

BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

165 Broadway

February 3, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Russell W. Welsh, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was taken to honor fallen Westville Police Officer Charles Duer who died while on duty by a drunk driver on January 31, 1932.

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., and Travis J. Lawrence. Deputy Clerk Kathleen Carroll, Administrator/Clerk Ryan J. Giles, Public Works Manager Martin Finger, Engineer Wayne Roorda, Police Chief William Whinna and Solicitor Timothy Scaffidi.

A motion to approve the Regular minutes of December 23, 2019, January 5, 2020 and January 20, 2020 was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Sims. *Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: No comments from the Public

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2019:

A motion to approve the reports, as submitted, was made by Councilwoman Moan seconded by Councilman Mailley. *The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.*

OLD BUSINESS: No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of:

- ❖ **ORDINANCE No. 1-2020** – Salary and Wage Ordinance of the Borough of Westville for 2020 (*title only*)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 1-2020 was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Mailley. *The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with Councilman Murtaugh and Councilman Sims abstaining from the vote.*

Introduction of:

- ❖ **ORDINANCE No. 2-2020** – Ordinance Amending Chapter 254, Peddling and Soliciting, Article II, Canvassing and Soliciting, in the Borough of Westville, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey (*title only*)

Introduction of:

- ❖ **ORDINANCE No. 3-2020** – Ordinance Amending Chapter 373, Vehicles and Traffic, Article XI, Schedules in the Borough of Westville, County of Gloucester State of New Jersey (*title only*)

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Introduction of:

- ❖ **ORDINANCE No. 4-2020** – Ordinance Amending Chapter 258, Property Maintenance in the Borough of Westville, County of Gloucester State of New Jersey (*title only*)

A motion to approve Ordinance Nos. 2, 3, and 4-2020 was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Mailley. *The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ **RESOLUTION No. 38-2020** – Authorizing the Tax Collector to issue a refund in the amount of \$1,458.08 to Christian Ruff for an overpayment made on the 3rd quarter 2019 taxes for block 31, lot 11 located at 135 Poplar Avenue

A motion to approve Resolution No. 38-2020 was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Mailley. *The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ **RESOLUTION No. 39-2020** – Authorizing the Mayor or Borough Administrator to sign the 2020 Service Agreement with MC Systems for the Pet Registration, MPAS (construction), Enforcer (code enforcement and rental registration) and Planning & Zoning yearly renewal

A motion to approve Resolution No. 39-2020 was made by Councilman Murtaugh and seconded by Councilman Lawrence. *The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ **RESOLUTION No. 40-2020** – Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Brooklawn for an Electrical Sub-Code Inspector (Administrator Giles reminded Council that this is the two year agreement to continue the services of the Electrical inspector)

A motion to approve Resolution No. 40-2020 was made by Councilman Mailley and seconded by Councilman Sims. *The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

- ❖ **APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 USED CAR LICENSE** (*fees have been paid and requests approved by both the Police and Fire Departments*)

- Aces Auto Sales (130 Gateway Boulevard)
- Broadway Auto Sales (137 Broadway)
- Pellegrino Chevrolet (1000 Gateway Boulevard)

A motion to approve the Used Car License for Aces Auto Sales, Broadway Auto Sales and Pellegrino Chevrolet was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Sims. *The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.*

APPOINTMENT OF A VOLUNTEER

- ❖ Appointment of Jeffrey Storms, Sr. to the Environmental Commission

A motion to approve the appointment was made by Councilman Murtaugh and seconded by Councilman Sims. *The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.*

Mayor Welsh congratulated and welcomed Mr. Storms on his appointment to the Environmental Commission

-----**CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS**-----

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BILLS & VOUCHERS: List of Bills: *(Posted in hallway)*

The Deputy Clerk advised that the list of bills was posted in hallway.

A motion to dispense with reading of the bills was made by Councilman Mailley and seconded by Councilman Nordaby. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

A motion to pay all bills and vouchers that were in order, was made by Council President Ledrich and seconded by Councilman Lawrence. *Motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

- ❖ Notice from American Water regarding their petition for increased tariff rates and charges for water and wastewater service

PUBLIC PORTION: (Individuals must state their name and address for the record and respect the five minute time limit while addressing the Governing Body. In order to be heard, individuals must go to the podium and speak into the microphone.)

- ❖ Joyce Lovell, 328 Summit Avenue asked if there was an update on the fate of the Gateway Diner. Administrator Giles advised he met with a representative from DOT (Department of Transportation) and found that the DOT is planning to hold another meeting to discuss their upcoming plans for the project. Administrator Giles confirmed the project may not start until 2023.
- ❖ Allison Dobbins, 271 Chestnut Street, voiced her concerns about the stop sign that was added to Chestnut Street and other traffic issues in that area that includes speeding and not stopping at stop signs. Chief Whinna and Public Works Manager Finger addressed her concerns about speeding and the signs. Ms. Dobbins inquired about handicap parking and Mayor Welsh advised requests should be submitted to Mayor and Council for review.

Public Works Superintendent Finger advised the stop sign at Chestnut Street was installed at first and then the sign at Elm Street will be installed later in the week.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- ❖ Administrator Giles advised some residents, who live on Delsea Drive, complained to him about the shaking of their houses due to Pioneer Pipe filling in the holes from the Water Main project. A brief discussion took place regarding damages that may have occurred to homes and that Administrator Giles would meet with the homeowners.
- ❖ Public Works Manager Finger confirmed demolition started on 235 Edgewater Avenue on Monday and advised he received three quotes for Fireworks which are about the same as the previous year but that the cost of the barge increased \$500. Public Works Manager Finger was advised to forward the Fireworks information to the Celebrations Committee. The date of June 27th is available from all three vendors to hold the Fireworks show.
- ❖ Engineer Roorda advised they received approval to start the CDBG project for ADA bathrooms at the soccer fields. Engineer Roorda provided general information on Borough projects.

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COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS: *(continued)*

- ❖ Councilman Nordaby stated he hopes the recently installed stop signs keeps residents safe
- ❖ Councilman Murtaugh advised he did listed to the January 20th work session CD

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Deputy Clerk read **RESOLUTION No. 41-2020** - Authorizing an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in Shared Services in Public Works and Redevelopment.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 41-2020 was made by Councilman Mailley and seconded by Councilman Nordaby. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

<i>Time In: 7:25 p.m.</i>

<i>Time Out: 8:29 p.m.</i>

- ❖ Motion to permit Tristan Rettig to opt out of the Medical Insurance plan was made by Councilman Nordaby and seconded by Council President Ledrich. *Motion unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council President Ledrich and second by Councilman Lawrence. *Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kathleen Carroll

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Deputy Municipal Clerk

Next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020