

MINUTES
May 23, 2011
7:30 p.m.

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was delivered by the Reverend Warren Light.

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

Roll Call

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

Absent: Carter, Fleming

Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Connor, the minutes of May 9, 2011 were approved as submitted, Councilman Trout abstained from the vote.

Public

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

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired what the base price anticipated for the Delaware Street Project was. The City Solicitor stated that it would not be appropriate to respond to that question, as the City intends to rebid the project.

Mr. Chiesa also questioned Resolution #11-101, which Mr. Law responded to.

Robert Langi, 150 Rugby Place inquired about Resolution #11-101, stating that one of the properties listed has been in disrepair for several years. Mr. Langi stated that just as private residents are mandated to keep up their properties, so should the City be responsible to maintain the parks, Stewart Lake Park, being the referenced area. Mr. Dukelow responded advising Mr. Langi of the difficulty getting to the area because of the wet grounds and heavy equipment.

President Sloane agreed with Mr. Langi, adding that if the City is fortunate enough to have the beauty of the lake system; we should make more of an effort to see that it is maintained. President Sloane instructed Mr. Dukelow to look more closely into the maintenance of the lake areas.

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

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCES

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

**ORDINANCE #2139-11 - ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
AMENDING CONSTRUCTION CODE FEE SCHEDULE**

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

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Pottillo, seconded by Councilman Trout, the public hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Louis inquired if the amended fee schedule as been reviewed so that we will not be putting ourselves in a challenging situation.

City Solicitor, James Pierson, Esq. responded that the City Auditor, Mike Cesaro has reviewed the contents of the ordinance and had several questions which was satisfactorily answered by Deidra in Code Enforcement. Mr. Pierson indicated that there are never any guarantees that someone will not challenge any fee being charged, but he is fine with the fee amended schedule.

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

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

**RESOLUTION #11-91 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE HOMESTEAD REBATE
CREDIT PAYMENT AND TAXES PAID IN 2011**

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-92 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Pottillo, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #11-93 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE HOMESTEAD REBATE CREDIT PAYMENT

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-94 - RESOLUTION AMENDING SHARED SERVICES WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF WENONAH AND THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-95 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF 2010 YEAR END PENALTY ADDED ON FOR UNPAID WATER & SEWER CHARGES

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-96 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Pottillo, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #11-97 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO. FOR THE TRIMMING AND/OR REMOVAL OF TREES WITHIN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-98 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CORE MECHANICAL, INC. FOR HVAC MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-99 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELATION OF BALANCES ON WATER SEWER ACCOUNTS IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-100 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REJECTING BIDS FOR THE DELAWARE STREET SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE II SEWER & WATER IMPROVEMENT - WARREN TO WARNER STREETS

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-101 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IMPOSING LIEN(S) FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE § 162-4

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-102 - CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Pottillo, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

President Sloane stated that no action will be taken upon return to the Regular Order of Business.

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Louis stated that several meetings ago he was given the task of looking into establishing a Parking Authority. Councilman Louis advised Council that there is a great

deal of material to look over and he will advise Council what the requirements are as soon as he can.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilwoman Tierney stated that her Committee is meeting this Thursday at 7:45 am to further discuss ways of notifying the residents of different ways they can cut back on water consumption over the summer months.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Trout informed everyone that tomorrow evening, in Council Chambers at 7:30 pm a meeting will be held to inform the Public of the Redevelopment Plan that will be presented to potential developers.

Councilman Trout also advised that he attended the Annual Main Street Meeting and it was very well attended.

PERSONNEL

Councilman Pottillo stated that for the past several weeks he along with Councilman Louis, Councilman Trout, President Sloane and Mayor Riskie are still reviewing resumes to further narrow the potential candidates for the three (3) vacancies that still exist. He would like to call a quick meeting tonight with the Personnel Committee after the Council Meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilman Connor advised that on Saturday, May 14th nearly 4500 pounds of paper were shredded at the Annual Event.

Also, Councilman Connor stated that on Friday, Saturday and Sunday he was with Troop 7 at the New Jersey Boy Scout State Camporee with the State Police in Seagirt, New Jersey along with several thousand boy scouts working on merit badges.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown stated she attended an event on behalf of the City and that all of the residents are back in their apartments in Colonial Park.

Also Councilwoman Brown stated she read a proclamation at Ms. Evelyn's 100th birthday at Bright View at Woodbury Lake.

There was also a ribbon cutting held at Bright View which she also attended.

Movie Night was held on Friday, May 13th, there were 50 people who attended at the Frances Avenue Baseball Fields.

Councilwoman Brown advised that she attended the event "Sitting at the Feet of our Elders" where eleven (11) of our elders were honored.

