

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alan Schwager at 7:01 p.m. with the following statement:

The March 21, 2016 regular 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: Carleton: PRESENT Cavallaro: ABSENT Schlump: PRESENT
Rizzi: PRESENT Schwager: PRESENT

Also present on the dais were Solicitor Mark Shoemaker, Director of Community Development Matt Blake and Administrator/Clerk Jane DiBella.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Mayor Schwager presented Softball Award Proclamations to SWLL Girls 7-8 "Lady Knights" and Minors 9-10 "Fireballs".

A brief recess was called.

Upon reopening the meeting, motion was made by Committeeman Schlump and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rizzi to approve the following resolution:

R-2016-82 Resolution Making an Appointment to the Position of Police Captain within the Woolwich Township Police Department

All were in favor.

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office to Captain Sheldon Lewis.

Captain Lewis thanked Chief Jaramillo for his support and the Committee for their confidence in him.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to approve resolution **R-2016-83 Resolution Making an Appointment to the Position of Class 8 Patrolman within the Woolwich Township Police Department.** All were in favor.

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office Eric M. Petroski.

Officer Petroski thanked everyone for their support.

Brief recess was conducted.

Upon re-opening, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi, seconded by Committeeman Schlump and unanimously passed to open the meeting to public comment.

Woolwich Fire Chief Ed Barber noted difficulties in locating fire hydrants in the dark. He asked if the Township would consider placement of blue reflectors to mark hydrant locations in new developments and when roads are top paved.

Mayor Schwager explained that the township is consulting with traffic consultants during its Master Plan process, and can discuss working this into the township code.

Discussion was also held regarding hydrant main size. County Fire Marshall Ed Johnson was in the audience and added that he had spoken with Aqua New Jersey in the past regarding state fire codes.

Hearing no further comment, the public portion closed upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Rizzi, seconded by Committeeman Schlump and unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to approve the following reports as submitted for the month of February. All were in favor.

Tax Collector:	\$6,699,818.26 remitted
Municipal Court:	\$10,476.73/Woolwich \$10.00/Swedesboro
Police:	Monthly Activity
Park Director:	Monthly Activity
Woolwich Fire Company	Monthly Report

Mayor Schwager read the following Ordinance by title only upon second reading:

2016-04 An Ordinance Authorizing Long Term Tax Exemption

Open public hearing: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor
No comment

Close public hearing: Rizzi Second: Carleton All in favor

Motion to adopt: Carleton Second: Schlump

Roll Call: Carleton: YES, Schlump: YES, Rizzi: YES, Schwager: YES

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

2016-05 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Establishing Salary Ranges for Certain Officials and Employees of the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester for the Year 2016

Motion to introduce: Schlump Second: Carleton

Roll Call: Carleton: YES, Schlump: YES, Rizzi: YES, Schwager: YES

Mayor Schwager read the following resolutions by title only for the Committee's consideration;

R-2016-84 Resolution Endorsing the Findings and Determination Statement and Authorizing the Clerk to Submit Application for Bingo Licenses on Behalf of Four Seasons at Weatherby Games Association

Motion: Carleton Second: Rizzi All in favor Schlump abstained

R-2016-85 Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Part Time Seasonal Employee for Records Management

Motion: Rizzi Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-86 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amended Agreement with Omni Recycling LLC for End Market Recycling

Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-87 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Endorsement of Amended “Statement of Consent” Form TWA-1 for Four Seasons at Weatherby, Phase III, Section I

Motion: Carleton Second: Rizzi All in favor Schlump abstained

R-2016-88 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to South Jersey Gas-122 Fox Chase Court, 119 Homestead Court, 110 Palmer Place and 352 Garwin Road

Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-89 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes

Motion: Rizzi Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-90 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Peddler’s License

Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

Mrs. DiBella presented her report as self explanatory. There were no questions from the Committee.

The Director of Community Development advised of the TDR Reversed Auction bids that have been received and noted that the auction will be held on March 29th.

The Engineer’s report was approved as presented upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Rizzi, seconded by Committeeman Carleton and unanimously approved.

