

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
SEPTEMBER 20, 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 Robert Yerka, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Harold "Hap" Pye, Councilman William Packer, Councilman Richard Gambale and Councilman Eshia "Jake" Jacob. Also in attendance were Borough Solicitor Brian Lozuke, Borough Engineer Mark Brunermer and Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting August 16, 2017 Special Council Meeting August 29, 2017 and the Special Council Meeting September 13, 2017 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous for the Regular Council Meeting. The Special Council Meeting votes were as follows:

Special Meeting August 29, 2017:

Yerka	Yes
Witasick	Yes
Pye	Yes
Packer	Abstain
Gambale	Yes
Jacob	Yes

Special Meeting September 13, 2017:

Yerka	Yes
Witasick	Yes
Pye	Yes
Packer	Abstain
Gambale	Yes
Jacob	Yes

The minutes were approved.

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

Oath of Office: Mayor Conley administered the Oath of Office for Officer Patrick Bukenas' family and friends who were not in attendance at the official swearing in at the Special Meeting held on September 13, 2017.

Barry Moore, 724 Glassboro Road. Mr. Moore explained to Council that he placed his tax payments in the Borough drop box but it was not found by the staff. He received a delinquent notice and requested that the interest on both properties be waived. Councilman Packer stated that he was advised of this by the CMFO and a resolution to waive the interest will be on next month's agenda.

Ida and Gary Logan, 612 Stratford Avenue: Mrs. Logan stated that their property had an electrical fire and she thanked the Fire Department and the entire community for the support for the help they received.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Brunermer provided a status report on the Borough projects. The Well No. 2 project will go out to bid next week with the bid opening to be held end of October and the award scheduled for the November meeting. The 2018 DOT grant application for Elm over to Lake will be submitted by October 6.

Mayor Conley announced that the Scouts are in the audience this evening to observe the Council meeting.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Upon request of Mayor and Council, Solicitor Lozuke stated that Resolution 88-2017 through and inclusive of Resolution 93-2017. By consent agenda, a motion to approve these resolutions was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Packer. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The Resolutions 88-2017 through and inclusive of Resolution 93-2017 were approved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 88-2017
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF VARIOUS CURRENT FUND RESERVE BALANCES

RESOLUTION 89-2017
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE ENGINEERING FOR ROADWAY STATE AID APPLICATION FOR NJDOT 2018 GRANT

RESOLUTION 90-2017
RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 1 FOR THE 2017 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM PROJECT
RESOLUTION 91-2017

RESOLUTION 91-2017
RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS REGARDING THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

RESOLUTION 92-2017
RESOLUTION APPOINTING A 9-1-1 COORDINATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS

RESOLUTION 93-2017
RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE WOODBURY HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE (LESO) 1033 PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 94-2017
RESOLUTION EXCLUDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITHIN A PORTION OF A MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12
Solicitor Lozuke read Resolution 94-2017 by title only. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution 94-2017 was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety: Councilman Yerka presented the Police Department Report. Chief Radcliff provided the Fire Department report and requested that the process begin again to purchase a new fire truck. Both reports will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Water & Sewer: Councilwoman Witasick presented both water and sewer and utility reports. She also reminded everyone that the new postcard bills will go out with the next billing.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye provided a Road Program update. His report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Finance & Administration: Councilman Packer stated that all accounts are reconciled and the budget is good. A copy of his report will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Property & Environmental: Councilman Gambale presented a property maintenance update. He also advised that a contractor recommends replacing the entire cinderblock wall on the west side of Borough Hall. Mayor Conley requested that Councilman Gambale contact the Construction Official to inspect the wall.

Recreation & Civic: Councilman Jacob advised the Scout Troop in attendance to ask any questions of Council. The Scout Leader stated that the scouts were there to observe only. Councilman Jacob gave a Veterans and 9-1-1 Committee update.

BILL LIST: A motion to approve the bill list as presented 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.

Patricia Mullen, Central Avenue: Mrs. Mullen advised Councilman Gambale that there has been no change at her neighbor's property that she previously complained about. There are still problems with trash, poison ivy, etc. Councilman Gambale explained that the Borough can only help with code violations but he will contact Deptford tomorrow to issue fines. Solicitor Lozuke advised Councilman Gambale to contact Deptford to request quarterly reports of what citations have actually been issued.

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

Mayor Conley announced that the governing body will now go into closed session to discuss a matter of litigation. At 8:28 p.m. Mayor and Council returned to open session.

A motion to authorize the Solicitor to give approval for the proposed settlement agreement as discussed in closed session was made by Councilman Gambale and seconded by Councilman Packer. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Pizzi, Clerk/Administrator