

BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
114 Crown Point Road
February 13, 2013 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Welsh at 7:00 p.m. and the Salute and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

The Clerk read the notice that this meeting had been duly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act" by sending notice to the South Jersey Times of Woodbury, NJ and the Courier Post of Camden, NJ.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Russell W. Welsh, Jr., Council President Michael O. Ledrich,
Council Members: Charles D. Murtaugh, William C. Packer, III,
William Rebel and Councilman Fritz Sims

Absent: Councilwoman Colleen Archer

Also Present: Administrator William J. Bittner, Jr., Municipal Clerk and Tax Collector
Christine A. Helder, Public Works Manager Donna Domico, Solicitor
Timothy Scaffidi

The meeting minutes of January 2nd and 9th, 2013 were approved on a motion made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Rebel. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

- ❖ Joyce Lovell, 328 Summit Avenue, asked about the letter from DEP regarding Environmental Stewardship. Mayor Welsh responded he planned on addressing the letter later in the meeting.
- ❖ Ms. Lovell mentioned the "train issue" and remarked she left her house at 7:05 p.m. on Monday evening to go the Library and arrived at 7:30 p.m. due to a train and resulting traffic. Ms. Lovell commented the ride to the Library is normally 10 minutes; however, between the train and the traffic, it was 25 minutes. Ms. Lovell stated the trains are getting longer and asked for a schedule. Councilman Murtaugh advised the Borough has requested a schedule but has not been able to obtain one from Sunoco. Mayor Welsh commented Ms. Lovell's concerns are duly noted.
- ❖ Ms. Lovell asked if the "fill-in" behind Verchio's was done legally. Councilman Packer remarked he was the Superintendent of Public Works for Bellmawr at that time and was aware the Mayor and Council of Brooklawn did approved the "fill in". A brief discussion took place on the flooding in Westville and Ms. Lovell suggested the Creek be videotaped both at low and high tides.
- ❖ Chris Oerlemans, 218 Summit Avenue, discussed the train issue, specifically the light at Olive Street and how long people have to wait. Councilman Murtaugh advised people need to pull up to the white line by the traffic light to activate the sensors. Mrs. Oerlemans asked about another train coming into Westville and Mayor Welsh responded that it was the light rail system and it was just in the discussion phase and confirmed it will be a separate track.

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- ❖ Mrs. Oerlemans asked about the status of the flooding issue. Mayor Welsh advised Councilwoman Archer volunteered to be the liaison with Senator Norcross' office and has been working with Administrator Bittner on providing documentation requested by Senator Norcross' office. Mayor Welsh confirmed Administrator Bittner provided all the requested documentation to Senator Norcross' office during the week of February 4, 2013. Mayor Welsh also advised Councilman Murtaugh spent time taking pictures and videotaping the water levels and that Senator Norcross' office wants to be the liaison between Westville and West Deptford. Mrs. Oerlemans remarked she obtained elected officials addresses and was going to pass the information along to the individuals affected by the flooding so that they can send letters regarding their flooding issues. Councilman Murtaugh commented he met Public Works Manager Domico at various locations during high tide to witness the flooding issues and remarked that the flexes were working correctly but that the water was somehow coming up another way. Mayor Welsh advised the flooding issue will stay as a line item on the Agenda until the situation is resolved. Administrator Bittner advised he spoke with Senator Norcross' office and was able to confirm they are working with Congressman Andrews' office and will make arrangements for the Army Corp of Engineers to come to the Borough to do a study. Administrator Bittner also noted he was advised by Senator Norcross' office that any flooding in the area be reported to FEMA regardless of the severity of the flooding. A brief discussion took place on the possibility of FEMA purchasing the affected homes if the flooding continues. Councilman Packer confirmed Councilman Murtaugh's findings about the flexes and the water coming back through the grates. Councilman Rebel asked Public Works Manager Domico if a camera was ever used to view the storm water system and she commented it was not long enough - only about 30 feet. Public Works Manager Domico responded that perhaps they could view the pipes with a camera when they dry out.

Hearing no other comments, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES FOR DECEMBER and JANUARY

Motion to accept the reports, as submitted, was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Rebel. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

Comment: Councilman Packer made note of the thoroughness of the Tax Collector's report that included the history of the Borough's tax rate.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing On:

- ❖ **ORDINANCE NO. 1-2013 ~ REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 10-2012 - PROHIBITING SMOKING ON ALL BOROUGH OWNED AND/OR LEASED PROPERTIES ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 BY THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE AND ADOPTING A NEW PROHIBITED SMOKING ORDINANCE**

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Sims. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.* No comment received from the Public. Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Murtaugh and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

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OLD BUSINESS: (Continued)

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Motion to approve Ordinance No. 1-2013 was made by Councilman Murtaugh and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

Public Hearing On:

- ❖ ORDINANCE NO. 2-2013 ~ ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Rebel and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.* No comment received from the Public. Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Rebel and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

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Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2-2013 was made by Councilman Sims and seconded by Councilman Murtaugh. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ RESOLUTION NO. 30-2013 ~ AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

Motion to approve Resolution No. 30-2013 was made by Councilman Murtaugh and seconded by Councilman Sims. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

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NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

Introduction of

- ❖ **ORDINANCE NO. 3-2013 ~ BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REHABILITATION OF BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTIES, INCLUDING THE BUILDING RENOVATIONS AND INSTALLATION OF ELEVATOR AT 165 BROADWAY AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO BOROUGH PROPERTIES AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$220,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$209,500 .00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

A motion to approve Introduction of Ordinance No. 3-2013 was made by Councilman Sims and seconded by Councilman Rebel. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ **RESOLUTION NO. 31-2013 ~ AWARDING THE BIDS FOR RENOVATIONS TO 165 BROADWAY AS FOLLOWS: (All Bid Prices Include Alternate 1)**

Division I - General Construction - Straga Brothers, Inc.	\$314,098
Division II - Plumbing - Dolan Mechanical Inc.	\$ 29,000
Division III- HVAC Work - Air Control Technology, Inc.	\$109,399
Division IV- Electrical Work - Gibson Electric	<u>\$ 74,400</u>

Total Bid Amount - All Disciplines \$526,897

Councilman Rebel asked about the documents Solicitor Scaffidi was requesting from the contractors, e.g. certificate of employee information report. Solicitor Scaffidi provided an update on documentation required by the Contractor. Councilman Rebel asked if anyone had information (e.g. history of job performance) on the contractors. Councilman Murtaugh advised that while at the bid opening, the Architect confirmed she worked with all the Contractors selected on previous occasions. A brief discussion took place on the contractors and their job experience. Mayor Welsh thanked those involved in the project for bringing it to this stage of completion.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 31-2013 was made by Councilman Rebel and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ **RESOLUTION NO. 32-2013 ~ AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE TO APPLY FOR THE 2012 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT**

A motion to approve Resolution No. 32-2013 was made by Councilman Sims and seconded by Council President Ledrich. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

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NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

- ❖ **RESOLUTION NO. 33-2013 ~ OPPOSING SENATE BILL 2511 ON AMENDMENTS TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

A motion to approve Resolution No. 33-2013 was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Sims. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ **RESOLUTION NO. 34-2013 ~ AUTHORIZING THE WATER CLERK TO CREDIT MULTIPLE WATER ACCOUNTS DUE TO A BILLING ERROR**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
588	Frances Silenzio	714 Gateway Boulevard	\$ 45.00
628	Gennaro Porco	600 Broadway	\$159.87
2022	West Creek Marina	55 Timber Avenue	\$ 80.00
429	Bible Church of Westville	134 Delsea Drive	\$ 80.00
1987	Mabel Skill	1027 Milton Avenue	\$ 79.93

A motion to approve Resolution No. 34-2013 was made by Councilman Murtaugh and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ **RESOLUTION NO. 35-2013 ~ AUTHORIZING THE WATER CLERK TO CREDIT MULTIPLE WATER ACCOUNTS DUE TO INSIDE METER MALFUNCTIONS**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
904	Edward Assan	123 Twedell Avenue	\$ 86.47
1372	Timothy Nuss	12 Walnut Street	\$177.10
1157	Sandra Stefanowicz	157 Cedar Avenue	\$ 18.15

A motion to approve Resolution No. 35-2013 was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Rebel. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ **RESOLUTION NO. 36-2013 ~ AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, FRANCIS E. COLLINS, 447 ALMONESSON ROAD, BLOCK 65, LOT 17, EFFECTIVE, JANUARY 22, 2013**

A motion to approve Resolution No. 36-2013 was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Sims. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

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NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

- ❖ RESOLUTION NO. 37-2013 ~ AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO TRANSFER OVERPAYMENTS ON BLOCK 72, LOT 9, TAX ACCOUNT, 14 LITTLE CHESTNUT STREET, PROPERTY OWNER DORIS M. EMORY TO HER WATER AND/OR SEWER ACCT. NO. 1040

