

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF  
July 8, 2014**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Meeting was opened by President William Fleming at 7:30 PM with Pledge of Allegiance in Council Chambers at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street.

**Invocation**

Councilman Johnson delivered the Invocation.

**Open Public Meeting Statement**

The City Clerk stated that due notice had been given to both the public and the press by posting and publication of Resolution #14-05 adopted at the Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 6, 2014.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Lockman, Carter, Johnson, Parker, President Fleming and Mayor Volk

**Absent:** Trovato

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Parker, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 24, 2014 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Parker abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor of the motion.

**President of Council**

President Fleming explained his absence from the last three Council Meetings due to a broken femur he sustained in a bicycling accident and is pleased to return.

**Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

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

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place inquired about Resolution #14-127. Mr. Theokas responded with a brief overview of the Green Acres grant we will apply for which will include a Pedestrian Path and some stream bank stabilization around our lakes.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports**

**Finance & Administration**

**#14-125 - Resolution Authorizing Payment Plans on Balances for Water on Various Accounts**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the resolution

was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**#14-126 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of License Agreement with PSE&G**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Lockman, the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**#14-127 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Triad Associates for Green Acres Grant Applications**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**#14-128 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 between the City of Woodbury and the Gloucester County Utilities Authority**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**#14-129 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee of Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC regarding 2009 TE Federal Aid Project No STP-B00S(903) Wayfinding Signs and Pedestrian-Crossing Safety Improvements NJSH Route 45-Broad Street And Various Locations**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Vouchers**

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Hock, and unanimously approved, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized to be paid.

**Public Safety**

Councilwoman Carter thanked the Police Department for all their help during the Fireworks event this past weekend. She also advised that her Committee is still working to organize a neighborhood watch group at the north end of town.

**Public Works/Parks and Recreation**

**#2207-14 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 156 "Sewers" and Chapter 197 "Water" of the Code of the City of Woodbury (Second Reading)**

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled ordinance for second reading, public hearing and final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

In response to a question from Councilwoman Tierney Solicitor James Pierson gave a brief overview of this ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved the Public Hearing on this ordinance was opened.

Hearing no one, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson the ordinance was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes	8	Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Johnson, Lockman, Parker, Carter, President Fleming
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Trovato

Councilwoman Parker stated that the high school students have started their summer jobs helping with the maintenance of parks and public properties, and are doing a great job.

### **Economic Development**

In Councilman Trovato's absence, Councilwoman Tierney asked Economic Development Director Randi Woerner to give her report later in the meeting.

### **Community Relations**

Councilwoman Tierney advised her committee is currently working on the Fall events.

Councilwoman Tierney also inquired about the status of the vacant water supervisor position in the Public Works Department. She expressed concerns about whether the Department would be able to adequately respond to an emergency. Mr. Theokas stated the position was advertised and several candidates were interviewed but none were offered the job. The Finance and Public Works/Park & Recreation Committees have met to discuss possible alternatives. In the meantime our Public Works Manager Richard Leidy possesses all the required credentials.

### **Environmental and Green Acres**

Councilman Hock reported the Green Team will next meet on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Community Development**

Councilman Johnson advised that a fundraiser was held at Scotto's on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to raise money for the youth football helmets. He thanked Woodbury Nissan for giving \$1,000 to this cause and thanked Mr. Trovato for securing Nissan's donation. Fund raising efforts will continue.

### **Property**

Councilman Lockman had nothing to report for this committee.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Volk thanked all who worked to put on another successful Fireworks Event last weekend; notably the Fireworks Committee, Gloucester County Freeholders, FAF, Inspira Hospital, Chamber of Commerce, WORC, Main Street Woodbury, Randi Woerner, Mike Theokas, City Council, and the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments, among many others.

The Mayor also noted our City Engineer, Paul Breier, delivered the convocation at the 2014 Woodbury High School graduation. Mr. Breier was a 1973 WHS grad, State Champion in Track, WHS Hall of Fame member and Major in the NJ National Guard.

## **Clerk**

Mr. Duffield had nothing to report.

## **Police Department**

Captain Thomas Ryan noted that the Fireworks event went well with no incidents.

The Police Department continues to work on the high grass complaints. To date 103 violation notices have been issued; 80 have been corrected and 38 summonses issued.

## **Economic Development Director**

Randi Woerner stated that they have created a video to encourage new businesses to come to town. It can be viewed on our website, on YouTube, and Facebook.

There will be a meeting with County & State representatives to discuss our tax base.

The City should be officially certified through the Sustainable Jersey Program by the end of the year.

Lastly, Ms. Woerner stated that Main Street Woodbury is again looking for a new Executive Director.

## **Library**

Jean Wipf, Library Director announced the Library's summer programs including free movies on Thursdays, the Mr. Malcolm science programs, Art in the Streets, and Drama Camp. She also noted that local artist Jacqueline Knight created a tree sculpture in the Library and is now working on a mural there.

## **City Engineer**

Mr. Paul Breier briefed Council on the status of several projects he is working on for the City giving details on some of the projects listed in his report.

## **Open to the Public**

George Kemery, 29 S Davis Street, FAF member began by reading FAF's Mission Statement. He came before Council to discuss the recent Fireworks event and how we can work more closely to collaborate on future events. Mr. Kemery then inquired if Council would consider waiving the City's vendor fees for their upcoming "Art at the Lake" event. The FAF's Moonshiner has been cancelled and the Rockabilly event is postponed.

President Fleming responded that the City would like to work along with FAF. We must begin with advance notification to ensure all the appropriate departments are involved in the planning. As for waiving any fees, that may not be possible at this time.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired if the City has been advised of the closing of Walgreens store at S Broad St. Ms. Woerner stated that City officials were not notified in advance; however she is working diligently to find a suitable occupant for the vacant building.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packer Avenue, compared our snow removal policy to our high grass ordinance and wonders why we can't immediately issue summonses for high grass without advance notice. Councilman Swanson stated because snow & ice can cause public safety hazards we must address them immediately. Mr. Pierson explained that two different statutes govern these issues which is why each is handled differently.

Mr. Bunn inquired about a vacant property on Lippincott. Councilman Lockman responded.

Ron Wilcox, 250 S. Barber Avenue invited everyone to this weekend's Vic Browne Basketball Tournament.

Anita Campbell, 242 S Maple and PTSA President was disappointed PTSA wasn't given a more prominent vendor placement at the fireworks. Mayor Volk responded.

Summer Smith, 456 Griscom Drive, commends the Library's events and encourages Council and city residents to support FAF.

John Riley, 231 N. Evergreen Avenue, who was representing the Woodbury Steelers Football Team, publicly thanked Council for all their support.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROY A. DUFFIELD**  
City Clerk

**Other Officials Present**

Administrator: Michael Theokas

City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield

City Engineer: Paul Breier

Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner

Library: Jean Wipf, Director

Police: Captain Tom Ryan

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.