

BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council
114 Crown Point Road
March 25, 2008**

A regular meeting was called to order by Council President Welsh 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:

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Baker, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Muhlbaier, Councilman Pennington and Councilwoman Rodgers.

Absent – Mayor Galbraith

Also Present were:

Administrator Bittner, Clerk Helder, Police Chief Lederer and Public Works Manager Domico, Housing Official Bruce Wasson, Engineer Norman Rodgers.

Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2008:

A motion was made by Councilman Welsh to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2008, with one correction noted. A second motion was made by Councilwoman Rodgers. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

No comment from the public.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:

Councilman Welsh advised that Councilman Baker requested he be included in the pre-construction meeting for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, and he was not invited.

Discussion on police overtime and safety for contractors for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project took place.

Councilman Welsh stated that a meeting should be held soon to discuss July 4th Celebration scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2008.

A motion was made by Councilman Pennington to approve the Reports of the Committees. A second motion was made by Councilwoman Rodgers and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Engineer Rodgers (came in at this time) discussed his report submitted, including the pre-construction meeting on the project for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #43-08 regarding 2007 Appropriation Reserves Transfers.
(Res. Bk. 18)

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

Roll Call – In Favor:

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Baker, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Muhlbaier, Councilman Pennington and Councilwoman Rodgers.

RESOLUTION #44-08 Memorializing the Approval of the Police Contract for Years 2008 through 2001. (Res. Bk. 18)

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

Roll Call – In Favor:

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Baker, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Muhlbaier, Councilman Pennington and Councilwoman Rodgers

RESOLUTION #45-08 Opposing the Failure of the Governor's Proposed State Budget for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year to Treat Property Tax Relief as our Priority.
(Res. Bk. 18)

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

Roll Call – In Favor:

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Baker, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Muhlbaier, Councilman Pennington and Councilwoman Rodgers.

An ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PER N.J.S. 40A:4-53 FOR \$20,000 FOR CODIFICATION** was given first reading in title.

A motion to approve the ordinance on first reading was made by Councilwoman Rodgers and a second by Councilman Muhlbaier. 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 April 9, 2008.

Roll Call Vote – In Favor:

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Baker, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Muhlbaier, Councilman Pennington and Councilwoman Rodgers.

An ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 113 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** was given first reading in title.

The Engineer reported on the necessity of sending the plans to the NJDOT for their approval. This matter was discussed.

A motion to approve the ordinance on first reading was made by Councilman Pennington and a second by Councilman Baker. 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 April 9, 2008.

Roll Call – In Favor:

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Baker, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Muhlbaier, Councilman Pennington and Councilwoman Rodgers.

A letter from TRICOJIF regarding the 2007 Safety Incentive Program was discussed. On a recommendation of the CFO, the Safety money, due the Borough will be received by check.

A motion was made by Councilman Baker and a second by Councilman Welsh to receive these monies by check. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Roll Call – In Favor:

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Baker, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Muhlbaier, Councilman Pennington and Councilwoman Rodgers.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection awarding the Borough \$5,036.65 for the 2008 Clean Communities.
2. Correspondence from Cozen O’Conner Attorneys providing Public Notice of hearings scheduled for Petition of NJ American Water Company for approval of increased tariff rates and charges for water and sewer service.

BILLS & VOUCHERS:

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

A motion was made by Councilman Baker and a second by Councilman Muhlbaier to pay the bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Roll Call – In Favor:

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Baker, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Muhlbaier, Councilman Pennington and Councilwoman Rodgers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment from the public.

COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY & DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Councilman Ledrich advised that he has received many requests for use of the various ball fields. Because our fields are maintained by our volunteers, he recommends that use of the ball fields be limited.

Councilman Baker recommended that a discussion for possible water allocation transfer with Brooklawn be on the next agenda.

RESOLUTION #46-08 for an Executive Session to Discuss Protection of Public Safety and Property.

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

Roll Call Vote – In Favor:

Councilman Welsh, Councilman Baker, Councilman Ledrich, Councilman Muhlbaier, Councilman Pennington and Councilwoman Rodgers.

The meeting was recessed at 8:06 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilwoman Rodgers and a second by Councilman Ledrich, having no further business to discuss. Motion to adjourn carried at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Helder
Municipal Clerk