

**MINUTES**  
**April 25, 2011**  
**7:30 p.m.**

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Sloane requested a Moment of Silence.

The Open Public Meeting Statement was read by the Acting Clerk, Gail R. Scheffler.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Connor, President Sloane and Mayor Riskie

**Absent:** Pottillo, Carter

**Minutes**

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of April 11, 2011 were approved as submitted.

**Presentations**

**Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project American - Legion Post 133**

Eagle Scout Lyle Wagner, and his Mentor Bill Haverty, both came forward to advise Council that Lyle is working on a project to earn his eagle badge. The project is to pay tribute to all of our servicemen who have given their lives to our country. Lyle stated he would like take responsibility for cleaning up the monument and cannon area that is in front of the American Legion Post #133, which included installing a brick structure and a PA system. He is only asking that Council waive the permit fees to allow him to proceed with his project.

President Sloane advised Lyle to talk to our Code Official, Bob Kunkle, to see if there would be any additional things needed to continue with the project.

The City Engineer, Ted Wilkinson, stated that he would happy to donate his own time and whatever else he could provide with the proper certifications he needed to help Lyle succeed in accomplishing his task.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the fees were waived for the permit fees.

## **Juneteenth at Wing Dickerson**

Mr. Richard Robinson, President of the Greater Woodbury Arts Council, came forward to advise everyone that the Second Juneteenth Event will be held at the Wing Dickerson Park on Saturday, June 18, 2011 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Wing-Dickerson Park.

Mr. Richardson thanked everyone for their support for all the events the Arts Council has had. Mr. Richardson stated that last year's event was a huge success and he encourages everyone to come out and attend. There will also be a tribute this year to honor Victor Browne who recently passed away.

## **Presentation Regarding Totem Pole Project**

Mr. Thomas Dukelow stated on behalf of the Woodbury Library he is asking for Council's approval to have the Family Totem Pole that was unveiled this past Monday to be permanently placed in a location outside of the rear of City Hall near the Construction Office. Mr. Dukelow stated that the children who worked on this project are very proud of their accomplishments and would like to display their work for everyone to see.

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney the request was approved.

## **Resolutions and Ordinances**

### **Finance & Administration**

#### **#2138-11 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, Cancelling Certain Funded Appropriation Balances Heretofore Provided for Various Capital Projects and Reappropriating Such Funded Appropriation Balances for Certain Water and Sewer Capital Projects (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was passed by a roll call vote.

Ayes 7 Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Connor, President Sloane  
Nays 0  
Absent 2 Pottillo, Carter

**#2139-11 -Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Construction Code Fee Schedule**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Louis asked for clarification of this ordinance.

Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor, advised that the City received a letter from the State to update their fee schedule, the City must meet with certain state standards with their charges.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was placed on first reading, advertised according to law, come up for second and final reading and adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council scheduled to be held on May 9, 2011.

**#11-85 - Resolution to Adjust Water Charges for 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2010 Bill Due to Faulty Transmitter Unable to Send Actual Reading**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Connor, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

**#11-86 - Resolution to Authorize Tax Exemption and Cancel Taxes for a Disabled Veteran, Ronald Frazee**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Connor, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

## **Vouchers**

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

Councilman Fleming reminded everyone to vote in the School Board Election which is being held on Wednesday, February 27, 2011.

Also, Councilman Fleming attended a JIF Meeting and some of the subjects addressed were;

1) some Communities were entering into agreement with labors of subrogation and also that insurance certifications have to be submitted in the bidding process, to protect ourselves if an employee gets hurt on the job;

2) MEL paid out over \$7 million dollars for employee liability complaints which have risen dramatically since last year.

## **Public Safety**

Councilman Louis stated that he is still receiving e-mails from a resident regarding their water bill and would like to pass that information on to Councilwoman Tierney.

## **Public Works/Utilities**

Councilwoman Tierney stated that they are still working on the original 69 complaints that were received. Also, educating the public on water usage is going to be a very important issue that will be addressed, all residents will be receiving letters notifying them accordingly.

## **Economic Development**

Councilman Trout advised that he attended the Mayor's Forum on Thursday which was very well attended and many issues were addressed.

Councilman Trout also attended an event for 5th Graders entitled "Going Green" and recycling was the main topic.

