

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Woodland Park was held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 5 Brophy Lane, on October 5, 2011 and was called to order by Mayor Pat Lepore at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Council President Spinelli, Councilwoman Gatti, Councilman DiDomenico, Councilwoman Pascrell, Councilman Vargas and Mayor Lepore

Absent: Councilman Holloway

Albert Buglione, Municipal Attorney, was present.

The Mayor stated in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law P.L. 1975 c.231, notice requirements for this meeting were set forth in the resolution adopted by the Municipal Council at the Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 2011 detailing the time and place, with notice given to the public by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and transmitting copies to the Mayor, members of the Council, Officers and to The Herald News.

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation by Jim Chimento from J.C. Construction and Robert Cigol from DMC Associates, Inc. with regard to Memorial Field. Mr. Cigol explained the problems associated with Memorial Field and the reasons that it floods. Basically, it is due to the fact that the football field is lower than the surrounding area of the field. Mr. Chimento spoke and explained to the Mayor and Council the options that the Borough has with respect to correcting the flooding problem. They are as follows:

Option "A"

1. Roto-till limited areas of dead/matted Turfgrass on the football field and along the low lying area behind the homes on Dowling Parkway with a RotaDarion Soil Renovator.
2. Drag areas and restore site back to existing grades.
3. Apply lime and fertilizer as needed and work into the topsoil.
4. Hydro-seed all large bare areas and cover with straw mulch.
5. The existing turf areas remaining will be aerated with an Aerovator Solid Tine Aerator and over-seeded with perennial ryegrass seed with a tractor mounted slit seeder.
6. Layout & Survey is included.

Note: Option "A" does not include grading and will not alleviate standing water from low lying areas.

Total cost for Option "A" \$45,648.00

Option "B"

1. Roto-till limited areas of dead/matted Turfgrass on the football field and along the low lying area behind the homes on Dowling Parkway with a RotaDarion Soil Renovator.
2. The football/soccer field to be conditioned for porosity with coarse sand roto-tilled into the existing topsoil.
3. Grading to be performed per concept "A" grading plan.
4. Apply lime and fertilizer as needed and work into the topsoil.
5. Hydro-seed newly graded areas and cover with straw mulch.
6. The existing turf areas remaining will be aerated with an Aerovator Solid Tine Aerator and over-seeded with perennial ryegrass seed with a tractor mounted slit seeder.

7. Sprinkler heads to be adjusted to finished grade.
8. Layout & Survey is included.

Note: Option “B” will aid in minimal sheet flow drainage.

Total cost for Option “B” \$81,743.00

Option “C”

1. Roto-till limited areas of dead/matted Turfgrass on the football field and along the low lying area behind the homes on Dowling Parkway with a RotaDarion Soil Renovator.
2. The football/soccer field to be conditioned for porosity with coarse sand roto-tilled into the existing topsoil
3. Grading to be performed per concept “A” grading plan.
4. Apply lime and fertilizer as needed and work into the topsoil.
5. Furnish & install Tuckahoe Sand Based Athletic Field Kentucky Bluegrass Sod on football/soccer field only for a total of 70,200 SF.
6. The existing turf areas remaining will be aerated with an Aerovator Solid Tine Aerator and over-seeded with perennial ryegrass seed with a tractor mounted slit seeder.
7. Sprinkler heads to be adjusted to new grades.
8. Layout & Survey is included.

Note: Option “C” is the same as option “B” except that sod will be installed on Football/soccer field.

Total cost for Option “C” \$132,287.00

Option “D”

1. Football/soccer field to be relocated as per Concept “B” Grading Plan.
2. Existing goal posts to be removed & reset in new locations.
3. Soccer/football field to be roto-tilled with a RotaDarion Soil Renovator.
4. Soccer/football field to be conditioned for porosity with coarse sand roto-tilled into the existing topsoil.
5. Grading to be performed per Concept “B” Plan.
6. Furnish & install Tuckahoe Sand Based Athletic Field Kentucky Bluegrass Sod on football/soccer field only for a total of 70,200 SF.
7. The existing turf areas remaining will be aerated with an Aerovator Solid Tine Aerator and over-seeded with perennial ryegrass seed with a tractor mounted slit seeder.
8. Sprinkler heads to be adjusted to new grades.
9. Layout & Survey is included.

