

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
JUNE 14, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Trovato at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey. Pres. Trovato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Norwood Cuff, Campbell AME Church, followed by a Moment of Silence for the victims of the recent Orlando, Florida tragedy.

Open Public Meeting Statement

The City Clerk stated that due notice had been given to both the public and the press by posting and publication of Resolution #16-05 adopted at the 2016 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 5, 2016.

Roll Call:

Present: Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

Absent: Tierney

Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Carter the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Presentations and Discussions

President Trovato recognized Public Works employee Joe O'Brien, who while working at a residence witnessed the property owner fall and lose consciousness. Seeing that the individual had no pulse and was not breathing Joe immediately called 911 and administered CPR until medical assistance arrived. Joe probably saved this resident's life and should be commended for his actions.

#16-94 - Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Sergeant Kelli Marro to Detective Lieutenant in the Woodbury Police Department

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

The City Clerk read a letter from Chief Ryan recommending the promotion of Sergeant Marro to Detective Lieutenant.

Mayor Volk administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Detective Marro. Lieutenant Marro thanked Mayor and Council and all her fellow officers, and introduced her family.

#16-95 - Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Sergeant William Palese to Patrol Lieutenant in the Woodbury Police Department

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

The City Clerk read a letter from Chief Ryan recommending the promotion of Sergeant Palese to Patrol Lieutenant.

Mayor Volk administered the Oath of Office to Patrol Lieutenant Palese. Lieutenant Palese thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity and also thanked his fellow police officers, and introduced his family.

Chief Ryan thanked Mayor and Council for the promotions and also the officers involved for their outstanding work.

Proclamation for Stewart Lake Clean Up

Councilwoman Floyd presented a Proclamation to Vince Santroni, Jr. a/k/a “The Rodfather” for leading a group of volunteers to clean up Stewart Lake.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the public for Agenda Items.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, inquired about Resolution #16-98 pertaining to grass cutting liens and how they are paid back. Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor, explained the City will recoup the fees upon the sale of the property. She also urged the City to do more with the maintenance of Suiter-Baptiste Park.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

#2248-16 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Water and Sewer Utility Improvements in the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$2,400,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to 2,400,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing (Second Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above titled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Swanson, seconded by Fleming and unanimously approved the public hearing on this ordinance was opened.

Hearing no one, on motion of Swanson, seconded by Parker and unanimously approved, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes 8 Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter,
Trovato

Nays 0

Absent 1 Tierney

#2249-16 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment in and for the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$2,650,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$1,650,500; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing (Second Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above titled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Swanson, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved the public hearing on this ordinance was opened.

Hearing no one, on motion of Swanson, seconded by Parker and unanimously approved, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes 8 Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter,
Trovato

Nays 0

Absent 1 Tierney

#16-96 - Resolution to Reimburse Sewer Payment Woodbury Water Only Account Account #44940-22 615 Queen Street \$180.89

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#16-97 - Resolution to Reimburse Sewer Payment from Prior Owner at Settlement Account # 38740-0 615 328 King St. \$139.50

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#16-98 - Lien for Grass Cutting for Vacant Properties

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

Councilman Swanson read the Tax & Utility Collector's cash receipts report for the month of May: Taxes \$3,334,087.65 and Water/Sewer \$618,727.87. He also advised that the 2015 Tax Lien Sale will be held on June 15, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Public Works Committee:

#16-99 - Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Recycling Truck and Approval of a Shared Services Agreement with East Greenwich Township

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Theokas described the recycling truck we are purchasing from East Greenwich.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Swanson the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#16-100 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Tatum Street, Dubois Avenue and Evergreen Avenue

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#16-101 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding the 2016 Local Roads Resurfacing Project

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Councilwoman Parker stated that ten High School students will be hired for the summer, and our new street sweeper is in service on Broad Street.

Economic Development Committee:

#16-102 - Resolution of The City of Woodbury Designating the Gloucester County Improvement Authority as Redevelopment Entity, Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, to Implement, Carry Out and Manage

Redevelopment Activities at The Inspira Medical Center Campus in Partnership with the City

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilwoman Parker the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#16-103 - Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses with the City of Woodbury Beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Swanson inquired why all licenses were being done under one resolution and not individually. Mr. Pierson answered that it has been our custom to do it this way.

On motion of Floyd, seconded by Johnson the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

Councilman Swanson voted against the resolution; all others voted in favor.

Councilwoman Floyd read the Economic Development Director's Report.

A local resident will be opening Herc's Hamburgers at 22. S. Broad Street;

Fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, with a rain date of Sunday, July 3rd;

A new Laundromat is coming to 830 N. Broad Street;

The brewery will be opening on N Evergreen Ave this summer;

A rum distillery is in the works to be opening on N. Broad Street;

FAF will be cutting the ribbon at their 'Lot 323' pop-up park on July 6th, their first event will be July 8th, and volunteers are needed;

Movies in the Park was rained out and will be held on July 11th at Stewart Park;

Jessica Schriver is doing a great job notifying the public of City events through social media on "What's Up Woodbury" and the website, etc.

