BOROUGH OF WENONAH

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MAY 23, 2024

COUNCIL MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order:

7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jessica S. Doheny

Wenonah Municipal Building, 1 South West Avenue, Wenonah, NJ 08090

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Doheny, Barbato, Cox, Graves, Grigri, Mayer

Solicitor Tara St. Angelo, Clerk/Admin Karen L. Sweeney

Absent: Fini

Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

Adoption of the Agenda:

Cox/Mayer

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR on Agenda items only

Open to the public on Agenda items only:

Cox/Mayer

Resident Alex Pozza, 200 S. Monroe Ave., asked about municipal budget and solicitor Tara St. Angelo interjected with please wait for the public hearing to open on the municipal budget.

Close to the public

Cox/Mayer

All in Favor

Motion to Approve: April 25, 2024, and December 14, 2023, Business Meeting Minutes

Cox/Mayer

All in favor

Motion to approve: ORDINANCE 2024-7 2nd read

Approving to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and establish a cap bank (COLA) if needed

Cox/Mayer

Open Public Hearing:

Cox/Mayer

No comments

Close Public Hearing

Cox/Mayer

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Barbato, Cox, Graves, Grigri, Mayer

Nays:

None

Abstain: None

Absent: Fini

Motion Approved

Open public hearing on the 2024 Municipal Budget

Cox/Mayer

Resident Alex Pozza 200 S. Monroe wanted clarification regarding the operation of the lake budget lines and the public building and grounds "Parks & Lake" line items

Mayor Doheny indicated that the grounds and lake employees all fall under the "operation of the lake". It doesn't include public works or office staff salaries.

Historically, the public building and grounds park lines are used for the park in the center of town and not the park area at the lake.

Close public hearing

Cox/Mayer

Motion to approve: RESOLUTION 2024-53

Approving the adoption of the 2024 Municipal Budget READ BY TITLE ONLY

Roll Call:

Ayes: Barbato, Cox, Graves, Grigri, Mayer

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Fini Motion Approved

Cox/Mayer

Motion to approve: RESOLUTION 2024-54 Approving final change order #2 for CDBG lake project

Cox/Mayer

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Barbato, Cox, Graves, Grigri, Mayer

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Fini Motion Approved

Motion to approve: RESOLUTION 2024-56 Approving NJ Transit Added Bus Stops within the Borough of Wenonah Cox/Mayer

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Barbato, Cox, Graves, Grigri, Mayer

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Fini

Motion Approved

Motion to approve: RESOLUTION 2024-57 Approving the release of retainage of \$13,309.80 final payment to Arold for the Sanitary Sewer Main project.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Barbato, Cox, Graves, Grigri, Mayer

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Fini Motion Approved Motion to approve: RESOLUTION 2024-59 Authorizing the invitation of bids for the 2024 NJDOT infrastructure project N. Synnott & water main project N. Clinton 2024 capital project.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Barbato, Cox, Graves, Grigri, Mayer

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Fini Motion Approved

Motion to approve: ORDINANCE 2024-8 1ST read Amending Chapter 72 Section 605 Stormwater

Control Ordinance

Public hearing will be on June 27, 2024

Roll Call:

Ayes: Barbato, Cox, Graves, Grigri, Mayer

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Fini Motion Approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel: Susan Mayer – Nothing to report. See attached report.

Public Works/Public Buildings & Grounds: Dan Cox –

Superintendent Brian Nicholson summarized his report details in his report. See attached reports.

Public Safety: Anthony Fini – Absent.

Councilman Cox reads summary of speed reports. Chief White read the highlights of Mantua Township Police Department report. Chief Nessler indicated the fire company responded to a kitchen fire in Woodbury Heights. The fire company escorted the Wenonah Athletic Association on their opening day festivities and also participated in two events at Gateway aimed at recruiting junior firefighters. see attach reports.

Finance & Budget: Jackie Graves -

Tonight we adopted annual 2024 municipal budget Thank you to CFO Robert Scharle. See attached report.

Legal & Ordinance: Jonathan Barbato –

Nothing to report.

Public Programs: Jeanne Grigri -

Very successful clean communities day Saturday May 11, 2024 with at least 100 volunteers and 10 groups. Green mile for mental health for the mayors wellness program coming up on May 31. See attached report.

Engineers Report: Dave Kreck -

Update on the CDBG project, the contractor has substantially completed the project. Final Contract amount of \$153,789.00. The 2024 infrastructure improvement project for N. Synnott moving forward hoping to award by July 25. Please see the attached detailed engineering report for all projects going on in town. Reach out if you have any questions.

Motion to Approve: Disbursements

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Barbato, Cox, Fini, Graves, Grigri, Mayer

Nays:

None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved

Other Business:

Motion to approve Lions Club holding their annual 4th of July parade

Cox/Mayer All in Favor

Motion to approve Wenonah Fire Company & American Legion use of Wenonah Park July 4, 2024 Cox/Mayer All in Favor

Open to the public

Cox/Mayor

Residents Jack & Carolann Wesh 107 N. Clinton wanted to ask the Chief White about car fobs. Chief White gave a brief opinion.

Resident Alex Pozza 200 S. Monroe wanted clarification on the Wenonah Lake hours and who makes that call.

The mayor and council indicated that it depends on the weather and staffing, and it is the managers call. It is a staff decision.

Resident and Wenonah Lake manager Mike Mix indicated that he has a great staff this year and is looking forward to a great season. He also indicated that it is a staff decision on the Wenonah Lake hours.

Closed to the public

Cox/Mayer

RESOLUTION 2024-58 CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (Potential litigation affordable housing) Cox/Mayer

Return to open from Closed Session. 7:57 pm. No Action was taken.

Motion to Adjourn:

8:00 pm

Cox/Mayer All in favor

Minutes Submitted,

Karen L. Sweeney, RMC/Admin/Treasurer

Approved: June 27, 2024