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BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE
Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 12, 2007
114 Crown Point Road

Council President Russell W. Welsh, Jr. called a regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the salute and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Municipal Clerk read the Open Public Meetings Act statement.

Roll Call - Present

Council President Russell Welsh, Jr., Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Pennington, Councilman Dooley, Councilman Baker, and Councilwoman Rodgers

Absent - Mayor Galbraith

Council President Welsh reported on the condition of Mayor Michael K. Galbraith who is in Jefferson Hospital. He requested everyone keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Also Present were:

William Bittner, Jr., Borough Administrator, Frederick Lederer, Chief of Police, Donna Domico, Public Works Manager, and Christine Helder, Municipal Clerk.

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 7, 2007 and November 28, 2007 were approved on motion by Councilman Pennington, second by Councilman Dooley.

Voice Vote – In Favor

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Pennington, Councilman Dooley, Councilman Baker and Councilwoman Rodgers.

Public Comment on Agenda

None

Old Business:

Alan Hirschfeld was expected to report on the remediation project for underground storage tanks, but was not yet in attendance at this time.

New Business:

1. RESOLUTION Amending the 2007 Budget for \$5,000.00 for the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Activities

Motion to adopt made by Councilman Ledrich, second by Councilman Baker.

Roll Call Vote – In Favor

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Pennington, Councilman Dooley, Councilman Baker and Councilwoman Rodgers. (Res. Bk. 18, Pg. 93-07).

NEW BUSINESS:

2. RESOLUTION regarding Appropriation Transfers

Motion to adopt made by Councilman Ledrich, second by Councilman Baker.

Roll Call Vote – In Favor

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Pennington, Councilman Dooley, Councilman Baker and Councilwoman Rodgers. (Res. Bk. 18, Pg. 94-07).

3. RESOLUTION Appointing Committees for the PARIS Grant.

Motion to adopt made by Councilman Pennington, second by Councilman Dooley. (Res. Bk. 18, Pg. 95-07).

Roll Call Vote – In Favor

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Pennington, Councilman Dooley, Councilman Baker and Councilwoman Rodgers.

Alan Hirschfeld gave an end of the year update on the remediation project for underground storage tanks.

Communications

1. A letter of resignation from Brian Buri, employee of Public Works Department was received.
2. A letter from Federici & Akin regarding the signed Agreement between Westville and Federici & Akin for the Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation was received.

Monies Collected by the Clerk

Rent	\$780.00
Police Reports	\$119.25
Notary Fees	\$1.50
Street Opening permits	\$10.00
Bingo Licenses – 2008	\$1,550.00
District Election Board	\$4,125.00
Liquor License Transfer Fee	\$200.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$16.28</u>

TOTAL \$6,802.03

The foregoing monies were ordered turned over to the Chief Financial Officer.

Bills and Vouchers: [Attached]

Motion to pay all Bills and Vouchers that are in order made by Councilman Dooley, second by Councilman Pennington.

Roll Call Vote – In Favor

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Pennington, Councilman Dooley, Councilman Baker and Councilwoman Rodgers.

Public Comment

None.

Comments from Council Members and Department Heads:

Councilman Dooley thanked everyone who helped out with the Christmas tree lighting program.

Public Works Manager Domico advised that an employee had been injured and received six staples in his head.

Council President Welsh read a letter from a resident regarding a traffic problem making a left hand turn on Delsea Drive. The letter was turned over to the Police Chief. Council President Welsh discussed the new committees for 2008, advising that the Mayor would like to know which committees the Councilmembers would like to be a part of. He requested they submit their requests as soon as possible.

He then reminded everyone that a Rabies Clinic would be held on January 12, 2008 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Public Works Garage.

4. RESOLUTION Approving an Executive Session for the Purpose of Conducting Purchase/Lease of Property at 217 Broadway and Contract Negotiations for the Police Department and the Public Works Department.

Motion to adopt made by Councilman Welsh, second by Councilman Baker.

Roll Call Vote – In Favor

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Pennington, Councilman Dooley, Councilman Baker and Councilwoman Rodgers. (Res. Bk. 18, Pg. 96-07).
Motion Carried.

The meeting was recessed at 7:52 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

5. Authorization for the Clerk, Mayor and/or Council President to sign an agreement for a purchase price of \$135,000 at 217 Broadway on the condition that certain details be met.

Motion to approve the Authorization made by Councilman Baker, second by Councilman Ledrich. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote – In Favor

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Pennington, Councilman Dooley, and Councilman Baker.

Against - Councilwoman Rodgers. Motion Carried.

Councilman Baker discussed the possibility of starting a Neighborhood Watch program in Westville. The Administrator recommended that the Police Department not be actively involved in the formation and supervision of this Program as it could open up certain liabilities in regards to training and supervision should something happen due to the actions of the Watch. He suggested that the Chief be open for consultation. Certain perimeters should be set which would limit the Watch activities.

Councilman Dooley questioned his request for a Stop Sign at Edgewater Avenue and West Avenue. As no action was taken yet, the Police Chief is to call the Engineer to look into this matter as soon as possible.

The Administrator discussed the possibility of placing web-cans at different locations. He also discussed certain credit card payments for taxes, water and sewer payments.

Councilman President Welsh discussed a \$5,000.00 donation to be made by Sunoco for use in the parks. The Councilmembers made various suggestions as to what this money should be used for.

Council President Welsh gave an update on the physical condition of Mayor Galbraith who has been in the hospital for several weeks.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Baker, second by Councilman Dooley.

Voice Vote – In Favor

Council President Welsh, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Baker, Councilman Pennington, Councilman Dooley and Councilwoman Rodgers. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Helder
Municipal Clerk