

**BOROUGH OF WOODBINE
REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 21, 2015
8:00 P.M.**

Mayor Pikolycky called the Regular 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 Herald on January 20, 2015 and posting a copy of said notice on the Clerk's bulletin board."

Those present were: Mayor Pikolycky; Councilmen Bennett, Benson and Cruz. Also present were: Richard Tonetta, Borough Solicitor; Bruce Graham, Borough Engineer; and Lisa Garrison, Borough Clerk. Absent: Councilpersons Ortiz, Murray and Perez.

Mayor Pikolycky called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pikolycky called for approval of the minutes of May 7, 2015 (workshop & regular). On motion of Councilman Cruz, seconded by Councilman Bennett to approve the minutes of May 7, 2015 as presented, unanimously.

Mayor Pikolycky called for the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 5-60-2015

**ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT
EMS BUILDING UPGRADES**

WHEREAS, Turtle Associates, LLC of Swedesboro, New Jersey was previously awarded a contract for the project known as EMS Building Upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, Bruce S. Graham of Van Note-Harvey Associates, has determined that the work on this project has been substantially completed in accordance with the contract documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodbine, that the contract for the work be and same is hereby accepted as substantially complete, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon certification from the Borough Engineer that all final project closeout requirements for the contract have been satisfied, that payment as previously authorized by contract through and including approved change order no. 4 be made thereon to Turtle Associates, LLC.

On motion of Councilman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Benson to approve and

adopt the foregoing resolution, unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

Vacant Properties (Abandoned and/or Absentee Owners) – Status – Mr. Tonetta indicated he will meet with the Clerk to review the procedures. Ms. Garrison indicated sixty-nine (69) letters were sent out to property owners in regards to property maintenance. Mayor Pikolycky indicated it is becoming burdensome to the Borough to maintain these properties. Mayor Pikolycky indicated he has received feedback regarding the letters being sent out are aggressive. Council reviewed the letter and indicated it was not overly aggressive and advised the property owner of the repercussions of failing to comply.

Trash & Recycling Collection Rules & Regulations - Councilman Bennett will be coordinating with Public Works.

COAH – Status - Mr. Tonetta indicated July 8 the declaratory action must be filed with the court and recommended the need for a planner's assistance. He will reach out to Triad Associates.

Committee Reports:

Public Works/Buildings & Grounds: Chairman Bennett reported he will be coordinating with Public Works to revise the trash and recycling regulations.

Health, Education & Human Services: Chairman Benson reported the Pills to Heroin program was successful and well attended; the school received three (3) \$500 Clean Community Grants; PARCC testing has been completed and the search for an interim superintendent is ongoing.

Public Safety & Courts: Chairman Cruz reported a meeting had been held with himself, the Mayor and the Fire Company in regards to the fire reimbursement program.

Community Affairs: Chairman Ortiz was absent.

Property & Small Business: Chairman Murray was absent.

Revenue & Finance: Chairwoman Perez was absent.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Graham updated Council on the following:

USDA Sewer Grant Application is pending.

DHS meeting to be held in Trenton on June 3, 2015 to discuss the cost of connecting to the sewer line.

Drainage Project – paving is completed.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Tonetta reported on the Woodbine Manor Litigation in regards to the rental registration. He indicated the Borough should shortly be receiving the rental fees from the Manor.

Payment of Bills - On motion of Councilman Cruz, seconded by Councilman Bennett to approve bills for payment, unanimously carried.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: On motion of Councilman Cruz, seconded by Councilman Benson to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garrison
Borough Clerk