

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,  
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097  
AUGUST 18, 2021 7:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**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 faxed to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on January 6, 2021 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.**

**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, and Mayor William Packer. Not Present: Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo Also in attendance were Borough Solicitor Brian Lozuke (by Phone), Borough Engineer Mark Brunermer, and Shannon Elton, Acting Clerk.**

**SWEARING IN OF CORPORALS NEELY & GAMBALE: Oaths of office were administered by Councilman Gambale (Gambale Jr.) & Mayor Packer (Neely).**

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

**CLERK’S REPORT: On file.**

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

***Hilda Farante, 886 Lake Ave:* They thanked Councilwoman Witasick, Councilman Gambale, and Vikki Holmstrom, for their help funding the fountain for the Lake Association. They also thanked Ryan Wells & the Public Works Department, Chuck & Tim for their help with the Lake Cleanup. They inquired about the fishing derby. Councilman Morison elaborated on the event and its postponement to next year.**

***Sara Kidd, 1032 Walnut:* They also commented on the success of the Lake Clean Up. They inquired about funding for the Lake Association. Mayor Packer acknowledged the request. He elaborated that maintenance was done by the Borough at one point and had been asked to leave it to the Lake Association. He agreed that the matter could be discussed further.**

***Tim Abraldes, 711 Helen Ave:* They review what would be needed for annual maintenance of the Lake and offered to present Mayor and Council with estimated costs associated with such maintenance. Mayor Packer welcomed the suggestion.**

***Bill Holmstrom, Jr:* They reminded Mayor and Council of his previous appearance in Febraury & March of 2019 regarding the vehicles at 760 Park Ave. They stated one vehicle was towed but a second vehicle has become an eyesore and is not registered. They asked what needs to be done to handle the matter. Chief Moline elaborated that each resident is allowed no more than one unregistered vehicle and suggested an ordinance change may be needed. They responded that there are other vehicles on the paper street that may not be registered. They also asked about the lights in Veterans Park and the assistance the Fire Department is currently giving to Woodbury in light of the disbandment of their Fire Company. They cited 150 calls in 2020 for the whole year, 130 calls thus far in 2021 59 of which were for Woodbury.**

***Dave Marconi, 804 Chestnut:* They asked for an update on the Stop Sign on Chestnut. Mayor Packer deferred to the Engineer’s Report.**

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

**ENGINEERS REPORT: Mark Brunermer presented on behalf of Sickels & Assoc. Mr. Brunermer gave updates on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & Central project, the Walnut Ave project and the Stop Sign on**

Chestnut. Mr. Brunermer reviewed the criteria for Stop Signs, and indicated it may be possible but not based on the volume of traffic on Chestnut Ave.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**ORDINANCES  
FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION**

**ORDINANCE 15-2021**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$60,000 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 15-2021 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 15-2021 was approved on introduction.

**ORDINANCE 16-2021**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TRASH AND RECYCLING CARTS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$150,000 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 \$142,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 16-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 16-2021 was approved on introduction.

**ORDINANCE 17-2021**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE ENTITLED "LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT" AS RECOMMENDED IN THE 2020 MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION REPORT AND MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 17-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 17-2021 was approved on introduction.

**FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE 14-2021**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$ 40,000 TO BE USED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 14-2021 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 10-2021 was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 14-2021 was approved.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**By Consent Agenda, a motion to approve Resolution 93-2021 through and inclusive of Resolution 101-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The Resolutions were approved.**

### **RESOLUTION 93-2021**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WALNUT AVE – PHASE II ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

### **RESOLUTION 94-2021**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING ESCROW FEE FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT BLOCK 40.14, LOT 22**

### **RESOLUTION 95-2021**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF VARIOUS TRUST FUND RESERVE BALANCES**

### **RESOLUTION 96-2021**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT**

### **RESOLUTION 97-2021**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CANDIDUS SANITARY PUMP STATION INITIAL PERMITTING**

### **RESOLUTION 98-2021**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 INTERNATIONAL HV507 WITH 4X2 CHASSIS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$349,878.91**

### **RESOLUTION 99-2021**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 AND FINAL PAYMENT NO. 6 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRAL AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

### **RESOLUTION 100-2021**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 AND FINAL PAYMENT NO. 4 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FORDHAM AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

### **RESOLUTION 101-2021**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS**

**Mr. Lozuke concluded his report.**

**MAYOR PACKER AND COUNCIL OBSERVED A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF BARRY LOZUKE, FORMER SOLICITOR FOR WOODBURY HEIGHTS**

**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:** The Police Department Report. Copies of these reports are on file in the Clerk's office. Mayor Packer asked the committee to follow up on the ordinance regarding unregistered vehicles referred to in the public comments.

**Councilman Morison, Water & Sewer:** Councilman Morison reviewed the DPW and the Utilities Clerk reports. A copy of these reports will be on file in the Clerk's office. Mayor Packer asked about the cost of the storm water repair. Ryan Wells responded, it was done in house.

**Councilman Pye, Streets & Roads:** Councilman Pye review the work done by DPW during the month, including pavement and the purchase of a new "leafer". He also acknowledged the painting done by Public Works to the Municipal Building. Mayor Packer asked for an update with the Walnut project. Mr. Brunermer reviewed the project, specifically the sidewalk and curbing.

**Councilwoman Witasick, Finance & Administration:** Councilwoman Witasick reviewed the Finance Report. Councilwoman Witasick again stated that the finalized AFSCME contract has not been received by the finance office. She stressed that the contract needs to be received as inquiries have been received from the Union and the State. She expressed concern about the vehicle maintenance budget and stated an emergency appropriation would be needed. She also expressed concerns about spending in Buildings and Grounds. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office. Mayor Packer asked about the outsourcing of Trash Collection and asked that the DPW be more selective when collecting large bulk items.

**Councilman Gambale, Property & Insurance:** Councilman Gambale reviewed his construction report. He discussed a dead tree on Spring Ave on Borough Property. He also reviewed the 9/11 memorial project and the Eagle Scout Pavilion in Veterans Park. Dedication ceremonies will be held on 9/4 (Pavilion) and 9/11 (Memorial). He thanks Ryan and the Public Works Department for their assistance with the project.

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

*Jerry Bakanowski, Scout Leader:* They thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity given to Eagle Scout Caitlin Wallis.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Elton, Acting Clerk