

Regular Meeting
January 14, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 8:50 P.M. in the Wanaque Municipal Building.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

On roll call, the following Council Members responded: Balunis, Cortellessa, Leonard, Pasquariello, Pettet and Willse. The Mayor declared a quorum. The Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer were present.

The Mayor read the following Sunshine Statement: This is a Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council and adequate notice thereof has been given by advertising the date, time and place of the Regular meetings in the Suburban Trends and the Herald News newspapers and was e-mailed to these papers on December 28, 2012, and a notice thereof has been posted on December 28, 2012 on the bulletin board in the Wanaque Municipal Building, 579 Ringwood Avenue, Wanaque, New Jersey and a copy thereof has been on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

MINUTES:

December 11, 2012

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Willse and Loenard moved a motion to approve the aforementioned Minutes.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

Introduction of Ord. #1-0-13:

Re: Appropriating CDBG Funds and Sewer Capital Funds – Monroe Street and Jefferson Street Sewer Upgrade

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pettet and Cortellessa moved that Ordinance #1-0-13 be taken from the table and read by the Clerk, by title only, for consideration of first reading

On roll call, all voted yes and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Clerk took from the table and read by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$420,000 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER LATERALS AND SANITARY SEWER MAINS ON MONROE STREET AND JEFFERSON STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, UTILIZING FY 2011 CDBG GRANT OF \$117,295, FY 2012 CDBG GRANT OF \$100,000 AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF \$202,605 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND.

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AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$420,000 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER LATERALS AND SANITARY SEWER MAINS ON MONROE STREET AND JEFFERSON STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, UTILIZING FY 2011 CDBG GRANT OF \$117,295, FY 2012 CDBG GRANT OF \$100,000 AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF \$202,605 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND pass first reading, and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held on the 11th day of February 2013, at the Municipal Building in the Borough of Wanaque at 8:00 P.M., and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be instructed to publish in the manner provided by law a copy of said Ordinance, together with introduction thereof and notice when same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

On roll call, all voted yes and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Grace Maiello, 26 Rhinesmith Avenue, Wanaque said the grant for the facade improvements in Haskell is it paid back.

The Borough Administrator said it is a five year forgivable loan. If the building is not sold in five years we get it back and it is not costing us anything.

Grace Maiello said the business owner there with no business signs for the building who has the renters who is responsible for the sign.

The Borough Administrator said there is only one renter and he will have to replace the sign.

Grace Maiello said are the signs costly.

The Borough Administrator said I don't know off hand.

Grace Maiello said will they keep that design to that area.

The Borough Administrator said we'll see what happens as time goes on.

Councilman Cortellessa said the Kressaty's sign what is up with that.

The Borough Administrator said they are looking to do something.

Councilman Cortellessa said the Karate place with all the paper on the windows can we do something about that it doesn't look good.

The Borough Administrator said we will look into that.

Councilman Cortellessa said what happened with the attractive wall that was supposed to go where Arrow Industries is.

The Mayor said it was going to be done with the new building but they never put the new building up.

The Borough Administrator said the fence was moved back ten years ago for parking on Ringwood Avenue. We'll talk to them and see what can be done.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #24-0-13:

Re: Credit balance of exempt property at Block 313, Lot 2 in the amount of \$2,060.26

WHEREAS, there exists a tax billing on the following property for the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2013 when these properties are now Borough owned and they are exempt:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
313	2	\$2,060.26

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector shall credit the balances off accordingly.

Resolution #25-0-13:

Re: Budgetary Transfers

None.

Two (2) Applications for Raffle Licenses:

Re: Lakeland Regional High School Band Association – RA:828 and RA:829

Two (2) Applications for Amusement Machine Licenses:

Re: 1) Diego Rosario – Roar of the Crowd, 72 Haskell Avenue, Haskell, 2) Joseph Agostino – “Flips” 18 Railroad Avenue, Wanaque

Number 1 - HELD.

