

BOROUGH OF WENONAH
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COUNCIL MINUTES –WORK SESSION MEETING
APRIL 14, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas A. Lombardo, Wenonah Municipal Building,
1 South West Avenue Wenonah, NJ

Roll Call: Present: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Norris, Sinclair

Open Public Meetings Act:

Adoption of the Agenda: JH/GS AIF

PRESENTATION OF GATEWAY BUDGET

Superintendent of Schools, Shannon Whalen, Ed.D., and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, Donna J. Contrevo, gave the Gateway Regional High School Budget presentation and answered council's and residents' questions. Handouts attached.

Open to Public: JH/JD

Approximately 16 residents, council members, Police Chief Reed Mernick from City of Woodbury as well as Chief Glenn Scheetz, and PBA representatives gave their thoughts regarding a possible police shared service agreement. The possibility of putting this issue to a referendum was also suggested and discussed again.

Chief Reed Mernick of City of Woodbury indicated he was not aware of other towns going to a referendum for approval of a shared service agreement. He offered his assistance to the committee and council with their decision making.

Most residents wanted to keep the police department in town and not merge and suggested Council seek other methods of cost containment. Many indicated that the dollars saved, spread out over all residents, would not make up for the loss of our police officers. Some residents indicated that in this economy they would be hard pressed to pay additional borough taxes. There were those who agreed that council should check the options of merging with another town as long as the safety of the residents was not in jeopardy. Council President John Howard assured all that a check list had been established by the committee on the criteria required to assure proper coverage in the borough for police protection. Mayor Lombardo indicated he spoke to other town mayors and will also reach out to their residents concerning how police shared services has worked for them.

Mayor and Committee members assured the audience at this time they are still only gathering information. They will research the proposals carefully and not compromise public safety.

Close to Public

GS/PK

Motion to Approve: Minutes of March 10, 2011	RF/GS	AIF
Motion to Approve: Minutes of March 24, 2011	RF/GS	AIF

BUSINESS

Motion to Approve: Resolution R-2011-61
 "Approving Municipal Alliance Grant for Calendar 2011 for \$8,011.00 " JH/GS

Roll Call:

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Norris, Sinclair
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Resolution R- 2011-62
 "Approving the Safe & Secure Grant for \$18,867.00 for 2011" JH/GS

Roll Call:

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Norris, Sinclair
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None

Motion Approved

MISCELLANEOUS

Motion to Approve: Eagle Scout Project for Billy Norris to assist the American Legion with the installation of a light pole at the Veterans Memorial in the Wenonah Park. He will also remove overgrown bushes and install new landscaping per the Legion's design as well as solicit donations for the project. Anticipated start date is Spring/Summer 2011. JD/GS AIF

There was discussion concerning three roofs that need to be replaced on both of the wells and the snack bar at Langston Field. Two quotes were received. The quote from John Schad was much higher than the quote from Sun Roofing. We will go with the lesser of the two quotes or shall we get 1 more; checking with Dave.

Councilman Sinclair asked council if there might be any interest in changing or creating an ordinance allowing the raising of chickens in the borough as some residents had inquired. If so, he would do additional research. Council discussion indicated most properties are too small and it was agreed that the raising of chickens would not be suitable for the borough.

Mayor Lombardo suggested replacing the shuffleboard area at Wenonah Lake with a Bocce Ball court.

Open to Public: JH/RF

Three more people spoke about the possible police merger issue. There was some additional discussion.

Close to Public: GS/RF

Motion to Approve: Resolution R- 2011-60

“Closed Executive Session Possible Litigation Borough of Wenonah v. Keith A. Malone Docket #L-1799-10 and Contract Negotiation” JH/PK

Motion to Approve: Coming out of Closed Session JD/RF

Motion to Approve: and agree to the buyout figures for Chief Glenn Scheetz of \$23,986.59 with a full release to the Borough of Wenonah JH/JD

Roll Call:

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Norris, Sinclair

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Entering into a contract for the demolition of 211 E. Buttonwood Avenue property. GS/JD

Roll Call:

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Norris, Sinclair

Nays: None

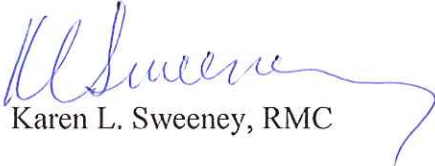
Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved

Motion to Adjourn: JD/RF All in Favor 10:10pm

Minutes submitted,



Karen L. Sweeney, RMC

Approved: May 12, 2011