

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
MARCH 16, 2022 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 2022 which was sent to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on January 3, 2022 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.

Absent: NONE

Also in attendance were Borough Solicitor, Brian Lozuke, Borough Engineer, Mark Brunermer, Chief Financial Officer, Victoria Holmstrom and Municipal Clerk, Shannon Elton.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting February 16, 2022 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Packer made the following announcement:

"Certain measures are in place providing relief to ratepayers experiencing economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact the Borough Hall for more information including bill assistance and arrearage forgiveness programs through the New Jersey DCA and repayment arrangements through installments via payment plans. An official notice of these programs is also available on the Borough's website and in the lobby of the Municipal Building."

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk spoke on the installation of the Screens in Council Chambers. She also reminded Mayor and Council of the upcoming filing deadline for Financial Disclosure Statements on April 30th. She encouraged Mayor and Council to sign up for required training for Elected Officials through the JIF.

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

David Marconi, 804 Chestnut: They expressed concern regarding the water pressure on Chestnut Ave. Mayor Packer wanted it noted that this is the second complaint in two months. He deferred to the Borough Engineer to come up with options to address the concerns. Councilman Morison responded that he would look into it.

Carolyn Tice, 740 Fourth St: They expressed support for Ordinance 5-2022. They submitted pictures for the record.

Jerry Bakanowsky: Mr. Bakanowsky presented Cole Magsam as a candidate for Eagle Scout.

Cole Magsam of Troop 151 presented his proposal to paint all the fire hydrants in the Borough of Woodbury Heights. Different colors will be used to indicate water pressure. He will use cones and traffic signs, vests and police presence to warn of the project and ensure safety. Mayor Packer and Council encouraged coordination with the Public Works Department and expressed their support of the project.

The public portion was closed with a motion from Councilwoman Witasick and a second from Councilman Morison.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mark Brunermer presented the Engineers report. Mr. Brunermer He notified Council that the Borough is waiting on the DOT to move forward on the Walnut Phase II project. He also cited the difficulty obtaining materials and citing the increase in costs as well. He gave an update on the Brewery as far as striping and parking. Mayor Packer inquired about a meeting with residents regarding the Walnut project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ORDINANCES

First Reading

ORDINANCE 6-2022

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 6-2022 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 6-2022 was approved on introduction

ORDINANCE 7-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTIONS 14-3 AND 14-6 OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT"

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 7-2022 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 7-2022 was approved on introduction

ORDINANCE 8 -2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 59 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "GARBAGE, REFUSE AND WASTE MATTER"

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 8-2022 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 8-2022 was approved on introduction

ORDINANCE 9-2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 104 OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 9-2022 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 9-2022 was approved on introduction

Final Reading/Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 3-2022

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING GRADING PLANS IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 3-2022 by title only. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance.

Upon hearing no further questions or comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Morison. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance 3-2022 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 3-2022 was approved.

ORDINANCE 4-2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$218,000.00 TO BE USED FOR WALNUT AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE II IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 4-2022 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 Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilwoman Pye. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance 4-2022 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 4-2022 was approved.

ORDINANCE 5-2022

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 read Ordinance 5-2022 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 Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilwoman Pye. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance 5-2022 was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 5-2022 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 45 – 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW ACCOUNT BALANCES

A motion to approve Resolution 45-2022 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 46-2022

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS "BAG UP NJ" MONTH

A motion to approve Resolution 46-2022 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 47-2022

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The floor was yielded to Mrs. Victoria Holmstrom, CFO. She presented the budget, noting the following: \$.02 increase in Tax Rate, \$34 increase in average assessment, a decrease in appropriations, revenue decreases, high collection rate for 2021 resulting in decrease in interest revenue, decrease in county taxes, and potential tax relief from the State of New Jersey from Energy Receipt Taxes.

A motion to approve Resolution 47-2022 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

Mr. Lozuke concluded his report.

NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

**PATRICK N. OLTHAM, MATTHEW I. CAMP
DAVID A. MISILEWICH**

A motion was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Applications were approved.

BILL LIST: A motion to approve the bill list as presented this evening was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Morison. 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. Reports are on file. Chief Moline cited a recent incident involving a discharged firearm.

Councilman Morison, Water & Sewer: Councilman Morison presented the Water & Sewer reports. Reports are on file.

Councilman Pye, Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye reviewed the DPW report. Reports are on file.

Councilwoman Witasick, Finance & Administration: Councilwoman Witasick reviewed the Finance Report. Report is on file.

Councilman Gambale, Property: Councilman Gambale reviewed a complaint about 203 Central Ave, regarding vehicles. He reviewed the Community Events Committee, and called on Mrs. Truhan to speak on it in the public portion. Councilman Gambale gave dates for upcoming events: Memorial Day 5/28- 11am, Patriot's Day 9/11- TBA , Veteran's Day- 11/12- 11am.

Councilman Pitzo, Recreation: Councilman Pitzo reviewed some upcoming events driven by the Community Events Committee, including the Lake Clean Up by the 6th grade class and the Egg Hunt.

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

Debbie Truhan, 113 Alliance: They reviewed more upcoming events, such as Music in the Park at 6pm on Wednesday April 20th and a Town-wide yard sale on April 30th. They thanked the Borough employees for their assistance with the various events.

Bill Holmstrom, Jr, 716 Park Ave: They thanked Mayor and Council for the approval of Ordinance 5-2022.

A motion to close the public portion was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick.

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. (8:15)

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Elton, Municipal Clerk