

October 25, 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, Macedonia Baptist Church, delivered the Invocation.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** No One

### **MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of September 27, 2004 were approved as submitted.

### **PUBLIC**

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, 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 Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION #04-142 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT FROM GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE HUD NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE PROGRAM AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,246.32 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING ON BROAD STREET**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#### **RESOLUTION #04-143 - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF WOODBURY'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER MITIGATION 20/20 PLAN**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-144 - RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL S-1023 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A-1833 WHICH PROVIDES REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO MUNICIPALITIES WHO REIMBURSE PROPERTY TAXES TO TAX EXEMPT DISABLED VETERANS**

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 vote.

**RESOLUTION #04-145 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOODBURY AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE MUNICIPAL STORMWATER REGULATION PROGRAM**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-146 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TO SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS**

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 vote.

**RESOLUTION #04-148 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION (Contract Negotiations)**

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 vote.

**RESOLUTION #04-149 - RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE OFFICIAL SERVICES WITH THE BOROUGH OF WENONAH TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

## **VOUCHERS**

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

## **RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Councilman Sloane presented two applications for raffles: one from St. Patrick's PTA, and the other from Main Street. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani both applications were approved as submitted with Councilman Curtis abstaining from the St. Patrick's raffle approval.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilwoman Tierney publicly thanked Public Works and the Woodbury Police Department for all their help and hard work during the Annual Fall Festival Parade.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that the pedestrian lighting is currently being upgraded on Broad Street and should be completed by next week.

Councilwoman Tierney also stated that there has been some misconception on the remote water meters and she would like to clarify this. If any resident desires to have a remote meter installed at their residence, to replace an old meter, they should call Public Works. This, however, does not mean your readings will be any more frequent. The policy to read every meter twice a year will still be in place; the other two billings will still be estimated.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Councilwoman Schreyer stated she has contacted the State regarding the New Jersey Clean Community Program in regard to their "light bulb program" and was advised that the light bulbs will be available at local stores such as Home Depot. For more detailed information Councilwoman Schreyer suggested that residents visit the web site ([NJ.cleanenergy.com](http://NJ.cleanenergy.com)).

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **RESOLUTION #04-141 - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #04-119 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION AND 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 Councilman Graziani, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

### **RESOLUTION #04-147 - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #04-116 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 56 LOT 7 A/K/A 410 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 Councilman Graziani, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

### **GREEN ACRES**

Councilman Curtis referenced items #13 and #14 on the Engineer's Report further updating these Green Acres Projects.

### **MAYOR CLARK**

Mayor Clark spoke on the following:

1. The Mayor thanked the Public Works Department and the Woodbury Police Department for all their hard work in helping the Woodbury Jaycees conduct their Annual Fall Craft Show and Parade. Even though the original date was a rainout, all who could participate did so the following Saturday; a good time was had by all;
2. Mayor Clark advised that the Woodbury Community Policing Center, under the direction of Officer Donnell Davis has been extremely busy. In addition to the regular movie nights, art classes and meetings it also has become the home for the Stork's Nest, which had its dedication a few weeks ago. For those individuals not familiar with the Stork's Nest, it is an organization affiliated with the March of Dimes and its purpose is to help young minority women during pregnancy by educating them on health issues and parenting. Also, this past Saturday there was a neighborhood gathering to celebrate Make A Difference Day. There were many activities for the children and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves;
3. The Mayor advised that she has been busy putting together a rental property conversion incentive package that would benefit potential homeowners and the City. In order to see this plan in action the Mayor stated that she along with Chief Merinuk attended a meeting in Collingswood, where such a program is in place. The Mayor stated that they were invited to attend a Property Maintenance Committee Meeting and after leaving the meeting were convinced that Woodbury needs to create the same type of committee. The Mayor stated that by the next Council meeting she will presenting plans to form such a committee;
4. Mayor Clark also advised that she attended another meeting of Mayors from other counties whose municipalities are older, built out or located near a declining urban area. Many of these areas have or are experiencing the same problems as Woodbury and the Mayor stated that she was asked to coordinate the Mayors in Gloucester County whose towns fit the profile so that we can get together again as a group to see what we could do to achieve property tax relief and assistance;
5. In conclusion, the Mayor advised of another issue she is currently involved in and that is for Mayors in several other counties to consider joining together for the purchase of health care. The Mayor advised that much time and effort went into discussing this issue and the Mayors were asked to submit information so a proposal could be drawn. Unfortunately, only 7 towns responded and that would not be sufficient according to the health insurers. The Mayor did state that she will continue her efforts to work toward this goal.

### **CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, advised of a Planning/Zoning Board Meeting to be held concerning an issue on use variance for a property on Evergreen Avenue.

Mr. Bowe also advised of a JIF Dinner Seminar on December 7, 2004, to which all City elected officials have been invited. The topic will be Workman's Comp Cost. Councilman Curtis added that if any official had a conflict with that date another seminar would be held on December 2, 2004 in Vineland.

The City Clerk referenced the Engineer's Report which was distributed advising that if anyone had any questions to direct them to the Engineer. Questions regarding the Lighting along Broad Street, West End Tennis Courts and the Rite Aid Parking Lot were addressed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Riskie presented the Treasurer's Report for the Water & Sewer Fund, the Current Fund and the minutes for the Woodbury Board of Health which were received as filed.

### **PUBLIC**

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

Dave Partridge, 120 S. Davis Street, came forward to express his concern regarding the condition of a property at 126 S. Davis. President Riskie advised that he would have the property looked at by Brian Bosworth, Housing Inspector for the City.

On another issues Mr. Partridge inquired what plans were been considering for the utility poles at Bell Lake. It was determined that the poles Mr. Partridge referred to were old city poles that the City would be responsible for removing.

Councilman Graziani requested that the property at 126 S. Davis Street also be checked for compliance with the Landlord Licensing Ordinance.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, inquired if Trenton responded to the RCA Agreement. Mr. Bowe stated that although the City of Woodbury has signed an agreement with Harrison no word has been received from Trenton.

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, there was a five-minute recess before going into Executive Session (8:05 PM). President Riskie advised that action may be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

**E X E C U T I V E                      S E S S I O N**

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Regular Order of Business was resumed (9:10 PM).

Mr. Bowe advised that at a JIF meeting held today a proposal was presented to pay #1.00 per resident to cover the City for any environmental issues. In order to approve this plan there must be a majority vote of the JIF members. Mr. Bowe stated that the issue will be discussed again at the next Council Meeting; he wanted to advise Council in advance so that they could think about the City's participation. Councilman Sloane then gave examples on how and when a plan such as this would be of benefit to the City. There were a few questions from some Council members.

President Riskie advised Mr. Law to look at the numbers and advise Council what would be in the best interest of the City.

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

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**THOMAS B. BOWE**  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Assessor: Roy Duffield  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
City Engineer: Joseph Schiavo  
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Wipf  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk  
Public Works: Rick Middleton  
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.