Payment to State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection:

Re: Memorial Field Lighting Replacement in the amount of \$6,691.74

Resolution #26-0-13:

Re: Dedicate playground on Conklyntown Road in memory of Councilman George Theoharous

WHEREAS, George and Diane Theoharous moved to Wanaque in 1977, raising their daughter Julia and becoming part of the Wanaque community; and

WHEREAS, George and Diane Theoharous became involved in many community organizations, giving their talents and time to our residents; and

WHEREAS, George Theoharous became a visible figure in Wanaque municipal government, being elected to the Borough Council in 1984, beginning a 28 year legacy of serving the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, while on the Borough Council, George Theoharous supported and oversaw many improvements in our community, including the renovation and expansion of Back Beach Park, the redevelopment of the Haskell Business District, installing playground equipment at

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Wanaque School and Haskell school, and at other playgrounds throughout the community, the renovation of our water tanks, installation of miles of replacement water mains, paving many Borough streets, supporting the construction of the Wanaque Reserve, and advocating for the improvements to Ringwood Avenue; and

WHEREAS, while George Theoharous was a man of few words, he spoke with the wisdom of an elder statesman, providing guidance to all new Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, George Theoharous was inducted into the New Jersey League of Municipalities Elected Officials "Hall of Fame," honoring his many years of service as an elected official; and

WHEREAS, when George Theoharous passed away on March 23, 2012, he was in his twenty-eighth year as a Councilman, being the longest serving Councilman in the Borough's history; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the service, commitment and love George Theoharous had for our community and our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wanaque, that the park located at the corner of Conklintown Road and Cannonball Road be named the "George Theoharous Park," and that the Borough Administrator be and is hereby authorized and directed to have an appropriate sign placed at the Park displaying "George Theoharous Park"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to George Theoharous' daughter Julia, as a lasting memory of her father.

Resolution #27-0-13:

Re: Approve release of Bond Guarantee – Wanaque Urban Renewal LLC

WHEREAS, Greentree Development Co. wishes to move forward with the development at Block 432, lots 36 and 38, and has posted a bond guarantee, cash guarantee, and agreed to reimburse the Borough of Wanaque for monies expended due to the inaction of the former developer, which caused the Borough to bring suit against the former developer's bonding company; and

WHEREAS, the former developer's bonding company is requesting that the Borough of Wanaque release the bond issued to Wanaque Urban Renewal LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council agrees that it is in the best interests of the Borough to release the bond and allow the new developer to proceed with the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that bond number 1021942 issued by Lexon Insurance Company on behalf of Wanaque Urban Renewal Associates, be and is hereby released, and authorize the Borough Administrator to execute any documents to effectuate the release.

Resolution #28-0-13:

Re: CDBG Application – Phase III Sewer Upgrade

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator be and is hereby authorized and directed to submit an application to the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program for the replacement of sewer mains and sewer laterals on Jackson Street and Dickens Place in the Borough of Wanaque; and

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BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council urges the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders to approve this project, which has been designed in conjunction with the first two grants received for Jefferson Street and Monroe Street, and is ready to go to bid.

Resolution #29-0-13:

Re: Interlocal Agreement – Animal Control Services – Borough of Bloomingdale

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Interlocal Service Agreement between the Borough of Wanaque and the Borough of Bloomingdale for the years 2013 through 2017.

Application for Membership for Wanaque Borough Volunteer Fire Department:

Re: Robert Henry Stelling, Jr. effective immediately

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Cortellessa and Pettet moved a motion to approve the aforementioned Consent Agenda.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor read Resolution #26-0-13 Dedicate playground on Conklintown Road in memory of Councilman George Theoharous. The dedication of the playground will be in the Spring.

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

1. Clerk's Receipts for December 2012 -
2. Police Department Report for December 2012 -
3. Tax Collector's Report for December 2012 -
4. Municipal Court Report for December 2012 -

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Willse and Cortellessa moved that reports be received and filed; and that all monies be turned over to the Treasurer.

On roll call all voted yes and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter from Raffaele Chirico:

Re: Donation of property to Borough of Wanaque – 9 Algonquin Path, Haskell

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Willse moved a motion to proceed with a title search.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

FINANCE REPORT:

Councilman Pettet said your Finance Committee respectfully reports that they have examined and approved the following and recommend that warrants be issued for their payment when the funds of the Borough of Wanaque are sufficient to meet them.

VOUCHERS:

General Capital	\$ 1,025.00
Water Operating	\$ 27,118.16
Current Fund	\$1,644,566.88
Voucher Total:	\$1,672,710.04

Payroll:

Councilmen Pettet and Leonard moved a resolution approving the following payrolls:

PR #01	01/11/13	\$ 219,238.23
	Payroll Total:	\$ 219,238.23
	Grand Total:	\$1,891,948.27

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted and forthwith approved it.

APPROVED: January 14, 2013

Daniel Mahler
Mayor

ADJOURNMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Leonard moved a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

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