

BOROUGH OF WOODBINE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
 501 Washington Avenue
 Woodbine, NJ 08270

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023
MINUTES

Mayor Pikolycky called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Pikolycky read the opening statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act: “This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of July 20, 2023 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to The Press of Atlantic City and the Cape May County Herald on January 11, 2022 and advertised in said newspapers on January 14, 2022 and January 19, 2022 respectively, posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 11, 2022 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk. Proper notice having been given, the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.”

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pikolycky.

BOROUGH COUNCIL ROLL CALL

| Council Member | Present | Absent |
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| Council President Ortiz | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Councilman Johnson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Councilman Bennett | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Councilwoman Perez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Councilman Benson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Councilman Cruz | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quorum: | 5 | 1 |

Also Present:

Mayor William Pikolycky
 Borough Engineer Bruce Graham, PE
 Borough Solicitor, Richard Tonetta, Esq
 Borough Special Engineer Jim Verna, Van Note-Harvey Associates
 Borough Grant Consultant Mike Zumpino, Triad Associates
 Borough Grant Consultant Todd Noon, Triad Associates- via telephone
 Borough Airport Engineer Kan Liu, PE, DY Consultants
 Borough Deputy Clerk Laurie Boyd

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Pikolycky called for the approval of the *Consent Agenda*

| Motion for: | Consent Agenda | | | | | |
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| Decision: | APPROVED | | | 5 -- 0 -- 0 -- 1 | | |

| CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS | |
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| Resolution No. | Description |
| 07-72-2023 | AUTHORIZATION OF THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 |
| 07-73-2023 | PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 |
| 07-74-2023 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS POSTED BY TINA YOUNG |
| 07-75-2023 | A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBINE IMPLEMENTING A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF SPECIAL PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE RAILROAD BRIDGE RENOVATIONS PROJECT |
| 07-76-2023 | A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBINE, NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZING THE GROWING PROBLEM OF ANTISEMITISM IN AMERICA AND ACCEPTING AND CALLING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM AS AN IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL TOOL TO ADDRESS ITS NOXIOUS PRESENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY. |
| 07-77-2023 | RESOLUTION REQUESTING CROSSING SIGNS ON WASHINGTON AVENUE |
| 07-78-2023 | RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHANGES TO TYLER ROAD |
| 07-80-2023 | APPROVAL OF THE FILING OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WOODBINE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TAXIWAY B EDGE LIGHT REHAB & MARKINGS- PHASE II |
| 07-81-2023 | AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CLAY STREET AND MADISON AVENUE |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

County Water Quality Management Plan- In Process

Open Space Eco-Park- (Graham) Open Space meeting for approval. (Verna) Will secure equipment and go out to bid as soon as approval given.

Mobile Carrier Projects at Water Tower

- (1) Dish Network- (Graham) V-Comm working on proposed lease agreement
- (2) Verizon Wireless Lease-(Graham) V-Comm working on proposed lease agreement

USDA Projects

- (1) Water Project- (Verna) Waiting on delivery of materials. Punchlist completed
- (2) Asset Management Plan- RCAP Solutions requested meeting

(3) Sewer Project (Verna) Phase 1A specs submitted. (Noon) Grant money must be used for project in timely manner

(4) Hat Factory Property (ECWAG)- (Graham) Permitting process begun for additional work. Discussion regarding subdivision of the lot. (Graham) Exit interview with USEPA resulted in assistance with next round of grant funding.

Adams Avenue/Franklin Street Project- (Verna) Work to begin in 4 days from meeting.

DeHirsch Avenue Project- (Graham) Coordinating an in-person meeting with contractor.

Clay Street/Madison Avenue Project- (Verna) Received authorization to advertise for bids from DCA.

NJDOT LTPF: Railroad Trestle Bridge Project- Authorization to announce bids passed at meeting.

BPU Community Energy Plan- (Noon) Plan should be complete in September or early October. Will be presented to council prior to finalization.

