

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION MEETING
JUNE 1, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Samuel Maccarone Jr. at 7:02 p.m. with the following statement:

The June 1, 2015 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: Cavallaro: PRESENT Fein: PRESENT Rizzi: PRESENT
Schwager: PRESENT Maccarone: PRESENT

Also on the dais were Director of Community Development Matt Blake, and Administrator/Clerk Jane DiBella. Solicitor Mark Shoemaker entered the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Motion was made by Committeeman Rizzi, seconded by Committeeman Fein and unanimously passed to open the meeting to public comment.

Hearing no comment, Committeeman Fein moved to close the public portion. Committeeman Rizzi seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Maccarone read the following Ordinance by title only upon first reading:

2015-08 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Releasing and Extinguishing the Public Right Pertaining to a Portion of Ogden Road

Motion to introduce: Schwager Second: Fein

Roll Call: Cavallaro: YES, Fein: YES, Rizzi: YES, Schwager: YES, Maccarone: YES

Mayor Maccarone read the following resolutions by title only for the Committee's consideration:

R-2015-132 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making Elevations Within the Woolwich Township Police Department Motion: Rizzi Second: Schwager All in favor

R-2015-133 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #4 to Contract Between the Township of Woolwich and Straga Brothers for Public Works Building Motion: Fein Second: Rizzi All in favor

R-2015-134 Resolution Authorizing Street Opening Permits Motion: Schwager Second: Fein
All in favor Rizzi abstained

R-2015-135 Rejecting of the Township of Woolwich Rejecting Bids for Landscaping Project

Motion: Fein Second: Schwager

Mr. Blake explained that there were defects in the bid spec's. He further stated that there was not enough detail regarding the placement and mounting of the 911 memorial and therefore, prospective bidders were told that bid rejection would be a likely outcome.

Discussion then ensued as to breaking out the projects. It was the consensus of the Committee to seek the advice of the Township Engineer in this regard.

Motion was then made by Committeeman Fein to amend his previous motion to exclude any language regarding re-bid. Committeeman Rizzi seconded. All were in favor.

R-2015-136 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes

Motion: Schwager Second: Fein All in favor

R-2015-137 Resolution Authorizing Placement of Municipal Liens on Various Properties Within the Township of Woolwich Motion: Fein Second: Schwager

Committeeman Rizzi asked how these properties are determined and what the process is. Deputy Mayor Schwager explained that most come from neighborhood complaints and that owners are first given an opportunity to address the maintenance prior to the placement of liens. All were in favor.

The Administrator presented her report noting the following:

- State has changed the process of renewing annual liquor licenses. Information was provided to the Committee
- Fire House tank removal: The Borough of Swedesboro has replied that the Township should file the claim with E-JIF.
- SJG Remediation project: Meeting with County and Railroad set for June 3rd. Auburn/High Hill Road roundabout project will not be done in conjunction with the remediation project.
- Mr. Frank Craig filed a Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment. Information was provided to the Committee.
- COAH-Declaratory Complaint as drafted by COAH Counsel was provided to the Committee.

Mrs. DiBella asked the Committee's recommendation as to dealing with the insurance claim on the tank removal. After discussion, she was instructed to reach out to the Township's Risk Management Coordinator for his opinion.

Committeeman Rizzi noted the successful seizure of funds by the Police Department.

The Director of Community Development presented his report at which time the following discussions took place:

- Reviewed 2nd round of draft "Kings Landing" Logo.
- Will meet with State agencies the ensuing day regarding TDR Program and State Bank Board.
- Discussed plans for intersection of High Hill and Auburn Roads.
- Asked for direction as to requesting appraisals for preservation on the High Hill Road Wilson property. Following discussion ensued:

Mayor Maccarone stated that most of the Committee agreed to bypass that application when discussed at the prior meeting.

Committeeman Fein stated that he thought the issue was tabled due to safety concerns of crossing High Hill Road. He also noted that the township invested funds towards the Open Space/Farmland Preservation Plan, and that the CFO has verified that funds exist for preserving this land, and the vision of the OSRP was to lock this parcel up, and that the land will never be cheaper than it is now.

Committeeman Rizzi added that he still has concerns with the safety of crossing High Hill Road, and that it would be better to funnel foot traffic from Fredrick Blvd. to the trailhead at the LaPalomente land.

Committeewoman Cavallaro shared Committeeman Fein's sentiments, and that due diligence has been performed regarding the crossing issues.

Deputy Mayor Schwager agreed with Committeeman Rizzi, and that the provision of access points remains a concern. He stated that the OSRP was developed as a plan rather than a requirement, and that open space funds could be better utilized elsewhere.

Mayor Maccarone agreed with the Deputy Mayor and Committeeman Rizzi and suggested the Committee not order the appraisals.

Deputy Mayor Schwager then asked if the DOCD has received a response from the police department regarding the roadway intersection concerns. Mr. Blake advised that he received a response late in the prior week.

The Deputy Mayor then asked what the extension of contract with GEI on the Palladino land was for. Mr. Blake replied that it is a continuation of environmental hotspot areas, and includes demolition of the LD property buildings. He added that the state will reimburse 50% of the cost.

Motion was then made by Committeeman Rizzi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Schwager to approve resolution **R-2015-138 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Contract matters: KRHS Request for Reimbursement and Sewer

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

Under old business, the Committee discussed a request from the SW School District to cost share a crosswalk project. Deputy Mayor Schwager noted that the district engineered the plans and crosswalks for the Stratton School when it was built; therefore, responsibility lies with the District.

Committeeman Fein and Committee Rizzi agreed. Committeewoman Cavallaro stated that it is difficult to not be able to help out since it is the same tax payer base and child safety is at risk.

It was the consensus of the Committee to not cost share the project.

Discussion commenced regarding well quotes received for the Community Garden.

Motion was made by Committeeman Fein and seconded by Committeeman Rizzi to re-open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Jordan Schlump of Wilshire Blvd. provided input as to the benefit a well would be to the Community Garden and spoke as to the depth and pump size needed.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schwager and seconded by Committeeman Fein to close the public comment portion. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Fein to approve the quote of Aqua Tech for the deeper well at the proposed cost of \$10,270.00. All were in favor.

Under new business, Mayor Maccarone advised the Committee of plans to pick up and transport the World Trade Center Steel Beam to Woolwich Township on June 10th. He4 asked the Committee's authorization to use a township public works vehicle to make the transport. Deputy Mayor Schwager so moved. Committeeman Fein seconded. Deputy Mayor Schwager noted the hard work of Mayor Maccarone in his persistence in getting this historical artifact. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schwager and seconded by Committeeman Fein to approve the \$3,090.00 quote of GEI Consultants for continuation of environmental studies at the Palladino property.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schwager and seconded by Committeeman Rizzi to accept the resignation of Robert Becker as a Class II Officer. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schwager and seconded by Committeeman Rizzi to approve the bills and purchase orders presented for payment subject to the Mayor's final approval. All were in favor.

With no further business, motion was made by Committeeman Fein and seconded by Deputy Mayor Schwager to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file