Old Business: Water Quality Test Report

Mr. Theokas advised that we recently tested for PFNA in the water at 3 of our wells and at 6 other locations within the City. The results showed that wells 7 & 8 had PFNA levels similar to prior tests, well 9 detected no PFNA, and all 6 independent locations did not detect any PFNA in the water. All results have been forward to NJDEP. We will continue to investigate and look further into our options. Bond Ord. #2248-16 includes funds to install carbon filtration, if deemed necessary. At the next Council meeting we will have a presentation from a water engineer. Mr. Theokas continued by saying we are still looking into our legal options along with continuing testing.

Councilman Fleming expanded a little more regarding the water quality report advising that the City is still collecting information before any decisions will be made.

Councilman Swanson reiterated that no PFNA were detected in the field samples.

Other Committee Reports:

Councilman Johnson, Chairman of Parks & Rec Committee reported that:

Swing set & benches will be installed at Suiter-Baptiste Park, and some painting;

New walkway and Butterfly Garden are being installed at Hendrickson Park;

Basketball courts have been repaired at Rotary Park after the storm sewer repairs;

Wing-Dickerson Park has fresh mulch in preparation for Juneteenth celebration; Contract was awarded for concession building at Laverty Field with work to begin July; Bikeway Phase 3 is nearly complete with last concrete poured just today.

Councilwoman Floyd attended a shared services meeting at the school where they discussed: hiring an interim Superintendent until a replacement can be found; they would like the City maintain 'the Victor' statue; they will be conducting a summer reading program for students; and collaboration with us using their email blast contacts to disseminate information.

Also, Councilwoman Floyd enjoyed these recent events: Main Street Woodbury's White Table gala; Roadrunners Club's Benjamin/Ross 5K Run; Garden Club's annual tour last weekend; Memorial Day Vigil and WPD's Youth Police Academy day camp. She expressed her thanks to the many volunteers and City officials organizing these events.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Volk thanked Woodbury Merchants & Professionals Assoc, Boy Scouts, Randi Woerner, Spike of American Legion Post 133 and others for organizing the Candlelight Vigil, and a special thank you to Freeholders Chila and Jefferson for attending. Also, Mayor Volk recently played in a WHS Alumni baseball game and will attend a Sports Alumni meeting on June 20. He chaired the Historical Preservation Commission's June 8th meeting where he met the proprietor of the new Herc's Burgers & Shakes. Lastly he extended well wishes to our Housing Officer Brian Bosworth who is retiring after 39 yr.

Report of the City Clerk

Roy Duffield announced the results of the June 7 primary election:

Mayor:	Jessica Floyd (D)	George Gallenthin, III (R)
First Ward Council:	Danielle Carter (D)	Brian Mattern (R)
Second Ward Council:	David Trovato (D)	Barry Dear (R)
Third Ward Council:	Kenneth McIlvaine (D)	Heather Tierney (R)

The City Clerk reminded everyone that Father's Day is coming up this weekend.

Department Heads' Announcements

Police Chief Ryan stated that the Memorial Vigil was extra special this year because it honored deceased Woodbury veterans Tom Davis, Victor Browne and Ken Seder. Chief Ryan also advised that because of tonight's promotions we are looking to hire a new officer. He is actively recruiting locals, veterans and minority applicants, looking for the best possible candidates, and also searching via social media.

CFO Bob Law advised that the 2015 audit will begin next week; and the 2016 Fall Parade applications will go out shortly.

Administrator Mike Theokas reminded everyone that Conrail will be working on their crossings at East Barber and Cooper Streets this month, and detours will be in effect. Also, the Tax Sale will be tomorrow and due to the efforts of Lorraine Reeves, Pamela Lewis and Cricket McNally this year's Tax Sale list is the smallest in recent memory.

Open to the Public

On motion of Parker, seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved the floor was opened to the public for any items.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Ave reminded everyone of June 18 Juneteenth ceremony, which will be attended by Councilman Johnson and Freeholder Jefferson, and others.

Mary Carter of Main Street Woodbury thanked all City officials for their cooperation with the White Table gala, which was attended by over 80 people. She also announced that MSW and WORC have purchased 8 planters for flowers to be placed on Broad Street.

Jacquelyn Knight of 232 Hunter St thanked Council and the ad hoc water evaluation committee for openly sharing the water test results with the public.

Jay Norman, President of Village Green Condo said a tree from their common area fell over into the lake and asks the City to help them remove it. It will cost them \$5,800.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Johnson seconded by Parker and unanimously approved the public hearing was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Parker seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A Duffield,
City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Mike Theokas
Chief Financial Officer: Bob Law
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Breier
Fire Marshal: Joe Buono
Police: Chief Tom Ryan
Public Works: Rich Leidy
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.
Main Street Woodbury: Mary Carter