

**BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**114 Crown Point Road**  
**November 25, 2008**

A regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Russell W. 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, Councilmembers: Ledrich, Baker, Rebel, Muhlbaier, and Pennington.

Absent:

Councilmember Rodgers.

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

Mayor Welsh gave the Oath of Office to John Massing, SLEO, Class II Officer. A round of applause was then given.

Police Chief Lederer advised that he is very glad to have Mr. Massing aboard.

The minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting, excluding the Executive Session minutes, were approved on motion by Councilman Pennington and a second by Councilman Ledrich. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:

Councilman Muhlbaier questioned the Sewer Report. Public Works Manager Domico discussed this matter, advising that the gallonage was average for that time period as compared with the year 2007.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Proposal from Consulting Engineer Services regarding the GIS Map of Water Distribution System was discussed by the Public Works Manager and Administrator. Councilman Ledrich made a motion to approve the Required by Detailed Report Proposal and a second was made by Councilman Rebel. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Applications for 2009 Bingo Licenses for St. Anne's Church Altar & Rosary Society (BA-404), St. Anne's Church (BA-405) and St. Anne's Church P.T.A. (BA-406) were approved on motion by Councilman Muhlbaier and a second by Councilman Baker. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Ledrich and a second by Councilman Rebel to approve a Contract Agreement with Curb Con, Inc. for the Base Bid of \$63,224.60 for Roadway Improvements to Intersections on High Street, effective November 21, 2008. Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An invitation from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to a Public Information Session regarding Land Use Rules and Regulations at the Gloucester County Offices of Government Services, 1200 N. Delsea Dr., Clayton on Dec. 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. was received. Councilman Baker will attend this meeting.
2. A letter from the N.J. Department of Law and Public Safety regarding 2008 Body Armor Replacement Fund Program Award of \$982.90 was received. Police Chief Lederer advised that we will be receiving one additional vest because of the addition of National Park's Police Department.
3. A letter from the Gloucester County Utilities Authority regarding the Annual Estimated Usage for Fiscal Year 2009 was received.
4. A letter from the Gloucester County Utilities Authority regarding Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Operating Budget and Rate Schedule was discussed.
5. A notice from the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders regarding the Proposed Sale of 6 Blackwood-Barnsboro Road, Mantua Twp., was received.
6. Councilman Baker advised that he attended a conference regarding the revamp for inspections of DEP contaminated sites.

#### LIST OF BILLS:

Councilman Pennington asked what the bill for D.J. Excavating was for. The Public Works Manager advised that this was for rental of trucks to dispose of pond excavation debris.

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

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lisa Rebel, 444 Highland Ave., volunteered to assist the Celebration of Public Events Committee.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT FROM GOVERNING BODY & DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Councilman Muhlbaier asked when Curb Con was starting the High Street project. The Public Works Manager advised that they are supposed to start on Friday, and it should be a two day process. She suggested that they start on Duncan Ave. Councilman Muhlbaier then wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Police Chief Lederer thanked the Governing Body for sponsoring the Special Officer. He advised that extra patrols will be out for the Thanksgiving holiday, as Thanksgiving time is one of the busier holidays for the Police Department.

Housing Official Wasson wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman-elect Murtaugh discussed the Town Watch Committee. He discussed the clutter problem in the Woodbine Apartments at 206-208 Broadway which the Fire Department took care of.

Councilman Muhlbaier also discussed the Town Watch, advising that he is setting up an e-mail list soon for that Committee.

Alan Hirschfeld gave an update on the underground storage tank problem. He advised that the remediation system should be up and running as soon as PSE&G finishes up with the electric. The next step will be to get the NJDEP Site Specific Standards. Paul Bauer of the NJDEP has stated that the Borough has off-site contamination. Financial assistance is still being looked into for this clean-up. Councilman Baker stated that our goal is to get this cleaned up and behind us, and the Borough does not have the resources to do this.

Mayor Welsh passed out several flyers for the Christmas tree lighting on December 5, 2008.

Mayor Welsh advised that he ran into Donna Carrelli, and the next Town Watch meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>. He further advised that he is planning on opening up the Mayor's office for two hours every several weeks so that residents can stop in with their concerns. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

RESOLUTION #127-2008 Appointing John Massing as Special Officer II. (Res. Bk. 19)

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

RESOLUTION #128-2008 Approving an Executive Session to discuss certain Police Personnel Matters. (Res. Bk. 19)

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

RESOLUTION #129-2008 Creating the Position of Sergeant within the Police Department to assist with the newly combined Police Department with National Park, effective November 25, 2008. (Res. Bk. 19)

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

The meeting was recessed at 8:28 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn carried at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Helder  
Municipal Clerk