

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF OF OCTOBER 22, 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

Reverend Robert E. Moore, Jr. 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, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Brown, Lockman, Parker, Carter, President Fleming and Mayor Volk

Absent: No One

Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 8, 2013 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Parker abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor.

Presentation and Discussions

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- **Council President** – President Fleming thanked Bob Law and the parade committee for his efforts in putting on the parade and the presentations this evening. Trophies were awarded to the winners prior to this meeting.
- **Eagle Scout Project** – Eagle Scout candidate Alex Snow from Troop # 7009 updated Council on the improvements he is making to the Victor statue in front of the High School. Alex requested Council's approval to install two new benches there at no expense to the City. On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Lockman his request was unanimously approved. He invited Mayor & Council to the re-dedication of the statue on Veterans' Day November 11 at 11:00 am.

Public

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, 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 about Resolution #13-186 and the need for a change order. Pres. Fleming and Paul Breier explained the changes the City required. Mr. Chiesa also asked about Res. #13-189; Pres. Fleming confirmed that Bud Concrete was the lowest bidder.

Hearing 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.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance & Administration

#13-185 - Resolution Authorizing New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid Federal Aid Change Order for the Woodbury Pedestrian Safety and Wayfinding Signage Project

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled 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.

#13-186 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for Bud Concrete, Inc. for the FY 2009 NJDOT Municipal Aid Woodbury Bikeway – Phase 1

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#13-187 - Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Extension January 1, 2014 To June 30, 2014

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled 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.

#13-188 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Premium Account into the General Current Fund Block 90, Lot 4 Royal Tax Lien Services, LLC Tax Sale Cert # 09-00042 6-24-09 \$7,700.00 Premium Paid

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled 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.

#13-189 - Resolution Awarding Contract for Construction of Woodbury Bikeway Phase 2 from North Broad Street to Tatum Street along the North Bank of the Woodbury Creek

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid. Councilman Swanson voted Nay; all others voted in favor.

Public Safety

Councilwoman Carter commended the Woodbury Police Department and the Gloucester County Prosecutors Office for the recent arrests of 3 suspects in the gas station attendant's murder in Woodbury.

Public Works/Utilities

Councilman Swanson had nothing to report for this committee.

Economic Development

Councilman Trovato read a positive article on Marlene Mangia Bene Restaurant on Broad Street and encouraged Woodbury residents to shop/eat in their downtown area supporting our local merchants.

Parks and Recreation and Community Relations

Councilwoman Parker noted that this Saturday at 12:30 pm will be the Pot Luck meal at the Woodbury Community Gardens and the Woodbury HS Homecoming Game is at 10:30 am.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilwoman Tierney advised that the Green Team is working on a tree ordinance and a tree removal permit. Also, she represented Council in the Main Street Golf Tournament last weekend.

Lastly, she stated she agrees with Councilman Trovato's comments calling for our residents to support our organizations and businesses.

Community Development

Councilwoman Brown commended and thanked Bob Law, Councilwoman Tierney and all who worked on the Fall Festival Parade. Also, Councilwoman Brown stated she has met with the School Superintendent and Student Advisor and they will be expanding the Students in Government Program. Each participating student will attend three Council meetings; at the third meeting they will participate in the Council Meeting with City Officials.

Property

Councilman Lockman stated he has received questions from residents pertaining to regulations on outdoor fire pits. Mayor Volk gave Mr. Lockman a brief summary of those regulations.

Old Business

None

New Business

Councilman Swanson stated that the Emergency Management Office responded to a small oil spill along S. Evergreen Avenue; all went well with the response.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Volk spoke on the following subjects:

1. Thank you to the Woodbury Police Department and the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office on the excellent job with the investigation and recent arrests in the homicide that occurred in the City several weeks ago;
2. Mayor Volk advised City Councilmembers that Wenonah will not be renewing the construction code shared services agreement with the City for the year 2014. Also, construction permit revenues are down 13%. Council is advised to plan accordingly for next year's budget.

Clerk

The City Clerk commended the Mayor for performing the City's first same sex marriages after recent Court decisions permitting them in NJ. He also reminded everyone to vote on November 5, 2013.

Public

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

Mary Carter, interim director of Main Street Woodbury briefed Council on events and activities of MSW, including FAF, golf tournament, ghost tours, grant applications and their search for an executive director. Also, Ms. Carter advised that Main Street would like to work along with the City and the Merchants Association to help bring people into the City. Heather McCall of Main Street NJ explained in greater detail the services and guidance they provide local Main Street Organizations.

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner gave the following report:

- Working with Masonic Lodge owner for tax credits to start his construction on the interior
- Trying to set up Grand opening for GG Green, Crazy Never Die and Del Mar
- Contacted several different retailers for the GG Green building and working with their in house real estate department
- Working on the Woodbury Country Club redevelopment.
- Working with Main Street on Ghost Tours, promotions, Façade/Beautification Program, incentive programs for businesses, Windows in Woodbury.
- The next property management meeting is this Thursday at 4 pm, we will be discussing outdoor permit application and requirements.
- Green Team working on tree ordinance and tree removal application; and Sustainable Jersey Direct Install program that we received grant funding to implement; should be out to the business community by the end of the year.

Susan Anderson, 220 S. Jackson Street, reiterated the call to ‘shop local’.

Brandon Chiesa, 36 Rugby Street inquired when work would start on the Country Club redevelopment. President Fleming explained Burris is still working out some details with the Planning/Zoning Board and have not given a definite start date for construction.

Mr. Chiesa commended the FAF team for having a very organized group of volunteers and a very good event. He made a few suggestions for the Parade Committee and has fond memories of attending the parade as a youngster.

Lee Weatherby, 303 W. Centre Street, President of the Woodbury Merchants Association, thanked Bob Law for putting together an excellent parade. Mr. Law does this on his own time and putting together this type of event takes an extreme amount of planning and time.

Mr. Weatherby advised of the Santa Parade being held on Saturday, December 7th and hopes that everyone supports this and all the events that all the volunteers put together for the betterment of the City. Mr. Weatherby commented on the Merchants Association and how much time and effort all the volunteers dedicate to this organization, which is totally comprised of merchants in Woodbury.

Jean Wipf, Woodbury Librarian, referenced a program the Library is sponsoring through a grant entitled “Created Equal” and invites all to come out and participate. She also commended the Mayor for conducting same sex marriages.

Chief Merinuk thanked all who worked on the capturing of the three suspects in the recent killing of the North Woodbury gas station attendant. The entire team did an outstanding job ensuring this crime would be solved re-enforcing the safety of our residents.

President Fleming commented on the Road Runners Inspira 5K Run prior to the start of the Fall Parade. He also advised of a Civil War Re-enactment and Concert being held on Sunday at the Gloucester County Historical Society.

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

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Administrator – Michael Theokas
Chief Financial Officer – Robert Law
City Clerk – Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Brier
Economic Dev. Dir. – Randi Woerner
Librarian – Jean Wipf
Main Street – Mary Carter, Interim Director
Police – Chief Reed Merinuk
Solicitor – James Pierson, Esq.