

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
MAY 19, 2021 7:30 P.M.**

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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). 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) conforming to the directives of the Governor's Executive Order 107.

Mayor Packer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The call of roll showed the following to be present: Councilman Joseph Getsinger, Councilman Harold "Hap" Pye, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Richard Gambale and Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo. Not Present: Councilman Robert Morison Also in attendance were Borough Solicitor Brian Lozuke, Borough Engineer Mark Brunermer, and Shannon Elton, Acting Clerk.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting April 21, 2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION: Caitlin Wallis, accompanied by Scoutmaster. Troop 151, Jerry Bakanowsky, presented her Eagle Scout Project of building a 9/11 Memorial Pavillion at Veterans' Park. Mayor and Council were advised that Robbie Conley was consulting on the project. Councilman Gambale asked for clarification of a time frame. Mayor and Council were assured the project would be done before September 11, 2021. Mayor Packer suggested the Borough Engineer be consulted. Mr. Brunermer agreed to coordinate with Mr. Conley as well as the 9/11 Committee on the project.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk stated that the Financial Disclosure Statements due date has been extended through June 30th, and an additional reminder would be sent out to those who have not yet completed it.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Packer opened the public portion for questions or comments:

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

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mr. Brunermer noted that he has scheduled a pre-construction meeting for the Self Storage project on Glassboro Rd. Public Works has met with the Engineer in regards to the water/sewer in relation to the project. Mr. Brunermer provided an update on the Fordham Road Project. The punch list for the project will be released within the week. Mr. Brunermer reviewed upcoming projects, a DOT project on Walnut and a CDBG project on Third & Central, , both of which are being introduced on this agenda. In response to Councilman Getsinger's question regarding Traffic Suppression devices on Elm Ave, Mr. Brunermer deferred to Mr. Lozuke, and added the Mayor's signature is needed on a formal application. Mr. Lozuke confirmed that a motion could be made later in the evening, and that the Acting Clerk should attest. Mr. Brunermer concluded his report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Lozuke asked for a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the county application aforementioned by the Borough Engineer. A motion was made by

Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous.

ORDINANCES
FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 8-2021

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$255,000.00 TO BE USED FOR WALNUT AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS-PHASE 1 IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 8-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 8-2021 was approved on introduction.

ORDINANCE 9-2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$ 83,000.00 TO BE USED FOR THIRD STREET AND CENTRAL AVENUE BARRIER FREE SIDEWALKS AND RAMPS IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 9-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 9-2021 was approved on introduction.

FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 7-2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$ 25,000 TO BE USED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE 3-2021

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 7-2021 by title only. Mayor Packer 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 Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance 7-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 7-2021 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Rob Torrissi was acknowledged in his appointments to the Municipal Alliance and Planning Board. By Consent Agenda, a motion to approve Resolution 70-2021 through and inclusive of Resolution 79-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The Resolutions were approved.

RESOLUTION 70- 2021

RESOLUTION CHANGING THE CUSTODIANS OF PETTY CASH FUND

RESOLUTION 71-2021

RESOLUTION CHANGING THE MONETARY AMOUNT OF PETTY CASH FUNDS

RESOLUTION 72-2021

RESOLUTION RESCINDING PETTY CASH FUND

RESOLUTION 73-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH NETCARRIER TELECOM, INC.

RESOLUTION 74-2021

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 75-2021

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD

**RESOLUTION 76-2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT**

**RESOLUTION 77-2021
RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAXES FOR DISABLED VETERAN**

**RESOLUTION 78-2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER No. 1 AND PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 3
FOR THE FORDHAM ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION 79-2021
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SALARY FOR MUNICIPAL CLERK**

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.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Packer opened the public portion for questions or comments.

Hearing no comments from the public, a motion to close the public portion was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Packer noted that he is in contact with the representatives of the Gloucester County Light Rail Project to arrange a public information session for residents of Woodbury Heights. Councilwoman Witasick expressed support.

Mayor Packer addressed the re-opening of the Borough. He stressed the opening would be happening soon, with the proper steps taken for the safety of the Borough Employees and the Public. He also noted, that there has been no disruption in Municipal Services and the re-opening is forthcoming. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Gambale stated that the Borough would be skipping the ceremonies for Memorial Day due to the current health crisis. Flags and wreaths will still be displayed in the Park.

Councilwoman Witasick expressed interest in having at least one member of the Municipal Alliance in attendance at Council Meetings.

Mr. Brunermer brought to the attention of Mayor and Council that DOT applications are due July 1st. He expressed interest in Walnut Phase II for next year's application. Mayor Packer expressed support. Mayor Packer also stressed his concern for the state of Elm Avenue. Discussion ensued. Mayor Packer encouraged Council to reach out to the county in this regard.

Chief Moline

Councilman Pye stated that two trash trucks are down. He expressed interest in discussing privatizing trash collection with the CFO.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business at hand, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Elton, Acting Clerk