Note: Option “D” contains significant grading with field relocation and sodding.

Total cost for Option “D” \$147,787.00

Option “E”

1. Football/soccer field to be relocated as per Concept “B” Grading Plan.
2. Existing goal posts to be removed & reset in new locations.
3. Soccer/football field to be roto-tilled with a RotaDarion Soil Renovator.
4. Soccer/football field to be conditioned for porosity with coarse sand roto-tilled into the existing topsoil.
5. Grading to be performed per Concept “B” Grading Plan.
6. Furnish & install Tuckahoe Sand Based Athletic Field Kentucky Bluegrass Sod on football/soccer field only for a total of 70,200 SF.
7. The existing turf areas remaining will be aerated with an Aerovator Solid Tine Aerator and over-seeded with perennial ryegrass seed with a tractor mounted slit seeder.
8. Sprinkler heads to be adjusted to new grades.
9. Furnish & install 8” perforated pipe as per Concept “B” Grading Plan with crushed stone wrapped in filter fabric approximately 520 LF.
10. Furnish & install (2) 2’ x 2’ catch basins per plan.

11. Layout & Survey is included.

Note: Option “E” is the same as option “D” with drainage basins and perforated outfall pipes.

Total cost for Option “E” \$165,652.00

Option “F”

1. Football/soccer field to be relocated as per Concept “B” Grading Plan.
2. Existing goal posts to be removed & reset in new locations.
3. Football/soccer field to be roto-tilled with a RotaDarion Soil Renovator.
4. Football/soccer field to be conditioned for porosity with coarse sand roto-tilled into the existing topsoil.
5. Grading to be performed per Concept “B” Grading Plan.
6. Furnish & install Tuckahoe Sand Based Athletic Field Kentucky Bluegrass Sod on football/soccer field only for a total of 70,200 SF.
7. The existing turf areas remaining will be aerated with an Aerovator Solid Tine Aerator and over-seeded with perennial ryegrass seed with a tractor mounted slit seeder.
8. Sprinkler heads to be adjusted to new grades.
9. Furnish & install 8” perforated pipe as per Concept “B” Grading Plan with crushed stone wrapped in filter fabric approximately 800 LF.
10. Furnish & install (2) 2’ x 2’ catch basins per plan.
11. Furnish & install approximately 5000 LF of sand silt slotted drainage pipe with 15’ spacing under football/soccer field.
12. Layout & Survey is included.

Note: Option “F” is the most effective way for surface water to evacuate on a flat surface.

Total cost for Option “F” \$230,752.00

A discussion was held between the Mayor and Council, Mr. Chimento and Mr. Cigol related to these options. In addition, a discussion was held with regard to the cost of each option and whether or not we would receive any reimbursement from FEMA for this project. After discussing each of the options and the cost associated with each, the Council was polled and all agreed that Option “E” would be the best suited for the Borough.

Upon Motion made by Council President Spinelli, seconded by Councilman Vargas and passed on roll call vote, it was decided that Option “E” of the proposal of JC Construction would be accepted and implemented.

The Mayor asked Mr. Chimento for an update on the parks that he is working on. Mr. Chimento stated that the three smaller parks are almost completed. They are waiting for a shipment of plants for Dowling Gardens. They are now in the process of cleaning up the dead plants, removing mulch and straightening trees. When this is complete, they will begin work on the walkway and ultimately the seeding. He stated that Dowling Gardens should be completed by the end of next week. With regard to Lijoi Park, Mr. Chimento stated that the playground is complete and it just needs a few shrubs; Cavaliere Park has been cleaned up; Centennial Park has been completed with the exception of the flowers and shrubs that need to be planted.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The Mayor stated that residents were asking why the Mayor and Council was spending so much time reconstructing the parks and not Memorial Field. The Mayor stated that it was due to the fact that we needed to consult with JC Construction to evaluate the field and come up with options that the Mayor and Council could choose from in order to reconstruct Memorial Field. The Mayor stated that the Senior Center was available to the senior citizens for their weekly meeting today. Even though the Senior Center was available, the seniors decided to hold their meeting at the American Legion. With regard to the resident at the last meeting who thought she could get a reduction in the assessment of her home because of flooding, the Mayor stated the he checked with the Assessor and the Assessor stated that the flooding factor is already factored into their assessment. He

