

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
April 19, 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, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo.

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

Mayor Packer announced the resignation of Councilman Gambale.

Collin Aregood was selected by Council from the nominees presented by the committee, to fill the vacancy. He was sworn in by Mayor Packer.

SECOND ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor William C. Packer, Councilman Joseph Getsinger, Councilman Robert Morison, Councilman Harold “Hap” Pye, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Collin Aregood, Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 15, 2023 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Councilwoman Witasick & Councilman Aregood Abstained. The minutes were approved.

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Packer opened the public portion for questions or comments

Rose Yerka, 601 Stratford Ave- They announced the National Day of Prayer event.

Nothing from the Public-Close Public Portion

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Mr. Brunermer reviewed his report. He spoke on the status of the Walnut Phase II & Candidus Pump Station projects. He indicated he would also reach out to the Turnpike Authority to schedule a meeting regarding their expansion.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Lozuke reviewed the Solicitor’s Report

ORDINANCES

First Reading/Introduction

Final Reading/Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 6-2023

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS MAYOR AND 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. 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 6-2023 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Morison. Councilman Aregood abstained. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 6-2023 was approved.

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. 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 7-2023 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. Councilman Aregood abstained. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 7-2023 was approved.

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. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance.

Rose Yerka, 601 Stratford- They asked for a summary of the changes put forth in the Ordinance. Mr. Lozuke reviewed.

Charles Crompton, 21 Academy- They expressed concerns about accountability and responsibility if a lawsuit should result from the change in the Ordinance. Mr. Lozuke addressed the concerns.

Upon hearing no further questions or comments, Mayor Packer closed the public hearing. A motion to adopt Ordinance 8-2023 was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. Councilman Aregood abstained. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 8-2023 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion to approve Resolutions 50-53 & 55-56-2023- as a consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 50-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE 2023 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 51-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF INTEREST FOR WATER AND SEWER BILLING ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION 52- 2023

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2023

RESOLUTION 53 – 2023

RESOLUTION FILLING VACANCIES ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 55-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS AND AN EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOODBURY AND THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS REGARDING TEMPORARY POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

RESOLUTION 56-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF TWO COPIERS FOR BOROUGH HALL UNDER THE PROVISTA (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS VIZIENT) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION 54-2023

RESOLUTION EXCLUDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITHIN A PORTION OF A MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

A motion to approve Resolutions 54-2023- was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. The resolution was approved unanimously.

The Solicitor concluded his report.

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

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

**Jackson R. Christinzio
Louis A. Schiavo
Kyle Beke**

A motion to approve the applications was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The applications were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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.

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

Councilman Aregood, Recreation & Civic: Councilman Aregood reviewed the Recreation Report and upcoming town events such as “Yoga Thursdays”, Book Club.

Councilman Pitzo, Property: Councilman Pitzo reviewed the Property Report from Woodbury & West Deptford. He also spoke on his work with various rental properties in town.

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

Charles Crompton, 21 Academy: They spoke about their concerns regarding the speeding on Elm Ave.

Rose Yerka, 601 Stratford: They inquired about the extension of the police agreement with Woodbury. They also commended Councilman Pitzo for his work with the rental properties.

ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 57-2023

RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT

A motion to approve Resolutions 57-2023- was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. The resolution was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned. (9:26 pm)

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Elton, Municipal Clerk