

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
JUNE 16, 2021 7:30 P.M.**

Members of the public can make public comment by audio or by audio and video during the remote public meeting. In advance of the remote public meeting, the public may submit public comment by electronic mail to the Borough Clerk (rmc@bwhnj.com) or by written form to the Municipal Building, 500 Elm Avenue, Woodbury Heights, NJ by May 2021.

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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 Robert Morison, Councilman Harold "Hap" Pye, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Richard Gambale, Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo and Mayor William Packer. Not Present: 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 May 19, 2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous, Councilman Morison Abstained. The minutes were approved. She will follow up with an email reminder.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk gave a final reminder that the Financial Disclosure Statements due date has been extended through June 30th.

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

Michael McCabe, 811 Chestnut Ave: Mr. McCabe stated that he received a delinquent notice for his dog license, with his former address on it (435 Oak Ave). He also stated that he received a delinquency notice for his water & sewer, but did not receive the first notice. Mayor Packer, referred to a letter that was submitted by Mr. McCabe to Mayor and Council about the same matter. He explained that the update has been made to the Dog account and that the accounts for utilities are not linked to the dog accounts. Mr. McCabe stated he would pay for the license, but was not inclined to pay the late fee. Discussion ensued. Councilwoman Witasick asked if the matter was addressed at The Borough. Mr. McCabe stated that he did and the matter was referred to Mayor and Council. Mr. Lozuke referred the statute to register animals, and clarified that a notice of licensing is not required but is a courtesy. Mr. Lozuke assured Mr. McCabe any error with his Utility Billing would be remedied for the next billing.

David Marconi, 804 Chestnut: Mr. Marconi expressed concern about speeding on Chestnut. He stressed that the issue has existed for a long time and referred to a previous incident. He informed Mayor and Council that he has placed cones in the street to slow the speeding. Mayor Packer acknowledged the issue, and said the matter would be looked into. Discussion ensued. Councilman Pye indicated he had discussed the matter with the Borough Engineer. Mayor Packer asked Chairman Getsinger to gather some information and make some recommendations. Councilwoman Witasick asked if the traffic study has begun? Mr. Brunermer advised. Chief Moline added that complaints of any nature should be made directly to the Police Department rather than social media.

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

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mr. Brunermer noted that the Fordham Rd work is complete and the Punchlist work is to be executed soon. An application for the Elm Ave Radar Signs was submitted to the Mayor and will be processed by the County. Mr. Brunermer also noted that South Jersey Gas will commence doing work on various road resurfacing in July. Mr. Brunermer concluded his report. Councilman Morison emphasized his concern that work on such projects has begun before the traffic teams arrived. Mr. Brunermer said he would pass it on.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

**ORDINANCES
FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION**

ORDINANCE 10-2021

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, GLOUCESTER COUNTY,
PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN
ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES
AND AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
CHAPTER 70, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 10-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 10-2021 was approved on introduction.

ORDINANCE 11-2021

**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND
SEWER UTILITY SYSTEMS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$780,000
THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF
GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO
\$780,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING
CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 11-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 11-2021 was approved on introduction.

ORDINANCE 12-2021

**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A HEAVY DUTY TRUCK AND
RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF
WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE
SUM OF \$350,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF
UP TO \$332,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND
AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 12-2021 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 12-2021 was approved on introduction.

ORDINANCE 13-2021

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, GLOUCESTER
COUNTY, PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS
BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES AND AMENDING THE
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS BY ADDING CHAPTER 66**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 13-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 13-2021 was approved on introduction.

ORDINANCE 2-2021A

**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 2-2021A by title only. Mr. Lozuke noted that changes were recommended by the county to Ordinance 2-2012. Thus, this ordinance codifies the changes.

Ordinance 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 2-2021A was approved on introduction.

FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING

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. 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 Councilman Getsinger. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance 8-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 8-2021 was approved.

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. 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 Councilman Getsinger. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance 9-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 9-2021 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

By Consent Agenda, a motion to approve Resolution 81-2021 through and inclusive of Resolution 88-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The Resolutions were approved.

RESOLUTION 80-2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
FOR THE 2021 CDBG PROJECT – THIRD STREET AND CENTRAL AVENUE BARRIER
FREE SIDEWALKS AND RAMPS**

RESOLUTION 81-2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
FOR THE 2021 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION 82-2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
FOR THE 2022 NJDOT MUNICIPAL ROADWAY STATE AID APPLICATION**

RESOLUTION 83-2021

**RESOLUTION EXEMPTING TAXES FOR DIASBLED VETERAN AND REFUNDING
OVERPAYMENT**

RESOLUTION 84-2021

**RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE
OF GM LIQUOR INC.**

RESOLUTION 85-2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE GLOUCESTER
COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE
PROGRAM YEAR 2021**

RESOLUTION 86-2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PROGRAM
YEAR 2021**

RESOLUTION 87-2021

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN
THE BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-
87 (CHAPTER 159, PL 1948)**

RESOLUTION 88-2021

**RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
OF HOLLYWOOD CAFÉ DINER, INC.**

RESOLUTION 89-2021

Solicitor Lozuke asked for a voice vote for Resolution 89-2019, which would approve the recommendation made by Chief Moline consistent with the PBA Contract for the appointment of two Corporals, Officers Gambale & Neely. Mr. Lozuke will prepare a resolution memorializing the vote following the adoption.

A motion to approve Resolution 89-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous, Councilman Gambale abstained. The Resolutions were approved.

Mr. Lozuke concluded his report.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Getsinger, Public Safety: Councilman Getsinger turned the floor over to Corporal Gambale to review the Police Report. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Councilman Morison, Water & Sewer: Councilman Morison reviewed the DPW report. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office. Mr. Morison emphasized the benefits of the new equipment for the DPW.

Councilman Pye, Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye reviewed the purchasing of some new trucks for DPW. A shared service with Logan Township is being explored for Trash Collection.

Councilwoman Witasick, Finance & Administration: Councilwoman Witasick asked about the AFSCME contracts. Mr. Lozuke stated that they are finalized and would be distributed for

execution with the Union. She reviewed the Finance Report. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Councilman Gambale, Property & Insurance: Councilman Gambale applauded Mr. McCabe and John Leech for their work with property maintenance. He reviewed Mr. Leech's report of violations, COS and Building Permits. Councilman Gambale addressed a complaint about the clothing containers.

Councilman Pitzo, Recreation & Civic: Councilman Pitzo informed the public of the "Movies in the Park" to take place in Veteran's Park on July 19th. Mayor Packer announced that The Borough will be opening to the public in July, and stressed that the Community Center would need upkeep. Councilwoman Witasick asked about the status of the lift for the Community Center. Mrs. Holmstrom recommended that it would be cheaper to rent a lift than to maintain or purchase a new one.

Councilman Gambale reviewed the status of the 9/11 Memorial.

Councilman Morison acknowledged the Borough Staff for their efforts during the Public Health Crisis.

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

Robert Torrissi, 316 Poplar Ave: Mr. Torrissi elaborated on the status of the 9/11 Memorial.

Upon hearing no additional questions or comments, a motion to close the public portion was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council welcomed Kathy, as the Borough's new Utilities Clerk.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Elton

Shannon Elton, Acting Clerk