stated that if those residents who had a finished basement, are not going to refinish it again, they should get a demolition permit (fees to be waived by the Borough) which permit will then be sent to the Assessor and the Assessor will verify that the basement is not being refinished and they will get a reduction in the assessment and thereby getting a reduction in their taxes. The Mayor stated that there is currently a lot of remedial work going on in the Borough such as the sewer system, the pump station, our roadways, etc. He stated that George Galbraith was doing an excellent job with regard to the DPW working on correcting problems within the town. The Mayor acknowledged a resident, Joan Hermann, who called him a few weeks ago and told him that she was starting an initiative to help the people in the Ryle Park area who were affected tremendously by the floods. The Mayor stated that last Thursday, in the Municipal Building, was the second food stamp registration held by the County. The Mayor announced that Woodland Park Day will be abbreviated on October 15th and will start at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor wished Berkeley College a happy 80th anniversary.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Lepore opened the meeting to the public and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Vince Olivo, 1 Taft Avenue, asked the Mayor to send a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers asking them to take action with regard to the flooding of the Passaic River.

Don Bender, 34 West 36th Street, spoke about Woodland Park getting its own zip code. Mr. Bender would like to have a speed hump put in on West 36th Street.

There being no one else wishing to be heard, the Public Hearing was closed.

The Mayor told Mr. Olivo that he has already sent numerous correspondence to the State. He stated that he has made the recommendation of constructing walls along the Passaic River on both the Woodland Park and Totowa side and the State indicated that they need to do studies.

With regard to the speed humps, the Mayor told Mr. Bender that they would make just too much noise. The Mayor stated that he would need the Chief of Police's recommendation to put in speed humps anywhere in the Borough.

MINUTES:

After a discussion between Councilman DiDomenico and the Mayor regarding the Minutes of the September 21, 2011 meeting, the Mayor withdrew the Minutes pending revisions.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Administration/Finance-Councilwoman Pascrell had no report at this time.
- B. Buildings & Grounds/Public Works-Councilwoman Gatti reminded everyone, on behalf of Councilman Holloway, that flu shots will be given out at the Municipal Building on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
- C. Public Safety-Councilman DiDomenico stated that he received a letter from Sgt. Brady indicating that Officers Miller, Renne and Domicolo helped a woman who was contemplating suicide. He commended these officers. He stated that the Mayor and Council are in receipt of an e-mail from the Fire Chief asking for their support with their Grant Application and Councilman DiDomenico urged the Council, if they were so inclined, to write a letter of recommendation for the West Paterson Fire Department.
- D. Health/Senior Services-Councilman Holloway was absent.

- E. Recreation/Community Relations-Council President Spinelli had no report at this time.
- F. Laws/Ordinances-Councilman Vargas had no report at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Council and will be enacted by one resolution. The items listed herein will be acted upon after having been read. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the request of any member of the Mayor and Council, and if so removed, will be acted upon as a separate matter.

At the request of the Mayor, Resolution R11-260 was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

- B. Resolution R11-261, a resolution authorizing Saint Clare's Foundation, 140 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, New Jersey, to conduct an Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on May 4, 2012 at the Westmount Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey between the hours of 6:00 and 11:00 p.m.**

WHEREAS; Saint Clare's Foundation, 140 Diamond Spring Road, Denville New Jersey, is seeking approval to conduct an Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on May 4, 2012 at the Westmount Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey between the hours of 6:00 and 11:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS; the applicant has filed application with Legalized Games of Chance under the state of New Jersey; Regulations (N.J.A.C.13:47-6.4) as well as the Municipal Clerk's office of the Borough of Woodland Park; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey does hereby give authorization to Saint Clare's Foundation, 140 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, New Jersey, to conduct an Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on May 4, 2012 at the Westmount Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey between the hours of 6:00 and 11:00 p.m.