The following liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Carleton: Municipal Court; \$230 violations issued month of Feb. \$10,776.00 collected. KRHS; March 8th referendum failed. Other alternatives will be explored. Vision 2019 action plan concluded. Three year strategic plan will be considered. District anticipates a 4% increase in enrollment. Due to this increase and lack of fair funding, the budget may represent an average increase of \$69.00 for Woolwich residents. BDAC; Meeting is scheduled for March 23rd. Christmas Parade: Will meet at the end of the month.

Committeeman Schlump: Streets/Roads; P/W continues with safety training. New building custodial is working out well. Repairs are being made to Holly Drive storm pipe. Garwin Road Railroad Crossing work is completed. Waiting for estimates on drainage improvements on Cloverdale Road to be cost shared. Buildings and Grounds; Park fields ready for spring season. P/W is obtaining soil samples. Shade Tree Commission; TBD. Environmental Commission; The DOCD attended the last meeting of the EC and discussed parks and trails. 29 garden plots have been leased so far out of 48. One Kayak Event will be held this year on August 6th. Nike site visit took place. Concerns were noted. Green Team: TBD.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi: JLUB; Met and conducted courtesy review of the school referendum project. Atlantic City Electric project was heard and received a variance. Finance; 2015 AFS has been completed. 2016 budget should be introduced on 4-4. Open Space/Ag; No meeting. Parks and Recreation; Held mother-son meatball dance and daddy daughter dances. Egg Hunt held on 3-19. . Locke Ave. fields have been opened. Spring Fling and Fun Day events are being planned. Fire/EMS: Fire report reviewed. There were 46 calls in February; 23 in Woolwich, 9 in Swedesboro and 14 mutual aid.

Mayor Schwager: Police, Noted hiring of Patrolman Petroski and elevation of Captain Lewis. TDR Task Force; Reversed Auction bids have closed. Bids will be opened on 3-29. Construction and Zoning Code; 50 permits issued for townhomes, due to upcoming code changes. 23 zoning permits were issued month of Feb. Vacant property ordinance is up and running

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi, seconded by Committeeman Carleton and unanimously passed to approve resolution **R-2016-91 Resolution for Closed Session**.

The Committee entered closed session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters: Personnel-Grievance and Contractual Matters-Interlocal Services Agreement-Woolwich Fire Company

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

Under old business, the Solicitor suggested that the following matter be held until the next meeting: Econsult-COAH Declaratory Judgment

Under new business, motion was made by Committeeman Schlump, seconded by Committeeman Carleton and unanimously passed to approve Army Corps of Engineers Right of Entry for the PH 58 facility.

Also under new business, Mr. Blake advised that the township is ready to bid work on the High Hill Road trailhead and suggested the Township approve a quote from Fralinger in the amount of \$13,500 to supervise the project. Deputy Mayor Rizzi so moved. Committeeman Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

Discussion was held regarding a contract from Shore Bets for the Spring Fling concert event. Solicitor Shoemaker advised of risks. The contract was approved by motion of Deputy Mayor Rizzi, seconded by Committeeman Schlump and unanimously passed.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to approve a proposed settlement on a grievance lobbied by Lt. Morgan, Det. Beckett and Det. Daniels in the amount of \$95.00 each as discussed in closed session. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to reject a counter proposal from Swedesboro and that Mayor Fromm be provided 24 hours notice to countersign the Woolwich Township proposal dated March 8th as already executed on the behalf of Woolwich Township for one year extension of Shared Service Agreement for payment towards fire service by Woolwich Fire Company. Committeeman Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Schlump and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to approve the following minutes:

February 16, 2016 Regular and Closed Session
February 22, 2016 Special Meeting
February 22, 2016 Closed Session # 1 and Closed Session #2
March 7, 2016 Work Session and Closed Session

All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to approve the bills and purchase orders as presented by the finance office, pending the final approval of the Mayor. Committeeman Carleton seconded.

Having no further business, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman

Carleton to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file