

# BOROUGH OF WENONAH

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## COUNCIL MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

May 28, 2015

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Call to Order:** 7:30 p.m. by Mayor John R. Dominy  
Wenonah Municipal Building, 1 South West Avenue Wenonah, NJ 08090

**Roll Call:** Present: Dominy, Hausman, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader, (7:41) Sheppard  
Absent: Norris  
Also Present: Solicitor Brian J. Duffield

### Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

**Adoption of the Agenda:** JS/CH AIF

**Open to Public** JH/CH

Brian Slauch from Clarke, Caton, and Hintz came in to update Council on affordable housing (COAH) matters. He explained that the NJ Supreme Court has wide ranging implications for municipalities in meeting their constitutional mandate for affordable housing. Municipalities are given the opportunity to file for a declaratory judgment in Superior Court that their housing plans are compliant with their constitutional obligation to provide for affordable housing and during this time frame (30 days) no so-called builders remedy lawsuits will be permitted. Brian suggested to council that it would be in Wenonah's best interest to file a declaratory judgment and hire an expert witness (Dr. Robert Burchell.) (Councilman Lader arrives)

Councilman Kaeferle motioned to approve filing this declaratory judgment and hire the expert witness Dr. Robert Burchell, Councilman Sheppard seconds. All council was in Favor.

**Close to Public** CH/JS AIF

**Motion to approve:** April 23, 2015 Business Minutes CH/PL AIF

**Motion to approve:** Ordinance 2015-7, 2<sup>nd</sup> read  
Approving Bond Ordinance for the Purchase of Trash Carts PK/JS

**Open Public Hearing** PL/PK

No comment

**Close Public Hearing** PK/JS

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hausman, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader, Sheppard

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

**Motion to approve: Resolution 2015-56**

Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertise for bids for approximately 550 new 95 gallon automated recycle carts

PK/CH

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hausman, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader, Sheppard

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

**Motion to approve: Resolution 2015-57**

Authorizing the Purchase of 95 Gallon Automated Trash/Recycle carts from Pitman Borough

PK/CH

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hausman, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader, Sheppard

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

**Motion to approve: Resolution 2015-58** Authorizing the execution of a shared services agreement with the County of Gloucester for participation in a county wide registration program for abandoned properties

JS/CH

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hausman, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader, Sheppard

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

**Motion to approve: Resolution 2015-59**

Authorizing the lease purchase agreement for a 2015 police interceptor vehicle

JH/JS

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hausman, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader, Sheppard

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

**Motion to approve: Resolution 2015-60**

Authorizing the Clean Communities Grant Money Chapter 159 into the 2015 Budget for \$6,096.40

CH/PK

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hausman, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader, Sheppard

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

**Motion to approve:** Resolution 2015-61

Authorizing the Bid Advertisement for 2015 NJDOT Roadway Project; Maple Street.

PK/CH

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hausman, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader, Sheppard

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

**Motion to approve:** Resolution 2015-62

Authorizing the Green Communities Grant (Shade Tree) Chapter 159 into 2015 Budget for \$3,000

CH/JS

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hausman, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader, Sheppard

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Public Safety & Personnel – J. Howard - See attached report.

Public Works – P. Kaeferle - See attached report. Water usage is continuing to go down and under 4 million gallons.

Human Services – C. Hausman – See attached report regarding Clean Communities Day.  
A movie in the Park is confirmed for Wednesday July 22, 2015. Rain date will be the next day.

Finance & Budget – W. Norris –Absent  
See Attached Reports

Legal & Ordinance – P. Lader -- No report at this time.

Public Buildings & Grounds – J. Sheppard – see attached report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Please see attached Engineer's report on all projects going on in town.  
Dave Kreck wanted to bring Council up on the storm drains all through town. They are starting to collapse because of their age. Ken and Dave will take inventory on which ones need more attention. Dave advised Council that we are talking major work and expense. Dave stated he will keep Council posted.

**Motion to approve:** Disbursements:

JS/PL

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hausman, Howard, Kaeferle, Lader, Sheppard

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Norris

Motion Approved

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**Motion to approve:** Fire Company Junior Membership Application for Jackson Freind JH/CH  
All in Favor

There was some discussion regarding changing the name of the Wenonah Train Station.

**Motion to approve:** changing the name of the Train Station in honor of Jack C. Sheppard, Sr. TBA at a later date.  
CH/JH All in Favor

**Open to Public** JS/CH  
No comments.

**Close to Public** CH/PK

**Motion to approve:** Resolution 2015-63 Closed Session:  
Discussion on proposed police chief contract agreement JH/PK

**Motion to come out of Closed Session:** JH/PK  
No action taken

**Motion to Adjourn:** JH/CH AIF 8:46pm

Minutes Submitted,

Karen L. Sweeney, RMC/Admin  
Approved: June 25, 2015