

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,  
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097  
March 15, 2023 7:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Mayor 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 2023 which was sent to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on January 9, 2023 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: Mayor William C. Packer, Councilman Joseph Getsinger, Councilman Robert Morison, Councilman Harold “Hap” Pye, Councilman Richard Gambale, Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo.

Not in Attendance: Councilwoman Cara Witasick

Also, in attendance were Sub Borough Solicitor, Brian Lozuke Borough Engineer, Mark Brunermer and Municipal Clerk, Shannon Elton.

Mayor Packer acknowledged the passing of former Mayor Don Ley, observed a moment of silence, and read a letter from the Woodbury Heights Elementary School 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class.

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 15, 2023 was made by Councilman Gambale and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Councilman Gambale & Councilman Pitzo Abstained. The minutes were approved.

**JIF- “Safety on the Agenda”:** Joe Henry presented on behalf of the JIF.

**CLERK’S REPORT:** The Municipal Clerk reviewed their report. On file.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mayor Packer opened the public portion for questions or comments

*James Perrera, 463 W. Jersey Ave* – They expressed concerns regarding speeding on West Jersey Ave.

*Hilda Farrente, 886 Lake Ave* – They spoke on behalf of the Lake Association. They described work needed to maintain the Lake, cost of maintenance and asked about financial assistance from the Borough.

Mayor Packer stated Council would consider the matter.

*Charlie Crompton, 21 Academy Ave* – They expressed concerns about speeding on Elm Ave, specifically safety of school children.

Mayor Packer noted the comments.

*Bridget Pierce, 446 Maple Ave-* They reiterated the concerns about speeding on Elm Ave. They further inquired about trash can cleaning. They also inquired about the Turnpike Expansion Project. They also expressed concern about the proposed light rail project.

Mayor Packer reviewed the Turnpike expansion and stressed that he has requested sound barriers and assured the public that they would be made aware of any public forums or information available as the project develops.

*Ned Leeds, 791 W. Jersey Ave-* They also expressed their concerns regarding speeding on Elm Avenue.

Mayor Packer acknowledged the comments.

*Maureen McCabe, 454 Elm Ave-* They informed Mayor and Council of a petition being circulated to have a question placed on the ballot for the November election regarding the support of the proposed GCL rail line. They advised of the change of the legislative districts. They also requested a town hall with the DRPA regarding the GCL.

*Charles Rose, Woodbury NJ-* They expressed their support of the GCL line. They further stated that they did not believe a petition would prevent the GCL project from coming to fruition. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Packer stated that the public has a right to petition, and stressed that a record of the public sentiment is encouraged by him, no matter the results.

Nothing from the Public-Close Public Portion

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Mr. Brunermer reviewed his report by reviewing the status of the Walnut Phase II and Alliance projects. He asked if a motion was necessary to go to bid for Walnut Phase II.

Mayor Packer asked the Engineer to reach out for an update on the Turnpike Expansion project.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Lozuke reviewed the Solicitor's Report

## **ORDINANCES**

### *First Reading/Introduction*

#### **ORDINANCE 6-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS  
MAYOR & COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE  
OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 57; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 57; TO  
ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN  
ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY  
AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 6-2023 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 6-2023 was approved on introduction.

#### **ORDINANCE 7-2023**

**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF  
GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$535,000  
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 \$331,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 7-2023 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 7-2023 was approved on introduction.

**ORDINANCE 8-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS WITHIN CHAPTER 37 OF THE WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: PUBLIC CONSUMPTION"**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 8-2023 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Pitzo and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 8-2023 was approved on introduction.

***Final Reading/Public Hearing***

**ORDINANCE 5-2023**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY CANCELING CERTAIN FUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES HERETOFORE PROVIDED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND REAPPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES FOR OTHER**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 5-2023 by title only. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance.

Bridget Pierce, 446 Maple Ave- They attempted to ask about the status of the Police Department. Mayor Packer directed them that the questions may only pertain to the Ordinance in question, and to return during the second public portion.

Upon hearing no questions or comments, Mayor Packer closed the public hearing. A motion to adopt Ordinance 5-2023 was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 5-2023 was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** A motion to approve Resolutions 46-49-2023- as a consent agenda was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 46-2023**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE REBID OF THE CANDIDUS AVENUE PUMP STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION 47-2023**

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

**RESOLUTION 48-2023**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF  
FIT-OUT ITEMS FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE**

**RESOLUTION 49 -2023**

**RESOLUTION EXEMPTING TAXES FOR DISABLED VETERAN &  
REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT**

The Solicitor concluded his report.

**BILL LIST:** A motion to approve the bill list was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilman Gambale. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The bill list was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Getsinger, Public Safety:** Councilman Getsinger reviewed the Public Safety reports from the WHFD & WHPD. Reports on file. Councilman Getsinger

**Councilman Morison, Water & Sewer:** Councilman Morison reviewed the utility reports. The reports are on file.

**Councilman Pye, Streets & Roads:** Councilman Pye reviewed the Streets and Roads Report. Reports are on File.

Councilman Morison reminded everyone to place their trash out the night before, as he missed his own trash pickup.

Mayor Packer addressed the Borough Engineer and asked for an update on the PSE&G roadwork.

**Councilwoman Witasick, Finance & Administration:** In the absence of Councilwoman Witasick the Finance report was submitted for the record. Report is on file.

Victoria Holmstrom, CFO reviewed the status of the 2023 Budget and the projection of the Borough's finances for the 2023 year.

**Councilman Gambale, Property:** Councilman Gambale reviewed the January and February reports from Woodbury. Reports are on file.

**Councilman Pitzo, Recreation:** Councilman Pitzo reviewed the Recreation report. He updated the public on the following: Book Club, Yoga, the Community Wide Yard Sale, the Easter Egg Hunt, Field Clean Up Day & Adult Basketball

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

*Bridget Pierce, 446 Maple Ave:* They inquired about the status of the Police Department.

Mayor Packer reviewed the temporary Shared Service Agreement with Woodbury for Police Services.

Councilman Pitzo assured the public that id 9-11 is called, they will get an officer.

*Maureen McCabe, 454 Elm Ave:* They stressed that they never said the GCL line question being on the ballot or circulating a petition would prevent the train.

***Faye Triantofillou, 108 Vanderbilt Ave:* They asked if the Municipal Alliance would be able to assist the Lake Association. CFO, Victoria Holmstrom reviewed the allocations for the Municipal Alliance funds.**

**Councilman Gambale encouraged the town groups to use the Clean Communities Grant for funding, by hosting clean ups.**

**ADJOURNMENT: With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned. (8:26 pm)**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Shannon Elton, Municipal Clerk**