

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 15, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Sam Maccarone, Jr. who made the following statement:

The December 15, 2014 work session meeting of the Woolwich Township Committee is being called to order. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Armano: PRESENT Cavallaro: ABSENT Fein: PRESENT Elefante: PRESENT
Maccarone: PRESENT

Also present on the dais were Solicitor Mark Shoemaker, Director of Community Development Matt Blake, and Deputy Clerk Kathy Haas.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Mayor Maccarone introduced Advo Serv, LLC and thanked them for their generous donation of an All Terrain Vehicle to the Woolwich Township Police Department. They also thanked the Fire/Rescue Department as well as EMS for all that they have done in helping with situations at their adult facilities in Woolwich Township and keeping the community safe. Chief Marino also stated they have a very good relationship with Advo Serv and will continue to help and support them. Deputy Mayor Elefante said this is a true partnership with the Township and Committeeman Armano stated that the last time they came before the township it wasn't a very pleasant meeting but they took all the concerns of the residents seriously and worked towards the improvements and faced things head on. Committeeman Fein expressed the same sentiments.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Elefante and seconded by Committeeman Armano for a five minute recess All in favor

The meeting reconvened at 7:11 p.m. with a motion made by Committeeman Armano and seconded by Deputy Mayor Elefante to open the meeting to the public. All in favor

Motion to close the meeting to the public: Deputy Mayor Elefante Second: Committeeman Fein
All in favor

Motion to accept the reports of the month for the Tax Collector, Municipal Court, Police and Park Director: Motion Deputy Mayor Elefante Second: Committeeman Fein All in favor

R-2014-17 Ordinance Of The Township Of Woolwich, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Amending The Site Plan And Subdivision Ordinances To Expressly Permit The Joint Land Use Board To Grant General Development Plans, Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40:55d-45.1 Et. Seq. Motion for the public hearing: Fein Second: Armano All in favor

No comment from the public, motion made to close to the public: Fein Second: Armano All in favor
Motion to Adopt: Fein Second: Armano

Reports:

Administrator/Clerk: Deputy Mayor Elefante would like to thank Jane for the kind words she said about Committeeman Armano and himself in her report. Also note that Matt will have a pre construction meeting for Mill Rd.

Director of Community Development, Matt Blake, stated that last week Open Space & Rec had their final public meeting and presentation meeting and it was well attended. Also in a hand out packet is a folder that has the Executive Summary for committees review. This plan will work hand in hand with the Regional Center and help sustain it as the township hopes to do.

NJDOT Grant for technical assistance for integrating complete streets into public space plan will be a significant saving to the township when RFP's are needed for the circulation plan.

SJ Gas remediation will have an impact from Auburn Rd, heading towards Swedesboro but will not be a complete closure. It should be a 6 month project and details are in the report.

Hendrickson Mill Pond--- there was a pre construction meeting last week with R.E. Pierson. They will be doing the work which will begin after the New Year and completing in May 2015. Hours of construction will coincide with our township ordinance of 7a.m.-10p.m. Committee feels this is fair and the residents won't mind in order to get the project done.

Also discussed with the county engineer was the roundabout at High Hill Road and Auburn Rd. Project will be early September/October 2015 and should be completed in about 120 days. Roundabout will be the same design as the one at Kings Highway and Center Sq. Rd.

Palladino Open Space--- on going environment investigation being done and project is moving forward. Also made a presentation at the Environment Commission meeting and suggested they apply for an ANJEC Grant and Mr. Blake would assist them if needed. He also brought attention to the quality of the water in Lake Narraticon regarding the algae and suggested a small Watershed Study be done.

Deputy Mayor Elefante expressed his gratitude and leadership with the Open Space Rec Plan. Committeeman Fein has asked that the county reach out to the school and Mr. Blake said the roundabout project will follow the SJ remediation project and there will be representation there.

Liaison Reports:

Armano: Streets/Roads: Committeeman Armano appreciates all the hard work Mr. Blake has done and many of his questions have been answered. He also stated that he has enjoyed getting to know Anthony Bertino, who is a very selfless leader and does many things with little resources and never complains. His response time to the residents is quick and complete and he is an important asset to the township. Would like to also express his gratitude to Jane DiBella, who has made his experience of being a committeeman very enjoyable and who is a very special person and it would be to the townships benefit to have her for many years.

Fein: JLUB: Will advise at this week's meeting that Ordinance 2014-17 did pass. Site approval granted to Liberty Ventures to have a dedicated left turning lane at Berkeley and Stone Meeting House Rds. Also approved lot line adjustment for two residents at 5 Acres and Independence.

Dep. Mayor Elefante: Court: Deputy Mayor Elefante would like to thank Angela, Maria and Tara for their excellent work they do daily and improvements they have made in building excellent communication with the police department.

He would like to thank CFO, Will Pine, for his success for completing the municipal budgets. CFO has a 5 year plan in place that's important for the governing body's review for projects in the future. Code Construction meeting will be this week, and would like to thank Jim Sabetta, Mark Fruits and the entire code department for their hard work and dedication and for being consistent with their decisions. No issues with recycling but he would like to thank Mark Fruits for all his hard work that goes into his being the Trash and Recycling Coordinator. Deputy Mayor Elefante has heard many positive comments on the Business Development Advisory Committee's website, www.choosewoolwich.com and the drawing for the "Shop Local Event" will be mid January. Takeout food business, David and Sons Butcher, has opened and they are excited to add this service to the township businesses.

