

Borough Hall
Westville, N.J.
July 11, 2007

A regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael K. Galbraith on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Mayor advised that Sunoco Oil Company issued a letter regarding the fire today caused by lightening and suggested that everyone stay indoors due to possible contaminants in the air.

The Clerk advised that notice of this meeting had been duly advertised in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" by sending notice to the Gloucester County Times of Woodbury, N.J. and the Courier-Post of Camden, N.J.

The roll was called with all council members recorded present, with the exception of Mr. Baker.

The minutes of June 13, 2007 were approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for any comments on any agenda items, with the exception of the Environmental Commission Ordinance. There was none.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:

Mr. Dooley reported on the Independence Day Celebrations held on June 30, 2007, advising that everything went very well. The Mayor stated that the Public Works Department did an outstanding job getting the new park ready for the celebration. He thanked all the volunteers, office personnel, fire department and police department for their assistance.

On motion by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Dooley, the Reports of the Committees were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

An ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE DIBANDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** was given final reading in title. At this time, the Mayor read a letter he received from the Environmental

Commission and his reply to the Commission. He then addressed the letters printed in the Gloucester County Times and the involvement by the various council members in environmental issues. The Mayor asked Council Members for any comments regarding this matter.

Mr. Ledrich advised that the direction Council decided to go is for the betterment of the environmental situation in our town. Mr. Welsh agreed with Mr. Ledrich's comments. Mr. Dooley reiterated Mr. Welsh and Mr. Ledrich's comments stating that he feels this will be for the betterment of the town Mr. Pennington stated that he is sorry that comments sent to the Gloucester County Times couldn't have been addressed to the Governing Body instead. He understands it is a problem obtaining volunteers. Mrs. Rodgers stated that she investigated this matter, tried to get communications from all sides, and will address this matter during the public hearing. The Mayor opened the meeting up to the public at this time.

Lengthy discussion took place with the following persons speaking:

Joyce Lovell, 328 Summit Avenue stated that information requested from the Environmental Commission was delivered to council members.

Ron Svitak, 26 Oak Street, stated that he knows it is tough to get a quorum and it is very difficult to get volunteers.

Bill Brody, 1028 Broadway, advised that he has volunteered several times, and at no point has anyone asked him to help with anything. He was told to fill out an application for a volunteer located in the Borough Offices. He feels the Environmental Commission should stay as it is.

Susan Belski, 55 Edgewater Avenue, advised that she is also in favor of keeping the Environmental Commission intact. She also volunteered to be a member of the Environmental Commission.

Cheryl Reardon, a project manager for (ANJEC) Association of NJ Environmental Commissions stated that the most important matter is the well being of the community. She stated that it is very important that Environmental Commissions be autonomous from Council. She stated that you need residents acting totally separate from governing bodies to qualify for various projects. You need to advertise for volunteers on the Environmental Commission if you cannot get a quorum. She feels that the most important step that Westville needs to do is not to disband the Commission but to improve the Commission. She urged Council not to disband the Commission.

Joe Sasso, a project manager for the ANJEC, stated that there is no substitute for independent oversight by a group of citizens operating independently of any government entity. He knows of no community taking any steps to dissolve Environmental Commissions. ANJEC has tremendous access to environmental resources.

Susan Oslin, 704 Almonesson Avenue stated that she feels that communications between the Commission and Council does need to be worked on, but she feels that an autonomous organization should be kept.

Tim Chell, Solicitor, advised that ANJEC does administer a lot of grants, and that you must have an Environmental Commission to qualify the any ANJEC grant.

Marion Galbraith, 136 Walnut Street, asked how many grants have been received. Ms. Lovell advised that no ANJEC grant has been applied for, but the Commission has gotten grants from the DEP and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Board. She advised that the Environmental Commission is not a member of ANJEC, as there is an annual fee and the Commission was trying to save money. Mrs. Galbraith felt that there has to be accountability, and the lack of communications is the saddest part of this thing.

