

APPROVED AS AMENDED: April 28, 2014

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
March 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: President Maher called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

This is to advise that the notice requirement provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given and transmitted to The Times and Princeton Packet; filed with the Clerk of the Municipality; and posted in the West Windsor Township Municipal Building at North Post and Clarksville Roads on January 3, 2014. The Closed Session was noticed on March 5, 2014 to the Princeton Packet and The Times.

ATTENDEES: President: Maher; Vice President: Geevers; Council: Borek; Mendonez; Samonte (arrived 6:40 p.m.); Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert; Labor Attorney: Ruderman (left 7:00 p.m.); Chief Financial Officer: Louth; Deputy Township Clerk: Huber

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session: Geevers

Second: Borek

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

___ Samonte (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

aye Maher

Ms. Huber read the closed session resolution into the record:

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

Whereas, the Township Council of West Windsor Township has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

Whereas, the regular meeting of this Township Council will reconvene; and

Whereas, the below stated subject matter shall be made available at such time as the issues discussed therein are resolved and its disclosure would not subvert any particular exception for convening a closed session.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Township Council of the Township of West Windsor will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: For the discussion of Union Contract Negotiations.

Meeting reconvened at: 7:12 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Huber led the salute to the flag.

Ms. Huber requested that Resolution 2014-R064 for the reappointment of Ms. Wang to the Affordable Housing Committee be deferred until the March 31, 2014 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, supports the budget being introduced this evening. He spoke about his research of the Faulkner Act, and asked if Council wants copies which he can provide for them. Mr. Church cautioned that with the return of energy receipts to municipalities the State will find new ways to tax residents.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, noted her support of the budget and commended Council and Administration on the process for 2014. She urged Council to vote for Resolution 2014-R073, and also noted her support for the appointment of Jen Ping Wang to the Affordable Housing Committee.

Ms. Bonnie Bivins, 7 Berkshire Drive, expressed her opposition to the closing of Old Bear Brook Road.

Mr. Kamal Khanna, 15 Millbrook Drive, thanked the Council and Administration for their support for cricket fields in West Windsor.

Mr. Pete Weale, 244 Fisher Place, suggested that the Township go out for a Request for Proposal for the Business Administrator's position.

Ms. Ilene Watrous, 131 Cranbury Road, expressed her thanks to Council and Administration for moving the Cranbury Road sidewalk improvements along, and requested more police presence in the area.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Ms. Schmid announced the schedule for the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders Budget meetings for 2014. She advised that Public Works is finishing Zone 2 debris pick-up and will be starting on Zone 3. Ms. Schmid reminded residents that if they hire a landscape contractor, they should remove the debris. She announced that the West Windsor Arts Council is conducting a Juried Art Exhibit featuring artists aged 13 to 33, starting Sunday, May 4th through Friday, June 27th.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Borek announced the passing of Chief Frank Cox. He noted that the Chief will be sorely missed.

Mr. Borek noted that with regard to Cranbury Road and police presence he travels the roadway several times a week and has seen the police on the roadway. Mr. Borek advised that tickets have been issued to speeders and have included residents who live on Cranbury Road. He announced that ten choir students from Village School will be competing in Atlanta, Georgia this week.

Ms. Samonte noted she also travels Cranbury Road and has seen police in the area on several occasions. She thanked the West Windsor Cricket Association for attending this evening's meeting and noted her support for the sport.

Mr. Mendonez thanked Mr. Church for his research on various Township matters and advised Ms. Bivins that Council values input from residents. He thanked Mr. Khanna and the West Windsor Cricket Association for their input on the cricket fields. Mr. Mendonez advised that he attended the West Windsor Pedestrian and Bicycle Alliance meeting and that the Environmental Commission will have a report on long-term utility rates for a future work session.

Ms. Geevers advised that she also attended a meeting with Ms. Samonte, the West Windsor Cricket Association, and members of the Township staff. She noted that funds were moved forward in the capital budget for this work to begin in 2015. Ms. Geevers noted her condolences to the family of Chief Cox. She urged residents to reduce their speed along Cranbury Road.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

President Maher advised that he was not personally in favor of the closure of Old Bear Brook Road. He noted that funds have been moved to the 2015 Capital budget for the cricket fields but that the Township has to complete the process. He noted that the Township is moving along on the Cranbury Road project.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2014-R063 Refund of Overpaid Property Taxes

2014-R065 Advice and Consent of the Reappointment of Drewe Schoenholtz as an Advisor on the Shade Tree Commission to Serve a One - Year Term to Expire on December 31, 2014

2014-R066 Authorizing the Appointment of William T. McGovern Esq. to Serve as Alternate I/Substitute Township Prosecutor for a Term of One Year

2014-R067 Authorizing the Appointment of Lyle P. Hough, Jr. Esq. to Serve as Alternate II/Substitute Township Prosecutor for a Term of One Year

2014-R068 Authorizing the Appointment of Alfred B. Vuocolo, Jr.
Esq. to Serve as Alternate III/Substitute Township
Prosecutor for a Term of One Year

MINUTES

January 27, 2014 - Closed Session
January 27, 2014 - Business Session
January 27, 2014 - Work Session
February 5, 2014 - Business Session as amended
February 18, 2014 - Closed Session

BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion to approve consent agenda as amended: Borek
Second: Geevers
RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2014-R069 Welcoming the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games and all
the Special Olympics Athletes and Volunteers to New
Jersey

2014-R070 Authorizing 2014 Emergency Temporary Appropriations

2014-R071 Authorizing the Use of Snow Removal Funds

2014-R072 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Contract
with Greenleaf Landscape Systems and Services Inc. for
2014 Public Lands Maintenance Cul-de-Sac Islands and
Street Tree Maintenance and Replacement - \$82,520.00

2014-R073 Authorizes and Consents to the Release and Termination
of the 1949 Restrictive Covenants Applicable to the
Property Owned by Ellsworth Realty Associates LLC

2014-R074 Granting the Request from RXR Realty for a Full Release of Performance Guarantees for Parking Lot Modifications at University Square-Banked Parking (PB88-25AM)

2014-R075 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff to Provide Engineering Services for the Project known as Grover's Mill Dam Biennial Inspection - \$9,628.00

Motion to approve Resolutions 2014-R069 through 2014-R075:

Samonte

Second: Borek

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

2014-02 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, CHAPTER 82-FEES, SECTION 82-15 "MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES, FEES AND PERMITS" - Rental of Schenck Farmstead

Motion to introduce: Borek

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

The Public Hearing will be held on March 31, 2014.

2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

2014-03 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Ms. Louth advised Council that this action is a planning tool for the Township and provides two functions: the first being the ability to increase the total cap to 3.5% if necessary; and the second is to bank the 2014 appropriation to be used if necessary in the 2015 or 2016 budget process. She reviewed the cap calculation within the 2014 budget document. Ms. Louth advised that she recommends that the ordinance be introduced.

Discussion ensued between Council and Ms. Louth regarding cap banking.

Motion to introduce: Borek

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geever

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

The Public Hearing will be held on April 28, 2014.

2014 BUDGET INTRODUCTION

Ms. Schmid advised that the budget before Council provides for the following: \$43,150 reduction in operating budget for 2014; increase in UCC revenues by \$225,000; use of \$189,529 of the fund balance which provides for no municipal tax increase for 2014.

President Maher inquired if the tax levy is the same as in 2013.

Ms. Louth advised that the tax levy is the same as in 2013.

Mr. Borek advised that Council will be watching the effects of these changes to the 2014 budget and noted that it can be adjusted next year. He acknowledged his approval of the proposed 2014 budget.

Ms. Samonte noted that each budget is unique and has to be reviewed for positive and negative effects. She advised that she supports the proposed budget which leaves the municipal portion of the tax bill the same as in 2013.

Mr. Mendonez thanked the public, staff, Ms. Schmid, and Ms. Louth for working together during the budget process.

Ms. Geevers thanked Administration for the open process and noted that Council received the goals and accomplishments from each department this year.

President Maher thanked the departments, Ms. Schmid, Ms. Louth, and Mr. Church for their work during the 2014 budget process. He noted that capital projects, which are already, funded need to be reviewed.

Motion to introduce: Geevers

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

The Public Hearing will be held on April 28, 2014.

2014-R076 Resolution Authorizing Local Examination of the 2014 Budget

Ms. Louth reviewed the Local Examination procedures and advised that the State reviews the municipal budget every third year.

Motion to approve: Borek

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Janet Lerner, 67 Rainflower Lane, requested clarification on the zero increase for the 2014 municipal budget.

Mr. Donald Watrous, 131 Cranbury Road, voiced his concerns with the request for the residents to remove their signage along Cranbury Road.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, thanked everyone for their hard work on the 2014 budget.

Mr. Paul Eland, 15 Coneflower Lane, made several suggestions on traffic calming actions for Cranbury Road.

Ms. Bonnie Bivins, 7 Berkshire Drive, voiced her concerns about trees partially down along Meadow Road between Bear Brook Road and Carnegie Center Blvd.

COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Samonte reported that the West Windsor Parking Authority and the Township are looking into a shared services agreement with the Township for computer services. She advised that the Parking Authority no longer has a waiting list for residents for parking permits.

Mr. Mendonez advised that he will be attending the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District budget meeting on March 25th and encouraged residents to attend the meeting.

Ms. Geevers requested that the Princeton Junction pocket park be reviewed at an upcoming work session.

President Maher advised that only \$2,500 in donations has been received to date for the pocket park. He asked Administration to step-up and create a park similar to the 9/11 Memorial.

President Maher advised that even if funds are not available through donations, he would rather appropriate funds than wait another three years to achieve the funding. President Maher advised that Mr. Weale has found a boulder at Trap Rock which could be used for the Grover Memorial.

Ms. Schmid advised that she will discuss the matter with Mr. Dobromilsky and Mr. Drummond.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Geevers
Second: Borek
VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township