

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
JUNE 21, 2017 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 2017 which was faxed to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on January 9, 2017 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 Harold "Hap" Pye, 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. Absent were Councilman Robert Yerka and Councilwoman Cara Witasick. Councilman William Packer was present at 7:34 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting May 17, 2017 was made by Councilman Gambale and seconded by Councilman Jacob. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous.

7:34 p.m. Councilman William Packer is present.

SAFETY ON THE AGENDA: Joe Henry of Hardenbergh Insurance Group reviewed OSHA and PEOSH Standards.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Conley opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments.

Michael McCabe, 454 Elm Avenue: Mr. McCabe asked about rumors circulating regarding dismantling the Woodbury Heights Police Department. Mayor Conley replied that there has been no decision made to dismantle the police department. The Chief is retiring and the Borough must do its due diligence in finding a new Chief and reviewing any proposals we receive for shared services. He stated that it is a requirement that they look at all options. Discussion ensued.

Robert Seibert, Poplar Avenue: Mr. Seibert requested a binding referendum to decide the future of the WHPD. Mayor Conley commented that it can be a non-binding referendum.

Sheryl Neely, Franklin Township: Mrs. Neely stated that her husband is WHPD Ptl Jason Neely. She is very concerned about the WHPD shared services proposals and also requested that Mayor and Council look at hiring from within when filling the Chief's position. Discussion ensued.

Bob Morrison, Beech Avenue: Mr. Morrison asked if the Borough is looking at shared services for fear of losing state aid equal to the associated savings? Mayor Conley stated that the Borough is mandated to do its due diligence in ascertaining whether it's feasible to enter into a shared service agreement or provide the reasons why it is not. Mr. Morrison recommended reading a 2014 Rutgers article pertaining to shared service agreements.

Frank Hipple, Elm Avenue: Mr. Hipple stated that the problem with shared service agreements is that the first year is generally the low cost year.

Peggy Brown, Brooklawn Avenue: Ms. Brown asked the Borough to consider the fact that another town will not be as quick to respond in a medical emergency. She also noted that our police officers are usually the first responders with oxygen and defibrillators.

PUBLIC PORTION (CONTINUED)

Kevin Przybyszewski, Gloucester County PBA representative: Mr. Przybyszewski asked when the PBA will be notified that proposals are being considered? Mayor Conley replied that until he receives something that makes enough sense to him to bring before Council, he doesn't feel that it is necessary to contact the PBA. Mr. Przybyszewski stated he submitted an OPRA request for timesheets for a part time employee in the police department and no one could produce them. He and added that accountability for hours worked and salary paid could be a savings for the Borough.

Councilman Jacob stated that the WHPD is the best in the County.

Patty Mullen, 180 Central Avenue: Mrs. Mullen asked for a status on issues with the property next door to her and advised that among other things, there is a hole in the soffit of her neighbor's house with animals going in and out. Councilman Gambale advised her that the only action the Borough can take legally is to cite the owners for property maintenance violations occurring outside the house.

Maureen McCabe, Elm Avenue: Mrs. McCabe asked if the requested quarterly reports were received from Deptford and Councilman Gambale responded that monthly reports were received last month.

Michele Sharp, 117 Vanderbilt Avenue: Mrs. Sharp stated that there is a dog running loose on Vanderbilt Avenue. Discussion ensued. Chief Lindsay responded that a summons can be issued by either our police officers or animal control. Mayor Conley advised Mrs. Sharp to contact the police department each time she sees unleashed dogs running around loose.

Harold Holmstrom, Glassboro Road: Mr. Holmstrom stated that he was involved in a police shared services and advised Mayor Conley to be open and get the information out. He also asked who will be the OIC and Mayor Conley replied that the committee will be reviewing that tomorrow.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT Mark Brunermer reported that the site plan for the ice cream parlor project at 505 Elm Avenue received conditional approval from the Planning Board and part of that conditional approval is Council's authorization for a Vehicle Stacking Lane on Barlow Avenue and ordinance to restrict parking. **A motion to accept the proposed use of Barlow Avenue was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried. Authorization was granted to draft an ordinance for introduction at the July Regular Council Meeting.** Ordinance 2-2017 Street Vacation revised legal descriptions were received and are incorporated in the Ordinance for consideration this evening. The Road Program bids were received last week and all of the roads on the list will be funded this year. The Route 45 project is nearly complete with several punch list items. There is a change order for consideration to close the contract out with a reduction in cost and a payment minus the retainage. Councilman Packer asked about the finishing the small portion of West Jersey Avenue Mr. Brunermer stated that it is allotted for. Also discussed was the 2018 Road Program and the Well Project cost increase.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCES
FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2-2017

(Tabled from May 17, 2017)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS RELEASING, EXTINGUISHING AND VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN A PORTION OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 2-2017 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 for Ordinance 2-2017 was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Jacob. A motion to approve Ordinance 2-2017 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 2-2017 was approved.

