

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS  
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097  
FEBRUARY 27, 2019 7:30 P.M.  
(Postponed from February 20, 2019)**

Mayor William C. Packer called the meeting to order with the following note: The Regular Meeting of February 20, 2019 was postponed to February 27, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Adequate notice of this postponed meeting has been provided by fax to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on February 20, 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, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Richard Gambale and Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo. Absent was Councilman Harold "Hap" Pye. Also in attendance were Mark Brunermer, Borough Engineer, Brian Lozuke, Borough Solicitor, Vikki Holmstrom, CFO and Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator.

**PRESENTATION HONORING COUNCILMAN JAKE JACOB:** Mayor Packer presented a plaque to May Jacob honoring her late husband, Councilman Eshia "Jake" Jacob for his service and dedication to the Woodbury Heights community.

Due to the absence of Councilman Pye, the minutes of the Regular Meeting December 19, 2018 were held for lack of quorum for approval and will be considered at the March Regular Meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Reorganization meeting January 05, 2019 was made by Councilman Gambale and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting January 16, 2019 was made by Councilman Gambale and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote went as follows:

Getsinger	yes
Morison	yes
Witasick	abstain
Gambale	yes
Pitzo	yes

The minutes were approved.

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

Robert Yerka, Stratford Avenue requested Council adopt an ordinance to prohibit the production, sale and distribution of recreational marijuana in Woodbury Heights.

Rose Yerka, Stratford Avenue introduced the new Lake Association Officers. The President is Dan Ferrante, the Vice President is Katie Wallis, the Treasurer is Dan Watson and the Secretary is Hilda Ferrante.

Dan Ferrante, Lake Association President introduced himself and stated he is looking forward to working with Mayor and Council.

Carl Hecht and Nancy Bobb, Beech Avenue advised of a problem with water and ice in the street from a neighbor's sump pump. Mr. Hecht stated that a police report was filed and that he has met with the Director of Public Works to rectify this problem.

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PUBLIC PORTION (CONTINUED)

Bill Holmstrom, Jr., Park Avenue asked for help with problems on Park Avenue pertaining to vehicles and a basketball net.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mark Brunermer updated Council on the progress of the Well # 2 project, and the water main project on Academy Avenue. He also noted that Starbucks is underway with target opening July, 2019.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCES

FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 1-2019

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS BOROUGH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 1-2019 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 Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Gambale. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to approve Ordinance 1-2019 upon final reading was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 1-2019 was approved.

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

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. A motion to approve this Ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Gambale and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 2-2019 was approved on introduction.

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. Councilman Gambale commented that the improvements will be the diversion of water away from the building. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Gambale and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 3-2019 was approved on introduction.

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RESOLUTIONS

By consent agenda, a motion to approve Resolutions 39-2019 through and inclusive of Resolution 44-2019 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolutions 39-2019 through and inclusive of Resolution 44-2019 were approved.

RESOLUTION 39-2019

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS OF 2018 APPROPRIATION RESERVES

RESOLUTION 40 -2019

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING TAXES FOR DISABLED VETERAN

RESOLUTION 41 -2019

A RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAXES FOR DISABLED VETERAN

RESOLUTION 42-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST JERSEY AVENUE-PHASE II PROJECT

RESOLUTION 43-2019

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 4 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST JERSEY AVENUE-PHASE II ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM PROJECT

RESOLUTION 44-2019

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 2 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CENTRAL AVENUE-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT

RESOLUTION 45-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 TO FIRE PUMPER TRUCK APPARATUS

Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 45-2019 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 45-2019 was approved.

NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NATHAN L. CAMPBELL: A motion to approve the NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application for Nathan L. Campbell was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The application was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets & Roads: Councilman Getsinger read the message and acknowledged the donation of the two plaques honoring Councilman Jacob from Jake Jacobi, Collector's Corner. Councilman Getsinger presented the streets department monthly report. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Water & Sewer: Councilman Morison presented the utility monthly report and noted the new on-line bill paying option. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)**

**Finance & Administration:** Councilwoman Witasick turned the finance report over to the CFO Vikki Holmstrom, who provided a municipal budget update. The 2019 municipal budget will be introduced on March 20, 2019 with adoption scheduled April 17, 2019. Mrs. Holmstrom commented that the Borough must now make payments for recycling and estimated \$30,000 for 2019. The final tax collection rate for 2018 was 98.18%. On a final note the CFO estimated the municipal tax increase projection for 2019 at \$50.00 per household. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

**Property & Environmental:** Councilman Gambale commented that items in his report were previously discussed this evening. No code official report was received.

**Recreation & Civic:** Council Pitzo commented that June 21 will be the date for Movies in the Park, with June 22 as the rain date. The event will be held at Veterans Park and the movie selection is "Ralph breaks the Internet". In response to a complaint about trash and debris along West Jersey Avenue, the property owners, PSE&G and Conrail were contacted for maintenance and agree to maintain the area.

**Public Safety:** In the absence of Councilman Pye, Councilman Getsinger presented the Public Safety Report for December. Chief Moline read the January Police report. Councilman Pitzo commented that the SLEO III resource officers are making a huge positive difference at Gateway. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

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

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

Rose Yerka, Stratford Avenue advised Mayor and Council that the National Day of Prayer Ceremony will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon and requested use of Veterans Park for an evening ceremony from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Love One Another". The Patriots Day event will be held again this year on September 11.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Gambale. All of Council agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator