

APPROVED: February 4, 2013

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
BUSINESS SESSION  
December 17, 2012

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 6, 2012.

ATTENDEES: President: Khanna; Vice President: Geevers; Council Members: Borek, Maher, Samonte; Mayor: Hsueh; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert Jr.; Township Clerk: Young

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

Council held a moment of silence for the victims of Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Ms. Schmid advised that the Police met with the School Board officials to review emergency procedures and tactical measures.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND/OR TOPIC FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Grover Farm Restoration Committee Update

Ms. Debbie Hepler, Secretary of the Grover Farm Restoration Committee, provided a status update on the project. She advised that there is increased enthusiasm for the project and the meeting will resume in the beginning of the new year. Ms. Hepler explained that a comprehensive report has been prepared which will include costs for repair, and a viable business plan.

Mr. Pete Weale, Vice Chair of the Grover Farm Restoration Committee, asked when the Committee will have the opportunity to review the Police investigation reports regarding the items that were taken from the house. He noted that this will enable the Committee to complete the report.

Mr. Herbert spoke about Chief Pica dedicating Detective Lee to investigate the missing items from the Grover House. He explained that he and Chief Pica went to the County Prosecutor's office to present and review the report which is over thirty pages. Mr. Hebert advised that it is a criminal case but there will not be any prosecution, and because the report was of a criminal nature it cannot be released to the public. He commented that it is standard policy that these types of reports cannot be disclosed. Mr. Herbert noted that he would be preparing a report that summarizes the investigation report for presentation to Council, and a closed session will be held to discuss the details of the report.

Mr. Maher commented that government should be open and transparent and asked for the name of the prosecutor who advised that this report could not be released.

Ms. Geevers urged the release of the investigative report and asked that the prosecutors come to a Council meeting to discuss their opinion on the issue.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, spoke of his discouragement about the report not being released to the public.

Mr. Maher asked if Mr. Hary was the only individual that was aware of the items being removed.

Mr. Herbert noted that several Township employees were aware of the removal of the items.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Debbie Hepler, 10 Dean Court, spoke against the Asian theme for the new park and advised that the park would be a continuous financial burden.

Ms. Ruth Jones, 252 Cranbury Road, related a story regarding the former ACO officer.

Mr. Marshall Lerner, 3 Sapphire Drive, offered his thoughts regarding open space in the Township. He also addressed comments regarding the Grover House.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, thanked the Council for their comments about having easy access to weapons.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, again asked for a complete listing of all the fire hydrants in the Township. He asked for Administration's assistance in this matter.

Ms. Janet Lerner, 67 Rainflower Lane, spoke about the creation of the pocket park and its proposed Asian theme.

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, strongly suggested there was a cover up with respect to the Grover House investigation. He also inquired about the cost for the legal fees involved, and the protocol for the follow-up of questions addressed to Administration.

Mr. Alvin Lerner, 67 Rainflower Lane, noted that Council was elected to do the business for the public.

#### MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Ms. Schmid advised that Public Works are removing brush and have completed a full cycle. She noted that Administration decided against hiring a private contractor to assist with the cleanup. Ms. Schmid spoke about filing for reimbursement costs from FEMA for the storm cleanup.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Borek thanked the volunteers and employees for their time and effort during and after Hurricane Sandy.

Ms. Samonte thanked the residents for their patience during the clean-up process.

Mr. Maher spoke about debris and leaf removal, helicopter lessons taken by Police Officers, the videotaping format of the Council meetings, and noted his disagreement with the Asian theme for the proposed pocket park.

Ms. Geevers thanked the Clerk and the Business Administrator for their work for the Council and at the meetings. She also asked to have more discussion on the pocket park and its proposed theme.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

President Khanna made closing statements, and thanked everyone for their cooperation and assistance during his term as Council President.

Ms. Young explained the reasons for changing the format of the videotaping for the Council meeting. She noted that it has been during the course of several years that complaints from Council Members and residents have resulted in the changes to the filming of the meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion to approve consent agenda: Borek

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Khanna

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Geevers advised that a new School Board Member was sworn in at their last meeting. She noted that discussion was held over changing the date for the School Board Election.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, acknowledged his dissatisfaction about the confidentiality of the Grover House investigation report. He also spoke about the handling of no-bid contracts.

Ms. Debbie Hepler, 10 Dean Court, addressed questions regarding the investigation and the criminal activity at the Grover House. She asked why Administration is paying an invoice for fire hydrants when no one knows how many hydrants exist in the Township. Ms. Hepler advised that the money spent on helicopter lessons could have gone toward the Animal Control Officer salary.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, addressed all his concerns.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, clarified that individuals speaking at the podium are being televised and shown on the camera screen. She also addressed debris removal.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Sharon L. Young  
Township Clerk  
West Windsor Township