Chuck Robbins, 241 Maple Avenue, stated that it is Council's job to monitor the Environmental Commission.

Louanna Sills, 303 Edgewater Avenue discussed a former environmental organization that she belonged to. She urged Council not to take away the Environmental Commission, advising Council that she has had experience in the environmental field and volunteered her time to join the Environmental Commission.

Renee Koubianis, South Jersey Coordinator for the Citizens Campaign for a non-partisan organization dedicated to innovative government reform promoting citizen leadership throughout New Jersey urged support for the Westville Environmental Commission. She asked Council not to adopt said ordinance. She distributed a proposed model ordinance for Open Application Law and Public Directory of Appointed Municipal Positions.

Ron Svitak, 26 Oak Avenue, discussed the problem of constantly picking up trash in the Thomas West Park. He stated fish are caught, cut up and left to rot; turtles are being caught and sold to restaurants. Trash in the water and graffiti at the park are ongoing problems. He feels that someone is not doing their job. The Public Works Manager advised that they have no control over pushed trash cans being turned over and the Public Works Department picks up trash on a weekly basis. Mr. Svitak was reminded by the Mayor that this portion of the meeting was for a public hearing on the Environmental Commission Ordinance only.

Michael Cerrato, 111 Broadway, asked what was being done about the flooding problem on Delsea Drive. The Mayor advised that this is a tidal flooding problem that occurs continuously. Patricia Cerrato, 111 Broadway, feels that some of the flooding problem is due to storm sewer drains. She stated that the Environmental Commission should not be dissolved.

Cheryl Reardon, from ANJEC again urged that the Commission not be dissolved. Joe Sasso from ANJEC advised that there are paid professional/associate members to assistant

environmental commissions.

Fred Coleman, 120 West Avenue advised that three members from the Environmental Commission recently distributed leaflets found in mailboxes. Mr. Coleman stated that communication between the Commission and Council needs to be improved upon.

Susan Belski handed a list of volunteers to the Mayor. Mayor Galbraith advised that a volunteer form should be obtained from the Municipal Offices, filled out and returned. Mrs. Rodgers asked if this could be put on the web site. The Administrator advised that it could.

Stephanie Wilson, 17 Oak Avenue, advised that she has been a resident for one month and has already volunteered. She questioned why people who have been in town for some time were just now volunteering.

Joyce Lovell advised that little things have been done by the Commission. She stated a few issues, such as the floodgates at Lake Martha, which are not working properly, and the flooding at Broadway and Willow Drive continue. The pond needs dredging; grants can be applied for. Patricia (Antonelli) Cerrato stated the volunteer application should be put on the web site. The Administrator advised that the new web site is user friendly, www.westville-nj.com.

Virginia Horn, 111 Twedell Avenue advised that the dialogue here tonight is very important and she hopes that support for the existing Environmental Commission be taken into consideration.

Floss Packer, 530 River Drive, advised that she was a former member of the Environmental Commission. She advised that many meetings did not have enough members in attendance. She stated that she was unable to attend many meetings and volunteers must understand that it is an obligation, whether an ad hoc member or not. She advised that both Mr. Coleman and Ms. Lovell worked very, very hard, and they dedicated a lot of time to this Commission. She advised that the GIS project was never fully completed. She asked Mrs. Rodgers if she had ever attended an Environmental Commission meeting. Mrs. Rodgers stated she has not. Mrs. Packer advised that the Environmental Commission has no authority to do anything without the Governing Body's support.

With no further comment being heard or received, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Ledrich asked where all the volunteers have been. He felt that a lot of good things had been brought up tonight. He recommended tabling the ordinance at this time, without disbanding the Environmental Commission. On motion by Mr. Ledrich, seconded by Mr. Dooley, the ordinance was tabled by a roll call vote of 4 ayes, and 1 nay by Mr. Welsh.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter from the Library Board President recommending Library Trustee appointments of Janet Lesko and Sharon Trabold were discussed. On motion by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mrs. Rodgers, the appointments were confirmed by unanimous roll call vote.

