

A regular meeting was called to order on the above date at 7:32 p.m.

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

The Clerk advised that notice of this meeting had been duly advertised in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act".

The roll was called, and all council members were recorded present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES INCLUDING THE 2006 ANNUAL OPERATION REPORTS:

On motion by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Dooley, the Reports of the Committees including the 2006 Annual Operation Reports were approved by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

On motion by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Pennington, George K. Baker was appointed as Council Member for the remainder of this year to replace Michael K. Galbraith.

Mr. Pennington discussed updating the ordinances with General Code and putting the ordinances on the internet. The Administrator advised that not all ordinances are put in the Code Book, only regulatory ordinances covering the operations of the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS:

The introduction of an ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ANTI-GRAFFITI PROVISIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.59 "MUNICIPAL BEAUTIFICATION ACT"** was given first reading in title. This matter was discussed by the Mayor. He advised that any offending juvenile will be held accountable for any graffiti, and their parents will also be held accountable. Mrs. Rodgers commented on elderly persons who have no home insurance. Mr. Welsh advised that the Borough would consider reviewing "hardship" cases. On motion by Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the ordinance was approved by unanimous roll call vote, ordered advertised as required by law, and will be considered for final adoption after a

public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2007. The Administrator advised that

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99% of graffiti problems are commercial.

A hardware and software Support Agreement with Edmunds & Associates for 2007 was discussed by the Administrator. On motion by Mr. Ledrich, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the Agreement was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

A resolution regarding "Appropriation Reserve Transfers" was on motion by Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Dooley, approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Res. Bk. 18, Pg. 30-07).

The introduction of an ordinance entitled 'ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE TO AMEND CHAPTER 113 - VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 41, SCHEDULE XIII: BUS STOPS' was given first reading in title. The Administrator advised that a bus stop which is not needed will be removed on Broadway. On motion by Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the ordinance was approved by unanimous roll call vote, ordered advertised as required by law, and will be considered for final adoption after a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2007.

A request from Gloucester Catholic Athletics Department to use Parkview School tennis courts for their boys team practice was discussed by Mr. Ledrich. On motion by Mr. Ledrich, seconded by Mr. Dooley, the request was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from the Gloucester County Utilities Authority amending the sanitary sewerage connection fee for the fiscal year 2007 was received.

A letter from the New Jersey Council of Affordable Housing regarding the Fair Share obligation was received.

A letter from a Locust Street resident regarding a water drainage problem from 807 Broadway was discussed. The Public Works Manager advised that this is not a Public Works problem. Mr. Pennington advised that there are several ordinances covering this matter, but it is a private property maintenance problem. The Administrator advised that there are other issues there. The landlord has blocked the egress to the street from other apartments in that area by placing a large plywood blockage with a big chain going through it to a fence that does not belong to him. Mr. Pennington advised that this is also a fire exit problem for the residents in that area, and the whole neighborhood is affected. This matter was discussed at length, and will be looked into further. It was suggested that complaints be signed against this landlord.

A letter from DuPont regarding their election NOT to participate in the U.S. Army's wastewater proposal was received.

A letter from the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety regarding a 2006 body armor award for \$965.08 for a Replacement Fund Program was discussed by the Police Chief.

A letter from the MEL Safety Institute regarding MSI Website Learning Management System Training for safety issues was received. The Public Works Manager advised that Ed and Tim Leahy will register.

A letter from Congressman Robert Andrews regarding assistance with the contamination of soil on Borough property was discussed at length. The Public Works Manager will forward all paperwork to Allen Hirschfeld.

MONIES COLLECTED BY THE CLERK - DECEMBER, 2006:

Rent	\$	780.00
Police Reports		101.00
Notary Fees		4.50
Copies of Tapes		177.75
Xerox Copies and Copies of Tapes		79.25
Interest		<u>9.83</u>
Total	\$	1,152.33

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

LIST OF BILLS:

<u>VCH.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
51	ADVANCED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	197.15
52	AZ COMMERCIAL, INC.	44.19
53	BECKER & DUFFIELD	350.00
54	H. R. BEST OFFICE SYSTEMS	35.80
55	BUD'S AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR	324.93
56	CARR'S HARDWARE	123.63
57	CARD DATA SYSTEMS	6,200.00
58	COMPUTERS MADE EASY, INC.	689.00
59	CONSULTING ENGINEER SERVICES	1,226.00
60	PATRICIA CRAWFORD	8,920.65
61	H. A. DEHART & SON	341.24
62	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES	899.00
63	EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	5,317.50
64	CHARLES FIORE	374.05
65	G & G COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	325.50
66	GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	185,900.66

