

BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE
Special Budget~Council Meeting
114 Crown Point Road
March 27, 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: William C. Packer, III, William Rebel and Councilman Fritz Sims

Absent: Councilman Charles D. Murtaugh

Also Present: Administrator William J. Bittner, Jr., Municipal Clerk and Tax Collector Christine A. Helder, Chief Financial Officer John A. Bruno, Public Works Manager Donna Domico and Police Chief Lederer

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Joyce Lovell, 329 Summit Avenue, questioned why the Environmental Commission did not receive the \$1500 requested for their budget. Mayor Welsh advised that issue would be discussed later in the meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to report

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Letter from Westville Democrat Committee submitting three (3) names to fill the vacancy on Council. (The individuals nominated were Bruce Nordaby, Donna Moan and Joseph Bobiak).

Motion to nominate Donna Moan to fill the unexpired term of Councilwoman Colleen Archer, effective, March 27, 2013 was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Sims. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

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Introduction of:

- ❖ **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2013 ~ TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

CFO Bruno responded to questions from Council regarding the cap bank and confirmed State Statute allowed municipalities to bank monies from year to year.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 4-2013 was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Rebel. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ **RESOLUTION NO. 50-2013 ~ SELF EXAMINATION OF THE 2013 BUDGET**

Lengthy discussion took place to address questions from Council members on line items in the budget.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 50-2013 was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ *Introduction of:*
2013 Municipal Budget

Motion to Introduce the 2013 Municipal Budget was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Packer. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

- ❖ **Public Hearing Notice regarding an appeal to the Westville Land Use Board concerning a variance to operate a contractor/remodeling business at 27 Delsea Drive.**

A brief discussion took place on the "Use Variance for a Non Permitted Use in the Area"

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY DISCUSSION:

- ❖ **Mayor Welsh commented he received a request from the 100 Year Celebration Committee to investigate the possibility of having a "block party" down town as well a Beer Garden at the event.**

Councilman Packer, Chairman of the 100 Year Celebration Committee, asked for a determination on whether the Borough will be holding the Independence Celebration (day-long celebration with crafters) as well as the Fall Festival because the Celebration Committee wants to sell different things to raise funds. Mayor Welsh thought it was a good idea to have a "block party" and wanted the Committee to move forward with that idea. Councilman Packer advised that he, along with Ginger Horn, were going to Adelpia Restaurant to investigate the possibility of holding a Chinese Auction at their facility and then he planned to meet with Grabbe's about a crab fest. Discussion took place on obtaining a one-day liquor license for the Beer Garden.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: (Time Limit 5 minutes)

- ❖ Luanna Sills, 303 Edgewater Avenue, asked about the reactivation of the J.D. Lawrence property with the possibility of large trucks pulling onto Delsea Drive. Administrator Bitter advised that question could be addressed at the Land Use Board meeting.
- ❖ Joyce Lovell, 382 Summit Avenue, asked if the Churches in town have been informed about the Beer Garden because of concerns they expressed during the planning stages of the 75th Anniversary Celebration.

COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY & DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- ❖ Councilman Packer asked Council Members and Borough Officials to get back to him about attending the Mayor's Dinner. Council President Ledrich advised that 10 door prizes are needed from each town.
- ❖ Clerk Helder addressed the possible date change for the May council meeting from May 8 to May 15. Clerk Helder also advised she's working on the 100 Year Celebration Calendar and needs dates for all 2014 events from the School, Fire Department, Lions Club, etc.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Packer and seconded by Councilman Rebel.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Christine A. Helder
CMC/Municipal Clerk

*Next meeting scheduled for April 10, 2013
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