

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

**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**

Sister Roberta Smith, Lay Leader of Mt. Zion Wesley Church lead 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:** Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Lockman, Parker, Johnson, Pres. Fleming and Mayor Volk

**Absent:** Tierney, Carter (both were attending Back to School Night; Tierney arrived 8:43 pm)

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2014 were approved as submitted. President Fleming and Councilman Swanson abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor of the motion.

**President of Council**

President Fleming was pleased to report that he attended the Governor's Conference last week the City was acknowledged for their efforts in saving the historic GG Green Building.

**Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only. Mr. Duffield, City Clerk announced that Public Hearings for Ordinances #2214-14 and #2213-14 have been postponed until our next regular meeting. Also, Res. 14-153 has been pulled from the agenda.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place asked about SORA the redeveloper mentioned in Res. 14-153 and about the approved site plan for the Burris property mentioned in Res. 14-152.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the public session was closed.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports**

**Finance & Administration**

**#2215-14 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2205-14 to Fix and Establish Salaries and Rate of Compensation on the Various Officers and Employees of the City of Woodbury in the County of Gloucester, and to Provide the Manner of Payment thereof and Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances Inconsistent herewith** (Second Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for second reading. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Trovato the ordinance was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes	7	Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Lockman, Parker, Johnson, Pres. Fleming
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Tierney, Carter

**#14-152 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Woodbury and Burris Post-Acute Network Woodbury, LLC**

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.

**#14-154 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Logan Township**

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.

**#14-155 - Resolution to Reimburse Tax Payment Block 19 Lot 2.04**

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.

**#14-156 - Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session**

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.

Councilman Swanson reported the Finance Committee has met twice recently and will meet again soon. He also reported our Emergency Management personnel responded to a 4-hour power outage around the Verizon property on E. Centre St; fortunately there were no injuries.

**Vouchers**

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

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved the Public Works Manager was directed to provide Council with a detailed list of all parts and repairs being completed on all vehicles starting immediately.

**Public Safety**

**#14-157 - Resolution Authorization the Execution of a Collective Negotiations Agreement with the Lieutenants of the Woodbury Police Department PBA Local #122**

In Councilwoman Carter's absence Councilman Hock presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

### **Public Works/Parks and Recreation**

Councilwoman Parker advised that the lake edging is continuing and the results are starting to be seen and progress is moving forward.

Councilwoman Parker stated she and Councilwoman Carter attended the Woodbury Community Garden Club annual meeting and Pot Luck Dinner last week. They picked next year's Board members and advised that all plots have been filled for next year.

### **Economic Development**

Councilman Trovato reported on the following:

1. Grand Opening of Excess Reinsurance at 48 N Broad; a beautiful building. He thanks them for investing in Woodbury and keeping their business here.
2. Scotto's new ownership. Their Grand re-Opening was also well attended and food was excellent. He encourages all to frequent the establishment.
3. Main Street Woodbury & Chamber of Commerce opened their combined office at 36 S Broad. He welcomes the hiring of Mary Carter as MSW Executive Director.
4. Aberdeen Place street overlay looks great.
5. A strategic Planning meeting is scheduled to discuss what all our civic & volunteer organizations are anticipating and how they can work together.

### **Ordinance # 2216-14 Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending the Code 190-38 of the City of Woodbury Establishing a Three Way Stop Sign at the Intersection of Hopkins and Franklin Streets**

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled ordinance, noting that vehicles are traveling much too fast in this residential neighborhood.

The City clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved, the ordinance was placed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, to come up for Public Hearing and final adoption at our Regularly Scheduled Meeting on October 14.

### **Community Relations**

In Councilwoman Tierney's absence Councilman Hock advised that "Make a Difference Day" is scheduled for October 25, to work on the parks at Broad & Barber and Veteran's Plaza.

### **Community Development**

Councilman Johnson stated that the Woodbury Steelers looked great on Opening Day in their new uniforms and helmets, and he thanks all who helped in the fundraising efforts.

Mr. Duffield, Recycling Coordinator stated that at Councilman Swanson's suggestion he has met with Turn Key Enterprises to possibly place a receptacle for used clothing donations at Laverty Field. Turn Key would donate part of their proceeds to Woodbury Steelers Football.

### **Property**

Councilman Swanson stated that the Property Committee continues to work out the process of enforcing our recently enacted Abandoned Property ordinance.

### **Environmental and Green Acres**

Councilman Hock reported the next Green Team meeting will be held October 6.

### **Old Business** None

**New Business**

Councilman Swanson stated that he is working with the State, County and Conrail Officials and our Emergency Management Officer Joe Buono to conduct a first responders’ Training Exercise in the not too distant future. He will advise of the date when scheduled.

**Reports:**

**Mayor Volk**

Mayor Volk advised of the following:

1. Not only did Excess Re-Insurance make a large investment into the renovations of the building; but they now employ 36 and are looking to expand;
2. Aberdeen paving project is almost complete and looks great;
3. Phase 4 of the North End Storm Sewer project is nearly complete;
4. We received a CDBG Grant for Franklin Street paving and handicapped ramps;
5. Next year we are planning to repave East Red Bank Avenue;
6. Your elected officials and City employees do a tremendous job and are always working on the City’s behalf. For example last weekend Councilman Swanson noticed an open door at an abandoned property. He notified the Police Dept and Public Works came out to secure the area. Very often these things go unnoticed by the general public; but the Mayor appreciates all their hard work.

**Clerk**

Mr. Duffield, City Clerk stated that the November ballot will be the following:

Mayor	William Volk (D)	Heather Tierney (R)
First Ward	Daniel Redden (D)	Les Lockman (R)
Second Ward	Ted Johnson, Jr. (D)	Cynthia Gallenthin (R)
Third Ward	Jessica Floyd (D)	Rick Hock (R)

Also, Mr. Duffield advised that October 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register to vote.

**Open to the Public**

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

John Campbell, Executive Director of Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce stated he was pleased to see the turnout at their Ribbon Cutting Event. Mr. Campbell announced the finale of Dancing with the Gloucester County Stars on September 25 at Aullette’s.

Jack Magee, President of Main Street Woodbury introduced their new Executive Director Mary Carter. Mrs. Carter announced their upcoming events Golf Tournament, Ghost Tour, Trick or Treating along Broad Street on Halloween Night. She is also looking forward to working with Randi Woerner on small business training and is looking into purchasing and maintaining the hanging flower baskets along Broad Street She is eager to work along with everyone.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about the PILOT to be discussed during closed session. James Pierson, City Solicitor advising there will be a discussion of PILOTs involving the school district.

Regarding introduced Ord. 2213-14 Mr. Chiesa noted that Westville Borough will be conducting an event this weekend, a “beer garden” on public property.

Chuck Rose, 306 W. Centre Street, inquired if voters will be notified of the new polling locations. Mr. Duffield stated that notices will be posted at the old and new locations, on water bills, on the sample ballots, and on the electronic sign in front of City Hall, among other places.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, is asking for help finding a place to hold meetings of the African American Oral History Project. The group has many artifacts for display and she would like to find a permanent location for them.

There being no one else, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved there was a five minute recess before Council went into Executive Session (approximate 8:20 pm).

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

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously agreed, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 9:43 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm.

ROY A. DUFFIELD  
City Clerk

#### **OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

City Administrator: Michael Theokas  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield  
City Engineer: Paul Breier  
Main Street Director: Mary Carter  
Police: Captain Tom Ryan  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esquire