

**MINUTES  
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Schwager with the following statement:

The March 7, 2016 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: Carleton: PRESENT Cavallaro: PRESENT Schlump: PRESENT  
Rizzi: PRESENT Schwager: PRESENT

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

Thos present saluted the American Flag.

Mayor Schwager and Deputy Mayor Rizzi presented awards to SWSA Soccer U14 girls team, The Vatreini Heat.

Upon the conclusion of the presentation, a recess was called. The meeting resumed at 7:08 p.m. at which time motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to approve resolution **R-2016-70 Resolution Appointing Special Class II Law Enforcement Officers**. All were in favor.

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office to Officer Michael Kemp. Officer Kemp thanked everyone and said that it has always been his dream to work in his hometown.

Mayor Schwager then delivered the Oath of Office to Officer Joseph Craig. Officer Craig thanked everyone for the opportunity.

Motion was made by Committeeman Schlump and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Hearing none, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Schlump to close the public portion. All were in favor.

Mayor Schwager chose to hear Mark Fruits, Zoning Officer and Trash/Recycling Coordinator regarding the township's E-Waste collection and its contract with Omni for end market recycling, as listed under new business on the agenda.

For the benefit of the Committee, Mr. Fruits reported that 2010 New Jersey E-Waste law was passed banning Covered Electronic Devices or CED's from the landfills and incinerators within the State of New Jersey. The ban of CED units put the primary responsibility on the electronic manufactures to provide a free and convenient recycling program for the communities in the state. Unfortunately the current bill did not provide financial freedom to the towns as stated in the current bill. A new bill A-4763 was

proposed to make various changes to the electronic waste recycling laws in New Jersey. The substitute bill required each manufacturer of CED's to provide for the free collection, transportation, and recycling of its market share in weight of all covered electronic devices collected in a program year. The existing law mandates the manufactures to provide for a return share in weight as estimated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The DEP determination of the manufacturers' obligations under the current law underestimated the actual amount collected. This underestimation caused a dramatic increase in expense which the local municipalities have incurred.

Assembly bill A-4763 was approved by the Assembly on December 17, 2015 and the Senate version S-2973 was passed January 11, 2106. Unfortunately the Governor chose to pocket veto the bill reverting back to the previous law and all the issues.

Mr. Fruits provided the township options to: Temporarily suspend the E-Waste Program until funding is figured out, modify the program to delete the collection of CED's or continue the program at an increased disposal cost.

Mayor Schwager noted that this issue has been discussed, and he asked for the Committee's input.

Committeeman Schlump noted his concerns that CED material will end up on the roadsides. Further concerns were raised.

Mr. Fruits replied that items left on the roadways could be collected and disposed of for a fee. He further noted that a collection is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, but that would be the last one should the Committee choose to terminate the program.

Discussion then ensued regarding the need to communicate with the residents regarding the change in collection. Discussion was also held as to whether or not to hold a collection in April as the last.

Committeewoman Cavallaro moved to suspend the E-Waste service temporarily as of April1, 2016 provided that the township is proactive in its communication to residents regarding the change. Deputy Mayor Rizzi seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Fruits then advised that due to a sour recycling market, Omni Recycling has asked the Township to end its contract with them which pays the township \$20/ton and re-do a new contract in which Omni will take township recyclables at no cost if the market falls below \$65/ton.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi asked how much revenue has been generated through recycling. Mr. Fruits replied close to \$73,000 since 2013.

After discussion ended, Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to keep the contract between the Township and Omni Recycling until December 31, and then renegotiate a new contract beginning after December 31<sup>st</sup> for a three year term with two one-year extensions. Committeeman Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

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

**2016-04 An Ordinance Authorizing Long Term Tax Exemption**

Motion to introduce: Carleton Second: Schlump

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

Mayor Schwager read the following resolutions for the Committee's consideration:

**R-2016-71 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Municipal Certificate Due to Bankruptcy**

Motion: Carleton Second: Rizzi All in favor

**R-2016-72 Resolution Making an Appointment to the Woolwich Township Business Development Advisory Committee**

Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

**R-2016-73 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Street Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas-120 Homestead Court**

Motion: Carleton Second: Schlump All in favor

**R-2016-74 Resolution Authorizing Release of Maintenance Bond and Escrow Account-Hights Realty LLC-Custom Bandag**

Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

**R-2016-75 Resolution Authorizing Lease of Township Owned Farmland**

Motion: Rizzi Second: Schlump All in favor

**R-2016-76 Resolution Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers During the First Three Months of the Succeeding Year for the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey**

Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

**R-2016-77 Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, 2016 Emergency Temporary Budget NJSA 40A:4-20**

Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

**R-2016-78 Resolution Authorizing Addendum to Municipal Services Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and Four Seasons Homeowners Association**

Motion: Carleton Second: Rizzi

All in favor

**R-2016-79 Resolution Appointing Municipal Court Administrator**

Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

**R-2016-80 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes**

Motion: Rizzi Second: Schlump All in favor

Mrs. DiBella presented her report as self explanatory.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi questioned Atlantic City Electric's proposal to remove 31 Sycamore trees and one Oak tree from the easements along Center Square Road and the company's willingness to replant. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Schwager noted the new hours of the JLUB office and asked that they be taken into consideration with the upcoming summer hours.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi also asked how JIF safety incentive awards were usually expended. Mrs. DiBella responded.

Mr. Blake did not have a Director of Community Development report.

Discussion regarding the COAH attorney's recommendation to enter into a further agreement with Econsult for COAH related matters was tabled until the next meeting based on the Solicitor's absence.

Motion was made by Committeeman Schlump and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to approve resolution **R-2016-81 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 7:58 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

Personnel-Compensation Request

Contractual Matters: Fire Service Interlocal Agreement

Litigation: Ogden Road

Mr. Blake was excused from the rest of the meeting.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:31 p.m. at which time it was noted that Committeewoman Cavallaro was no longer in attendance, having left halfway through closed session.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to authorize the solicitor to draft a settlement agreement based on the terms discussed in closed session regarding Ogden Road. Committeeman Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi to authorize the Solicitor to draft a one-year Agreement based upon mutually agreed upon terms between the township and Borough of Swedesboro solicitors regarding the Woolwich Fire Company. Committeeman Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Schlump and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to approve the bills and purchase orders presented by the finance office for approval, pending the final approval of Mayor Schwager. All were in favor.

Having no further business, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi, seconded by Committeeman Carleton and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella  
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim  
Audio recording on file