

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
July 9, 2013**

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Invocation

Mr. Jarrod Hunter, Gethsemane Church of Woodbury 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 publication of Resolution #13-05 adopted at the Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 2, 2013.

Roll Call

Present: Tierney, Trout, Swanson, Trovato, Brown, Lockman, Parker, Carter, President Fleming and Mayor Volk

Absent: No One

Minutes

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney the minutes of the June 25, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted. Councilmembers Parker, Brown, Trout and Carter abstained from the vote. All others voted in favor.

Presentations

President Fleming invited Eagle Scout candidate Alex Snow to explain a project he is proposing for the Victor/Dough Boy Statue in front of the Woodbury High School. Alex described his intentions stating he has received permission from the High School and a donation to cover the costs, he is asking for Council's support as well.

Mr. Duffield, City Clerk, stated that a resolution will be introduced later in the meeting waiving the permit fees required to complete the project.

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.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance & Administration

#13-130 - Resolution Endorsing and Approving Notice of Intent to Apply to the Gloucester County Cultural and Heritage Commission for FY 2014 NJSCA Local Arts Program Funding and FY 2014 NJHC History Project Support For Woodbury Historic Marker Project

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#13-132 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Establishing a Green Team Advisory Committee

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#13-134 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Seth C. Hasbrouck, Esquire for Services as a Municipal Public Defender

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#13-136 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Woodbury and 48 North Broad Street Urban Renewal, L.L.C., a New Jersey Urban Renewal Limited Liability Company, having its Principal Offices Located at 307 South Evergreen Avenue, Woodbury, New Jersey

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Parker, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#2185-13 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, Approving the Application for a Long Term Tax Exemption and Authorizing the Execution of a Financial

Agreement with 48 North Broad Street Urban Renewal, L.L.C., a New Jersey Urban Renewal Limited Liability Company

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the ordinance was placed on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, come up for second reading and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council on July 23, 2013.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Trout, and unanimously approved the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

Public Safety

Councilman Trout wished to thank and commend the Woodbury Police Department for their quick response to several situations at his place of employment.

Public Works/Utilities

#13-135 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Gloucester, New Jersey for Paving in Connection with the City's Water Main Replacement along Woodbury Glassboro Road

Councilman Swanson presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Councilman Swanson advised that the Public Works Department has had a rough week due to the weather. He commended the Police, Fire, Public Works and Emergency Management personnel for their work in connection with the fireworks on Saturday, July 5th

Economic Development

Councilman Trovato stated a meeting was held last night and the following topics were discussed; the Masonic Temple redevelopment, Country Club Redevelopment Plan, Martin's Plaza, and the Grand Opening of Bottom Dollar. Also, Randi is working on a marker project with the County so that markers can be placed at several of our historic buildings. Councilman Trovato advised that Randi Woerner has been working diligently on all the projects mentioned.

Parks and Recreation and Community Relations

#13-133 - Resolution Waiving Permit Fees for Eagle Scout Project

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilwoman Tierney thanked Council for their support of the Green Team by way of the resolution adopted this evening.

Also, Councilwoman Tierney stated she was working along with Randi Woerner and the Green Team to draft a Shade Tree ordinance.

Community Development

#13-131 - Resolution to Enter an Urban County Cooperation Agreement with the County of Gloucester for the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement And Home Investment Partnership Program Funds

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Property

Councilman Lockman stated that he distributed copies of an ordinance recently introduced in Paulsboro regarding “Abandoned Properties” to Council for them to review and consider.

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Volk spoke on the following topics:

- 1) He spoke at Mark Parker’s retirement from the YMCA after 35 years of service June 26th;
- 2) Well Wishes to Joan Moyer on her retirement after 31 years of service to the City;
- 3) Fireworks and entertainment were a huge success held on July 5th Celebration. Committee worked very hard, estimated crowd was at 7,000. Thank you to the County, Band, Police, Fire, Public Works and Emergency Management who put it all together without any incidents;
- 4) Night at the Movies will be held on July 19th at Bell Lake “Hotel Transylvania”.

Clerk

Mr. Duffield announced the theme for this year’s Fall Parade will be “Mardi Gras on Broad Street”. Parade will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013.

Public – Non-Agenda Items

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Swanson, and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public.

Ron Wilcox, 250 S. Barber Avenue, gave details about the upcoming Basketball Tournament at the Wing-Dickerson Park on July 13th. The event is in honor of Victor Browne III and Keith Washington, who were involved in the Youth Basketball League in Woodbury. Mr. Wilcox thanked all who worked with him to put this event together. Also, Mr. Wilcox also inquired if Council could recognize Victor Browne II in some manner, as a recipient of The Congressional Medal.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired how the “condemnation process” actually works, in particular the vacant property at 110 N. Evergreen Avenue

Chief Merinuk responded to the status and the lengthy process of addressing these types of properties. Councilman Lockman stated that it has been going on for five (5) years; this is only one of several properties the City is attempting to address. Unfortunately the process is extremely time consuming and frustrating.

Larry Geiger, Main Street Director, advised of the following:

- a) he along with Mayor Volk will participate in a Panel Discussion at the League of Municipalities this year;
- b) There will be a fund raiser by FAF (Arts Festival Committee) held on Tuesday, July 16th along Broad Street where artists will be doing “back drop” sketches;
- c) On the first Wednesday of each month “Woodbury Wednesdays” will be held where the merchants will participate in having sidewalk sales.

Randi Woerner, Economic Development Director, adding to Mr. Geiger’s list of events discussed a “Farm to Fork” promotion at Marlene Mangia Bene the week of July 21-27th. Ms. Woerner also advised that rental applications are being taken by RPM for apartments in the G. G. Green Bldg. She is currently talking to prospective retail and food tenants for the first floor of the building.

George Gallenthin, 26 S. Bayard Street, came forward to discuss the Country Club redevelopment. He informed Council of a bill currently awaiting Governor Christie’s signature which makes changes to “eminent domain” procedures. If passed, that bill could affect the Woodbury Country Club property. He is disappointed that owners of adjacent properties are not permitted to review the redevelopment plan prior to it being presented to the Planning/Zoning Board; he has concerns about safety & traffic flow in the area.

John Robinson, 424 Griscom Drive, advised of an alley behind his property which is no longer in use. There is a tree in the alley which could damage a shed on this property; could we have someone trim it? Mr. Robinson stated this situation was first brought to the attention of Mayor Clark and still has not been resolved. Mayor Volk informed him that the City is aware of the situation and is considering the options that are available. Details are still being worked out and it will be addressed.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, inquired if trees in her neighborhood could be trimmed. Ms. Holmes also inquired if the City has considered her request for a marker for the “forgotten cemetery”. Also, Ms. Holmes was disappointed that the African American History Group was not invited to participate in the Juneteenth Celebration this year. Mayor Volk advised that he spoke with Peter Kaprielyan from Inspira Healthcare and he will be in touch with Ms. Holmes for the proper wording on the marker for the former cemetery location.

As no one else approached Council, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present

Administrator: Michael Theokas
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Clerk: Roy Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Brier
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Library: Jean Wipf, Director
Main Street Director: Larry Geiger
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.