

September 13, 2004

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 5, 2004.

The Reverend Robert Moore, Assistant Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, delivered the Invocation.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Brown, Curtis, Louis, Sloane, Schreyer, Tierney, President Riskie, Mayor Clark

**Absent:** Graziani, Grimming

### **MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of August 9, 2004 were approved as submitted.

### **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES**

President Riskie turned the floor over to Councilwoman Brown.

Councilwoman Brown then introduced Joan Fiorile, a resident of Curtis Avenue, who has headed a reading group for the last three years on the front porch of her home. Ms. Fiorile then explained in more detail the purpose of the reading program. Ms. Fiorile thanked Councilwoman Brown and Officer Davis who also helped the reading program and the entire community for their support.

Ms. Fiorile then presented each student with a Certificate. The recipients were: Vanessa Verlander, Sara Vail, Tyler Darling, Dylan Darling, Amber Darling, Elizabeth Teecher, Alyce Gendron, Alvin Robinson, Jasmine McHugh and Priscilla Diaz. Some of the recipients spoke briefly regarding the program.

Ms. Fiorile also thanked her daughter, Julia, for all her help.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Joan Fiorile for taking on this very worthwhile task.

### **PUBLIC**

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

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

**ORDINANCES**

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

**ORDINANCE #1977-04 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 197 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: WATER**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading.

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

Ayes	7	Brown, Curtis, Louis, Sloane, Schreyer, Tierney, and President Riskie
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Graziani, Grimming

**ORDINANCE #1978-04 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: SEWER**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading.

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

Ayes	7	Brown, Curtis, Louis, Sloane, Schreyer, Tierney, and President Riskie
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Graziani, Grimming

**RESOLUTION #1979-04 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 180 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: TAXICABS**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was placed 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 27, 2004.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

**RESOLUTION #04-115 - RESOLUTION TO APPLY CERTAIN CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS YEAR TO YEAR AND PROPERTY TO PROPERTY**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-120 - RESOLUTION TO APPLY CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS YEAR TO YEAR 2004 TO 2005**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-121 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-122 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-123 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SFY05 STATEWIDE LOCAL DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-125 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE FY2005 STATEWIDE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM - MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-126 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE FY2005 STATEWIDE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM - MUNICIPAL LIBRARY PROJECTS**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-127 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH TARA COMMUNICATIONS LLC FOR WEBSITE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,335.00**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis stated that he would like it noted that no taxpayers dollars were being used for this service, instead HUD monies from a grant would be the source of payment for this contract.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-128 - RESOLUTION TO AWARD WEST END TENNIS COURTS RESURFACING PROJECT**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-129 - RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE DEMOLITION OF EAST BARBER AVENUE AND HOPKINS STREET PROJECT**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-130 - RESOLUTION DETERMINING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND AS BEING AREAS OF LAND IN NEED OF DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

### **VOUCHERS**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the vouchers as listed and certified were authorized paid.

Councilman Louis advised that he attended the Woodbury School Board Meeting held last Wednesday, August 25th and one of the subjects discussed was the expansion of the Underwood Memorial Hospital. The School Board asked if they could be kept informed of updates not only for this expansion but any other areas that a loss of tax revenues would be experienced by the City of Woodbury.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY**

Councilman Sloane presented two applications for membership to the Friendship Fire Company. The applicants were: William Schoenleber and Nason C. Hinman. Seeing both applications in order, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the applications were approved as submitted.

### **RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Councilman Sloane presented two raffle applications: one from the West Deptford Soccer Club, and the other from the Woodbury Women's Club. Seeing both applications in order, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, both applications were approved as submitted.

### **PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES**

Councilwoman Tierney advised on the status of the on-going problem at Tatum Street and Red Bank Avenue. Councilman Tierney stated that representatives from both municipalities did meet to discuss what long term solution could be reached to resolve this on-going problem.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the City Engineer was authorized to represent the City of Woodbury and present plans and specifications designed to rectify this problem whereby both municipalities would share the costs equally.

