

September 11, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Harry R. Riskie at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, N.J.. The Clerk/Administrator, Thomas B. Bowe, stated that it was a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Woodbury City Council and due notice had been given to both the press and the public by reason of a resolution for Regular Meetings adopted January 3, 2006

Sister Roberta Smith, Lay Leader of Mt. Zion Wesley Church, delivered the Invocation.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Brown, Curtis, Louis, Tierney, Sloane, Curtis, Grimming, Belko, President Riskie and Mayor Clark

**Absent:** No One

### **OBSERVANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

President Riskie introduced Caitlyn Rose who sang a song in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 World Trade Center Tragedy. Ms. Rose then introduced her family who were present.

### **SEEDS TO SUCCESS PRESENTATION**

President Riskie introduced several students and the teacher who were involved in the Seeds to Success Program who then explained what the program represented and the skills the students learned from their experience in the program.

### **FRIENDSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO 911**

Deputy Fire Chief John Keuler read a poem entitled "One" in honor of those firefighters and policeman who lost their lives in the 9/11 Tragedy.

### **New patrolman sworn in by mayor**

Mayor Clark read a Letter of Recommendation from Chief Merinuk listing all the qualification of the individual to fill the vacancy for Patrolman 4<sup>th</sup> class; the candidate was Andrew T. DiGiambattista from Gibbstown, NJ. Mayor Clark administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman DiGiambattista. Patrolman DiGiambattista then introduced his family members present.

President Riskie requested a five-minute recess to allow those attendees for the above ceremonies to leave.

President Riskie also announced that there will be an Executive Session this evening whereby action may be taken upon returning to the Regular Order of Business.

### **MINUTES**

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Belko, the minutes of August 14, 2006 and August 21, 2006 were approved as submitted. Abstaining from the vote were Council members Brown and Louis with Councilman Sloane not participating in the vote.

### **PUBLIC**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street came forward to inquire about Resolution #06-159 regarding the time frame of construction for the Tatum Street Project.

The City Clerk responded that they project would start within a month.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **ORDINANCE #2036-06 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: SEWERS**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes	9
Nays	0

#### **ORDINANCE #2037-06 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 197 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: WATER**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes	9
Nays	0

**ORDINANCE #2038-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes	9
Nays	0

**ORDINANCE #2039-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: LAND USE PROCEDURES**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was passed on first reading to be advertised according to law, come up for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the next Regular Meeting of Council on September 25, 2006.

**ORDINANCE #2040-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 57 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED; AMUSEMENTS**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was passed on first reading to be advertised according to law, come up for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the next Regular Meeting of Council on September 25, 2006.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #06-159 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD TATUM STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #06-164 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Lease, Purchase or Acquisition of Real Property, Collective Bargaining Agreement, and Contract Negotiations)

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #06-166 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY (Block 165, Lot 5 – Lippincott Street)**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Belko, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #06-167 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY (Block 165, Lot 4 – Lippincott Street)**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**VOUCHERS**

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the vouchers as presented were authorized paid.

Councilwoman Tierney requested that all department chairpersons submit their capital needs list to Mr. Law by the end of the month in preparation for the 2007 Budget.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**RESOLUTION #06-161 RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY** (Chief Reed Merinuk)

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Sloane expressed his appreciation to everyone involved in helping to finalize the decision so they can move forward in the right direction.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #06-168 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND** (Captain Timothy Sheehan)

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES**

**RESOLUTION #06-160 – RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF WATER CHARGES**

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #06-169 - RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO PURCHASE 25 CUBIC YARD LEAF COLLECTOR TO H.A. DEHART & SON, INC.**

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #06-170 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO PURCHASE COLD WATER METERS TO RIO SUPPLY, INC. D/B/A SLC METER EAST**

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #06-171 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A 4 YARD DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW TO GALLO GMC TRUCK SALES, INC.**

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #06-172 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A 4 YARD DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND SPREADER TO GALLO GMC TRUCK SALES, INC.**

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

Councilman Belko stated that he is still meeting with the Recycling Bank people and will keep Council informed as to the outcome of these meetings.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Louis advised that recently he had a fire at his residence which was a very disturbing experience for him and his family. If it were not for the quick response of the Woodbury Fire Department along with the Westville and National Park Fire Departments who also responded, much greater damage could have occurred then did. Councilman Louis wanted to publicly thank everyone and cannot express how thankful he is and will be for all their help.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION #06-158 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION FUNDS FOR BLOCK 111, LOT 3 A/K/A 172 LEEDS PLACE**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

#### **RESOLUTION #06-162 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 68, LOT 7 A/K/A LINCOLN STREET**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

#### **RESOLUTION #06-163 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #06-123 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS FOR BLOCK 180, LOT 1.04 A/K/A 34 NORTH WARREN STREET**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

#### **RESOLUTION #06-165 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS FOR BLOCK 119 LOT 16 A/K/A 47 CURTIS AVENUE**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

Councilwoman Brown announced that on Saturday, September 23, 2006, the Annual Family Reunion Time, also known as the Minority Health Fair, will take place at the Woodbury Child Development Center from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.. As in the past, Mayor and Council are invited to attend to show their support.