A resolution "Crediting Water Account #71-0 for \$51.64 Due to a Water Meter Reading Error" was on motion by Mr. Dooley, seconded by Mr. Pennington, approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Res. Bk. 18, Pg. 66-07).

A resolution "Supporting Renewal of the Garden State Preservation Trust" was on motion by Mr. Ledrich, seconded by Mr. Welsh, approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Res. Bk. 18, Pg. 67-07).

A resolution "Adjusting an Appealed Assessment for Block 91, Lot 3" was on motion by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mrs. Rodgers, approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Res. Bk. 18, Pg. 68-07).

A resolution "Requesting Approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Developer Escrow Funds" was on motion by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Pennington, approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Res. Bk. 18, Pg. 69-07).

A request from Fieldstone Associates to erect a 15' by 9' sign on Borough owned property, within the redevelopment area on Block 30, Lot 2 (105 Broadway) was discussed. On motion by Mr. Dooley, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the request was approved by a roll call vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay by Mrs. Rodgers.

The Mayor appointed Ronald J. Finucane, III, Matthew J. Kirschner, Sean K. McKinney and Bryan F. Sims as Clean Communities workers effective 7/9/07, and Joe Jones effective 6/25/07. On motion by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mrs. Rodgers, the appointments were confirmed by unanimous roll call vote.

The lease of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicle was discussed. On motion by Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Pennington, authorization was given to lease the vehicle by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from the NJDEP regarding Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Remediation Upgrade Closure Fund (UST) was received.

A letter and resolution from Monroe Township regarding a needed amendment to the Abbott Burke court ruling regarding reduction in N.J. property taxes was received.

A letter from Clearwire US, LLC regarding an application for a waiver of a site plan for use variance relief at 605 Ryan Avenue and notice of a public hearing to be held on July 9, 2007 was received.

A letter and resolution supporting the Assembly Republican Budget Plan Property Tax Relief was received.

A letter from Friends of Addiction Recovery New Jersey was received regarding National Alcohol Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

MONIES COLLECTED BY THE CLERK:

Rent	\$	780.00
Police Reports		56.00
Xerox Copies		2.50
Notary		.50
Club Liquor License Renewal		153.00
ABC Liquor License Renewals		10,015.00
District Election Board Pay		4,125.00
Interest		<u>46.70</u>
Total	\$	15,178.70

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

LIST OF BILLS:

<u>VCH.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
541	CHRISTINE A. HELDER, PETTY CASH	81.26
542	A & M PRODUCTS	1,250.39
543	ANTHONY & SONS FENCING	21,010.00
544	AVAYA, INC.	27.88
545	AUTOZONE, INC.	17.25
546	KRISTEN BARRY	50.00
547	ROBERT P. BECKER, JR., ESQ.	2,022.18
548	BROADWAY ELECTRIC SUPPLY	2,539.28
549	BUD'S AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR	105.38
550	BURLINGTON PATCH CO.	642.00
551	A. B. CAMPBELL LOCK & SAFE	110.00
552	CARR'S HARDWARE	67.86
553	DE LAGE LEN FINANCE SERVICES	899.00

554	STEPHEN FOX CONCRETE	7,000.00
555	GALL'S, INC.	780.25
556	GLOUCESTER COUNTY TIMES	203.00
557	GLOUCESTER COUNTY CLERK	311.36
558	GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY	685.24
559	GLOUCESTER COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY	120.00
560	GLOUCESTER COUNTY MULCH FACTORY	1,128.50
561	HERITAGE FLAG & BANNER, INC.	1,474.00
562	LAUREL LAWNMOWER SERVICE	12.10
563	LAWN MOWER PARTS, INC.	3.69
564	LAWN MEDIC	1,300.00
565	JUAN LEONOR	201.65
566	LOWES	17.88
567	MERCHANTVILLE OVERHEAD DOOR	524.27
568	MET LIFE SMALL BUSINESS CENTER	2,226.37
569	MGL FORMS-SYSTEMS	723.00
570	MINOLTA CORPORATION	130.63
571	MONARCH DECALS	136.47
572	MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICES	406.00
573	NICOTRA'S AUTO SERVICE	848.00
574	N.J. RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION	200.00
575	PAULSBORO PRINTERS	2,272.10
576	PAYCHEX, INC.	245.22
577	PEDRONI FUEL CO.	1,522.87
578	PITNEY-BOWES	295.00
579	PSE&G	7,059.09
580	ROCK PRODUCTS	520.70
581	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	209.46

