

# BOROUGH OF WENONAH

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## COUNCIL MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 12, 2012

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

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Present: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader,  
Absent: Howard

### Open Public Meetings Act:

**Motion to Adopt the Agenda:** JD/BN

**Open to Public** RF/JD

Resident Bob Bevilacqua, 301 Mohawk Dr., spoke on behalf of the Environmental Commission. Mr. Bevilacqua reported damage done to the trails, markers, and the stone wall donated by the Woman's Club. Most of the damage occurred near the S. Clinton Ave garden trail area. He questioned Council as to the possibility of putting up cameras. Council indicated they didn't think it would be a problem, but would check with our solicitor.

Resident Helen Hadfield, 105 South East Ave., reported damage to Langston field (sign, trees, lighting, etc.) She also relayed concern from Jack Sheppard Sr. regarding children skate boarding and meeting at the Community Center. Additional police presence was requested at both locations.

**Close to Public:** JD/PK

**Motion to Approve:** Ordinance O-5-2012 2nd Read - An Ordinance of the Borough of Wenonah Creating of the Code of the Borough of Wenonah Entitled "Municipal Alliance Committee."

**Open Public Hearing** PK/RF

No comments

**Close Public Hearing** JD/PK

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Kaeferle, Lader, Norris

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Howard

Motion Approved

**Motion to Approve:** Resolution 52-2012-Self-examination of budget resolution (as required by DCA.) BN/JD

CFO Rob Scharle Distributed budget sheets to Council and explained the budget process in detail. There will be a 2.6 cent increase which is reasonable. The borough has replenished their surplus and is in good shape. Surplus always needs to be replenished in order to keep a safe budget. He stated that we need to keep in mind that surplus is planned revenue.

The ordinance exceeding the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank is something we do every year just in case it is needed, as you cannot go back after the budget is approved. The pension amount in the budget showed an increase of \$8,000. For every \$100,000 assessed value on a home, residents will be paying \$26.10 more; i.e., if an assessed value is \$308,000 that equates to ~\$80.36 increase. The borough will have a self-examination of the budget this year. This is done every 3 years to eliminate extra work for the State. However, the CFO and Auditors review the budget as well as every year.

Roll Call

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

Motion Approved

**Motion to Approve:** Resolution 53-2012-Resolution to use alternate Tax Collection Rate Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-41 for use in the 2012 Municipal Budget. BN/PK

Roll Call

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

Motion Approved

**Motion to Approve:** Ordinance O-6-2012-1<sup>st</sup> read to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank BN/JD

Roll Call

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

Motion Approved

**Motion to Approve:** Resolution 54-2012-Introduce the 2012 Municipal Budget Read by Title Only BN/JD

Roll Call

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

Motion Approved

**Motion to Approve:** Resolution 55- 2012-Appointing Brian Slaugh of Clark Canton Hintz as COAH consultant; planner PK/JD

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Kaeferle, Lader, Norris

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Howard

Motion Approved

**Other Matters:** No Comments

**Open to Public:** JD/PK

No Comments

**Close to Public:** JD/PK

Councilman Lader introduced a discussion among Mayor and other Council members regarding amending the "Clear Zone" ordinance to specifically prohibit any obstructions whatsoever.

However, the rest of council was in agreement that they would prefer not to open a can of worms regarding clear zone issues. Discussion continued as to grandfathering, enforcement, retroactive infractions, etc. Mayor Lombardo suggested that Councilman Lader meet with the Legal and Ordinance Committee and review the Streets and Sidewalks ordinance (Chapter 56 -3 of the Code) and Shade Tree ordinance (Chapter 53 of the Code) before proceeding further.

Adjourn: JD/PL 8:20 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Sweeney, RMC/Treasurer

Approved: April 26, 2012