

BOROUGH OF WENONAH

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COUNCIL MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

April 26, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas A. Lombardo,
Wenonah Municipal Building, 1 South West Avenue Wenonah, NJ 08090

Roll Call: Present: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader
Absent: Norris
Also present, Solicitor Brian J. Duffield

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Adoption of the Agenda: PK/JH AIF

WENONAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Chief School Administrator, Frank Vogel and Interim School Business Administrator, Kathy Mastran gave the Wenonah Elementary School Budget presentation and answered council and resident questions. Handouts were distributed to council and resident attendees.

Open to Public: JH/PK
No Comments
Close to Public: JD/PK

Motion to approve March 22, 2012 Business Meeting minutes JD/JH All in Favor
Motion to approve April 12, 2012 Work Session Meeting minutes JD/PL All in Favor except
Councilman Howard abstained

Committee Reports

Public Bldgs & Grounds – J. Dominy: No written report at this time. Preparation is underway for Wenonah Lake to open. Diane Clement will be Lake Manager again this year. Sad to report there was additional vandalism on the trails and conservation areas.

Mayor Lombardo suggested encouraging people to use the trails and report any suspicious activity or vandalism. The burnt section of the bridge has been repaired by Bob Bevilaqua.

Public Works – P. Kaeferle – see attached report.

Human Services – J. Howard – Councilman Howard mentioned that Clean Communities Day is May 12th and the Borough wide yard sale is this Saturday, April 28th. Movie in the Park will be held on June 29th.

Finance & Budget – B. Norris – Absent, see Treasurers and Tax Collector reports attached.

Legal & Ordinance – P. Lader – No written report. Will continue to research clear zone and then will share with committee. It was suggested that perhaps our solicitor could share similar ordinances from other towns for review and comparison.

Public Safety/Personnel – R. Farina – see attached Fire Chief and Police OIC report.

Engineers Report - Engineer Dave Kreck gave his opinion on the cameras for the trail. See monthly engineers report on all projects.

Dave Keck also gave his presentation on the DRVPC study program and reported that the study is basically finished. However, it could take up to two (2) years to get funding for this project as it is still in preliminary stages. Also, the County will have to review and give their final approval.

Engineer Kreck originally told council there would be no charge to the borough for the preparation work and research for the Green Acres application. He totaled up his hours spent and found that he had incurred \$4,870.50 in costs to prepare the Green Acres Application. He stated that, as promised, he has no problem absorbing those costs.

However, Dave feels that he would like to be reimbursed for the \$2845.75 spent on researching and summarizing the Green Acres Restrictions for Council and the Planning Board, as well as the preparation of the Borough's Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI), which was also a part of the Green Acres Application. This work tallied up at \$2,845.75 at our contractual billing rates.

It was suggested a motion be made to approve paying Dave for the hard work and effort he put into this project in the amount of \$2845.75. Councilman Farina made the motion and Councilman Howard second.

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Motion to Approve: Ordinance No. 2012-6 2nd read - Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank JD/PK

Open to Public RF/JD

No comments

Close to Public JH/PK

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Resolution 2012-56 - Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey in a Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department Of Law and Public Safety for 2012 - \$30,000 grant amount. RF/JD

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Resolution 2012-57- Approving Patrolman Golding Medical Benefits JR/JH

Following a brief discussion, Councilman Farina indicated that the language was gray and needed to be clearer; so as a compromise, Patrol Golding's benefits will start as of June 1st.

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Resolution 2012-58 - Appointing Gary Odenbrett as Shade Tree Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission filling Greg Shast's unexpired term. JH/PK AIF

Motion to Approve: Disbursements JD/PK

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

Miscellaneous

Police Discussion - Councilman Farina stated that the committee met with the police department and were given a handout of a recommended structure guide for council to review. Councilman Farina also indicated that the police department stated they do not have enough officers to cover vacation and sick days. They are two officers short. A direction needs to be determined for council to act on and there are several options to review. Councilman Farina stated that the committee needs to get a better sense of what they believe is the best solution and hopefully, by next council meeting we will have some idea.

Motion to Approve: Application for Junior Membership to the Wenonah Fire Company for Alexander Dominy PK/PL AIF, with Dominy abstaining

Open to Public: JD/PL

Resident Brian Peisano, South East Avenue, had a question for Engineer Kreck regarding parking.

Close to Public: JH/PK

Motion to Approve: Resolution 2012-59 Closed Session - "Potential Litigation Regarding Developer's Agreement Dated October 2010 with Wenonah Associates, LLC" JD/RF AIF

Motion to Approve: Coming Out of Closed Session PL/RF AIF

Adjourn: PL/PK AIF 10:10pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Sweeney, RMC/Treasurer

Approved: May 24, 2012