repair. Discussion ensued with additional questions regarding Brooklawn Avenue. Sue Reim, Brooklawn Avenue asked where the water is coming from and that she believes it may be coming from a residence. Robert Bortz, Brooklawn Avenue asked if crushed stone could be put down at the top of Brooklawn. Ken Brown of Brooklawn Avenue stated that the last time the County repaved Glassboro Road they did not raise the manhold cover on Brooklawn. Chi Boi Chung, Brooklawn Avenue also asked for the street to be repaired.

Debbie Truhan, Alliance Street, advised Mayor and Council she witnessed a young lady fall into the same pothole on Academy Avenue that her daughter and grandson were injured by over a year ago in front of the school at the crosswalk. She stated that she informed the Administrator, however, nothing was done. Mayor Conley stated that he is sure that the pothole was reported to Public Works by the Administrator; however, those reports may not have made it to the employees who actually make the repair. Mrs. Truhan was assured that changes are happening in the Public Works Department and issues like this will be handled.

Robert Bortz, Brooklawn Avenue asked to move the no parking sign on Academy to the corner at the intersection of Elm and Academy. Mayor Conley asked Chief Lindsay to check out the sign and see how close it is to the corner and if it needs to be moved down then, public works will move it.

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

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ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mark Brunermer stated that he has a few comments for later in the meeting during the Resolutions.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCES

Final Reading/Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 2-2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 12-2011 AND ORDINANCE 12-2015 CODIFIED WITHIN SECTION 64B OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION, INSPECTION AND LICENSING OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 2-2016 by title only. Mayor Conley opened the public hearing for this ordinance and upon hearing no questions or comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Gambale. All of Council agreed. A motion to approve Ordinance 2-2016 on final reading was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 2-2016 was approved.

First Reading/Introduction

ORDINANCE 3-2016

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING SECTION 55 OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE ENTITLED FIRE PREVENTION AND TO DESIGNATE THE CITY OF WOODBURY AS THE LOCAL ENFORCING AGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 3-2016 by total only. A motion to approve this ordinance on introduction was made by Councilman Yerka and seconded by Councilman Jacob. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 3-2016 was approved on first reading.

A motion to approve Resolutions 33-2016 through and inclusive of Resolution 40-2016 as a consent agenda was made by Councilman Jacob and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolutions 33-2016 through and inclusive of Resolution 40-2016 were approved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 33-2016

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING TAXES FOR DISABLED VETERAN

RESOLUTION 34-2016

A RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAXES FOR DISABLED VETERAN

RESOLUTION 35-2016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE CENTRAL AVENUE PUMPING STATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION 36-2016

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 3 AND NO. 4 FOR THE CENTRAL AVENUE PUMPING STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

**RESOLUTION 37-2016
NEW JERSEY SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION**

**RESOLUTION 38-2016
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF
WOODBURY FOR FIRE INSPECTION SERVICES**

**RESOLUTION 39-2016
RESOLUTION APPOINTING PRINCIPAL PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER**

**RESOLUTION 40-2016
RESOLUTION APPOINTING PRINCIPAL LICENSED OPERATOR AND
BACKUP LICENSED PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER OPERATOR.**

Solicitor Lozuke noted that respecting an earlier discussion concerning Academy Avenue, there is a no parking ordinance for the East side of Academy from Elm to Lake Avenue during school hours or school events. Further action by the governing body should be codified by ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety & Insurance: Councilman Yerka read the Fire Department and Police Department reports. Mayor Conley requested his list of goals and Councilman Yerka replied that his committee is still working on it.

Water & Sewer: Councilwoman Witasick reported that utility bills are due February 1 with a 30 day grace. Delinquent notices will go out on March 1. Councilwoman Witasick did not meet with her committee. She will be meeting with the new Public Works Director to discuss water and sewer issues. Top of her list is Brooklawn Avenue.

Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye stated that his main goal this year is road repair. Councilman Pye thanked the Public Works Department and Emergency Management Coordinator Ray McKelvey for the work done during the storm.

Finance & Administration: Councilman Packer reported that he is working diligently with the CFO addressing the challenges of the 2016 Municipal Budget. He requested a special meeting budget work session. Council agreed to February 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Packer's goal is to clean up outside of Borough Hall.

Property, Education & Environmental: Councilman Gambale reported that the Treasurer of the Athletic Association has not yet responded to the audit request and noted that the fine imposed will be deducted from their budget. Solicitor Lozuke advised notifying them in writing. There are eleven properties registered with Community Champions. Councilman Gambale's goal is to improve all the properties in Woodbury Heights and work with Jake on the 9-11 memorial.

Recreation & Civic: Councilman Jacob advised that Peg Riordan will head up the committee for 9-11 fundraising. The athletic association is working on on-line

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registrations. Veterans are working on a plan for the State to allow veterans to go to any hospital for treatment.

BILL LIST: A motion to approve the bill list 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: Mayor Conley opened the public portion for questions or comments.

Sue Reim, Stratford Avenue stated she purchased a bench and asked when it will come in. Councilman Jacob advised her that he is waiting on the monument but should have it before Memorial Day.

Joe Getsinger, Elm Avenue: Mr. Getsinger advised that a 5013C can be utilized for Veterans Park fundraising. Mr. Getsinger asked for an explanation of Resolution 33-2016. Solicitor Lozuke explained that it is exempting taxes for a totally disabled veteran who applied for this benefit.

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

Mayor Conley thanked the Public Works Department, the Fire and Police Departments for the good work during the storm.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator