

APPROVED: March 1, 2010

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
BUSINESS SESSION  
January 11, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: President Borek called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 December 22, 2009.

ATTENDEES: President: Borek; Vice President: Geevers; Council: Ciccone, Khanna, Morgan; Mayor: Hsueh; Business Administrator: Hary; Township Attorney: Herbert; Township Clerk: Young

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Gerda Duffy, 132 South Mill Road, voiced her support for those against the outsourcing of custodial and maintenance staff at the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District. She requested the Township Council to pass a resolution against the outsourcing.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, noted that Council should try to approve as close to a zero budget increase for 2010 as possible.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mr. Hary made the following announcements:

- H1N1 Clinic - Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Grover Middle School
- Rabies Clinic - Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Princeton Junction Volunteer Fire Company

Mr. Hary reported that on Christmas Day the Township's Emergency Services and Police personnel delivered a baby on Route One.

Mr. Hary advised that he has received a number of calls from residents complaining that too many bicycle and pedestrian signs were installed throughout the Township. He advised that Administration is reviewing the matter and will keep Council informed.

Mr. Hary briefed Council on the 2010 budget and advised that the state aid numbers will not be available until February. He advised that he anticipates delivery of the capital budget to Council shortly; however, the operating budget will not be delivered until the state aid numbers have been received.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Morgan passed out a draft of the political sign portion of the sign ordinance and advised that he is still working with area businesses to revise the commercial signage to include temporary sign requirements.

Ms. Ciccone advised that the Legislature recently passed legislation to allow non-partisan municipalities to move their May Municipal Elections to the November General Election and that currently it is on the Governor's desk for approval. She urged everyone in West Windsor to partake in the 2010 Census currently getting underway, and advised residents of heating assistance available to qualified individuals.

Ms. Geever announced that at the West Windsor-Plainsboro School Board meeting tomorrow discussion will continue on the possible outsourcing of maintenance personnel. She noted that the School Board has been in negotiations with the maintenance personnel for the past 18 months.

#### CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

President Borek voiced his displeasure with Council not receiving the budget in a timely fashion for their review and approval. He requested that if state aid numbers are not available shortly, Administration and the Mayor should present a budget to Council so that they can do their due diligence.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2010-R001 Authorizing Temporary Budget Appropriations for 2010

Mr. Herbert suggested that resolution 2010-R001 be voted on separately.

Motion to approve resolution 2010-R001: Morgan

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Morgan

aye Borek

2010-R002 Refund for Development Plan Review Project - ZB09-02

2010-R003 Refund of Overpaid Sewer Rent

2010-R004 Refund of Overpaid Property Taxes

2010-R005 Authorizing a Tax Sale for Calendar Year 2010

2010-R006 Authorizing the Cancellation of any Property Tax Refund or Delinquency Less than \$10.00

2010-R007 Establishing the Rate of Interest Charged on Delinquent Taxes and 6% Year End Penalty

2010-R008 Authorizing the Appointment of Richard Pizzo to the Human Relations Council to Fill a Two-Year Term to Expire on December 31, 2011

2010-R009 Authorizing the Appointment of Leah Brown to the Human Relations Council to Fill a Two-Year Term to Expire on December 31, 2011

2010-R010 Authorizing the Appointment of Negela Moaddeb to the Human Relations Council to Fill a One-Year Term to Expire on December 31, 2010

2010-R011 Authorizing the Reappointment of Razia Sayed to the Human Relations Council for a Two-Year Term to Expire on December 31, 2011

2010-R012 Authorizing the Reappointment of Kalyani Tallapragada to the Human Relations Council for a Two-Year Term to Expire on December 31, 2011

2010-R013 Authorizing the Reappointment of Jenny Lee to the Human Relations Council for a Two-Year Term to Expire on December 31, 2011

2010-R014 Authorizing the Reappointment of Barbara Edmonds to the Human Relations Council for a Two-Year Term to Expire on December 31, 2011

2010-R015 Authorizing the Reappointment of Roberta Schott to the Local Assistance Board for a Four-Year Term to Expire on December 31, 2013

2010-R016 Authorizing the Reappointment of Ralph Gerstein to the Local Assistance Board for a One-Year Term to Expire on December 31, 2010

2010-R017 Authorizing the Reappointment of Anna Gostomski as Advisor to the Local Assistance Board for a One-Year Term to Expire on December 31, 2010

MINUTES

November 9, 2009 - Agenda Session as amended  
November 23, 2009 - Business Session

BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion to approve Resolutions 2010-R002 through 2010-R017,  
Minutes and Bills & Claims on the consent agenda: Khanna

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Ciccone  
aye Geevers  
aye Khanna  
aye Morgan  
aye Borek

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR DIVISION MANAGERS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2010-R018 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with AECOM USA, Inc. for Engineering Services Related to the Princeton Junction Redevelopment Plan

Ms. Ciccone inquired if this is for work going forward or that has already been done and what services are going to be provided under this contract in relation to the redevelopment project.

Mr. Hary advised that it is for work going forward. He noted that AECOM is reviewing the plans for the parking facility to be built by New Jersey Transit at the train station to ensure the proper traffic flow in and out of the station.

Ms. Geevers advised that Mr. Davies is working on the circulation plan for the roadway infrastructure and that it correlates with the garage being built by New Jersey Transit.

2010-R019 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Developer's Agreement with Dr. Timothy J. Tuttle

Motion to approve resolutions 2010-R018 and 2010-R019: Geevers  
Second: Khanna

RCV: aye Ciccone  
aye Geevers  
aye Khanna  
aye Morgan  
aye Borek

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL AND/OR CLERK

2010-R020 Urging the Legislature to Amend the Open Public Records Act to Address Various Technical and Practical Issues

Ms. Young gave a brief summary of the proposed resolution regarding amending the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and she supports this proposed legislation.

Motion to approve: Ciccone  
Second: Geevers  
RCV: aye Ciccone  
aye Geevers  
aye Khanna  
aye Morgan  
aye Borek

2010-R021 Authorizing the Commitment to Cooperate and  
Participate in the PARIS Grant Program for the 2010-  
2011 Grant Cycle

Ms. Young advised that this is the third year that West Windsor Township will participate in this program. She reviewed several projects that have been completed through this program for West Windsor.

Motion to approve: Ciccone  
Second: Geevers  
RCV: aye Ciccone  
aye Geevers  
aye Khanna  
aye Morgan  
aye Borek

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Morgan reviewed briefly the changes to the sign ordinance he is proposing in relation to political signs. He expressed his concerns with budget costs such as health costs and requested that President Borek schedule a special budget meeting.

Mr. Khanna reported that the Affordable Housing Committee met and that the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing feels the Township's affordable housing ratio formula is not appropriate. He advised that representatives from the Township and Walden Woods met with the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing and that the Council requested certain documentation from the residents of Walden Woods. Mr. Khanna noted that the Affordable Housing Committee is hoping that Project Freedom will move forward in 2010 despite the economy.

Ms. Ciccone addressed President Borek's comments about the budget, she advised that there are some things that could be done now within the budget process and that the Township has to assume that aid from the State will not be the same as last year.

Ms. Geevers noted that under this form of government the budget is supposed to be delivered to the Township Council by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Hary and the members of Council regarding the budget process. Members of Council inquired what figures were still needed to complete the operating budget for Council review.

Mr. Hary advised that he is still waiting to receive state aid numbers, the County tax rate has not been set, and that negotiations are still being conducted with health care providers. He advised that the major increases are from the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority and pension costs. Mr. Hary advised that department operating budgets have not increased enough to make an impact on the budget. He also noted that interest income received from Township accounts is significantly down due to the economy.

Discussion continued regarding the budget process and the frustration that Council is feeling with not receiving the budget in a timely fashion.

Mr. Morgan requested an update from Mr. Herbert on the Ellsworth Center.

Mr. Herbert advised that his firm has not been able to locate all the owners of the property and that condemnation is an option the Township has.

#### ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Gerda Duffy, 132 South Mill Road, inquired about the procedure that the West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education has to follow regarding the outsourcing of the maintenance staff.

Mr. Al Lerner, 67 Rainflower Lane, referred to Ms. Ciccone's concerns regarding the AECOM contract and noted that Mr. Davies had advised that the traffic studies done previously for the redevelopment area were not detailed enough and would need to be done in more detail as the project moved forward. He advised that he read where PSE&G awarded contracts to some of the surrounding municipalities and inquired if West Windsor is still in the running for solar power.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, appreciated the budget discussion that occurred this evening. He requested that Council do whatever they can to reduce the tax increase for residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Morgan  
Second: Ciccone  
VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Sharon L. Young  
Township Clerk  
West Windsor Township