Mayor Maccarone: Open Space: Nothing to report.

Kingsway School District: Kingsway Education Foundation meets monthly to discuss ways to raise money and then give it back to the students for certain projects.

Police: were presented with an ATV from Advo Serv, LLC which will help them greatly.

Fire Department: Nothing to report.

Parks & Rec: Tree lighting was very successful and would like to thank Parks & Rec, Fire and Police Departments, and Sharptown North Church for making this a wonderful experience and looking forward to next year. With many donations and contributions received, this came in for under a cost of \$500.

Also honored in the parade were Army Spec Mark Viereck, who was welcomed home from his deployment in Afghanistan, and WW II POW Mr. Kendel. Even though the parade was pushed back one day it was still magnificently attended. Mayor Maccarone also expressed his thanks and hard work to Deputy Mayor Elefante and Committeeman Nick Armano for these past 3 years of dedication and service to Woolwich Township.

R-2014-254 Resolution for Closed Session

Motion: Elefante Second: Armano All in favor

The Committee entered in closed session at 7:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following,
Personnel: Compensatory Time.

Regular meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Old Business: Committeeman Fein took the time to express his gratitude to the municipal employees for their hard work and also to thank Deputy Mayor Elefante and Committeeman Armano for their years of experience they brought to the Township and for wanting to help the community and residents the way they have.

New Business: Nothing to report

Approval of Minutes from Nov. 17, 2014 Regular and Closed Session and Dec. 1, 2014 Work Session and Closed Session. Motion: Elefante Second: Armano All in favor

Approval of Bills and P.O. pending the Mayor's review

Motion: Elefante Second: Armano All in favor

Deputy Mayor Elefante read the following:

I would first like to thank the residents of Woolwich Township for having the trust in me when they voted me into office in November of 2010. Being able to serve on township committee has been an honor and a tremendous experience that I have enjoyed and hopefully, I have added value in this important position. We have had a lot of successes and made decisions that will benefit our township residents now and for future years to come.

We have had good times, not so good times and sad times together and support each other when needed.

I would like to recognize and thank Mayor Sam Maccarone for his leadership and the time he gives in the position as Mayor. I think we also should recognize his Dad and Grandfather who held the important position of mayor in the past and set sound direction for those who followed. Sam is a person who has the strength, desire, and commitment to make Woolwich Township stand out from the other municipalities in Gloucester County. With his leadership, and the township committee participation, we are moving forward to make that a reality. I also want to thank, Jon, Nick, and Jen for the time they give, the open and honest feedback and discussions when a decision needed to be made, and for their assist in helping me look at things differently when I had a different viewpoint and I needed to revisit my position. This always being done in a professional manner and with respect. I especially want to thank Nick for being my running mate in 2010. We met a lot of great residents during our campaign, and learned much from them. I would like to recognize Mark Shoemaker for his commitment to Woolwich Township as our solicitor. Mark has always provided sound direction which assisted the committee in making the right decisions for all concerned.

I want to thank our municipal administrative department heads, the Police Department, Public Works, and all our employees for their allegiance, commitment, and dedication to the Township Committee. They assisted me in the learning process when I first took office which got me up to speed quickly. I also want to recognize them for their excellent work performance day after day. To say it has been a pleasure working with each and every one of them is just a small token of my appreciation.

I would also like to thank and recognize all the township Committees, Commission, and Boards volunteers who give of their time to support Woolwich Township. Many remarkable and beneficial projects have been completed by these individuals through their hard work. It is not just us, it is all of us that make success take place.

A special thank you to Jane DiBella, our township Administrator who always does an excellent job in this important position and never says no when work piles up. She is the heart beat of this awesome Woolwich Township team. Thank you to Matt Blake for joining our team. He has brought to the position of Director of Community Development, enthusiasm, excitement, many successes, and has moved many projects to conclusion or helped move them forward which is or will be meaningful to Woolwich Township for years to come. I also would like to recognize Will Pine our CFO who has set in place budgetary plans which will deliver a sound financial structure for our municipality. These are three key administrative persons that any municipality would love to have as part of their team.

I have one additional person I would like to recognize, that is my wife Kathy. She is the woman who has assisted me in my learning's of what life is all about... family, friends, and doing the best you can for all concerned. In 2005 I retired and made promises to her I did not keep, we would travel, spend our time together and enjoy the next chapter of our lives together. Now I can say, we will do so.

I shared with you a quote from Vince Lombardi during reorganization this year;
The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual who participates in the work. It is called Team Work.
Thank you for allowing me to be part of this great Woolwich Township Team!
May all of you have an enjoyable holiday and a safe New Year!

Mayor Maccarone announced to the Committee that the Winter Training Program will be held on January 9, 2015. He also thanked Deputy Mayor Elefante and Committeeman Armano that though it is a difficult process to get on Township Committee, they proved they could do it and they made a difference in the last 3 years.

Having no further business a motion was made by Committee Fein and Seconded by Committeeman Armano to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Haas".

Kathy Haas
Deputy Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file