Mr. Bowe requested that authorization be granted to the City Engineer to review additional repairs needed for the DuBois Avenue Project. On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the City Engineer is authorized to obtain quotes for the repairs.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

**RESOLUTION #04-124 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE FY2005 STATEWIDE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANTS PROGRAM**

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLUTION #04-116 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 56 LOT 7 A/K/A 410 SOUTH JACKSON STREET**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-117 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 119 LOT 24.01 A/K/A 71 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 Curtis, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

**RESOLUTION #04-118 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 56 LOT 12 A/K/A 424 SOUTH JACKSON STREET**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-119 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 116 LOT 4 A/K/A 63 HOPKINS STREET**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**GREEN ACRES**

Councilman Curtis inquired if the Stewart Lake Complex Specifications were approved since they were submitted under the Green Acres Program in July.

Mr. Bowe advised that the package is still under review to insure that there is no soil contamination before approval is granted.

### **MAYOR CLARK**

Mayor Leslie Clark presented the following:

1. Mayor Clark advised that the Planning Board will be working on revising the original Woodbury Master Plan. Presentations will be heard this month and a final decision will be made shortly thereafter. Plans are also in the works to devise an Incentive Program that will be made available to owners/investors to restore rental properties back to single family homes. Details will be shared with Council when the Mayor has them, hopefully as soon as the next Council meeting;
2. The Mayor also advised that she, along with Main Street Director Scott Hunter, are looking at ways to attract investors to fill vacant commercial properties. The Mayor stated that just recently one investor was looking at the Old Dunkin Donut Property on Broad Street. On that same topic, the Mayor advised that three (3) different investors were looking at the old Greenbriar Nursing Home, while another was interested in the old Green Hotel Building. Mayor Clark also advised that she attended a meeting last week held by the County Economic Development Office to seek ways of helping obtain State money to help move these projects forward;
3. Mayor Clark advised that over the Labor Day Holiday the Annual Outrageous Car Show was held again on Broad Street with double the usual participants and attendance. Congratulations are in order for the Woodbury Merchants and Professional Association for helping make this show the success that it has become;
4. The Mayor also encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy the next event which would be the Woodbury Main Street Colonial Days to be held on Saturday, September 25th with many family activities;
5. Mayor Clark also reminded everyone of the Annual County Day at the Deptford Mall to be held on Sunday, September 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. The purpose of this day is to make all County residents aware of the many services that are offered such as: passport applications, handicap parking applications, free will preparation for senior citizens and much more;
6. In conclusion, the Mayor advised that free passes are available to attend the Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey Business Expo 2004 on Thursday, September 23, 2004.

### **CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Bowe advised that one legal bid was received for the 1975 Fire Truck. The bid was submitted from a fire company in Tennessee in the amount of \$10,000. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the bid was accepted and authorization was granted to proceed with the sale of the vehicle.

Councilman Curtis inquired if the City has made any attempts to sell the four (4) vehicles that are being stored at the Public Works Garage on Evergreen Avenue.

Mr. Law stated that we have gone out twice already but with no success.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**PUBLIC**

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

Dr. Robert Rogers, 130 Rugby Place, expressed his concern regarding the improvements that are being planned by the Underwood Memorial Hospital and the additional purchase of yet more property, which in turn affects the Woodbury taxpayers.

Scott Henderson, Tennis Instructor at Woodbury High School, came forward to thank Council for the improvements that are planned for the tennis courts at the West End School.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, asked if the NPP Program was still active. Mrs. Virginia Horn stated that the work being done by the Program is nearing the end of its funding; however, plans are in the works to renew the NPP Program.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m..

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THOMAS B. BOWE  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler  
NPP Director: Virginia Horn  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk  
Public Works: Rick Middleton, Supervisor  
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esquire