

**BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE**  
Regular Council Meeting  
114 Crown Point Road  
January 14, 2009

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, Pennington, Muhlbaier, Rebel and Murtaugh.

Also present were: Administrator Bittner, Solicitor Alice, Municipal Clerk Helder, Police Chief Lederer, Public Works Manager Domico and Housing Official Wasson.

The minutes of the December 29, 2008 Council meeting and the Reorganization meeting held on January 4, 2009 were approved on motion by Councilman Rebel and a second was made by Councilman Baker. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Joyce Lovell, 328 Summit Avenue, thanked Mayor and Council on behalf of the Environmental Commission for their support and encouragement during the year. She thanked them for their active participation on ‘Earth Day’ and ‘Make a Difference Day’ by collecting trash. She thanked the Public Works crew for collecting needed empty rain barrels. She complimented Virginia Horn for preparing the Environmental Commission’s 2008 Annual Report. She also thanked Marie Callaghan for her excellent maintenance of the minutes. She then advised that April 19, 2009 will be ‘Earth Day’ this year for picking up trash.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** of Petroni & Associates, as Municipal Accountants ~ Councilman Pennington made a motion to approve the contract for and a second was made by Councilman Ledrich. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION #26-2009** Authorizing a K-9 Program in the Police Department. (Res. Bk. 19) *Councilman Ledrich made a motion to approve the resolution, and a second was made by Councilman Murtaugh. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

**RESOLUTION #27-2009** Appointing William E. Whinna, IV as Emergency Management Coordinator (term expiring January, 2010), and William J. Bittner, Jr. as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. (Res. Bk. 19) *Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the resolution, and a second was made by Councilman Pennington. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

**RESOLUTION #28-2009** Approving a Contract for Professional Services for a random drug and alcohol testing program with Conner Strong Risk Control. (Res. Bk. 19) Councilman Muhlbaier asked if this program covered all employees. This matter was discussed by the Administrator who advised that this program is more focused on employees who drive vehicles. The Police must use the attorney general's office for testing, and the Public Works Manager advised that CDL drivers are covered by federal law. *Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the resolution and contract and a second was made by Councilman Pennington. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

**CONTRACT WITH EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, Inc.** ~ for the 2009 Application Software Support Agreement. *Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the Agreement, and a second was made by Councilman Murtaugh. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

**RESOLUTION #29-2009** Crediting Water Account #133-0, 415 Highland Ave., due to a water meter reading error. (Res. Bk. 19). *Councilman Ledrich made a motion to approve the resolution and a second was made by Councilman Muhlbaier. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. The 2008 Annual Report from the Tax Collector was received.
2. The 2008 Annual Report from the Environmental Commission was received.
3. A letter from the NJ Department of Community Affairs regarding Sharing Available Resources Efficiently Grant (SHARE) was received.
4. A flier and a request from Deptford Skating Rink regarding a Summer Program were received. The Mayor recommended supporting their Program.
5. A letter from Marilyn L. Snyder, 709 Broadway, regarding a utility bill was discussed.

The Public Works Manager advised that Ms. Snyder had been notified several times that a water meter reading was necessary and she did not respond to this request. The water was not turned off as there are tenants involved. *Councilman*

*Baker made a motion to credit Ms. Snyder for funding that she has paid towards her water bill and the remaining part of the bill, she would be responsible for.*

**COMMUNICATIONS:** (Continued)

*Councilman Mublbaier made a second, which was approved by unanimous roll call vote. A letter from the water/sewer clerk will be sent adjusting her bill.*

6. A letter and resolution from the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders Authorizing and Directing the Gloucester County Improvement Authority to undertake the Re-procurement of Resource Recovery Services in Gloucester County was received.

7. A thank you letter from Grace Williams was received.

**MONEY COLLECTED BY THE CLERK:**

Notary Fees	\$ .50
Rent	\$900.00
Amusement Games	\$320.00
District Election Board	\$4,125.00
Pay	
<u>Police Reports</u>	<u>\$85.51</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,431.01</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 bill, and a second was made by Councilman Murtaugh. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

*Councilman Pennington made a motion to pay the bill and a second was made by Councilman Mublbaier. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 1 abstention by Councilman Rebel.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Joyce Lovell, 328 Summit Avenue, commented on recommended revisions of the Master Plan. Councilman Pennington and Administrator Bittner discussed this matter. The Administrator advised that Wheelabrator has significant land that can be developed, but most of the land is located in West Deptford Township. This matter was discussed at length and will be looked into further.

COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY & DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Councilman Baker and Councilman Ledrich thanked the Environmental Commission for all their efforts and work.

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COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY & DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Continued)

Tax Collector Helder advised that the PTR Program (Property Tax Reimbursement Program) has increased the income limit to \$60,000 for residents eligible.

Councilman Murtaugh advised that he would like a letter sent to Assemblyman Roberts and Senator Redd requesting that they all meet with the NJDOT at Rt. #45 and Rt. #130N. There seems to be an accident there once a week, and he would like to see Rt. #130 made into a single land and Rt. #45 made into a single lane and come into traffic where there is no stopping for merging. He would like to have the streets reworked around the school as illegal parking is done there all the time. The Police Chief discussed this matter. Hopefully, a plan will be developed in the near future, as the parents do not pay attention to the regulations. He then discussed community service program and stated that he would like to see our program similar to that of Woodbury's. He then recommended that the Clerk send another letter to the Gloucester County Board of Election Commissioners again, requesting that all districts in Westville use one voting place.

The Administrator advised that he is looking into various locations for cameras ~ soccer fields, downtown, Lion's Den and Little League fields. Cameras are permissible, but not sound. This could be a virtual town watch. The Solicitor advised that he heard of an incident where no one was monitoring the camera and a lawsuit came back to the town. This matter will be looked into by the Solicitor.

Mayor Welsh advised that he received a thank you note from the Whinna Family for flowers sent on behalf of the governing body for the birth of their son. He then advised that he received a letter from Schileen's Pub regarding vandalism, low tree branches and lighting.

The next "Town Watch" meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2009, at Parkview School at 7:00 p.m. Donna Carrelli advised that she is still waiting for news from a grant that was applied for "Town Watch" signs. This will be looked into by the Borough. Mayor Welsh then thanked the Environment Committee for all their work.

RESOLUTION #30-2009 Approving an Executive Session ~ (Res. Bk. 19) *Councilman Pennington made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilman Ledrich seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.*

The meeting was recessed at 8:19 p.m. for the Executive Session and reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting carried at 9:04 p.m., with no further business to come before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

**Christine A. Helder**  
**Municipal Clerk**