

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 7, 2014

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Tuesday evening, January 7, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

Acting Mayor Neylan made the following announcements:

“Prior to convening in regular session, there was an agenda session which was open to public and advertised.”

“The adequate notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, was provided by the posting, mailing and filing of the annual notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Council on December 17, 2013. The notice was, on that date, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, mailed to THE WESTFIELD LEADER, AND THE STAR LEDGER, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Westfield.”

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Neylan, Council Members Arena, LoGrippo, Foerst, Della Fera, Oliveira, Loughlin

ABSENT: Mayor Skibitsky and Councilwoman Kimmins

Invocation was given by Councilman Loughlin

PRESENTATIONS

APPOINTMENT

ADVERTISED HEARINGS

PENDING BUSINESS

BIDS

MINUTES

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

OPEN DISCUSSION BY CITIZENS**BILLS AND CLAIMS****REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:****Finance Policy Committee**

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilman Della Fera, Chairman of the Finance Policy Committee, seconded by Councilman LoGrippe were unanimously adopted.

(12) RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$144.60 to the order of New Jersey Department of Health, P.O. Box 369, Trenton, New Jersey for Dog Licenses issued by the Town Clerk for the month of December 2013.

(13) WHEREAS, John Anastario placed the required cash bond of \$500.00 to cover the Street Opening Permit #12-191 for 131 Harrow Rd, and

WHEREAS, John Anastario has requested that this amount be returned to them, and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, has inspected the roadway excavation and has found the excavation to have been properly repaired.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to draw a warrant in the name of John Anastario for \$500.00 and forward to 131 Harrow Rd, Westfield NJ 07090.

(14) RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and she hereby is authorized to draw warrants to the order of the following persons, this amount being overpaid in 2013:

BLOCK/LOT	PROPERTY ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT
1409/2.02 RUTSTEIN, MARK D. & MESINA A.	540 Topping Hill Road	2013	\$5,485.08
2305/11 DEVIN, JOHN PATRICK & ELLEN	612 Arlington Avenue	2013	\$4,485.86
5608/22 NATHAN, JAIRAM	61 Summit Court	2013	\$2,391.99

(15) WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Westfield Memorial Library, pursuant to authority granted to the Trustees by statute, has adopted a payroll for employees and the salary amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the payroll consisting of the following regularly salaried employees of the Westfield Memorial Library represented by the Communications Workers of America be adopted effective January 1, 2014 and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to make payment to, and draw warrants bi-weekly in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Laurie Anderson	Librarian	\$56,481
Molly Adams	Librarian	\$53,919
Jeffery Bennett	Librarian	\$54,728

Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilman Loughlin, Vice-Chairman of the Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee, seconded by Councilman Arena were unanimously adopted.

(16) RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield that pursuant to authority granted by R.S. 40a:14-146, the persons named on the list below are hereby appointed SPECIAL POLICEMAN in the Town of Westfield for the year 2014 subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in the said statute, and the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to provide the SPECIAL POLICEMAN appointed with appropriate badges and certificates of appointment without cost to them:

Christopher Beck
 Carmen Brocato, Sr.
 Helen Cicalese
 Robert Denny
 Robert Desiato, Jr.
 Aaron Doherty
 Anthony Garrigan
 Patrick Garrigan
 Bruce Miller
 John Morgan
 Robert Musacchia
 Jonathan Pierce, Jr.

(17) RESOLVED that David J. Kelly is hereby appointed to FIRE OFFICIAL for the Town of Westfield for a term expiring December 31, 2014 as per General Ordinance No.1405,
Sec: 11-43 (a) (6).

Code Review & Town Property Committee

The following resolution, introduced by Councilman Foerst, Chairman of the Code Review & Town Property Committee, seconded by Councilman Oliveira was unanimously adopted.

(18) TAKE NOTICE that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield will meet in Conference Session on January 28, 2014 in the Administrative Conference Room in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 7:00 p.m., at which meeting the public may attend and make comments, and address Council to discuss and consider matters of public business, upon which no formal action will then be taken but which may subsequently be acted upon in a regular Council Meeting to be held at 8:00 p.m. January 28, 2014 in the council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which meeting the public may attend and make comments, and address council to discuss and consider matters of public business.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Council Conference Session and Regular Meeting originally scheduled for January 21, 2014 are canceled and both are rescheduled for January 28, 2014 ad stated above.

Public Works Committee

Reports of Department Heads

Reports of Susan Noon, Collector of Taxes, showing taxes total collections of \$1,504,421.37 during the period December 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and total collections of \$33,048.67 for sewer taxes were received, read and ordered filed.

Report of Claire J. Gray, Town Clerk, showing fee collected in the amount of \$2,025.00 during the month of December 2013 was received, read, and ordered filed.

Report of Daniel J. Kelly, Chief of the Fire Department, showing Smoke Detector Fees collected in December in the amount of \$450.00 and Permit Fees collected in the amount of \$42.00 was received, read and ordered filed.

Report of Kris McAloon, Town Engineer, stating he had turned over to the Chief Financial Officer check in the amount of \$4,869.00 representing monies collected during the month of December 2013.

Report of Steve Freedman, Construction Official, showing monies collected for permits in the amount of \$76,428.00 for the month of December 2013 was received, read and ordered filed.

Reports of David Wayman, Chief of the Police Department, stating he had turned over to the Chief Financial Officer a check in the amount of \$497.90 representing Police Fees collected during the month of November 2013 and \$858.92 during the month of December 2013 were received, read and ordered filed.

Upon motion by Councilman LoGrippe, seconded by Councilman Foerst the meeting was adjourned at 8:04p.m.

Claire J. Gray
Town Clerk