A motion to approve Resolution No. 37-2013 was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ RESOLUTION NO. 38-2013 ~ AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS/INSTALLATION OF ELEVATOR AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A motion to approve Resolution No. 38-2013 was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Rebel. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ RESOLUTION NO. 39-2013 ~ AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER TO ALLOW THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AND RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE GOVERNORS COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,249.00 (D.A.R.E. PROGRAM)

A motion to approve Resolution No. 39-2013 was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Rebel. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ RESOLUTION NO. 40-2013 ~ AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDING MUNICIPAL POLICE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OR EMS ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR FIRE DISTRICTS [PARTICIPATING UNITS]

Comment: Councilman Murtaugh advised this was an update to what was signed last year.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 40-2013 was made by Councilman Sims and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ 2013 USED CAR LICENSE APPROVAL for Rizzari Enterprises Inc., 137 Broadway (Joseph S. Rizzari), Aces Auto Sales, 130 Gateway Boulevard (Stephen Caruso) and Pellegrino Chevrolet, 1000 Gateway Boulevard (Mark Pellegrino) that have been approved by the Police and Fire Departments

A motion to approve the Used Car Licenses was made by Councilman Rebel and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

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NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

- ❖ **2013 AMUSEMENT GAMES APPROVAL** for Schileen's Pub (32 Delsea Drive), Grabbe's (19 Delsea Drive), Hot Shots (500 Gateway Boulevard), and Tower Tavern (32 River Drive) that have been approved by the Police and Fire Departments

A motion to approve the Amusement Games Licenses was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Rebel. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

- ❖ Request from Matt Galbraith of the Westville Warriors Baseball Club to use the Park Avenue Baseball field on Sundays at 9 a.m. starting April and continuing through the end of August 2013.

A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Murtaugh and seconded by Council President Ledrich. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

- ❖ Request from Reverend Glenn Doughty of The Bible Church of Westville to hold their annual Sun Rise Service at Thomas West Park on Sunday, March 31, 2013 at 6:30 a.m.

A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Sims. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

- ❖ Request from Reverend Glenn Doughty of The Bible Church of Westville asking Borough Council "if there is anything that they can do to help the church" with the excess Water charges of \$410.10 on their rental property at 134 Delsea Drive.

Comment: Administrator Bittner advised whoever was using the Rental property was not paying the bill and he feels that it would not be appropriate, at this time, to grant this request and would be a dangerous precedent to set.

A motion to decline the request was made by Councilman Rebel and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.* (Mayor Welsh asked Municipal Clerk Helder to send a letter to Reverend Doughty regarding the denial of his request.)

- ❖ Letter from Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders notifying the Borough of available "Movies in the Park".

Comment: It was decided to schedule the movie entitled "Hotel Transylvania" for Friday, May 24th and that Clerk Helder would submit the request to the County.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- ❖ Mayor Welsh read the letter from the State of New Jersey regarding the Certificate of Environmental Stewardship being awarded to Westville's Water Quality Program for their voluntary and pro-active measures taken to protect the environment. Mayor Welsh presented Public Works Manager Domico with the framed Certificate of Environmental Stewardship.
- ❖ Mayor Welsh discussed the letter received from Gloucester County's Department of Economic Development that asked for the name of an individual to be on the Municipal Economic Development Council. Administrator Bittner advised he had been on the Council previously so Mayor Welsh asked for approval from Council to nominate Administrator Bittner again.

A motion to nominate Administrator Bittner to the Gloucester County Economic Development Council was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

- ❖ Tax Collector's Annual Report
- ❖ Land Use Board 2012 Year End Report
- ❖ Letter from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection regarding Westville receiving the Certificate of Environmental Stewardship
- ❖ Letter from Gloucester County regarding Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements
- ❖ Letter from Gloucester County, Department of Economic Development, confirming receipt of a \$50,000 CDGB Municipal Project Award
- ❖ Letter from Gloucester County, Department of Economic Development, asking for the name of an individual to be a member of the Municipal Economic Development Council.
- ❖ Letter from the State of New Jersey, Bureau of Landfill and Hazardous Waste Permitting regarding Draft of Solid Waste Facility Permit Renewal (Wheelabrator)
- ❖ GCUA 2013 Adopted Annual Budget
- ❖ Table of Equalized Valuations from the State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation
- ❖ Letter from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, regarding Westville's Water Treatment Facility receiving a favorable inspection
- ❖ Letter from New Jersey American Water regarding their request to change the levels of its Purchased Water Adjustment Clauses
- ❖ Notice from Gloucester County, Purchasing Department, regarding 695 Main Street, Mantua
- ❖ Letter from Comcast regarding Municipal Rights of Way for the calendar year 2012.
- ❖ GCIA Meeting Minutes - December 20, 2012
- ❖ GCUA Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2012
- ❖ Letter from NJLM regarding the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition
- ❖ Notice of Applications received from the Delaware River Basin Commission
- ❖ Letter from Plains Products Terminals, LLC regarding Notification of Downstream Water Users