- C. Resolution R11-262, a resolution authorizing the Totowa Parent Teacher Organization, 10 Crews Street, Totowa, New Jersey, to conduct a Tricky Tray and an Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on April 19, 2012 at the Westmount Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey between the hours of 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.**

WHEREAS, Totowa Parent Teacher Organization, 10 Crews Street, Totowa, New Jersey, is seeking approval to conduct a Tricky Tray and an Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on April 19, 2012 at the Westmount Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey between the hours of 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has filed application with Legalized Games of Chance under the state of New Jersey; Regulations (N.J.A.C.13:47-6.4) as well as the Municipal Clerk's office of the Borough of Woodland Park; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey does hereby give authorization to the Totowa Parent Teacher Organization, 10 Crews Street, Totowa, New Jersey, to conduct a Tricky Tray and an Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on April 19, 2012 at the Westmount Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey between the hours of 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

D. Resolution R11-263, a resolution authorizing the Committee on Recreation and Community Relations of the Borough of Woodland Park to hold a fireworks display at the Woodland Park Community Picnic, on October 15, 2011, under the supervision of the West Paterson Fire Department and West Paterson First Aid Squad.

WHEREAS, the Committee on Recreation and Community Relations of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey is seeking approval and authorization to hold a fire works display at the annual “Woodland Park Community Picnic” which is to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, this display will be held at dusk in coordination with the West Paterson Fire Department, the West Paterson First Aid Squad, and the Woodland Park Board of Education for the use of Memorial Field;

WHEREAS, this display will be funded by the International Fireworks Company;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, does hereby grant their consent to hold a fireworks display, on October 15, 2011, under the supervision of the West Paterson Fire Department and West Paterson First Aid Squad.

E. Resolution R11-264, a resolution to approve the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, items B. through D., be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, that the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, items B. through D. be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take the necessary actions on same.

Upon Motion made by Councilwoman Gatti, and seconded by Councilwoman Pascrell, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted on roll call vote.

COLLECTOR/TREASURER REPORT:

CFO, Frederick J. Tompkins recommends authorization for payment:

Upon Motion made by Councilwoman Pascrell, seconded by Council President Spinelli and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the Council confirmed the payment of the 10/15/11 and 10/30/11 regular and miscellaneous payrolls estimated at \$190,000.00 each.

Upon Motion made by Councilman Vargas, seconded by Councilwoman Gatti and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the Council confirmed the payment of bills from voucher list of 10/03/11 totaling \$286,497.20.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Police Report for September, 2011.
2. Planning Board Minutes for August 8, 2011.
3. Board of Adjustment Minutes for July 25, 2011.
4. Board of Adjustment Resolution of Memorialization.
5. Finance Department - Summary Budget Status Report for Oct. 3, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Gatti asked the Mayor if he intends to name a street after William DeStefano. The Mayor responded that this will be going through on December 4, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor stated that he received an e-mail from Scott Fitzgerald, head of the Soccer Association. Mr. Fitzgerald is requesting that, because the soccer teams cannot use Memorial Field and daylight is at a minimum, the Soccer Association be permitted to install temporary lighting at the Zaccaria Park soccer field. He stated that they would only use the lights until 8:00 p.m. He asked if FEMA funds can be used to fund these lights or the cost of using indoor recreational facilities.

A discussion was held between the Mayor and Council on this matter with relation to the noise factor from the generator which would need to be hooked up to run the lights as well as the cost of \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00 for two days use. The Soccer Association would need these lights for numerous dates at a cost of over \$25,000.00. The Mayor stated that he believes FEMA would not pay for this and the Borough is also not in a position to cover the cost. Mr. Fitzgerald's request was denied. The Mayor stated that he will ask around and try to come up with other alternatives.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon Motion by Councilwoman Gatti, seconded by Council President Spinelli and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin V. Galland
Municipal Clerk

Pat Lepore
Mayor