ORDINANCE 5-2017

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$30,000 TO BE USED FOR PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 5-2017 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 for Ordinance 5-2017 was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A motion to approve Ordinance 5-2017 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Packer. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 5-2017 was approved.

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 6-2017

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$185,000.00 TO BE USED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAVING OF WEST JERSEY AVENUE PHASE II WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 6-2017 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on introduction was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Jacob. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 6-2017 was approved on first reading.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion to approve Resolution 54-2017 through and inclusive of Resolution 59-2017 and Resolution 61-2017 through and inclusive of Resolution 63-2017 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Packer. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 54-2017 through and inclusive of Resolution 59-2017 and Resolution 61-2017 through and inclusive of Resolution 63-2017 were approved.

RESOLUTION 54-2017

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.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

RESOLUTION 55-2017

RESOLUTION EXEMPTING TAXES FOR DISABLED VETERAN

RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

RESOLUTION 56-2017
RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION
LICENSE OF GM LIQUOR, INC.

RESOLUTION 57-2017
RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION
LICENSE OF HOLLYWOOD CAFÉ DINER, INC.

RESOLUTION 58-2017
A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW
JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY. (SAFE &
SECURE)

RESOLUTION 59-2017
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION 61-2017
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AWARDDING
CONTRACT FOR THE 2017 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 62- 2017
RESOLUTION APPROVING PERFORMANCE SURETY ESTIMATE AND
INSPECTION ESCROW FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT BLOCK 70, LOT 1.04

RESOLUTION 63-2017
RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 3 AND CHANGE ORDER
NUMBER 1 FOR THE ROUTE 45 PUMPING STATION IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT

RESOLUTION 60-2017
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS ACCEPTING AND
AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION BETWEEN THE BOROUGH
OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AND POLICE CHIEF GEORGE L. LINDSAY, JR.
Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 60-2017 by title only. Mayor Conley thanked Chief
Lindsay for his service to the Borough of Woodbury Heights. A motion to approve this
resolution was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll
call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 60-2017 was approved. Chief Lindsay was
congratulated by all.

Mayor Conley announced that the Fire Department received a Fire Act Grant for over
\$100,000 from FEMA for the purchase of new air packs. Mayor Conley thanked the fire
department for their hard work.

Solicitor Lozuke advised Council of a request to allow BYOB at an event planning
business looking to open in town and provided an explanation of BYOB, stating that it is
permitted by default, but the Council has the option to prohibit. After a short discussion,
Mayor Conley stated that upon hearing no objection by Council, he authorizes the Clerk
to notify the Zoning Official that there is no ordinance prohibiting BYOB in Woodbury
Heights and the Certificate of Occupancy may be issued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety: In the absence of Councilman Yerka, no report was presented.

Water & Sewer: In the absence of Councilwoman Witasick, no report was presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye stated it was a good week with the road program bid results.

Finance & Administration: Councilman Packer stated that the Borough will be able to continue the road work on West Jersey Avenue and on year two of the road program. He stated that budgets look good and all is well with the Borough finances.

Property & Environmental: Councilman Gambale reported that \$900 in registration fees were received from Community Champions and provided a property maintenance status report. He also noted that ten (10) trees are being removed on Chestnut Avenue and lights need to be replaced at Veterans' Park.

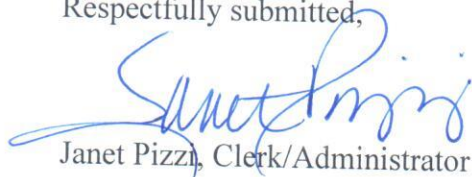
Recreation and Civic: Councilman Jacob stated that there was a good turnout at the fishing derby with 54 Children and their parents. He also noted that he is working on the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony and the 9/11 Committee.

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

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Conley opened the public portion of the meeting for questions or comments and upon hearing none, a motion to close the public portion was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Jacob. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Jacob. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator