

BOROUGH OF WENONAH

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COUNCIL MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

February 24, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas A. Lombardo, Wenonah Elementary School
200 North Clinton Avenue Wenonah, NJ

Roll Call: Present: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Norris, Sinclair
Absent: None
Also present, Solicitor Barry Lozuke

Open Public Meetings Act:

Adoption of Agenda: JH/PK AIF

Motion to Approve: Ordinance 2011-2 “2nd read Amending Chapter 56 Streets & Sidewalks” JD/RF

Open Public Hearing: JH/RF

No comments

Close Public Hearing: JD/GS

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Ordinance 2011-3 2nd read

Amending Chapter 67 Vehicles and Traffic, Establishing Traffic Stop Intersections” PK/GS

Open Public Hearing: PK/JD

No comments

Close Public Hearing: PK/GS

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve:

Ordinance 2011-4 2nd Read "Authorizing Bond for Reconstruction of Lenape Pump Station" PK/GS

Open Public Hearing: JD/RF

No Comments

Close Public Hearing: JD/PK

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Ordinance 2011-5 "2nd read

"Authorizing Bond for Reconstruction of N. Marion Ave NJDOT 2011" PK/GS

Open Public Hearing: PK/GS

No comments

Close Public Hearing: PK/GS

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Council Minutes Closed Sessions

Oct. 28, 2010, Nov. 18, 2010, Dec. 9 and Dec. 23, 2010 through a consent agenda. JD/RF

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Council Minutes of Jan. 27, 2011 regular meeting JH/PK All in Favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Bldgs & Grounds: J. Dominy - No report.

Public Works: P. Kaeferle - No report

Personnel: J. Howard - A vacancy still remains in the Municipal court

Public Safety: J. Howard - See attached reports Police & Fire departments

Finance & Budget: B. Norris - No report

Legal & Ordinance: G. Sinclair - No report

Human Services: R. Farina - No report

BUSINESS

Motion to Approve: Disbursements BN/GS

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved

Resolution 2011-45 "Appointing Dave Shaver as Deputy Coordinator of the OEM.
Dave was then sworn in by Clerk Karen L. Sweeney

Resolution 2011-46 "Approving Transfer of 2010 Appropriation Reserves" BN/GS

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved

Resolution 2011-47 "Approving Application for Bureau of Safe Drinking Water Permit"
PK/GS All in Favor

Resolution 2011-48 "Confirming Appointment of Mark Hasenpat to Patrolman 2nd class"
GS/JH All in Favor

Resolution 2011-49 "Appointing Gerald Sinclair class III member to Combined Planning Board"
PK/BN All in Favor

Motion to Approve: Jacob Dominy into the Fireman's Relief Association
PK/JH All in Favor

Motion to Approve: Conner Demuro's application for Junior Firefighter Membership
PK/JH All in Favor

Open to Public: RF/PK

Council President John Howard requested to open the public portion of the meeting with a statement to clear up rumors about a planned "police merger". He gave the audience a time line of the series of events to explain to all those in attendance (Wenonah residents and police officers, residents and police officers from other towns, and PBA officials) that the committee, in sending out letters and meeting with other towns, was only fact finding, not making or accepting any offers.

Open to Public (Cont'd)

The meeting was then opened to public comment. Approx.31 people spoke, some more than once: 12 police/PBA, 18 residents 1 from out of town. They expressed their opinions regarding this issue. Some gave personal stories regarding the positive influence that Wenonah police officers have on Wenonah's youth as well as how Wenonah's officers have gone out of their way to assist them during times of personal problems.

Many also indicated a concern regarding response time if we merge with another town; that Wenonah would always be the "other town" and not get the immediate response to calls we currently experience. Also, that Wenonah would lose its identity with a police merger. Most wanted to keep the police department in town and not merge; rather Council should 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. Those who spoke and wanted council to check the options of merging with another town were in the minority.

Close to Public: GS/JH

Adjourn: JD/GS All in Favor 9:25pm

Minutes submitted,

Karen L. Sweeney, RMC

Approved: March 10, 2011