

BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

114 Crown Point Road

September 24, 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 Deputy Clerk read the opening statement.

Roll Call - Present:

Mayor Welsh, Councilmembers: Ledrich, Baker, Murtaugh, Muhlbaier, Pennington and Rodgers.

Also Present were:

Administrator & Deputy Clerk Bittner, Engineer Andy Simkins, Police Chief Lederer, Public Works Manager Domico, and Housing Official Wasson.

The minutes of the meeting held on September 10, 2008 were approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

None

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:

Andy Simkins, representing Consulting Engineer Services, gave the Engineer's Report for the month of August. He recommended rebidding the High Street Intersection Project as only one bid was received for \$125,000.00 from SJA CONSTRUCTION, Inc., 8004-A Greentree Commons, Marlton, N.J. 08053. This matter was discussed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rodgers and a second by Councilman Muhlbaier to reject the bid. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Muhlbaier to rebid the project and a second by Councilman Pennington. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A motion to accept the Reports of the Committees was made by Councilwoman Rodgers and a second by Councilman Muhlbaier. Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #111-2008 Refunding a Homestead Rebate Payment from the State of N.J. for property taxes to Raymond & Tara Mustaro. (Res. Bk. 18)

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

RESOLUTION #112-2008 for request by Tax Assessor to credit Totally Disabled Veteran Martin Tuttle for the 4th Quarter, 2008 Taxes, and the 1st and 2nd Quarter Taxes Billed effective September 4, 2008. (Res. Bk. 18)

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Murtaugh and a second by Councilman Muhlbaier. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #113-2008 Amending the 2008 Budget for the Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of National Park for Police Services. (Res. Bk.18)

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilwoman Rodgers and a second by Councilman Murtaugh. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #114-2008 Placing Property Maintenance Liens on 324 High Street for \$121.76 and 8 Cypress Court for \$266.90. (Res. Bk. 18)

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

ORDINANCE #09-2008 OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE REPEALING §80-4. PUBLIC INTOXICATION OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY was introduced and given first reading in title.

A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Murtaugh and a second by Councilman Pennington. Motion carried 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 October 8, 2008.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Notice from the Westville Land Use Board regarding a hearing on the Application of Main Street Mantua Investment, LLC for Amended Preliminary/Major Site Plan

Approval & Final Major Site Plan Approval to permit establishment of sixty-four (64) age-restricted and affordable housing units on Block 73, Lots 6 & 7 was received.

LIST OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Councilman Ledrich and a second by Councilman Pennington to dispense with the reading of the bills. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the List of Bills was made by Councilwoman Rodgers and a second by Councilman Muhlbaier. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donna Carrelli, 139 Edgewater Ave., announced that there will be a Town Watch meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 2, 2008 in St. Luke's Church, and she requested that this meeting be posted on the web-site. She also has flyers and posters to be distributed and requested help. The Administrator advised he would post the flier on the web-site.

GOVERNING BODY & DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Public Works Manager Domico advised that there was a large water main break. The main will be isolated at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Councilman Murtaugh reminded everyone about the dedication of the Michael K. Galbraith Park on River Drive on September 28, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. He advised that Senator Sweeney would be attending the dedication.

Councilman Baker requested an executive session.

Councilman Ledrich asked if the patch for the new gas line construction on Broadway was temporary. The Public Works Manager advised that it is temporary. The Administrator advised that laterals still have to be put in, and a permanent patch will then be done.

Police Chief Lederer advised that he met with PSE&G in Audubon today, and they were very concerned about the water main break. Public Works Manager discussed the water main break, advising that 440,000 gallons of water was lost in 27 minutes.

Mayor Welsh advised that the Clerk's mother had passed away, and requested that she and her family be kept in everyone's prayers. He then advised that the Westville Environmental Committee received an honorable mention award from ANJEC for work they have done.

The Administrator advised that he discussed additional work to be done by the electrician in the Library. He also discussed additional change orders necessary for work to be done in the Library.

A motion was made by Councilman Ledrich and a second by Councilman Baker to approve the change orders. Motion carried by unanimous roll call.

Public Works Manager advised that she just received a phone call from Joyce Lovell of the Environment Committee who requested that it be mentioned that the recycling grant tonnage was over \$14,560 for last year, and it was the seventh highest in the County.

RESOLUTION #115-2008 Approving an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in the Municipal Court.

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

The meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Baker and a second by Councilman Ledrich, Theresa A. DeFeterici, 104 Harvard Ave., was appointed part-time Court Clerk effective September 29, 2008. On motion by Councilman Baker and a second by Councilman Ledrich, the appointment was confirmed by a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 1 abstention by Councilman Murtaugh.

On motion by Councilman Baker and a second by Councilman Muhlbaier, the 2nd floor apartment at 128 Crown Point Road was rented to Maria Remetei on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works and the Committee. The appointment was confirmed by unanimous roll call vote.

The rent on the downstairs apartment at 128 Crown Point Road was discussed.

RESOLUTION #116-2008 increasing the rent on Borough owned apartment, 1st Floor, at 128 Crown Point Road effective January 1, 2009. (Res. Bk. 18)

On motion by Councilman Baker, and a second by Councilman Ledrich, the resolution was approved by unanimous roll call vote. A year-to-year lease agreement will be prepared. A lease agreement for one year, to be renewed every year, will be required.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn carried at 9:30 p.m.

WILLIAM J. BITTNER, JR.
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK