

APPROVED: February 13, 2012

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
December 19, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: President Khanna called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 7, 2011.

ATTENDEES: President: Khanna; Vice President: Ciccone; Council: Borek; Geevers, Morgan; Council-Elect: Maher, Samonte; Mayor: Hsueh; Business Administrator: Hary; Township Attorney: Herbert Jr.; Township Clerk: Young

President Khanna asked to have Ceremonial Matters moved forward on the agenda.

Motion to approve moving Ceremonial Matters forward: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

aye Morgan

aye Khanna

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND/OR TOPIC FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Recognition of Council Members Charles Morgan and Diane Ciccone for their Years of Service to West Windsor Township

President Khanna read the Proclamations for Council Member Diane Ciccone and Council Member Charles Morgan into the record.

Mr. Borek noted that it was an honor and a pleasure to serve with the elder statesman Mr. Morgan.

Ms. Geevers spoke about Mr. Morgan always being engaged in Council affairs and asking many questions to gain knowledge to better make an informed vote at the Council meetings.

Ms. Ciccone commented that Mr. Morgan always did his homework when it came to all the Council issues. She wished him well in all his future endeavors.

President Khanna thanked Mr. Morgan for his dedicated service.

Mr. Borek commented that Ms. Ciccone has a passion for environmental issues and will raise the bar while serving on the Environmental Commission.

Mr. Morgan commented that Ms. Ciccone was a wealth of knowledge and a great diplomat. He advised that she set the standard for the Council-elect members to follow. Mr. Morgan noted that it was personally rewarding to have worked with Ms. Ciccone.

President Khanna noted that he has always been thoroughly impressed with Ms. Ciccone and she will be greatly missed.

Mayor Hsueh noted his appreciation for their work on Council. He advised that a lot of progress has been made in their years of service. He called for more volunteers in the community.

Ms. Ciccone thanked her Council colleagues for their warm regards. She also thanked the residents for trusting in her abilities to be voted to serve on Council. Ms. Ciccone thanked the Clerk's Office, Administration, and all the Township employees for their hard work and dedication. Ms. Ciccone advised that her main goal while serving on Council was to highlight the things that Township does well and is known for. She noted that her motto is to always strive to improve.

Ms. Morgan outlined all the reasons he first got involved in government. He named former employees, current employees, and many volunteers that he had the pleasure to work with. Mr. Morgan advised that he is leaving Council having grown from his experience. He wished the Council-elect good luck and suggested Council Members consider a referendum to change the form of government that West Windsor is governed by.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Jones, 252 Cranbury Road, noted his disappointment with the release of the Animal Control Officer earlier this year. He suggested that a comprehensive study be prepared before voting on the Shared Services Agreement for these services.

Ms. Debbie Hepler, 10 Dean Court, asked for reinstatement of the former Animal Control Officer.

Ms. Kim White, 54 Montgomery Street, noted that West Windsor Township is too big of a community to have a Township's Police Officer handling animal control complaints when it should be done by an Animal Control Officer.

Ms. Emily Epstein, 42 Lakeshore Drive, advised that she used to work closely with the former Animal Control Officer and since the termination of the officer she has not been contacted by the Township for her services with regard to stray animals.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, thanked Ms. Ciccone and Mr. Morgan for their dedication while serving as Council Members for the Township.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, reinforced all the positive comments made tonight pertaining to Ms. Ciccone and Mr. Morgan. He also made comments about the sewer break on Wallace Road.

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, supports the reinstatement of the former Animal Control Officer.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mr. Hary updated Council on the outcome of the negotiations for the CWA and AFSCME Union contracts. He noted that the PBA Union contract was negotiated with a State appointed arbitrator and outlined the details of the award.

Mr. Hary advised that a budget transfer will be made for additional funds to the Twin W First Aid Squad.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Borek asked residents to support the annual fund raising efforts being conducted by the volunteer fire companies and the first aid squad.

Ms. Geevers thanked the volunteers of the Township for their dedication in 2011. She also thanked the Clerk's Office, Administration and staff for their efforts this past year. Ms. Geevers advised that discussion about parental override was held at the Board of Education meeting. She noted that the Planning Board will be conducting a courtesy review of West Windsor's future parking lot for Township residents, and advised that summer construction was anticipated.

Ms. Ciccone thanked the volunteer fire departments and the first aid squad for their services. She spoke about the concerns of "fracking" in the Delaware River Basin.

Mr. Morgan advised that Council must set priorities because distractions and crises will occur which can cause Council to get disrupted from achieving their goals.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

President Khanna noted that being Council President has taught him a lot and showed him the importance of working together to get the job done.

Ms. Young thanked Mr. Morgan and Ms. Ciccone for their years of service and advised that she enjoyed working with them over the course of their terms.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2011-R237 Designating January 2, 2012 as the Official New Year's Day Holiday for the Township Employees

2011-R238 Refund of Overpaid Property Taxes

2011-R239 Authorizing the Tax Office to Remit a 2009 Duplicate Tax Payment to the Township for Property Located at 4 Monterey Drive-\$3,061.06

2011-R240 Refund of Rental Fee Paid by Soong Fang Chen for Use of Building to the Friends of West Windsor Senior Citizens-\$200

2011-R241 Authorizing the Municipal Endorsement of the Application of Christopher D. Owens for Membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association

MINUTES

November 14, 2011 - Business Session]erroneously placed on
November 14, 2011 - Closed Session]this agenda. Minutes were
November 28, 2011 - ~~Business~~ Closed Session]approved 1/3/2012.

BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion to approve consent agenda: Borek

Second: Ciccone

RCV: aye Borek

aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

aye Morgan - abstained from voting on the minutes for meeting at which he was not present

aye Khanna

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION

2011-R244 Authorizing the Purchase of Playground Equipment at Zaitz Park from Marturano Recreation Company through State Contract# A59052-\$38,773.83

2011-R245 Authorizing the Township to Enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Communications Workers of America (CWA) for a Two-Year Contract Period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012

2011-R246 Authorizing the Township to Enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Supervisory Employees Local 3242 for a Two-Year Contract Period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012

Motion to approve resolutions 2011-R244 through 2011-R246: Borek
Second: Ciccone

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

2011-R242 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Shared Services Agreement with East Windsor for Animal Control Services from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012-\$20,000

Mr. Morgan inquired about what the Township would do if the resolution and agreement was not approved this evening.

Mr. Hary advised that animal control services are required by State law to be provided. He noted that the Township would need to react very quickly to resolve the issue.

Mr. Morgan spoke about the memo from Chief Pica recommending the renewal of the shared services agreement with East Windsor Township.

Motion to approve: Morgan

Second: Geevers

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

2011-R243 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds within the 2011
Municipal Budget-First Aid Organization

Ms. Ciccone thanked Administration for putting the funds in the budget and for recommending the transfer.

Motion to approve: Morgan

Second: Ciccone

RCV: aye Borek

aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

aye Morgan

aye Khanna

2011-R247 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Contract
with Scheideler Excavating Company for Emergency
Bypass Pumping from December 1, 2011 through November
30, 2012

Mr. Borek asked if the contract must be approved for a full year.

Mr. Hary advised that the services will only be required for the next few months until the situation has been resolved.

Ms. Ciccone asked why Public Works was not working over the weekend to repair the damage.

Mr. Maher inquired about whether a cost analysis was prepared and asked Administration if they had done an investigation to determine if the repairs completed several years ago had anything to do with the recent sewer collapse.

Mr. Hary advised that the road was in the middle of being excavated and due to safety issues Public Works was unable to continue their efforts over the weekend. He explained that emergency appropriations were being used for the repairs and he would provide Council with actual costs by the next business session. Mr. Hary explained that the initial break in the sewer line was closer to Alexander Road and reconstruction of the line was done up to where the current break occurred.

Mr. Maher inquired about whether there would be an increase in sewer rent to the residents.

Mr. Hary advised that the sewer costs for the repair will be built into the fee.

Ms. Ciccone suggested that an analysis should be done on the necessities of future sewer line repairs.

Motion to approve: Borek

Second: Ciccone

RCV: aye Borek

aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

aye Morgan

aye Khanna

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Geevers spoke about the Reorganization Meeting being held on January 3, 2012 at 6 p.m.

Mr. Morgan advised that the Parking Authority is considering purchasing snow insurance for the future. He noted that the Authority is continuing to have issues with the vendor that checks for illegal parking on the lots.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, spoke about the debris being dumped from the sewer break onto the future site of the parking lot south for West Windsor residents.

Mr. Hary advised Ms. Miller that the Township is coordinating with ACT Engineers for the removal of the debris. He noted that plastic lining has been placed at the site for the debris to be placed on until it can be removed.

Mr. Alvin Lerner, 67 Rainflower Lane, inquired about the location of the playground equipment for Zaitz Park.

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, asked Administration to reinstate the former Animal Control Officer. He spoke about the Scheideler contract and wanted to know when the total cost for the contract would be available.

Ms. Emily Epstein, 42 Lakeshore Drive, thanked the Council for their support by not approving the renewal of the ACO shared services agreement.

Mr. John Jones, 252 Cranbury Road, thanked Council for their support with regard to the ACO position.

Mr. Morgan reiterated that all professional services agreements should go out to bid to make sure that the Township is getting the best value for their dollar.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Morgan
Second: Ciccone
RCV: All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township