

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
JULY 20, 2022 7:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES
(DRAFT)**

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". (7:30 pm)

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, Borough Engineer, Mark Brunermer, and Municipal Clerk, Shannon Elton.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 15, 2022 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting June 27, 2022 was made by Councilman Gambale and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

CLERK'S REPORT

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Packer opened the public portion for questions or comments

Close Public Portion

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mark Brunermer presented the Engineer's report. He gave a status report on Wells 1 & 2. Mr. Brunermer reviewed the sewer collapse and emergency repair on Rte. 45. He also addressed the statuses of the Walnut Phase I & Phase II projects. Phase I is ready to go out to bid. Ryan Wells spoke on the status of Well #2, expected to be repaired by the following Friday. Councilman Morison spoke about the emergency sewer repair, and determining the extent of the damage.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ORDINANCES

First Reading

ORDINANCE 15-2022

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT OF A SEWER MAIN IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$500,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBRUY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, INT THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$500,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANT; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 15-2022 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman

Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 15-2022 was approved on introduction.

ORDINANCE 16-2022

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 79 OF THE BOROUGH
CODE ENTITLED "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER; PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY"**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 16-2022 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 16-2022 was approved on introduction.

Final Reading/Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 14-2022

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$60,000.00 TO BE USED FOR THE
PROCUREMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PICK-UP TRUCK FOR THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF
GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 14-2022 by title only. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance.

Upon hearing no questions or comments, Mayor Packer closed the public hearing. A motion to adopt Ordinance 14-2022 was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 14-2022 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 70-2022

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVY CAP EXEMPTION FOR A
THREE-YEAR PERIOD FOR INCREASES IN LIABILITY, WORKER'S COMPENSATION,
CYBER LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE**

A motion to approve Resolution 70-2022 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. The resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 71 – 2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY
HEIGHTS EXTENDING THE TAX DUE DATE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2022 PROPERTY
TAXES**

A motion to approve Resolution 71-2022 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. The resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 72-2022

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR
TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT**

A motion to approve Resolution 72-2022 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Gambale. The resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 73-2022

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT
WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ALLIANCE
STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

A motion to approve Resolution 73-2022 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. The resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 74 – 2022

RESOLUTION AWARDING AND CONFIRMING EMERGENCY CONTRACT AWARD FOR SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS BY PIONEER PIPE CONTRACTORS, INC

A motion to approve Resolution 74-2022 was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilman Morison. The resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 75 -2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

A motion to approve Resolution 75-2022 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. The 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: Lt. Brian Boucher of the Woodbury PD addressed Mayor and Council and gave updates on the status of the Shared Service and presented the Police Department Report. He reviewed the application for the 2023 Bullet Proof Vest grant. He addressed a change in legislation with the “Leave-Behind Law”, involving Narcan. He discussed implementing school safety and security drills as well as the possibility of an SRO at the Elementary School. He also addressed new gun legislation. He reviewed a speed enforcement detail that was implemented. Councilman Getsinger reviewed the WHFD Report. Report is on file.

Councilman Morison, Water & Sewer: Councilman Morison reviewed the Public Works and Utility reports. Reports are on file. He commended the Public Works Department and the Utilities Clerk in their efforts during the scheduled water shut-off.

Councilman Pye, Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye reviewed the Streets & Roads report. He highlighted the Gov Deals auction executed by the Public Works Department. Reports are on File.

Mayor Packer expressed concern over the imposed limit on bulk pick-ups, currently limited to 75 homes. Discussion ensued. Ryan Wells, PPWM, stated that leniency has been implemented by the servicer, and nobody has been denied pick-up yet. Mayor and Council expressed their disdain for any limit on bulk collection, with the exception of homes habitually taking advantage of said pick-up. The matter is to be addressed with Logan Township as the service provider.

Councilman Morison spoke to the success of the Fishing Derby and specifically thanked Deb Truhan, the Fire Department and all the volunteers.

Mayor Packer asked for clarification and information for the public to stress that the town is no longer in the Bulk Construction pick-up business. He stressed that the town is saving money and the practice of bulk pick up previously demonstrated by the town was a mistake and is no longer the policy. Discussion ensued.

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

Councilman Gambale, Property: Councilman Gambale reviewed the property report from John Leech in Woodbury

Councilman Pitzo, Recreation: Councilman Pitzo discussed the upcoming National Night Out Event as well as the potential for a Woodbury Heights Book Club.

Mayor Packer addressed Lt. Boucher to go on record in support of placing a SRO at WHES.

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

David Marconi, 804 Chestnut: They inquired about the status of the water pressure testing on Chestnut. They also stated that agree that a limit of 75 pick ups is not enough. They also alerted Mayor & Council that residents are putting trash in other resident's trash cans.

With nothing else from the public, the meeting was closed to the public.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned. (8:14)

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Elton, Municipal Clerk