

APPROVED: April 15, 2013

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
March 4, 2013

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 January 8, 2013.

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Parris, 207 Washington Road, spoke about the meetings regarding the Route One traffic alterations. He noted that he does not want the quick and easy solution to the traffic problems on Route One.

Ms. Tamerra Moeller, 201 Varsity Avenue, commented that cooperation and collaboration with the Township is needed in seeking the right solution for the Penns Neck and Route One traffic issues.

Mr. Jim Solloway, 5 Monroe Drive, urged Council to take a much harder review of the budget to find items for reduction. He spoke about the rising costs of property taxes.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, spoke about the approval of Resolution 2010-R174 which established a route from the train station along Washington Road. She urged that Council consider the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Mr. Marshall Lerner, 3 Sapphire Drive, asked that Council look for opportunities to reduce taxes without reducing services.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, spoke about the increase in salaries and wages of the Township employees. He also commented on the County's proposed tax increase and the Township fire hydrants.

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, spoke about the Grover House and the preservation of the structure.

Ms. Debbie Hepler, 10 Dean Court, asked for a response regarding the theft that occurred in Public Works by a former employee. She also spoke about the antiquated sewer lines which need to be replaced or relined.

Mr. Eric Payne, 237 Washington Road, spoke against the second pilot program for Route One. He asked Council to support "Smart Traffic Solutions".

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mayor Hsueh informed Council about Monmouth University selecting West Windsor Township's website as one of the top ten municipal websites in the State. He advised Council that the funds used for the construction of the environmental exhibit at the Schenck Barn is funded through developer money and not residents' taxes. Mayor Hsueh also discussed the Route One traffic alteration proposals.

Ms. Schmid informed Council that the replacement of the Route 571 bridge will begin on March 18th and will take approximately nine months for completion.

Mayor Hsueh noted that Old Trenton Road and the bridge will also be under reconstruction.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Samonte introduced Junior Girl Scouts Troop 70698. She noted that the Troop was working on their "Inside Government" badge and will be writing an article on their experience at the Council Meeting.

Mr. Maher spoke about the County's proposed 11% tax increase and suggested that Council take formal action to express their concerns. He recommended that NJDOT approach the Route One traffic project without cutting corners on spending. Mr. Maher visited the Chamberlin Park playground and recommended the new equipment be deferred for a few years.

Mr. Khanna informed Council that he also visited Chamberlin Park and did not see the need to replace the existing playground equipment.

Ms. Geevers urged residents to attend the Freeholders meeting to express their sentiment regarding the proposed County tax increase. She advised that the NJDOT alternative for Route One is not an option for West Windsor. Ms. Geevers spoke about the Howard Hughes property, and asked Administration to have the Planning and Zoning officer and the Tax Assessor attend a meeting to discuss possibilities for the property.

Mr. Herbert recommended that Council Members each speak separately to the Tax Assessor, and Planning and Zoning officer so that hypothetical information is not given which could affect their testimonies during the process.

Mr. Maher commented on the need for Council Members to get educated on the property and asked to hear from the Township professionals.

Ms. Geevers noted that there are not parameters on the projects.

President Borek suggested that Council Members come into the Township building to speak with the professionals and address their questions.

Ms. Geevers inquired about President Borek's attendance at the Howard Hughes presentation as a member of the designated Township panel that was formed by the Mayor.

President Borek advised that he has resigned from the panel.

Ms. Samonte spoke about being a liaison for E-Government that will help provide more services for the Township residents.

Ms. Samonte noted that the budget meetings are going well. She also spoke about her frustration about NJDOT's proposed plans for alleviating the congestion on Route One.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

President Borek communicated his displeasure with the County's proposed tax increase. He urged all residents to attend a Freeholder meeting to advise them of concerns with the large budget increase. President Borek determined that an overpass for Route One is the right solution for the traffic issues.

PUBLIC HEARING

2013-02 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES IN OR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$179,556.40

President Borek opened the public hearing.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, explained that the adoption of this ordinance will assist in resolving stormwater issues. She noted that it will assist in finding solutions for Windsor Haven.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, supports the adoption of the ordinance to resolve flooding issues.

Motion to close the public hearing: Samonte

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

Motion to adopt: Khanna

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

2013-03 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 1998-31 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 1999 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE: Improvements to the West Windsor Fire Company consisting of installation of a fire sprinkler system as well as installations of fire protection systems, such as fire sprinklers and/or fire detection systems as needed in other municipal facilities

President Borek opened the public hearing.

Motion to close public hearing: Geevers

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

Motion to adopt: Geevers

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

2013-04 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 2007-10 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED MAY 14, 2007 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE: Improvements to the West Windsor Fire Company consisting of installation of a fire sprinkler system as well as installations of fire protection systems, such as fire sprinklers and/or fire detection systems as needed in other municipal facilities

President Borek opened the public hearing.

Motion to close public hearing: Khanna

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

Motion to adopt: Geevers

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

2013-05 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 2008-11 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED JUNE 23, 2008 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE: Replacement staff vehicle for the Division of Fire and Emergency Services

President Borek opened the public hearing.

Motion to close public hearing: Khanna

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

Motion to adopt: Maher

Second: Khanna

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

2013-06 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, CHAPTER 82-FEES; SECTION 82-6 "FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES"; SECTION 82-12 "HEALTH"; SECTION 82-13 "VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS DUPLICATION FEES"; SECTION 82-15 "MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES, FEES AND PERMITS"; AND SECTION 82-18 "POLICE"

President Borek opened the public hearing.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, inquired about the fee for first responders.

President Borek explained that the insurance is charged the fee and fees for West Windsor residents are waived if they do not have insurance coverage.

Ms. Geevers recommended a clarification to the ordinance.

Motion to close public hearing: Khanna

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

Motion to adopt as amended: Geevers
Second: Samonte
RCV: aye Geevers
aye Khanna
aye Maher
aye Samonte
aye Borek

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2013-R070 Refund of Property Tax Overpayment

2013-R071 Refund of Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Renewal Fee

2013-R072 Reappointment of Jean Ward as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics through March 9, 2016

2013-R073 Authorizing the Appointment of Eric Payne as a member on the Affordable Housing Committee with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2014

MINUTES

January 22, 2013 - Business Session

BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion to approve consent agenda: Samonte
Second: Khanna
RCV: aye Geevers
aye Khanna
aye Maher
aye Samonte
aye Borek

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2013-R074 Authorizing 2013 Emergency Temporary Appropriations

Mr. Maher asked how the two million dollars in pension funds are calculated for the various Unions.

Ms. Schmid explained that the State makes the calculations that are dictated to the Township.

Mr. Maher asked that residents write to the Division of Pensions and Benefits to make this change and help keep government transparent.

President Borek advised that there is a 12% penalty added to the invoice if it is not paid on time.

Ms. Schmid asked if there was a consensus to send a letter to the Division of Pensions requesting the calculations.

Council agreed.

Motion to approve: Khanna

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

2013-R075 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Contract for Reappointment of Jeffrey I. Rubin, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 - \$30,000.00

2013-R076 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Contract for Reappointment of John W. Hartmann, Esq. as Township Public Defender for the Period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 - \$19,200.00

Motion to approve Resolutions 2013-R075 and 2013-R076: Khanna

Second: Maher

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

2013-R077 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Land
Development Performance Guarantee Agreement with
Boston Properties, LP aka Carnegie Center II -
Building 508 Parking Lot (PB09-12)

Motion to approve: Samonte

Second: Maher

RCV: Geevers, abstain

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

2013-R078 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a
Professional Services Agreement with Bill Dambrova of
Dambrova Designs for Design Development, Final Design,
and Fabrication/Implementation Design Services for the
Environmental Education Exhibit at the Schenck Barn -
\$42,100.00

Mr. Maher inquired about remaining costs for the project because the number provided did not add up. Mr. Maher asked about whether high school students would be able to assist with the project.

Mayor Hsueh explained that the Environmental Commission looks for expertise in this area for the design and implementation of the project.

The resolution was deferred until the March 18th Business Session to allow time for Council's questions to be addressed.

2013-R079 Authorizing the Business Administrator to Execute
Change Order No. 2 with Ground Force Inc., for
Deductions of Incomplete Work and Loss of Services in
November and December 2012 which Represents a Decrease
of 5.5%, - \$6,250.00

Mr. Maher asked why a change order was issued for the decrease in contract costs.

Ms. Schmid advised that the business "went under" after Hurricane Sandy and they were unable to complete the work listed in the contract.

Motion to approve: Samonte

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

aye Borek

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Geevers advised that she attended the School Board meeting and the Board's budget was discussed along with emergency management training.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Pete Weale, 11 Fisher Place, spoke about the funds that were approved at tonight's meeting, but funds cannot be allocated for the Grover House repair.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, spoke about the Howard Hughes property possibilities.

Ms. Debbie Hepler, 10 Dean Court, asked whose ideas was it to recommend the replacement of the Chamberlin Park playground equipment. She spoke about the lack of accountability in Administration and various other concerns.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, spoke about the Howard Hughes property.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Samonte

Second: Khanna

VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township