### **GREEN ACRES**

Councilman Curtis inquired what the theme for the Fall Festival Parade was. Mr. Law responded "A Tribute to the Sunday Funnies". The information is also posted on the web site and will take place Saturday, October 7, 2006.

### **MAYOR CLARK**

Mayor Clark congratulated Chief Merinuk and Captain Sheehan on their newly-appointed positions.

The Mayor also thanked Tom Dukelow for all the work that went into preparing the Soccer Fields for Opening Day.

Mayor Clark stated that the Annual Car Show recently scheduled for September 2<sup>nd</sup> was cancelled due to weather conditions and will be rescheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2006.

The Mayor made note of a change of date for the Colonial Days Event which appeared on the Main Street Calendar of Events as being held on Saturday, September 23, 2006. The actual date is Saturday, September 30, 2006. Please note the change.

Mayor Clark stated that the Master Plan is almost complete and will be presented at the October Planning Board Meeting.

The Mayor advised that there will be a mandatory National Incident Management System Course which Lieutenant Cope is putting together. The date for this is immediately following the September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Council Meeting. Any Councilmember not attending that meeting will be required to make up the course as it is a state mandated requirement.

The Mayor referenced a letter distributed from the New Jersey Site Council regarding the expansion of the Justice Center and the newly-anticipated County Garage planned for Broad and Hunter Streets in Woodbury. At the last Planning Board meeting there was much public input regarding the construction of the Garage. If anyone would like to put their thoughts in writing, submit them to City Hall to Fran Nigro, who will be collecting them, so they can be submitted for the Public Hearing on the Subject matter scheduled for September 21, 2006 in Trenton.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Riskie presented the Treasurer's Report which was received as filed.

Councilman Belko stated he would like to recognize and congratulate the Woodbury High School as they were mentioned in the Philadelphia Magazine and the New Jersey Monthly as being the top rated high school in Gloucester County, and the eighth highest rated public school in the tri-county area.

President Riskie agreed with Councilman Belko stating that he would advise the City Solicitor to prepare a resolution to be presented to High school Officials at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

## **PUBLIC**

On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-Agenda Items.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, read a letter to Mr. Robert Kunkle, Construction Official, from Woodbury High School thanking him and his inspectors for all their help to the school during the recent renovation period.

Mr. Ksiezniak, 24 Aberdeen Place, a resident of Woodbury for the past 45 years, noticed that Woodbury already has ample parking, listing several of the areas; therefore, he does not agree with the building of a parking garage at Broad and Hunter Streets.

Mr. Ksiezniak also addressed the roof at the GG Green Building, stating that it is in need of repair.

Mr. Ksiezniak expressed his thanks to the Woodbury Garden Club for doing such a great job along Broad Street with the hanging flower baskets.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

President Riskie advised that there would be five-minute recess before Council would go into Executive Session (approximately 8:30 pm)

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at (approximately 9:15 pm).

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the Mayor was authorized to solicit interviews with economic development lawyers that can assist the City in their efforts to revitalize the business district in the redevelopment area as discussed in Executive Session.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Grimming, authorization was given to have the City's Labor Counsel respond to a letter addressed to Council advising them that the City will not agree to their terms.

Mr. Bowe referred to a correspondence he distributed pertaining to 3 claims filed under our insurance indicating that these three claims accounted for 77% of the total number of claims filed against the City.

Councilman Sloane indicated that this was not even an accurate picture since it doesn't include workmen's compensation claims. Chief Merinuk added that workmen's compensation claims are closely

watched especially if there is more than one claim by any one, individual to make sure there is not a pattern. Councilman Sloane then inquired if Council could receive copies of the minutes from the JIF Safety meetings held each month.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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THOMAS B. BOWE  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Assessor: Roy Duffield  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler  
Fire Dept: Chief Drew Bain and Deputy Chief John Keuler  
Library: Jean Wipf, Director  
NPP: Virginia Horn, Director  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk and Lieutenant Timothy Sheehan