

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,  
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097  
November 23, 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". (7:30pm)

Mayor Packer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Councilman Joseph Getsinger, Councilman Robert Morison, Councilman Harold "Hap" Pye, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Richard Gambale, Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo and Mayor William Packer. Also in attendance were Borough Solicitor Brian Lozuke, Bill Mesogianes, and Shannon Elton, Acting Clerk.

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting October 20th, 2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Nothing to Report

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

*Jessica Croft, 225 Cherry Ave:* They addressed Mayor and Council, inquiring about opening the Community Center to the public, specifically for basketball and other Athletic Association activities. Councilman Pitzo referred to regulations suggested by the JIF and the matter was agreed to be addressed in a future meeting with all of the concerned parties.

*Garrett Rattle, 423 Linden:* Contributed to the abovementioned discussion.

*Charles Crompton, 21 Academy Ave:* They raised concerns about the awareness within the community as far as town events, specifically the Veteran's Day ceremony. Councilman Gambale responded. Councilwoman Witasick encouraged the public and council to agree to do better.

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

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Bill Mesogianes presented the Engineers report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**ORDINANCES**

*FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION*

**ORDINANCE 21-2021  
(Continued)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AMENDING AND  
SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 64 ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE"  
CONCERNING INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY  
HEIGHTS CODE**

Solicitor Lozuke revisited this Ordinance and reviewed it for Mayor & Council. Discussion ensued. Solicitor Lozuke suggested tabling the matter and he would advise before the next meeting. The matter was tabled by a motion from Councilman Pye, seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call.

*FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING*

**ORDINANCE 22 – 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES OF PAYMENT FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE SERVICES  
AND RELATED FEES**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 22-2021 by title only. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance. Upon hearing no questions or comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance 22-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 22-2021 was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 117-2021**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS OF 2021 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

A motion to approve Resolution 117-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

**RESOLUTION 118-2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF  
GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
(RFP) FOR BANKING INSTITUTIONS**

A motion to approve Resolution 118-2021 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

**RESOLUTION 119-2021**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

A motion to approve Resolution 119-2021 was made by Councilman Gambale and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

**RESOLUTION 120-2021**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES  
AND PROCEDURES MANUAL AND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR THE  
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS**

A motion to approve Resolution 120-2021 was made by Councilman Pitzo and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

**RESOLUTION 121 – 2021**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW ACCOUNT BALANCES**

A motion to approve Resolution 121-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

**RESOLUTION 122-2021**

**SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A JOINT MUNICIPAL  
COURT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, THE BOROUGH OF PITMAN, THE  
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, THE BOROUGH OF WENONAH, THE TOWNSHIP  
OF WEST DEPTFORD, AND THE BOROUGH OF NATIONAL PARK**

A motion to approve Resolution 122-2021 was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

**Mr. Lozuke concluded his report.**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Getsinger, Public Safety:** The WHFD Report and The Police Department Report were presented. Copies of these reports are on file in the Clerk's office. Councilman Getsinger inquired about how many fire calls were from Woodbury. Reports are on file.

**Councilman Morison, Water & Sewer:** The Water/Sewer report was presented. The Streets and Roads Report was also presented. Reports are on file.

**Councilman Pye, Streets & Roads:** Councilman Pye reminded everyone that there would be no recycling pickup over the holiday and reviewed the DPW report. Reports are on file.

**Councilwoman Witasick, Finance & Administration:** Councilwoman Witasick reviewed the Finance Report. She asked for a meeting to review the rate study for water and sewer and she stressed that the AFSCME contract was delivered to the Union but has still not been signed. Report is on file.

**Councilman Gambale, Property & Insurance:** Councilman Gambale gave an update on the repair being made to the container holding the dirt in the 9/11 memorial. Councilman Gambale noted that the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony would be held on December 4th.

**Councilman Pitzo, Recreation:** Councilman Pitzo assured Mayor and Council he would be meeting to discuss the reopening strategy for the Community Center.

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

*Michael McCabe, 454 Elm Ave:* They asked for clarification as to what Council meant by "Tabling" Ordinance 21. They also expressed their concerns with the aesthetics of some vehicles on properties in town. They expressed support for the Ordinance.

Mr. Lozuke informed Mayor & Council that the municipality may be eligible for a \$10,000 grant, and he would be forwarding that information to 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