Also, Councilman Trout stated that an ad-hoc Economic Development Advisory Counsel has been compiled with a very diverse group of people. Some of these individuals are:

John Carter a Woodbury resident, who will be the Chairman,  
John Belko, Business Owner,  
Ronda Abbruzzese, Main Street Director  
Ron Riskie, Mayor  
Peter Kaprielyan, Underwood Memorial Hospital  
Bob Cleveland, Greater Woodbury Chamber of Commerce

Tom Bellia, Business Owner  
Lisa Morina, Gloucester County Dept of Economic Development  
Harry Trout, Councilman

The intent of the Counsel is to work with potential Developers, showing them around town, answer questions and get feedback from them to move forward.

A Public Meeting will be held in May to have the professionals give a presentation to the developers as well as the general public.

Councilman Fleming stated that there are developers who the City has been in contact with and hopefully we can proceed with one of them so we can begin to put our plans for Woodbury's future into action.

President Sloane stated this has been a three year plan and he thanks everyone, who helped in getting the project where it is today. Now that we have a Ad-Hoc Committee who will be working diligently to make this plan move forward. President Sloane stated he was proud to play a part in the redevelopment plan in the last three years.

### **Personnel**

Councilman Trout stated that over the weekend, he along with Mayor Riskie and President Sloane have reviewed many resumes and have narrowed down their choices and will be setting up interviews to meet with those individuals.

### **Environmental**

Councilman Connor had nothing to report.

### **Community Development**

Councilwoman Brown had nothing to report.

### **Green Acres Program**

Councilman Connor had nothing to report in Councilman Carter's absence.

### **Reports:**

#### **Mayor**

Mayor Riskie advised that he recently read an excellent article in the NJ monthly magazine on lyme disease and would suggest everyone to read it and educate themselves on how debilitating this disease can be.

The Mayor announced that Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Friday, April 29th

at 11:00 am at Lake Drive and Barber Avenue.

The Woman's Club of Woodbury will be planting trees for Arbor Day in honor of Bonnie Dann, President of the Woman's Club.

Also, Mayor Riskie advised that on Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 am at Stewart Lake, the Woodbury Breakfast Rotary Club will be sponsoring their Annual Kayak Regatta.

Mayor Riskie stated he attended the Bankers/Brokers Breakfast at Adelphia and the speaker was Dennis Fromm, President of New Jersey Verizon Company and he spoke on all the new high tech options coming our way.

The Mayor thanked all the people who attended the Mayor's Forum and stated he could not stress enough how significant the ad-hoc committee will contribute in the redevelopment project moving forward.

Mayor Riskie reminded everyone about the parade scheduled to be held this Saturday along Broad Street by CASA, which is a group who provides support for children who are abused.

Councilwoman Brown encouraged all for their support in this worthy cause.

### **Clerk**

The Acting Clerk, Gail R. Scheffler, had nothing to report; but invited the Engineer to come forward to brief Council on the Delaware Street Project.

Mr. Wilkinson did come forward and gave his expectations on when the project should be completed and where the contractor was at this point.

### **Public**

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

John Martin, 222 S. Columbia Street, a resident and also an engineer by trade who works for Sunoco in the field of water aeration. Mr. Martin stated that the company the City ultimately chose to replace our water meters has a very poor reputation for quality performance and sensitivity issues. He has personally experienced problems with his own meter since the installation of this meter.

Councilman Fleming interrupted by advising Mr. Martin that he is familiar with the statistics Mr. Martin shared; but the meters the City agreed to have installed was not manufactured by Severin Trent; but by another company which Severin sold to.

The meter Mr. Martin references is not the same meter that the City installed in residents' homes, but a newer type of meter that has no movable parts which is manufactured by KP Electronics. The City has experienced problems with the new meters but for reasons quite different. Councilman Fleming advised Mr. Martin he would be happy to share the current information with him.

Mr. Martin also has a problem with a residence on his block where one property is causing much concern amongst the neighbors. There are multiply families living in this property and also criminal activity.

Lieutenant Cope stated the Police Department is aware of the property and would be happy to discuss the situation with Mr. Martin off record.

John Belko, 225 Delaware Street, came forward to welcome everyone to support the start of the City's Friday Night Woodfest Activities.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Connor, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Connor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

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**GAIL R. SCHEFFLER**  
Acting City Clerk

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Assessor: Roy Duffield

City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE

Emergency Mgmt. Officer: Lieutenant Cope

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Main Street Director: Ronda Abbruzzese

NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn

Public Works: Thomas Dukelow, Supervisor

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.