President Sloane announced that the Woodbury Boys and Girls Club will be holding their Event on June 8th at Nicolosi's and tickets can be obtained from Councilwoman Brown.

GREEN ACRES

Councilwoman Tierney had nothing to report in Councilwoman's Carters absence.

REPORTS

MAYOR

Mayor Riskie stated that he will be appointing a Green Committee consisting of Tom Dukelow, Virginia Horn, Ronda Abbruzzese, Rita Riskie, Councilman Trout, and Councilwoman Brown.

The Mayor stated that he attended "Sitting at the Feet of the Elders" Event and gave a welcome speech. The event lasted for three hours as the elders were asked to speak. Mayor Riskie stated that he would like to recognize Councilwoman Brown and her sister, Charlotte Moore, for the outstanding job they are doing for all seniors and allowing them to share their knowledge and experience with our younger generation.

The Mayor advised he also attended the Main Street Meeting where the City was presented with a Gold Sponsor Award. Also, Mrs. Cindy Travato was recognized for her fifteen (15) years of service.

Mayor Riskie stated that he received an e-mail from a resident on Centre Street who had a family member injured at the Bell Lake Area due to the condition of the streets. The Mayor has asked the Engineer to include this area to be corrected because of safety hazards.

Councilman Louis stated that this problem has been going on for at least two years when he brought it to Council's attention. Possibly we could include this area on the next overlay the City does.

Mr. Wilkinson, City Engineer, stated that with the Council's approval he can put a plan together without too much difficulty.

Councilman Louis requested that with this request he would like to include several intersections that are also in need of repair.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the City Engineer was authorized to look into a plan for the repair of Bell Lake Area as well as other intersections where needed, providing the funds are available to complete the repair.

The Mayor acknowledged a thank-you letter he received from the recipient, Paige Williams, of 37 Hopkins Street, for the Dean Kimmel Scholarship, she was awarded in the amount of \$2,500.00.

The Mayor received a resolution from the Township of Monroe and asked the City for our support by way of adopting a resolution for the next meeting after review by the City Solicitor.

Mayor Riskie advised that a hearing will be held on June 14th, 3 to 5 pm at the Gloucester County College to discuss the County's grant application for transportation services to senior citizens.

In conclusion, the Mayor referenced the Board of Health minutes distributed to everyone this evening.

ACTING CLERK

Gail Scheffler, Acting City Clerk invited the City Engineer to expand on any items on the Engineer's Report.

President Sloane inquired if the Broad Street Project is still being discussed with DOT.

Mr. Wilkinson advised that he did contact DOT today and has not heard back as of yet.

Ms. Scheffler reminded everyone that if they are in need of a ride for the Annual Memorial Day Parade to contact her.

Also, there was a Notice received from NJ Transit advising of a public hearing Subj: Federal Financial Assistance, to be held on June 16th at 7:00 pm in Newark, New Jersey.

PUBLIC

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

Mr. Dukelow, Director of Parks and Recreation gave a little background information on the Grand Marshall of this year's parade who will be Bill Riskie. Mr. Riskie was instrumental in getting the World War II Memorial in place at Hendrickson Park.

Also, Mr. Dukelow shared a story he heard from a friend, who works with the Red Cross, in regards to the recent tragedies occurring in the south and the devastation that area has experienced. Even though their lives have been totally disrupted, the people he talked to were so appreciative for whatever help they were receiving, unlike the people in our own area who have experienced some flooding with their trailers in Deptford, and who are demanding

that action be taken ASAP to help them. There is a lesson to be learned from the Joplin, Missouri residents.

Mr. Paul Bunn, 18 East Packard Avenue, came forward to state that although he may not always agree with everyone who comes before Council, and sometimes even Council Members themselves, he does however believe respect should be shown to everyone and common courtesy be extended to all.

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, came forward to explain what he referred to regarding Senate Bill #1351 pertaining to the Municipal Agendas.

Mr. Chiesa inquired about the Bike Path project. Mr. Wilkinson responded.

In regards to the Parking Authority Commission being established, what was the intent of its purpose, Mr. Chiesa inquired.

Councilman Louis stated that in anticipation of the proposed high-speed line, we would like to have a plan in place to collect revenues.

Jean Wipf, Director of the Woodbury Public Library, came forward to publicly thank the Public Works Department for all their help in erecting the Totem Pole in the court area.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, there was a five minutes recess before Council went into Executive Session (approximately 8:25 pm).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 9:04 pm.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL R. SCHEFFLER
Acting City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Acting Administrator/CFO: Robert Law

Assessor: Roy Duffield

Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE

Librarian: Jean Wipf
Main Street: Ronda Abbruzzese, Director
Police: Chief Reed A. Merinuk
Public Works: Thomas Dukelow
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.