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MONEY COLLECTED BY THE CLERK FOR JANUARY:

Police Reports	\$ 75.20
Rent	\$1125.00
Cat License	\$ 5.00
Death Certificates	\$ 515.00
Certified Marriage	\$ 125.00
Marriage License	\$ 28.00
Amusement Games	\$ 630.00
Used Car License	\$ 500.00
Liquor License	\$ 240.00
Gun Permit	\$ 4.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 5.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$3252.20</u>

BILLS & VOUCHERS:

The Clerk advised that the List of Bills was on the table in the back of the room.

A motion to dispense with reading of the bills was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Sims. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

A motion to pay all bills and vouchers that are in order was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Rebel. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Time Limit 5 minutes)

- ❖ James Radler, 228 West Olive Street stated he had three (3) issues he wanted to discuss. The first issue concerned the street work that was done on West Olive Street. Mr. Radler stated when he attended previous meetings he was told he needed to go to the County for information because the West Olive Street project was "piggy-backed" off of a County project. Mr. Radler stated he was told by a County Representative that he needed to complete a form in order for the County to provide a list of materials that was produced for the Borough but that the Borough Administrator would have to give him a copy of the contract. Mr. Radler stated the second issue dealt with changing the Fire District elections to November and stated "he could almost guarantee there would be 80 people and of the 80 - 60 would be members of the Fire company ". Mayor Welsh asked Solicitor Scaffidi to respond, to which he stated "the date is a statutorily established date by the Legislature of New Jersey". Solicitor Scaffidi further commented that the date cannot be changed locally but rather it has to be changed by State Legislator just like they did with the School Board Elections. Mr. Radler commented on the equipment at the Fire House and questioned how often it was used. Mr. Radler stated the third issue he wanted to discuss was the Police Department and the speeding problem on West Olive Street. He commented that for a short time last year there were police officers stopping cars on West Olive Street; however cars are speeding past his house at about 40 to 50 miles an hour to make the light. He commented they see more West Deptford police cars on West Olive Street than they do Westville police cars.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued) (Time Limit 5 minutes)

- ❖ Joyce Lovell, 328 Summit Avenue, asked if a sign could be posted at Highland Avenue stating "Train is Crossing". Councilman Murtaugh advised new signs and gates as well as pre-warning signs will be installed. A brief discussion took place on the train problems in Westville.

Hearing no other comments, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY & DEPARTMENT HEADS

- ❖ Public Works Manager Domico asked for a Personnel session and it was decided that she could proceed with her question. Public Works Manager Domico stated she had met with the Water Committee earlier regarding an outstanding balance to the company who provided the temporary water tanks. Public Works Manager Domico advised she met with representatives from Garrison Enterprises and Wes Beckett (Beckett Enterprises) and negotiated the price down \$20,000. Public Works Manager Domico further commented "in her opinion" she felt Westville should make a contribution towards the payment of the tanks because they have only benefited Westville and that by having the tanks it saved in paying employee overtime for a period of time that could have cost in excess of \$50,000 to \$60,000. Public Works Manager Domico stated she was asking Mayor and Council to approve paying for the rental of those tanks. Administrator Bittner commented he didn't realize this issue would be discussed tonight and it was questioned if this should be discussed in an Executive session. It was decided that further discussion of this issue would take place in an Executive session.
- ❖ Public Works Manager Domico brought up the subject of "water turn-offs" or the lack-of and stated she would like to start doing "water turn-offs" again. Public Works Manager Domico mentioned the Tax Sale list for water and sewer and stated the amount is \$185,000 in arrears and she has a concern about getting the money. A brief discussion took place on money owed to the Borough, the warning process for delinquent payments and the tax sale. Mayor Welsh stated he was in favor of following the process currently in place for collecting delinquent payments. Public Works Manager Domico confirmed the current policy states "if an individual is two quarters behind in water and/or sewer, services will be turned off" and that individuals receive a notice "in writing" before services are stopped. Notices are posted in Apartment buildings so that individuals can contact their Landlord before services are turned-off.

