

APPROVED: November 28, 2011

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
BUSINESS SESSION  
October 3, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: President Khanna called the meeting to order at 6:36 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 and the Closed Session was noticed on September 23, 2011.

ATTENDEES: President: Khanna; Vice President: Ciccone; Council: Borek; Geevers; Mayor: Hsueh (left at 7:50 p.m.); Business Administrator: Hary; Township Attorney: Cayci; Chief Financial Officer: Louth; Township Clerk: Young

ABSENT: Morgan

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Young noted that no one from the public was in attendance for public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session at 6:36 p.m.: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

Morgan - absent

aye Khanna

Ms. Young 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 potential litigation with the Akselrads.

MEETING RECONVENED

Meeting reopened at 7:12 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Ogg, 337 Clarksville Road, supports the items on the agenda for sidewalks, bike lanes, and for improved infrastructure.

Mr. Mark Shallcross, 12 Jefferson Drive, advised that a path from West Windsor to Princeton would be a benefit to the residents. He spoke about West Windsor being the first Township in New Jersey to receive the Bronze "Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC)" designation from the League of American Bicyclists.

Ms. Kim White, 54 Montgomery Street, asked for residents to be kept informed of the issues regarding tax increases and the reduction of services.

Mr. Bryan Maher, 135 Penn Lyle Road, spoke about items related to the bond refinancing. He asked why the debt service has increased forty percent over the past ten years.

Mr. Greg Harris, 135 Penn Lyle Road, distributed a letter to Council Members requesting an investigation into the possible abuse of power by Mayor Hsueh.

Ms. Cayci stopped Mr. Harris from finishing his comments because of the political content which is against Township policy on the use of the governmental access channel.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND/OR TOPIC FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Presentation from West Windsor Police Division Acknowledging Police Accreditation Certification

Mr. Hary introduced Mr. Harry Delgado, Accreditation Program Manager for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

Mr. Delgado spoke about the detailed training that went into the Police accreditation certification and how carefully it is measured within the State and County. He outlined the benefits of the accreditation and advised that the certification makes Police Departments more effective and increases efficiency. Mr. Delgado congratulated both Chief Pica and Sergeant Bastedo.

Council Members and Mayor Hsueh made comments and congratulated the officers on their achievement.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mayor Hsueh advised that the Senior Center was going through the national reaccreditation process. He noted that the Senior Center enhances the quality of life for many Township residents.

Mr. Hary updated the Council on both public and private projects within the Township.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Geevers asked Administration to address the police vehicles and snow removal issues that have been raised by the public. She also asked about some of the recent curb cuts that have been added to certain intersections.

Mr. Borek inquired about when the repairs to the Alexander Road roundabout were going to be completed.

Mr. Hary explained that the new curb cuts are part of the Federal American Recovery Investment Act. He noted that the repairs to the roundabout will be done in the evening because of road closures. Mr. Hary commented on getting back to Council with a date for the completion of the repairs.

Ms. Ciccone noted that the West Windsor Township Farmers' Market was voted "number one" in the State. She thanked all the committees for their hard work and dedication.

PUBLIC HEARING

2011-20      REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF 2005 APPROPRIATING \$3,950,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,950,000 REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

President Khanna opened public comment.

Mr. Hary outlined the details of the refunding bond ordinance and advised that it will be a saving of over \$100,000 to the Township.

Mr. Bryan Maher, 135 Penn Lyle Road, asked how many years before the Township will realize the \$100,000 savings.

Ms. Louth advised that it would take over six years to achieve the total savings from the bond refunding.

Motion to close public comment: Borek

Second: Ciccone

RCV: aye Borek

aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

          Morgan - absent

aye Khanna

Ms. Ciccone supports the savings for the Township.

Ms. Louth advised that the annual audit contains information asked about during public comment. She noted that the market rates dropped and the issuance of bonds will be at a lower interest rate. Ms. Louth explained that the sale of the bonds will be listed on the agenda on November 1<sup>st</sup> for the Local Finance Board meeting.

Motion to adopt: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

Morgan - absent

aye Khanna

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2011-R186 Refund of Overpaid Property Taxes

2011-R187 Authorizing the Township to Waive the Municipal  
Portion of Property Taxes to PSE&G in Exchange for the  
Use of the Land as a Bicycle, Hiking and Jogging Path  
- \$5,485.04

BILLS & CLAIMS

Ms. Geevers advised that the Township has a fifty-year agreement with PSE&G.

Motion to approve consent agenda: Borek

Second: Ciccone

RCV: aye Borek

aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

Morgan - absent

aye Khanna

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION

2011-R188 Certification of Compliance with the Promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey for the 2010 Annual Report of Audit

2011-R189 Acknowledging the Implementation of the Corrective Action Report Prepared in Conjunction with the 2010 Municipal Audit

2011-R190 Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvements Bonds of the Township of West Windsor, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$6,100,000 in Principal Amount

2011-R191 Authorizing Details Related to the Issuance of General Improvement Bonds in Accordance with Local Bond Law - \$6,100,000

2011-R192 Authorizing Details Related to the Issuance of General Improvement Bonds in Accordance with Local Bond Law - \$3,810,000

2011-R193 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute an Agreement with the Metro Employee Assistance Service (MEAS) of Trenton for Employee Assistance Program Services for the Period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 - \$3,600

2011-R194 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Secare, Ryan & Hensel for Legal Services- \$7,500

2011-R195 Authorizing the and Submission of Grant Application and Execution of Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the Safe Streets to Transit-Dinky Line Trail Extension Project

2011-R196 Authorizing the and Submission of Grant Application and Execution of Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the Roadway Infrastructure Projects-New Village Road Resurfacing Project

2011-R197 Authorizing the and Submission of Grant Application and Execution of Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under Bikeways Projects-Edinburg Road Bike Lanes Project

2011-R198 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute NJ Department of Transportation Highway Safety Grant 2011 Agreement as it Applies to the Safe Corridor Initiative - \$31,168.48

Motion to approve resolutions 2011-R188 through 2011-R198:

Geevers

Second: Borek

RCV: aye Borek

aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

Morgan - absent

aye Khanna

2011-R199 Authorizing the Purchase of Three 2011 Ford Interceptor Police Vehicles through State Contract A72467/A74939 for the West Windsor Police Division - \$80,999.00

Mr. Hary advised that vehicle replacements for the Police Division are purchased through the State contract.

Mr. Borek asked why the Township was only purchasing three cars when past practice was to purchase four, per the vehicle rotation schedule.

Ms. Louth noted that the Township was only able to purchase three vehicles this time due to the discontinuation of that model car.

Mr. Gary Zohn, 42 Hawthorne Drive, inquired about the trade-in value of the vehicles.

Ms. Louth confirmed that the trade-in value of the vehicles was included in the purchase price of the cars.

Motion to approve: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

Morgan - absent

aye Khanna

2011-R200 Authorizing a One-Year Extension of a Contract with Scheideler Excavating Co. for Snow Removal Services for the Period November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2012 - \$80,000.00

Mr. Hary explained that Scheideler Excavating is contracted for snow removal assistance and is contacted by the Director of Public Works when the snowfall exceeds what Public Works can manage.

Motion to approve: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Ciccone

aye Geevers

Morgan - absent

aye Khanna

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Borek advised that he attended the Emergency Management meeting where discussion ensued over being better prepared in the event of another hurricane or storm. He noted that a report is being prepared for Administration.

Ms. Ciccone advised that the Environmental Commission's volunteers work diligently for the Township especially on achievement of the Sustainable Jersey award.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

Mr. Hary explained that the FEMA Grant funds are available for Hurricane Irene. He noted that the Township is submitting reimbursement for almost \$175,000 in costs accumulated due to the storm. He advised that the sign ordinance is before the Planning Board for review and noted that the upcoming Agenda Session topics will be Budget Goals and Health Care Consultant.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Harris, 16 Piedmont Drive, would like to resubmit his documents at the upcoming Agenda Session. He addressed several comments to the Council.

Mr. Gary Zohn, 42 Hawthorne Drive, inquired about the cost for the vehicles for the Police Division and addressed several questions about the bond refinancing.

Ms. Ciccone asked that the bond refinancing information be placed on the Township website.

Mr. Frank Bal, 14 Stanford Place, challenged the candidates on five topics and reviewed each topic.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Ciccone  
Second: Geevers  
All ayes, Morgan absent

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

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Sharon L. Young  
Township Clerk  
West Windsor Township