

BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

165 Broadway

February 18, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Fritz H. Sims, Jr. called the February 18, 2021 council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited

The Deputy Clerk read the notice. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given by notifying the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post and posting the meeting date on the official bulletin board of the Municipality and the municipal web site. Additional written Public Notice was given and printed in the South Jersey Times and uploaded to the Municipal web site regarding the public meeting format change from an in-person public meeting to a video/teleconference public meeting due to COVID-19.

Roll Call: Mayor Fritz H. Sims, Jr., Council Members: Donna M. Domico, Travis R. Lawrence, Charles D. Murtaugh, Bruce Nordaby, Paul C. Mailley and Timothy P. Young. Administrator/Municipal Clerk Ryan J. Giles, Deputy Clerk Kathleen Carroll, Public Works Manager Martin Finger, Engineer Jon Bryson, Police Chief William Whinna and Solicitor Timothy Scaffidi.

MEETING MINUTES: Meeting minutes from the January 21, 2021 regular meeting, January 21, 2021 Executive Session and the February 2, 2021 Work Session were approved by Councilman Nordaby and seconded by Councilwoman Domico. *Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.*

AUCTION:

Auction of Public Land for Block 48, Lot 15 (220 Broadway) was conducted by Solicitor Scaffidi and the property was sold to Harry Amanto for \$10,000. (Mr. Amanto submitted a \$1000. deposit in October 2020.)

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Motion to open the meeting to the public for agenda items only was made by Councilman Lawrence, seconded by Councilman Nordaby and his motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

As no one chose to address Council, Councilman Nordaby motioned to close the meeting to the public, Councilman Young seconded and his motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2021

A motion to approve the reports, as submitted, was made by Council President Murtaugh and seconded by Councilwoman Domico and her motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing:

(2nd Reading – Introduced January 21, 2021)

Ordinance No. 1-2021 – An Ordinance adopting revised Stormwater Management Control regulations for the Borough of Westville in accordance with the Tier A Municipal Stormwater permit requirements

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Young, seconded by Council President Murtaugh and his motion carried unanimously by voice vote

Hearing no comments from the public, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilwoman Domico and seconded by Councilman Young. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 1-2021 was made by Councilwoman Domico and seconded by Council President Murtaugh and the vote was as follows:

*Roll Call: Ayes – Council Members: Domico, Lawrence, Mailley, Murtaugh, Nordaby, Young
Nays – None
Motion Carried*

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Borough of Westville and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

(Motion to approve/deny all Resolutions listed under the Consent Agenda by Roll Call Vote)

RESOLUTION No. 43-2021– Authorizing Approval of Multiple Bill Lists (September 2020 through December 2020 and January 21, 2021) *(Council approved these bills for payment; however, due to meetings being held via ZOOM, council has been unable to physically sign the bill sheets. This resolution will take the place of council members signing the individual bill sheets.)*

RESOLUTION No. 44-2021 – Authorizing the appointment of Zachary Italian to the Land Use Board

RESOLUTION No. 45-2021 – Authorizing the appointment of Jeffrey Stefan to the Land Use Board

A motion to approve Resolutions No. 43-45, 2021 was made by Councilwoman Domico and seconded by Council President Murtaugh and the vote was as follows:

*Roll Call: Ayes – Council Members: Domico, Lawrence, Mailley, Murtaugh, Nordaby, Young
Nays – None
Motion Carried*

END CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes

NEW BUSINESS: *(continued)*

Introduction of:

Ordinance No. 2-2021 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 142, Section 5, Construction Code Fees, of the Code of the Borough of Westville (Administrator Giles provided a brief overview of the fee changes.)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2-2021 was made by Councilman Nordaby and seconded by Councilman Mailley and the vote was as follows:

*Roll Call: Ayes – Council Members: Domico, Lawrence, Mailley, Murtaugh, Nordaby, Young
Nays – None
Motion Carried*

Introduction of:

Ordinance No. 3-2021 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 197, Section 373-5 duties of owners and agents of the Borough of Westville Code Book (Administrator Giles briefly discussed the changes in the Ordinance.)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 3-2021 was made by Councilwoman Domico and seconded by Councilman Lawrence and the vote was as follows:

*Roll Call: Ayes – Council Members: Domico, Lawrence, Mailley, Murtaugh, Nordaby, Young
Nays – None
Motion Carried*

APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 USED CAR LICENSE *(fees have been paid and requests approved by both the Police and Fire Departments)*

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

A motion to approve the Used Car applications was made by Councilman Nordaby and seconded by Councilman Lawrence and the vote was as follows:

*Roll Call: Ayes – Council Members: Domico, Lawrence, Mailley, Murtaugh, Nordaby, Young
Nays – None
Motion Carried*

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

BILLS & VOUCHERS:

A motion to dispense with reading of the bills was made by Councilman Nordaby and seconded by Councilman Lawrence and his motion was approved by the entire counsel.

A motion to pay all bills and vouchers that were in order, was made by Councilman Nordaby and seconded by Councilman Lawrence and the vote was as follows:

*Roll Call: Ayes – Council Members: Domico, Lawrence, Mailley, Murtaugh, Nordaby, Young
Nays – None
Motion Carried*

Meeting Minutes

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications

PUBLIC PORTION:

Councilman Nordaby motioned to open the meeting to the public, Councilman Young seconded his motion that was approved by the entire Council.

- Bill Bittner, 317 Summit Avenue, asked about trees on River Drive and requested the bill list be posted on the web site.

Hearing no other comments, Councilman Nordaby motioned to close the meeting to the public, Councilman Mailley seconded his motion that was approved by the entire Council.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Administrator Giles advised the budget process has begun and he will be meeting with the Finance Committee and plans to introduce no later than April.

Engineer Bryson advised he received information from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) that the Borough has been approved to close out the Hazel Avenue project.

Council President Murtaugh stated he and Administrator Giles will be working on a contract for the Deptford Soccer league and discussed some of the upgrades the organization would like to make at their expense.

Councilman Lawrence talked about a Girl Scout project that would involve use of Thomas West Park on April 10 or 11, his meeting with the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce as well as his discussion with PSE&G regarding EV stations. Councilman Lawrence remarked on residents commenting on Facebook and encouraged them to speak out at meetings.

Councilwoman Domico expressed her opinion that council should focus less on public forum comments.

Mayor Sims advised there are 17 volunteers for the Town Watch Committee and provided an update on the committee. Mayor Sims also advised council on the status of the Flood Study with towns in Camden County and that he was expecting to sign a Shared Services Agreement.

Administrator Giles provided an update on the project to run a water line from Brooklawn to Westville under the route 47 bridge that will be funded by a grant.

Mayor Sims thanked all departments on their work during the recent snow storm.

Meeting Minutes

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilwoman Domico and seconded by Councilman Lawrence and his motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kathleen Carroll

Kathleen Carroll
Deputy Municipal Clerk

March meetings scheduled for:
Tuesday, March 2 (work session)
Thursday, March 18 (regular council meeting)