

BOROUGH OF WENONAH

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COUNCIL MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 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, Lader,
Absent: Kaeferle, Norris
Also present, Solicitor Brian J. Duffield

Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

Adoption of the Agenda: JD/PL AIF

Open to Public: RF/PL AIF

No comments

Close to Public: JH/PL AIF

Motion to Approve: Ordinance No. 2012-11, 2nd Read, Bond Ordinance providing for Roadway Improvements to Barkbridge Road in the Borough of Wenonah, appropriating \$200,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$26,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof. JD/RF

Open Public Hearing RF/PL

Resident Tom Brett, 104 W. Willow Street, asked for an explanation and timing of the ordinance. Engineer Dave Kreck indicated the ordinance covered redoing the paving of Barkbridge Road, probably in the spring/summer of 2013.

Close Public Hearing JH/PL

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Lader

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kaeferle, Norris

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: September 27, 2012 Business Meeting Minutes and October 11, 2012 Work Session Minutes. RF/PL

Roll Call

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

Mayor broke the tie; voted Aye.

Motion Approved

Committee Reports:

Public Buildings & Grounds – J. Dominy: No written Report. He mentioned Lake lowering Saturday, November 10th. The Environmental Commission would be helping with this project.
Public Works – P. Kaeferle: Absent. See Report also See Engineers report for all projects in town.

Human Services – J. Howard: Mentioned Clean Communities Day is Nov.17, 2012

Finance & Budget – B. Norris: Absent: See Treasurers and Tax Collector reports attached.

Legal & Ordinance – P. Lader: Nothing to report.

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

Engineers Report:

Engineer Dave Kreck had previously submitted his written report to Mayor and Council. See Engineers report for all projects going on in town. Dave Kreck stated he had recently met with County Engineer. He also reported that bike lanes on Mantua Avenue will be coming soon.

Motion to Approve: Resolution R-2012-88, Approving the cancellation of taxes on block 15 Lot 6 for Robert T. Jenkins, totally disabled veteran status JD/RF

Roll Call

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

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Resolution R-2012-89 Approving Officer Golding to Patrolman Class 5 salary of \$35,446.85 RF/JH

Roll Call

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

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Resolution R-2012-90 Approving Chapter 159 to insert \$2907 (received for tonnage grant) into the 2012 budget JH/PL

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Lader

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kaeferle, Norris

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Ordinance O-2012-12 1st Read, Establishing New Chapter 62 of the Code of the Borough –Towing PL/JD

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Lader

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kaeferle, Norris

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Disbursements JD/RF

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Howard, Lader

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kaeferle, Norris

Motion Approved

Open to Public: PL/PK

Resident Joe Labinski, 107 S. Jackson asked for a copy of the towing ordinance.

Resident Ken Asroff, 406 S. Clinton, asked Council if the Borough had discussed the possibility of tax abatements. Councilman Howard asked if there were limitations on the abatements if property is sold. Councilman Dominy requested a discussion among Council. Solicitor Duffield explained again how the process works and gave information on how Pitman was able to declare part of the town a redevelopment or rehabilitation area to qualify for tax abatements.

Solicitor Duffield advised that the two are different entities. With both rehabilitation and redevelopment you would first have to establish a need. And, after all the ground work is done the request then goes to the DCA for approval. If the DCA signs off, then a series of public hearings with planning boards and governing bodies are held. There are also considerable fees involved.

The differences are, with a redevelopment designation the residents may be concerned as the governing body could exercise eminent domain and have considerable control over the properties. With a rehabilitation designation there would be abatements for only the improvements made on a residence. There was discussion among the Solicitor, Mayor, and Council, along with residents Asroff, and Labinski.

Resident Tom Brett, 104 W. Willow St., reported that the crosswalk in front of coffee shop was dangerous. Drivers don't yield to pedestrians.

Close to Public: RF/PK

Motion to Approve: Resolution R-2012-91 Closed Session, "Pending litigation, re: Wenonah Meadows Development". JD/JH AIF

Motion to come out of closed session: PL/JD

Councilman Farina brought up a brief discussion on the police chief process about title 40 versus the State Police handbook. Mayor indicated to keep with title 40. Solicitor was instructed to send a letter to senator Madden on the gray areas of this matter.

Motion to Adjourn: JH/RF AIF 8:50pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Sweeney, RMC/Treasurer

Approved: November 29, 2012