DOT Sumner Avenue Bikeway (Verna) Several trees need to be replanted when the weather is cooler. Additional curbing was addressed with contractor.

DOT Pavement Preservation Pilot Program- (Verna) Documents submitted to DOT. Bid advertisement approval should be eminent.

Landfill Redevelopment Zone – Solar Project-(Zumpino) Discussion regarding the new rules set by BPU. Capping of landfill and necessary materials discussed.

NJDEP Assignment of Municipal Stormwater from Tier B to Tier A- (Tonetta) Finalizing position defending Tier B status. (Graham) Should work on meeting Tier A requirements and grant application in the alternative.

USDA Rural Development application for a dump truck-snow plow vehicle. - (Noon) Should receive information from USDA. Looking at possible CMG vehicle option.

Clean Energy is working to establish a CNG station at Waste Management. Applied to Pinelands for permission.

Escrow Account Activity- No escrow issues.

Tax Map Maintenance- Complete.

Lincoln and Franklin Avenue Parks Project- no discussion

Land Use Board recommendation to amend the sign ordinance - (Graham) Land Use Board researching new language for ordinance.

DOT Grant Applications- (Graham) Municipal Aid Application submitted. Should receive the results in November.

Borough Property Sales- Information should be available for the next meeting.

Trash and Recycle Contract- In planning process. Contract expires February 2024.

USEDA Recompete Grant- (Zumpino)Program should be applied to by County Workforce Development rather than municipality.

Tyler Road Resurfacing- Rt 47 to Rt 557. Work begins at the end of July.

Speed reduction and traffic calming is planned to be added to slow traffic into the Borough along Washington Ave.

NEW BUSINESS

Woodbine ReUnity Day July 22 12pm & July 23 11am

4H Fair July 20, 21, 22

Host Community Benefits Agreement CMCMUA- 5 year renewal requirement. Discussed the possibility of additional benefits included in the new agreement.

Brush Collection- Complaints have been received regarding the length of time between brush pickup dates.

DEP Draft Operating Permit- Landfill- Comments due.

League of Municipalities Conference Nov 14-16 – Registration August 1- 31.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works; Buildings & Grounds [Chairman Bennett]: Absent

Health, Education, Human Services [Chairman Benson]: By approving the resolution speaking against antisemitism, the Borough sets a precedent for other municipalities to follow.

Public Safety & Courts [Chairman Cruz]: Nothing to report.

Community Affairs & Grants [Chairman Ortiz]: Nothing to report.

Property & Small Business [Chairman Johnson]: Nothing to report.

Revenue & Finance [Chairwoman Perez]: Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT Work on the Adams& Franklin project will result in the closure of Adams from DeHirsch to Franklin

AIRPORT ENGINEER'S REPORT

- (1) Taxiway B Rehabilitation- Construction Phase IV (East End)- Work commencing end of July.
- (2) Taxiway B Rehabilitation Edge Light & Markings- Design- Received approval from FAA to commence work. Awaiting Notice to Proceed from NJDOT
- (3) Transient Apron- Design- Completion of design forthcoming.

(4) Terminal & Hangar- Waiting to hear regarding financial appropriation in committee.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT- Nothing further

PAYMENT OF BILLS-

Mayor Pikolycky called for the approval of: *Authorization to Pay Bills*. Municipal Chief Financial Officer provided a Certification of Available Funds. No council member indicated they have a conflict with any of the bills authorized for payment.

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Borough Solicitor, Richard Tonetta read Resolution 07-79-2023, recognizing Councilman Michael Benson for his years of service to the Borough.

| Resolution No. | Description |
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| 07-79-2023 | RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MICHAEL BENSON, ESQ. FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBINE |

| Motion for: | Authorization Resolution 07-79-2023 | | | | | |
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Margaret Benson spoke via telephone to extend her congratulations to Councilman Benson on his planned move and retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pikolycky called for the meeting to adjourn.

| Motion for: | Adjournment | | | | | |
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Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

/s/

Laurie E. Boyd, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Date: 09/07/2023

Approved for Release: September 7, 2023