<u>VCH.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
582	TRICOJIF	129,657.08
583	TRUCK SERVICE PARTS WAREHOUSE	31.58
584	VERIZON	1,557.30
585	VOSS SIGNS	145.00
586	WEST GROUP	176.00
587	WESTVILLE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS	1,000.00
588	WESTVILLE WATER DEPARTMENT	420.40
589	WORK'N GEAR	150.99
590	DURNING STRING BAND	1,000.00
591	GLOUCESTER CITY OLD TIMERS	600.00
592	CHRISTINE A. HELDER	1,000.00
593	LISA HELDER	200.00

594	STEVEN PETTIT	250.00
595	SPOTS BEFORE YOUR EYES ENTERTAINMENT	600.00
596	RON TESSING, JR.	800.00
597	CHRISTINE A. HELDER, PETTY CASH	3.69
598	ABOVE ALL ENGRAVING	40.50
599	ANGELINI, VINIAR & FREEDMAN	2,025.00
600	AVAYA FINANCIAL SERVICES	14.64
601	BELLMAWR TRUCK REPAIR, INC.	27.95
602	CARR'S HARDWARE	23.34
603	CIT TECHNOLOGY FINANCE SERVICES	148.00
604	CITICORP VENDOR FINANCE, INC.	338.00
605	EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	852.32
606	JANET H. ESPOSITO	50.00
607	CHARLES A. FIORE, ESQ.	748.09
608	FORD MOTOR CREDIT CO-MUNICIPAL	1,589.50
609	GALL'S, INC.	476.00
610	GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	202,437.28
611	GAZEBO CREATIONS	10,975.00
612	GILBARCO, INC.	175.00
613	GLOUCESTER COUNTY MUNICIPAL JUDGES ASSOCIATION	50.00
614	GLOUCESTER COUNTY MULCH FACTORY	427.50
615	JENKINS PRINTERS	120.00
616	LAWNMOWER PARTS, INC.	87.90
617	LOWES	434.27
618	W. B. MASON CO., INC.	258.00
619	MC SYSTEMS OF N.J., INC.	324.00
620	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	24.50
621	MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	294.50
622	NICOTRA'S AUTO SERVICE	529.00
623	NISSAN MOTOR ACCEPTANCE CORP.	222.43
624	PAYCHEX, INC.	225.72
625	PEDRONI FUEL CO.	1,061.80
626	PNC BANK	185.00
627	POLSKY'S RETAIL	174.59
628	PRICKETT NURSERY	1,470.75
629	PSE&G	282.29
630	ROCK PRODUCTS, INC.	150.50
631	PHILIP ROSENAU CO., INC.	22.50
632	TIMOTHY D. SCAFFIDI, ESQ.	271.67
633	SIRCHIE	93.53
634	GARY D. THOMPSON, ESQ.	341.00
635	VERIZON WIRELESS	877.15
636	WESTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION	178,200.50

637	WESTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT	24,133.63
638	WILDFLOWERS	75.00
639	WINZINGER, INC.	30.00
640	WOODRUFF ENERGY	303.48
641	WORK'N GEAR	68.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

