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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,  
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097  
FEBRUARY 17, 2021 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 2021 which was emailed to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on January 6, 2021, faxed on January 15, 2021 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building conforming to the directives of the "Open Public Meetings Act". Adequate notice was also posted on the Borough of Woodbury Heights website ([www.bwhnj.com](http://www.bwhnj.com)). Adequate notice of electronic meeting was published in the South Jersey Times on April 8, 2020, and was posted on the Borough of Woodbury Heights website ([www.bwhnj.com](http://www.bwhnj.com)) conforming to the directives of the Governor's Executive Order 107.

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 Witasick, Councilman Gambale and Councilman Pitzo. Also in attendance were Borough Engineer Mark Brunermer and Borough Clerk/Administrator Janet Pizzi. Borough Solicitor Brian Lozuke in attendance at 7:45 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting January 20, 2021 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

#### PUBLIC PORTION

Robert Torrissi, 9-11 Committee: Pertaining to the 9-11 Memorial, Mr. Torissi provide an initial estimate of \$13,265.00 from the installer of the hardscaping, noting that 100% of the materials are to be donated. Also mentioned was the commencement of the Brick Campaign fundraiser.

Julianne Thurber, 9-11 Committee, provided a materials estimate of \$955.30 from Broadway Electric for under the cap lighting of the inside of the Pentagon and lighting of the granite monument. The installation estimate from resident Phil Smith is \$1,525.00. The granite estimate is \$5,620.00 for black and \$4,200.00 for gray. Pending is the estimate for the post. Mayor Packer requested final numbers be put in writing and submitted to the Recreation Committee.

Charles Crompton, Academy Avenue: Mr. Crompton thanked the Public Works for the excellent work with snow removal and thanked the Police Chief for road safety. Mr. Crompton asked if the ordinance pertaining to snow removal is enforced, and Mayor Packer replied that it is on an individual basis. Discussion ensued.

Kate McKelvey, Crossing Guard at Glassboro Road and 700 Lake Avenue: Mrs. McKelvey noted that there are habitual offenders of the snow clearing ordinance in her area. Also, when the gas line project was completed in that area, and it was repaved, it created water puddling in the crosswalk on Lake Avenue. Mr. Brunermer will review and follow up.

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

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**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Mr. Brunermer reported that weather conditions held up the project on Fordham Road. The contractor anticipates returning on Monday to begin the water main and underdrain work. Central Avenue has pending punch list items to address, weather permitting. The Self Storage facility on Glassboro Road has received approval from the Planning Board and is in the process of obtaining permits. Councilman Morison asked how far down Fordham Road will be shut down during this project, and Mr. Brunermer replied that it will be done in sections beginning at the Beech Avenue end. The water main work will shut down one side of the road at a time, so there will be travel lanes. Discussion ensued regarding gas main replacement on various Borough roads and the temporary paving installation following. On a final note, Mayor Packer advised Mr. Brunermer of the disappointing rough condition of the new road on Central Avenue. Mr. Brunermer will look at it and follow up.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Lozuke stated he attended very productive contract negotiation meetings. The PBA contract should be resolved within the next week. Meetings are scheduled with AFSCME, and it is anticipated that those negotiations will be resolved by the second meeting.

Mayor Packer requested consideration of Resolution 40-2021.

RESOLUTION 40-2021  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING PROBATIONARY PATROLMAN

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 40-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 40-2021 was approved. John J. Nero was appointed to the position of Patrolman. Mayor Packer administered the Oath of Office for John J. Nero, who was congratulated by all.

**ORDINANCES  
FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

ORDINANCE 1-2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$47,000.00 TO BE USED FOR PROCUREMENT OF POLICE DPARTMENT SUV VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 1-2021 by title only. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance and upon hearing no questions or comments, a motion to close same was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to approve Ordinance 1-2021 on final reading was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 1-2021 was approved.

ORDINANCE 2-2021

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS REPEALING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION § 70-49.6 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "STORMWATER CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT"

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 1-2021 by title only. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance and upon hearing no questions or comments, a motion to close same was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to approve Ordinance 2-2021 on final reading was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 2-2021 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

## RESOLUTIONS

By Consent Agenda, a motion to approve Resolution 36-2021 through and inclusive of Resolution 39-2021 and Resolution 41-2021 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The resolutions were approved.

RESOLUTION 36-2021  
CONTACT PERSON FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY ATTORNEY  
CONSULTATION SERVICE

RESOLUTION 37-2021  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SENIOR CITIZEN TAX DEDUCTION

RESOLUTION 38-2021  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

RESOLUTION 39-2021  
RESOLUTION EXEMPTING TAXES FOR DISABLED VETERAN AND REFUNDING  
OVERPAYMENT

RESOLUTION 41-2021  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 AND PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 5  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRAL AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS  
PROJECT

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

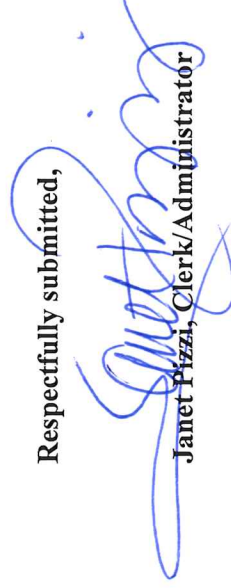
Mayor Packer opened the public portion of the meeting for questions or comments, and upon hearing none, a motion to close same was made by Councilman Gambale and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

Councilman Pye thanked public works for the excellent work during the recent snow storm.

Councilwoman Witasick asked CFO Vikki Holmstrom to provide a budget update. Mrs. Holmstrom noted there will be an increase of \$70.06 per average home assessed at \$177, \$72.00 which includes the use of \$75,000 more of surplus than in the prior year. Mrs. Holmstrom recommends that the Borough scale back on the amount put into the capital improvement fund. Water and sewer will dip a little harder into surplus this year as well. A rate increase is recommended as the last increase was eleven (11) years ago. The budget is on track for introduction at the March meeting. Discussion ensued.

With no further business at hand, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator