

APPROVED: May 13, 2013

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
April 2, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: President Borek 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 8, 2013. Closed Session was noticed on March 25, 2013 to the Princeton Packet and the Trenton Times.

ATTENDEES: President: Borek; Vice President: Samonte; Council Members: Geevers, Khanna, Maher; Mayor: Hsueh (arrived at 7:04 p.m. and left at 7:55 p.m.); Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert; Township Clerk: Young

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session at 6:37 p.m.: Samonte

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

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

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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 Collective Bargaining Contract Negotiations.

MEETING RECONVENED

Meeting reconvened at: 7:04 p.m.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND/OR TOPIC FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Grover Farm Restoration Committee Report

Mr. Weale, Vice Chair of the Grover Farm Restoration Committee, read into the record the prepared report by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Procaccini. He outlined the ten points of discussion, and explained the Committee is seeking a repurposing of a portion of the funds set aside for the demolition to replace the windows, doors and for the repair of the roof. Mr. Weale advised that the focus is on saving the house.

Mr. Maher asked for a cost estimate for the work and wanted to know who would be overseeing the project. He advised that it makes sense to have the house repaired where it does not need taxpayer funds.

Mr. Weale advised that he is seeking \$53,000 to save the house and noted that Mr. Procaccini will be supervising the reconstruction.

Mr. Khanna thanked the Committee for their report. He noted that this report will assist Council and Administration in coming to a conclusion.

Ms. Geevers inquired about estimates for the cost to replace the windows and the doors. She asked about the process for accepting bids for the work.

Mr. Weale informed Council that the estimates were provided by Pella Windows and Doors. He noted that the Committee has not asked for any specific expenditure.

Ms. Geevers asked about taking bids for a renter or caretaker once the renovations have been completed.

Ms. Samonte thanked the Committee for all the work and research that went into the report.

Mr. Borek will confirm with Mr. Procaccini to give the go-ahead to have the report placed on the Township website.

Ms. Geevers asked what would be done with the other structures on the property.

Mr. Weale informed Council that the farmer that is currently leasing the property at the Grover Farm is sub-leasing the property to another farmer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, explained that the financials used in the report are using the worst-case scenario for the reconstruction of the Grover House. He urged the reconstruction of the house be completed.

Ms. Alison Miller, 42 Windsor Drive, spoke about the redesign of the intersection at North Post and Clarksville Roads. She offered several suggestions for the plan.

Mr. Jim Solloway, 5 Monroe Drive, spoke about the Grover report giving the opportunity for Council and Administration to right a wrong in deciding to demolish the house.

Mr. Alvin Lerner, 67 Rainflower Lane, commended the Grover Farmstead Reconstruction Committee for their depth of work but felt the committee and the process was misdirected.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Ms. Schmid informed the public about the upcoming "Dumpster Day" which is funded by a Clean Communities Grant. She also advised of a NJ Department of Environmental Protection meeting that will propose amendments to the Water Quality Plan.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Maher called on Administration not to take too long before making a decision to replace the windows and doors at the Grover House. He noted that the reconstruction of the house would be a good community project.

Ms. Geevers asked if open space funds could be used to assist in the restoration of the Grover house.

Ms. Alison Miller, President of Friends of West Windsor Open Space, acknowledged that the use of a portion of the maintenance and development funds could be a delicate matter. She suggested that Council consult with the Township Attorney.

Mr. Herbert addressed the use of open space funds. He advised that funds could be used for maintenance but not rehabilitation. Mr. Hebert noted that he would need clarification from Green Acres.

Ms. Geevers urged Council to consider discussion of upcoming topics and actions at either an agenda meeting or at the end of a business meeting.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

Mr. Borek said that it would be the prerogative of the Council Members on how they would like to proceed. He also commented on the Departments and the Divisions making available their budget notes to Council so that they can be made part of the discussion.

Discussion ensued over providing written reports to Council to confirm what the Department is requesting in their budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2013-R087 Refund of Overpaid Property Taxes

2013-R088 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes for a 100%
Disabled Veteran, and Refund for 1st Quarter of 2013 -
12 Globeflower Lane

2013-R089 Authorizing Refund Fee for Construction Permit #2013-
0121 to Citizens Rifle and Revolver Range (CRRC) at
213 Princeton-Hightstown Road - \$5,473.00

2013-R090 Authorizing Refund of Fee for Construction Permit
#2012-2112 to A.J. Perri Inc. - 6 Sparrow Drive -
\$250.00

MINUTES

February 19, 2013 - Business Session as amended

Motion to approve consent agenda as amended: Samonte

Second: Khanna

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

BILLS & CLAIMS

Ms. Schmid advised that the invoice for the New Jersey Conference of Mayors was removed from the bill list.

Council addressed several questions.

Ms. Schmid and Ms. Young were able to address Council's questions and concerns.

Motion to approve Bills and Claims as amended: Geevers

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2013-R091 Opposing Senate Bill S2364 and Assembly Bill A3553
which Propose to Create a System of Early Voting in
the State of New Jersey

Mr. Maher noted that this Bill would be a waste of taxpayer funds because New Jersey has already established a vote by mail ballot.

Ms. Samonte explained that New Jersey is one of sixteen States that does not provide early voting for its residents. She advised that she supports the Bill because it increases voter participation.

Motion to approve: Khanna

Second: Maher

RCV: aye Geevers

NAY Khanna

aye Maher

NAY Samonte

aye Borek

2013-R092 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Contract
with Gres Paving Company, Inc. for the Roszel Road
Resurfacing Project - \$237,152.60

2013-R093 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a
Professional Services Agreement with Banc3, Inc. for
Administration and Observation Services for the Roszel
Road Resurfacing Project - \$7,990.00

2013-R094 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Shared Services Agreement with Hamilton Township to Provide Certain Public Health Services Related to Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's) - \$1,100.00

2013-R095 Authorizing the Purchase of 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe, to replace 2001 Dodge Durango through the State of New Jersey's Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Division of Fire and Emergency Services - \$39,140.83

Motion to approve Resolutions 2013-R092 through 2013-R095:

Khanna

Second: Maher

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

2013-07 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE OF LANDS BETWEEN THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 271 AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR FOR THE LANDS AND BUILDINGS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 367 NORTH POST ROAD, BLOCK 10, LOT 7, WEST WINDSOR, NEW JERSEY

The Ordinance was deferred for introduction until the April 15, 2013 Business Session.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Continued Budget Discussions

President Borek explained that changes to the Municipal Budget will be discussed at the Public Hearing. He advised that Council will have the opportunity to review line items within the budget.

Mr. Maher asked if time was going to be allocated for the discussion of the Capital Budget.

President Borek suggested Council Members come prepared to discuss amendments and reductions.

Ms. Schmid advised that the Capital Budget will be discussed at the public hearing and a Capital Bond Ordinance will then be introduced at the April 29, 2013 Business Meeting.

The process for the Municipal Budget was reviewed.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, informed Council to address any questions pertaining to the Grover Report to Mr. Procaccini. He also addressed several other concerns.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, advised that she did not think FOWWOS would be willing to spend open space funds on the repair of the Grover House.

Council took a short break from 9:04 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session at 9:15 p.m.: Maher

Second: Geevers

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aye Samonte

aye Borek

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MEETING RECONVENED

Meeting reconvened at: 9:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Khanna
Second: Samonte
VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township