<u>VCH.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
153	WESTVILLE POST OFFICE	429.94
154	CHRISTINE A. HELDER, PETTY CASH	360.00
155	WESTVILLE POST OFFICE	416.13
156	CARR'S HARDWARE, INC.	77.47
157	GEORGE S. COYNE CHEMICAL CO.	1,727.80
158	CUSTOM ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY	995.00
159	HACH CO.	32.15
160	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	549.60
161	OCEANPORT INDUSTRIES, INC.	1,672.54
162	MC SYSTEMS, INC.	41.20
163	PSE&G	5,079.97
164	RIO SUPPLY, INC.	3,109.90
165	TRICOJIF	4,459.92
166	USA BLUEBOOK	478.94
167	BUCKMAN'S, INC.	745.18
168	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	24.98
169	CHRISTINE A. HELDER, PETTY CASH	474.77
170	BUCKMAN'S, INC.	847.38
171	HACH COMPANY	776.45
172	KEI ENGINEERING, INC.	413.75
173	LAWNMOWER PARTS, INC.	9.95
174	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	24.50
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WATER DEPARTMENT

<u>VCH.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
175	SELECT BUSINESS FORMS, INC.	1,190.00
176	STATE OF N.J. - PWT	504.84
177	USA BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	9,476.32
178	VERIZON WIRELESS	88.85

TRUST OTHER/FIELDSTONE

<u>VCH.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TOF-4	WESTVILLE CURRENT ACCOUNT	892.50
TOF-5	BACH ASSOCIATES, PC	105.00

CAPITAL

<u>VCH.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
C-9	THE CIT GROUP/COMMERCIAL SERVICES	2,660.00
C-10	L&A ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALTIES, INC.	4,365.00

DOG TAX TRUST

<u>VCH.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
DTT-7	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	1.40

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Susan Belski, 55 Edgewater Avenue, thanked Mrs. Rodgers for doing a good job.

Patricia Cerrato, 109 & 111 Broadway, asked what the purpose of the Fieldstone signs was and would the signs stay there for the lifetime of the project. The Mayor advised that they would stay there for the life of the project. Mr. Welsh advised that they were only informational.

Joyce Lovell thanked Mayor and Council for tabling the Ordinance Disbanding the Environmental Commission at this time.

Fred Coleman, 107 Maple Avenue, (Secretary, Environmental Commission) read a letter of response he received from the Mayor regarding his recent letter asking if the Environmental Commission could do anything to alleviate the recurring flooding of the area at Broadway and Willow and also Highland Avenue. The Mayor advised that the Borough is already proceeding with an infiltration study to help alleviate these problems. He then asked for clarification regarding the sanitary sewer system. Public Works Manager Domico advised him that the engineering has been done for this project. The Borough is waiting to finalize, advertise for bids and is looking into a low interest loan from the State. The Administrator reported that the Borough is in Phase I (initial study), and negotiations are taking place with the State. A copy of the plans are at the Borough Hall.

Bill Brody of 1028 Broadway asked if the contract with Fieldstone was approved. The Administrator advised him that the contract was approved, however not signed. The Administrator advised that the contract with Fieldstone has been approved, but not signed. Mr. Brody also asked where Fieldstone would be getting water from since the water rates have gone up. Public Works Manager Domico answered his question.

Michael Cerrato, 109 and 111 Broadway, asked why a Fieldstone sign, which is a private company be allowed to place a commercial sign on Borough property. The Mayor advised that this is a partnership between Fieldstone and the Borough. He then asked if Fieldstone would provide money for being allowing to place the sign on Borough property. He felt that this is not proper. The Administrator advised that the sign would be announcing a private/public partnership for redevelopment.

Virginia Horn, 111 Twedell Avenue questioned the term partnership, asking if this was a legal term or a title.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mrs. Rodgers commented on the Environmental Commission.

Public Works Manager advised that Well #5 is back on line. The project on River Drive has started, should take approximately four (4) weeks.

A resolution regarding an "Executive Session to Discuss Certain Personnel Matters and Purchase/Lease of Property" was on motion by Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Welsh, approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Res. Bk. 18, Pg. 70-07).

The meeting was recessed at 9:55 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:21 p.m.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn carried at 10:22 p.m.

**Christine A. Helder
MUNICIPAL CLERK**