

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
June 21, 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 Harold “Hap” Pye Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Collin Aregood, Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo.
Absent: Councilman Morison (Entered After Roll Call)

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on May 17th, 2023 & Closed Session on May 17th, 2023 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Councilman Pye abstained. The minutes were approved.

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

Councilman Morison joined the meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Packer opened the public portion for questions or comments

Maureen McCabe, 454 Elm Ave- They spoke on a petition for a non-binding referendum being circulated in regards to the GCL rail line & some upcoming town hall meetings.

Robert Williams, 792 Glassboro Rd- They commended Mayor & Council on their work on the Shared Service Agreement with the City of Woodbury for Police Services.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Mr. Brunermer reviewed his report. He updated the governing body on the Walnut Phase II project. He projected the projects for improvements on Beech Ave and West Jersey Ave would be upcoming.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Lozuke reviewed the Solicitor’s Report

ORDINANCES

First Reading/Introduction

ORDINANCE 10-2023

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$ 104,000
TO BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BOROUGH OWNED BUILDINGS
WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 10-2023 by title only.

A motion to approve Ordinance 10-2023 on first reading was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 10-2023 was approved on first reading.

ORDINANCE 11-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 26 OF THE OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "POLICE ASSISTANCE, INTERMUNICIPAL" AND REPEALING CHAPTER 27 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT"

A motion to approve Ordinance 11-2023 on first reading was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Councilman Pitzo abstained. Ordinance 11-2023 was approved on first reading.

Final Reading/Public Hearing

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. 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 9-2023 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Morison. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 9-2023 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION 70-2023

RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

A motion to approve Resolutions 70-2023 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Morison. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 71-2023

SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

A motion to approve Resolutions 71-2023 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Morison. The resolution was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Victoria Holmstrom, CMFO presented the Municipal Budget.

Mayor Packer opened to the public for the public hearing.

Upon hearing no questions or comments, Mayor Packer closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION 72-2023

ADOPTION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

A motion to approve Resolutions 72-2023 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. The resolution was approved by the following rollcall: Councilman Joseph Getsinger, yes, Councilman Robert Morison, yes, Councilman Hap Pye, yes, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, yes, Councilman Collin Aregood, yes, Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo, yes.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion to approve Resolutions 73-78-2023 as a consent agenda was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 73-2023

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE OF HOLLYWOOD CAFÉ DINER, INC.

RESOLUTION 74-2023

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE OF GM LIQUOR INC.

RESOLUTION 75- 2023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS EXTENDING THE TAX DUE DATE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2023 PROPERTY TAXES

RESOLUTION 76-2023

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS)

RESOLUTION 77-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHROIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNDER THE LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT 2023 FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER FLOORING UPGRADE PROJECT

RESOLUTION 78-2023

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

RESOLUTION 79-2023

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 79-2023 was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilman Pitzo. The resolution was approved unanimously.

The Solicitor concluded his report and deferred Resolution 80-2023 until after the closed session.

BILL LIST: A motion to approve the bill list was made by Councilman Morison 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 Getsinger acknowledged Chief Tom Ryan of the City of Woodbury. Chief Ryan spoke on the Shared Service for Police Services.

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

Councilman Pye, Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye reviewed the Streets & Roads Report. Report is 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 town events such as National Night Out, Thursday Yoga & Book Club (to resume in September), Movies in the Park, Ales on Rails, Fishing Derby, & Memorial Day Ceremony.

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.

Hearing Nothing from the Public, Mayor Packer closed the public portion.

ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 80-2023

A RESOLUTON OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, AUTHROZING AND APPROVING RETIREMENT AGREEMENT

A motion to approve Resolutions 80-2023- was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilman Aregood. The resolution was approved unanimously. Councilman Pitzo abstained.

Mayor & Council scheduled a Special Meeting for July 6th, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned. (8:18 pm)

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Elton, Municipal Clerk