

**Borough of Westville  
Regular Council Meeting  
114 Crown Point Road  
December 10, 2008**

A regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Russell Welsh, Jr. at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Clerk read the opening statement.

**Roll Call - Present:**

Mayor Welsh, Council Members Ledrich, Baker, Rebel, Muhlbaier, Pennington and Rodgers.

**Also Present were:**

Administrator Bittner, Solicitor Chell, Clerk Helder, Police Chief Lederer, Public Works Manager Domico and Housing Official Wasson.

The Mayor read a PROCLAMATION Honoring the Westville Gator Youth Football Team for Winning the South Jersey Independent Youth Football Association - 125 Pound Division Championship. The Proclamations were distributed, and a round of applause was given to each coach and team member. Head Coach Russell Bill thanked everyone for their support and cooperation during the year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #130-2008 Transferring Appropriations. (Res. Bk. 19)**

Councilman Ledrich made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilman Ledrich made a second. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. An invitation from Freeholder Director Stephen Sweeney to share services for Fire Inspection Services was discussed. The Mayor suggested that a meeting with the Fire District be held regarding this matter.

2. A letter from Freeholder Director Stephen Sweeney regarding an opportunity to join the regionalized EMS service was received.
3. A letter from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's inability to fund the Municipal Aid Program Grant for Woodbine Ave. was received.

The Administrator advised that the Engineer felt the Borough may have an opportunity to recover some funding to be used with Woodbine Avenue. Two grants approved through the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of Harvard Avenue (1998) and for construction of a Bicycle Path (2004) were to be rescinded. Only the Bicycle Path Grant was ever rescinded. He advised that an additional request will need to be done to the DOT for Harvard Avenue and a Resolution rescinding the Grant, so these monies can be transferred to another project.

4. A letter of resignation from Robert Jordan in the Westville Public Works Department effective December 12, 2008 was received.
5. A letter from Solicitor Timothy W. Chell withdrawing his submission of Professional Qualifications from consideration for reappointment as Solicitor for 2009 was received.

The Administrator advised that the Pay to Play law states that if the municipality does not anticipate paying a professional more than \$17,500.00 for a position, we are not required to request qualifications for professional solicitations. If a professional is not acceptable or has not contributed a total of \$300 over the last two years to an elected candidate, the Borough can hire whom they want as far as hiring a professional. He feels the only position Westville would be required to solicit for, in accordance with the Pay to Play law, would be the Engineer. The Administrator then stated that he is sorry to see Solicitor Chell leave.

6. A letter from Freeholder Director Stephen Sweeney to the Westville Environmental Commission regarding a grant award of \$1,740.00 from the N.J. State Council on the Arts FY09 local arts program was received.
7. A letter from Congressman Andrews requesting proposals for large economic projects for 2009 was discussed. Requests must be received by December 31, 2008. Several proposals were discussed including storm sewers, flooding, intersections

and ball park estimates. Projects will be investigated with the Engineer, and proposals will then be submitted to Congressman Andrews.

**MONEY COLLECTED BY THE CLERK:**

Rent	900.00
Police Reports	74.75
Gun Permits	22.00
Notary Fees	1.00
Opra Requests	37.25
Bingo Licenses-2009	1,560.00
Interest	2.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,597.72</b>

The foregoing money was ordered turned over to the Chief Finance Officer.

**LIST OF BILLS:**

Councilman Pennington made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills and a second was made by Councilman Baker. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Rodgers made a motion to pay the bills and a second was made by Councilman Pennington. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY & OFFICIALS:**

Solicitor Chell wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He stated he will miss working with everybody.

Councilman Muhlbaier and Mayor Welsh advised that the third Thursday of every month is the proposed day for Town Watch meetings. Councilman Muhlbaier then congratulated the solicitor on his new appointment and wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Councilman Pennington and Councilwoman Rodgers wished everyone Merry Christmas. Both stated that Solicitor Chell will be missed.

Clerk Helder advised she also will miss Solicitor Chell.

The Administrator advised that new computers for all departments that requested them will be ordered tomorrow. He stated that work on the 2009 Budget will begin soon.

COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY & OFFICIALS: (Continued)

Chief Lederer wished everyone Happy Holidays. He then wished Solicitor Chell the best of luck in his new position.

Housing Official Wasson wished everyone a Happy Holiday. He advised that there were many fantastic comments about the horse and buggy rides at the Christmas Celebration last Friday evening.

Mayor Welsh echoed everyone's thoughts, stating that Solicitor Chell will be missed. He then wished everyone Merry Christmas. He thanked everyone for their participation in the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. It was the largest turnout ever. He stated that the Clean-Up Meeting for 2008 is scheduled for December 29, 2008.

RESOLUTION #131-2008 Approving an Executive Session for Discussion of Police Personnel Matters and Public Works Employment Matter. (Res. Bk. 19)

Councilman Pennington made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilman Rebel made a second. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting was recessed at 8:02 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

RESOLUTION #132-2008 Appointing John R. Grady as Police Sergeant, effective December 10, 2008. (Res. Bk. 19)

Councilman Ledrich made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilman Baker made a second. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Works Manager Domico discussed the need for the purchase of a new hyde hammer and needed repairs to the transmission of another truck. The Administrator advised that there is money available now. This matter was discussed at length. Councilmember Ledrich suggested proceeding with this matter.

RESOLUTION #133-2008 Approving the Purchase of a New Hyde Hammer for \$20,442.68 under State Contract #A69726. (Res. Bk. 19)

Councilman Ledrich made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilman Baker made a second. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn carried at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Helder  
Municipal Clerk