

**BOROUGH OF WOODBINE
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**February 04 2016
7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Pikolycky called the Workshop Meeting to order and read the following statement, “Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act by notifying the Press and The Herald on January 8, 2016 and posting a copy of said notice on the Clerk’s bulletin board.”

Those present were: Mayor Pikolycky; Councilpersons Ortiz, Johnson, Bennett, Perez, Benson and Cruz. Also present were: Bruce Graham, Borough Engineer; Richard Tonetta, Borough Solicitor; Michael Zumpino, Economic Consultant and M. Frankel Sypniewski, Deputy Borough Clerk.

Mayor Pikolycky called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COAH: Solicitor Tonetta reported-On meeting with Judge Perskie concerning Woodbine’s COAH obligations. The Borough is expected to have sufficient required credits. Mayor also noted concerns as to the role the Pinelands Commission plays in a controlled growth area.

LEPC Meeting – February 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. – Dennisville Fire House

ACMJIF Elected Officials Liability Seminar – February 10, 2016 – 5:30 p.m. – Merighi’s Savoy Inn, Vineland

Rabies Clinic – March 5, 2016 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

a. NEW BUSINESS

Cape May County Regional Trail Meeting with Rails to Trails organization set for March 4 at 11 am at the Cape May County Planning Office (this is a change from date & time as noted in agenda)

CMC Coast Guard Celebration – May 6-8, 2016

Jefferson Avenue Tree Grant Report: The Borough received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Forestry, to assess the condition and health of the tulip poplars along the 500 & 600 blocks of Jefferson Avenue.

Bernard Sypniewski reported on the draft results of the study as conducted and prepared by himself and by the Borough Certified Tree Expert Jim Flukey.

Mayor congratulated Council Bennett on being sworn in as a Vice-President of the Cape May County League of Municipalities.

Mayor announced that the Borough has received a grant of \$8,551 for recycling containers to accompany the trash receptacles along the streetscape & bikepath areas. With matching funds, this will be a \$17,102 project.

Economic consultant Michael Zumpino reported on the recently submitted Assistance to Firefighters grants, one a local application for turnout gear and the other a regional, partnering with Dennis Township, Ocean View, and Belleplain Volunteer Fire Departments, which would fund the purchase of 67 sets of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), to replace obsolete or damaged units, as well as four additional units for firefighters.

Engineer Graham reported on a request made to DOT Commissioner Richman for grant funds to complete the previously partially-funded DeHirsch Avenue project, given DOT's current priority emphasis of safety related projects.

Mr. Zumpino reported on the recent meeting with USDA as to the projects and applications underway with them.

Mr. Zumpino along with Mr. Graham reported that meetings are being scheduled with key players as to Phase 1 of the Borough's County Open Space EcoPark. (a first round table discussion will be held with all of the stake holders on February 18 at 5 pm.)

Engineer Graham reported that the Farmland Preservation hearing on Carol Tomlin was postponed. Council submitted a letter of "no objections".

Solicitor Tonetta explained the resolution to be voted at the regular meeting. In 2001 there was an exchange of property giving the Borough the property on which the current Borough hall is located in exchange for 608 DeHirsch (The old hat factory site). Pending recent of final "no further action required letter" as to environmental abatement, the Romanos will be permitted to fence and begin use of a portion of the property for vehicle parking.

Mayor Pikolycky announced that Louis Ciabatonni has been appointed as Senior Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator with a stipend.

On motion of Councilwoman Perez, seconded by Councilman Cruz to adjourn the workshop meeting, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Frankel Sypniewski
Deputy Borough Clerk

