

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,  
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097  
May 17, 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, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Collin Aregood, Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo.  
Absent: Councilman Harold “Hap” Pye

Mayor Packer recognized a moment of silence in memory of Officer Robert J. Shisler, of the Deptford Police Department.

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Closed Session on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 & Special Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. 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

Nothing from the Public-Close Public Portion

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** Mr. Brunermer reviewed his report. He acknowledged receipt of the contracts for the Candidus Pump Station project. He reviewed the timeline for Walnut Phase II bids. The Engineer spoke additionally on the South Jersey Gas project in the Summit.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Mr. Lozuke reviewed the Solicitor’s Report

**ORDINANCES**

*First Reading/Introduction*

**ORDINANCE 9-2023**

**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 9-2023 by title only.

A motion to approve Ordinance 9-2023 on first reading was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance9-2023 was approved on first reading.

*Final Reading/Public Hearing*

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 60-2023**

**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 60-2023- was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. The resolution was approved unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA: A motion to approve Resolutions 58-59, 61-63 & 65-68-2023- as a consent agenda was made by Councilman Pitzo and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION 58-2023**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT  
FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TURN-OUT GEAR**

**RESOLUTION 59-2023**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CFO TO PAY FUNDS TO BE CREDITED TO  
OUTSIDE LIEN REDMEPTION**

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**RESOLUTION 61-2023**

**A RESOLUTON OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF  
GLOUCESTER AUTHROZING THE CANCELLATION OF STALE DATED CHECKS FOR  
THE GENERAL DISBURSEMENTS ACCOUNT**

**RESOLUTION 62-2023**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND  
FOR FORDHAM AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 63-2023**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BOND  
FOR THE CENTRAL AVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION 65-2023**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
THE YEAR 2023**

**RESOLUTION 66 -2023**

**A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING TAXES FOR**

**DISABLED VETERAN AND REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT**

**RESOLUTION 67-2023**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE 2024 NJDOT MUNICIPAL ROADWAY STATE AID APPLICATION**

**RESOLUTION 68-2023**

**APPLICANT'S RESOLUTION LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

Victoria Holmstrom, CMFO reviewed the Budget for Introduction which included, a \$51.24 local property tax annual increase for the average homeowner, citing extraordinary increases in cost of health care, pension obligations, workers compensation, liability insurance and gasoline as a few examples. With assistance from Councilwoman Witasick, Mrs. Holmstrom combed through the budget to find areas to help absorb the unprecedented impact of such increases, such as current shared service agreements. Specifically, she cited the savings in solid waste tonnage, collection and vehicle maintenance. She concluded by stressing that areas will continue to be reviewed in preparation for the 2024 budget.

Councilwoman Witasick added that despite the unprecedented cost increases, the budget is tight and one the Borough should be proud of.

Mayor Packer inquired about Capital Improvements. Discussion ensued.

**RESOLUTION 69-2023**

**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

A motion to approve Resolutions 54-2023- was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. The resolution was approved by the following rollcall: Joseph Getsinger, yes, Councilman Robert Morison, yes, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, yes, Councilman Collin Aregood, yes, Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo, yes.

The Solicitor concluded his report.

**BILL LIST:** A motion to approve the bill list was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. 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 Morison, Water & Sewer:** Councilman Morison reviewed the utility reports. The reports are on file.

**Councilman Pye, Streets & Roads:** Reports are on File.

**Councilwoman Witasick, Finance & Administration:** Councilwoman Witasick cited the Budget Report. Report is on file.

**Councilman Aregood, Recreation & Civic:** Councilman Aregood reviewed the Recreation Report and upcoming town events such as Lake Association Clean Up, Fishing Derby, Memorial Day, 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.

*Faye Triantifillou, 108 Vanderbilt:* They requested printed copies of the minutes and inquire about Resolution 60-2023.

**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. (9:19 pm)

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Shannon Elton, Municipal Clerk**