A motion to collect the delinquent Water bills and start turning off water accounts in accordance to the Borough's Ordinance in the Borough of Westville and the Townships of West Deptford and Deptford was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Rebel. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

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COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY & DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Continued)

- ❖ Councilman Murtaugh responded to Mr. Radler's earlier comments that the Fire District went to Senator Norcross's office letting them know they support the Fire Elections being part of the general election process. Mr. Radler stated he didn't like the fact that there's a piece of equipment sitting in the parking lot that's not used (e.g. boat). Councilman Murtaugh stated the boat was purchased with FEMA funds and only cost Borough residents \$4,000. Mr. Radler responded he did not care. Further discussion on the necessity of the boat and another piece of equipment purchased from the County for \$1.00 in the parking lot took place. Councilman Sims and Mayor Welsh suggested that Mr. Radler or any other resident attend the Fire District meetings to discuss their concerns.
- ❖ Councilman Rebel advised due to the lack of funds, the Borough is forced to act as its own general contractor rather than hire one to oversee the project; therefore, he suggested the committee meet once a week to discuss the renovations. Mayor Welsh stated a few professionals have volunteered to come in during the week to spot-check the work being done. Mayor Welsh also stated Administrator Bittner was scheduled to hold a pre-construction meeting as well as weekly meetings with the "trades".
- ❖ Councilman Rebel asked how long it had been since completion of the Streetscape renovations on Broadway and Public Works Manager Domico responded 13 years. Councilman Rebel commented some of the trash cans are starting to get beat-up so suggested they either be repaired or replaced as well as the light posts. Councilman Rebel suggested a list be made in the Spring to determine items that need to be repaired or replaced. Public Works Manager Domico advised the trash cans are expensive. Mayor Welsh asked if Recycling Grant money could be used to replace the trash cans.
- ❖ Chief Lederer commented since January the Police Department had seized over 5 lbs of marijuana and that while working a case with the West Deptford Police Department, Canine Remi found over 2 lbs of marijuana in a Jeep Cherokee, so they were able to seize the vehicle. He further stated that at another stop, Canine Remi alerted to marijuana in which officers seized a lot of marijuana in addition to \$725 in cash. Chief Lederer also confirmed that Officer Greenwald seized approximately 2 lbs. of marijuana during a vehicle stop on Broadway and Officer Dennick seized 1 lb. of marijuana and \$1700 in currency during an investigation at 47 Almonesson Road. Additionally, Chief Lederer confirmed Officer Roberts seized ½ lb. of marijuana and more than \$1400. in currency during a vehicle stop at West Olive and Folsolm. Chief Lederer advised Office Massing responded to a domestic dispute which resulted in him pursuing a man from Dorian Manor Apartments into a location on Broadway. Chief Lederer confirmed Officer Massing conducted a search on the individual but found no weapon; however, after receiving a tip, officers searched the area during daylight hours and found a 380 automatic pistol in the rear of the house. Chief Lederer stated his Department was seeing a rise in drug activity and Mayor Welsh asked if the stops conducted by the Police were on residents or individuals passing through. Chief Lederer commented that most were passing through.

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COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY & DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Continued)

- ❖ Mayor Welsh asked Chief Lederer about the key fobs for individuals who need to enter 114 Crown Point Road. Chief Lederer responded his computer crashed but that Administrator Bittner had given him information on updating his computer and getting the fobs to work.

- ❖ Mayor Welsh advised the next meeting for the 100th Anniversary Celebration will be held on February 25, 2103 at 7 p.m. at 1035 Broadway.

Clerk Helder read Executive Resolution No. 41-2013 to go into an Executive Session to discuss pending Litigation and Contractual Negotiations for the painting of the Water Tower.

A Motion was made to go into a Closed Executive Session by Councilman Rebel and seconded by Councilman Packer. *The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.*

Time In: 8:10 p.m.

Time Out: 8:35 p.m.

- ❖ Councilman Packer, Chairman of the Water Committee, made a motion to approve payment for the Water Storage Tanks in the amount of \$20,000 pending an Agreement with Garrison Enterprises and Beckett Enterprises, after consultation with Solicitor Scaffidi.

- ❖ Discussion of the railroad quiet zone took place and it was decided Administrator Bittner will send a letter to Congressman Andrews regarding this matter.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Murtaugh and seconded by Council President Ledrich.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:42 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Christine A. Helder
CMC/Municipal Clerk