

**BOROUGH OF WOODBINE
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**MAY 5, 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 27, 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; and Lisa Garrison, Borough Clerk.

Mayor Pikolycky called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Unfinished Business –

COAH – Mr. Tonetta reported a management conference with Judges Johnson and Perski will be held tomorrow to discuss the recent decision from the lead judge. Mr. Tonetta indicated the longer we are in the litigation the more money it will cost the Borough as time goes.

County Animal Shelter Contract - ongoing

Coast Guard Designation Celebration – May 6-8, 2016

New Business

School District Certification - Mayor Pikolycky indicated a meeting had been held with the Superintendent, Principal and Monitor from the Woodbine Elementary School to discuss the school budget tax increase. The school has levied an approximate \$0.09 tax increase. Discussed at the meeting was the loss of ratables which amount to a quarter of a cent effect. Mayor Pikolycky indicated what the school did not discuss was the prior year increase in ratables of \$3 million. The \$150,000 increase is based on a State formula due to a projected increase of ten (10) children. Mayor Pikolycky indicated in prior years there has been a decrease in enrollment. It was learned from the meeting that the State monitor is responsible for not only fiscal but administration also and has the ultimate authority over the budget. An independent State Auditor had been reviewing the school the report has been written and is unable to be released until it has been reviewed and commented on. There is also another report but there is no time estimate on the release of either report. Mayor Pikolycky indicated another topic of discussion was the slight increase in State Aid for the school. However, the Borough's State Aid has remained flat since 2010 with no increase. Mayor Pikolycky indicated the school had utilized incorrect numbers when figuring the effect on the taxpayers as the average assessment if \$196,000 not \$165,000 as indicated by the school. Mayor Pikolycky indicated there would be no huge increase if the State did not increase the enrollment and next year there will be 2%

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increase on this year's tax increase. Councilman Benson, also present at the meeting, indicated there was no sense of obligation to the taxpayers by being able to go \$0.06 - \$0.07 increase outside of CAP.

Student Government Day - May 20, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Dennis Township/Belleplain #6257 VFW Post Memorial Day Celebration
(Invitation) – May 30, 2016 – 12:00 p.m. – Memorial Field, Woodbine Rd.

CMC Rabies Bait Program - May 16, 2016

Part-time Seasonal Assistant - Mayor Pikolycky indicated Ms. Saduk was no longer able to work full time and the Tax Office/Finance office required assistance. Mayor Pikolycky indicated the Borough has had a volunteer, Marie Wyman, for the past months and was working out very well and recommended her for the position.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garrison
Borough Clerk

