

BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE

Special Council Meeting
165 Broadway
August 28, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Mayor Welsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Clerk read the public notice and roll call was taken, with the following persons in attendance:

Mayor Russell W. Welsh, Jr., Council President Michael O. Ledrich, Council Members: Paul C. Mailley, Charles D. Murtaugh, Bruce Nordaby, Fritz H. Sims, Jr., Deputy Clerk Kathleen Carroll, Administrator Ryan J. Giles, Chief William Whinna, Lt. Michael Packer and Solicitor Shannon Cornelius.

Absent: Councilwoman Donna Moan

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: No comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of:

- ❖ **Ordinance No. 10-2017 - Amending Chapter 373, Section 37, Schedule IX, Stop Intersections of the Code of the Borough of Westville (Vehicles and Traffic) (In Title Only)**
A Motion to table Ordinance No. 10-2017 to enable the Borough Engineer to conduct a town-wide traffic study, specific to speed bumps and stop signs, was made by Councilman Murtaugh and seconded by Councilman Nordaby. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*
- ❖ **RESOLUTION NO. 124-2017 - Person to Person Transfer of a Liquor License from Babalouie Enterprises (Tower Tavern) located at 32 River Drive to BC Restaurant Enterprises, LLC.**
A motion to approve Resolution No. 124-2017 was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Nordaby. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*
- ❖ **RESOLUTION NO. 125-2017 - Authorizing the Issuance of a New License for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 License Terms for License No. 0821-33-001-004 Issued to G.A.N.T. Associates, Inc. (Gateway Diner)**
Administrator Giles explained the reason for the Resolution was because the Gateway Diner had not renewed their license starting 2015 and thru 2017 so they were required to pay Borough and State fees for those years as well as fees for 2017-2018 in order to be current. A motion to approve Resolution No. 125-2017 was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Nordaby. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

❖ **RESOLUTION NO. 126-2017 – Authorizing Issuance of the 2017-2018 Retail Liquor License for G.A.N.T. Associates (Gateway Diner)**

A motion to approve Resolution No. 126-2017 was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Nordaby. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

❖ **Discussion took place regarding appropriating money within an existing Bond to another project.**

A motion to authorize Administrator Giles to speak with CFO Bruno to appropriate \$75,000 from an existing Bond to a new project was made by Councilman Nordaby and seconded by Councilman Murtaugh. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

PUBLIC PORTION:

- ❖ Joyce Lovell, 328 Summit Avenue, asked what the \$75,000 was for and Administrator Giles confirmed the money was originally allocated for the Olive Street and Broadway traffic light but those funds will not cover the cost of replacing the light so the money will be allocated for safety related items throughout the town.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- ❖ Deputy Clerk Carroll advised Mayor and Council of an upcoming event to be held at the Community Center in October. The event is a Town Hall meeting opened to District 5 residents that will be hosted by elected officials.
- ❖ Councilman Murtaugh wished the new owners of the Tower Tavern good luck and offered best wishes to the individuals who sold the establishment.
- ❖ Chief Whinna advised he was meeting with members of the Fire Department regarding an Incident Accident Plan.
- ❖ Administrator Giles advised the Fire Department has requested that Mayor and Council permit installation of a fire hydrant outside the Fire House at a cost of \$10,000 and asked for authorization to move forward with the request because the hydrant could be installed on Wednesday. Councilman Murtaugh provided additional information regarding the location and need for the fire hydrant.

A motion to authorize Administrator Giles to talk with the Utilities Company to install the Fire Hydrant was made by Councilman Mailley and seconded by Council President Ledrich.
Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Council President Ledrich
Councilman Mailley
Abstain: Councilman Murtaugh
Councilman Nordaby
Councilman Sims

Because of the cost savings and fairness to the taxpayers, Councilman Murtaugh switched his vote from “abstain” to “yes”. *Motion to approve the installation of the Fire Hydrant, at the Fire House, was approved by a majority vote.*

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- ❖ Mayor Welsh welcomed the new owners of the Tower Tavern to town and wished the former owners good luck in their future endeavors.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Murtaugh and seconded by Councilman Nordaby. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

*Kathleen Carroll
Deputy Clerk*

Next Council meeting scheduled for September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.