67	PHILLIP GEORGE	4,073.36
68	COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER	328,916.89
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69	DANA HILLMAN	50.00
70	JOSEPH JUDD	400.00
71	LAWNMOWER PARTS, INC.	102.00
72	LAWYERS DIARY & MANUAL	161.00
73	LAWN MEDIC	1,275.00
74	LOWE'S BUSINESS ACCOUNT	194.85
75	MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	161.93
76	MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	599.00
77	NASH ENGRAVING, INC.	60.00
78	NEXTEL, INC.	448.18
79	NICOTRA'S AUTO SERVICE	2,250.00
80	PHOENIX HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING	949.35
81	P.S.E. & G.	7,777.81
82	PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION OF N.J.	80.00
83	V. E. RALPH & SON, INC.	229.00
84	WILLIAM REBEL	3,404.69
85	PHILLIP ROSENAU CO., INC.	170.42
86	S. J. POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.	100.00
87	STAPLES, INC.	550.10
88	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	213.49
89	TERMINIX PROCESSING CENTER	285.00
90	THIS & THAT UNIFORM	75.00
91	TRUCK SERVICE PARTS WAREHOUSE	97.83
92	USANA	650.00
93	VERDIN COMPANY, INC.	1,260.00
94	WEST JERSEY STATIONERS	62.23
95	WESTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION	136,104.00
96	WESTVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	12,301.36
97	CHARLES W. WIGGINTON, ESQ.	135.84
98	WINZINGER RECYCLING SYSTEMS	50.00
99	WORK 'N GEAR	270.39
100	CHRISTINE A. HELDER, PETTY CASH	38.00
101	MICHELLE WALLER	250.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

<u>VCH.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10	ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITIES	100.00
11	BUCKMAN'S, INC.	298.38
12	CARD DATA SYSTEMS	1,720.00
13	EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	2,947.50
14	MICHAEL M. KECK	100.00

15	NEW JERSEY WATER ASSOCIATION	275.00
16	ONE CALL SYSTEMS, INC.	8.54
17	MARGARET C. PINTO	90.00
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18	POLSKY'S UNIFORMS & WORKWEAR	116.99
19	P.S.E. & G.	5,902.06
20	SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTERS, INC.	440.00
21	STATE OF N.J. - PWT	456.99
22	USA BLUE BOOK	464.45
23	U.S. BANK OPERATIONS CENTER	3,089.59
24	CHRISTINE A. HELDER, PETTY CASH	441.65

On motion by Mr. Dooley, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the foregoing bills were ordered paid by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Pennington advised that a meeting was scheduled tomorrow with Freeholder Chila on the County Library, and any matter involving the Library should be reserved until after this meeting. The Mayor advised that a meeting will be scheduled with the Library in the near future to further discuss this matter.

Gwen Carotenuto, Library Director, discussed the present working relationship with the County Library.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Virginia Horn, 111 Twedell Ave., asked if the Borough could piggy back on the "Beautification Act" by cleaning up Borough properties by providing more trash receptacles, and prohibiting glass bottles in public places. There is currently a lot of broken glass in the park. The Public Works Manager advised that safety inspections are done every week. Community service kids from the County are scheduled for work detail every other weekend with the exception of December, January and February.

Mrs. Rodgers advised that many kids seem to hang out at the corner of Klinger Ave. and Edgewater Ave. after dark. This matter was referred to the Police Chief.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mr. Ledrich advised that the Football Association is going to re-sod the center of the field (tentative date of March 15th), and he requested that signs be posted to make sure people stay off the field. The Public Works Manager will have signs made. He would like monies received from Gloucester Catholic for use of the fields for 2006 be allocated to the Football Association for 2007 to help offset expenses.

Mr. Dooley congratulated Mr. Baker on his appointment, and requested his wife to pass the good news along to him.

Mrs. Rodgers asked if any decision on the Library will be voted upon at the next meeting. The Library is presently in limbo, not knowing what will be happening next. She suggested setting up a meeting date. Mr. Pennington will get back to her soon for a date.

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A resolution regarding an “Executive Session to Discuss Certain Personnel Matters” was on motion by Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Welsh, approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Res. Bk. 18, Pg. 31-07).

The meeting was recessed at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn carried at 8:44 p.m.

**CHRISTINE A. HELDER
MUNICIPAL CLERK**