

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

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

The September 19, 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 Lavender: 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 and Deputy Mayor Rizzi presented awards to S/W U13 Girls Soccer Team-“The Wolves”

A brief recess was called upon the conclusion of the awards to allow disbursement of the girls and their families.

Upon reopening the meeting, motion was made by Committeeman Schlump and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Ernest Risha of 112 Kirschling Drive noted that he has been a resident of Woolwich for twenty years. He asked for the current status of the BROS Superfund site in Logan Township, which he brought to the attention of the Committee two years ago. He noted that the site is one of the top five New Jersey Super Fund sites and ground water plume from the contaminants are near to or have entered the township. He asked what the Township is doing to monitor the situation and stop possible contamination of public wells in Woolwich.

Mayor Schwager said that he is familiar with the site, and that it is in the jurisdiction of State DEP or Federal EPA. He then asked Mr. Blake if he has received any updates.

Mr. Blake replied that just last week the township received an report from the EPA, but that he has not yet had the chance to review and evaluate the contents. He noted that a sentinel well was installed at the Township’s request and that the well is monitored.

Mr. Risha said that the situation is most troubling and that serious mistakes made in the investigation have cost additional money (up to \$600,000,000.). He added that there are numerous data gaps in the EPA documents and suggested that the Township get more involved and urge the EPA to fill those data gaps. He said that filling the gaps may only cost the township a few thousand dollars, but will determine what contaminants may be entering the Upper PM Aquifer.

Mayor Schwager replied that the Township has taken the issue seriously and went so far as hiring a professional consultant to review the data. Mr. Risha said that he realizes the Township had a sentinel

well installed at his request a few years ago. Mr. Blake added that the township got immediately involved when Mr. Risha first brought his concerns before the Committee. Mr. Risha asked what the township has recently done to monitor the site, stating that additional sampling should be taken to see if any secondary contaminants are the result of bio remediation. He suggested the township at a minimum write to the EPA requesting that the EPA that there are no contaminants in the Upper Aquifer.

Mayor Schwager said that the Township will review the most recent communications from the EPA and wrap their arms around the issue again.

Mr. Risha said that he will continue on regardless of what the Township may or may not do.

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

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi, seconded by Committeeman Schlump and unanimously passed to approve the following reports for the month of August:

Tax Collector:	\$7,306,023.42 remitted
Municipal Court:	\$14,247.93/Woolwich \$90.88/Swedeseboro
Police:	Monthly Activity
Park Director:	Monthly Activity
Woolwich Fire Company	Monthly Report

Mayor Schwager suggested that the following ordinances remain tabled:

2016-11 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Implementing Zoning Changes Necessary to Comply with the Duly Amended Master Plan

2016-12 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 177 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich Entitled "Trees"

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

2016-14 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 135 of the Woolwich Township Code Regarding Parks and Recreation "Prohibited Conduct"

Open public hearing: Carleton Second: Rizzi All in favor

No public comment

Close public hearing: Rizzi Second: Carleton All in favor

Motion to adopt: Rizzi Second: Schlump

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

2016-15 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Enacting a New Section 203-76.3 Entitled "Breweries, Distilleries and Wineries" in the Woolwich Township Code

Open public hearing: Carleton Second: Rizzi All in favor

No public comment

Close public hearing: Rizzi Second: Carleton All in favor

Motion to adopt: 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-2016-178 Resolution Authorizing Release of Maintenance Bond Held on Maple Glen Estates, Block 43, Lots 11 and 12 (Tabled on 8-15-16) Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton
All were in favor

R-2016-195 Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Street Opening Permit-South Jersey Gas 152 Homestead Court Motion: Carleton Second: Schlump All in favor

R-2016-196 Resolution Authorizing the Placement of Municipal Liens on Various Properties within the Township of Woolwich Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-197 Resolution Approving Performance Bond-Block 4, Lot 3.02
Motion: Carleton Second: Schlump All in favor

R-2016-198 Resolution Authorizing Substitute Electrical Inspector
Motion: Carleton Second: Schlump All in favor

R-2016-199 Resolution Authorizing Quote of Crown Pipeline Construction Company
Motion: Carleton Second: Schlump All in favor

R-2016-200 Resolution Authorizing Contract with GEI Consultant or Decon Demo Coordination and Support Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton
Deputy Mayor Rizzi asked the Solicitor if he had reviewed the contract to ensure the specifications discussed during the last meeting were complied with. The Solicitor replied that he had. All were in favor.

R-2016-201 Resolution Authorizing Quotes for Appraisals-Block 41, Lots 1.01-7.23
Motion: Rizzi Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-202 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing Participation in the Shop Local Program Motion: Carleton Second: Schlump All in favor

R-2016-203 Resolution Authorizing Quote of Fralinger Engineering for Additional Services-Topographic Survey/NJDEP LOI Motion: Schlump Second: Rizzi All in favor

R-2016-204 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing Change Order to Contract with Maser Consulting for Maser Plan Reexamination Motion: Carleton Second: Schwager
All in favor Schlump opposed

R-2016-205 Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues and Determining the Form and Other Details of the Offering of \$5,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016 of the Township of Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey
Motion: Carleton Second: Schlump All in favor

The Administrator/Clerk presented her report. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of county response as to the flooding road conditions at Russell Mill and Woodstown Road. He questioned the Solicitor about next steps.

Solicitor Shoemaker said that aside from residents showing up at Freeholder Board meetings, there is not a lot that the Township can do. Deputy Mayor Rizzi said that residents have gone to the county, but the issue has fallen on deaf ears.

Mayor Schwager noted that the Borough of Newfield copied him on a resolution passed urging the state to look at other school funding formulas. He said that he will distribute copies among the Committee to see if they wish to also enact a like resolution. He further noted that Senator Sweeney had offered to come down and speak to the Committee about his funding plan, but there has been no follow up from the Senator.

The Director of Community Development presented his report, noting the following:

NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant-On hold due to lack of state transportation funding. After speaking with the state, he suggested the Township continue with the bike path site plan so that the project will be shovel ready when funds are made available.

TDR Bank Meeting: TDR Bank meeting will be held in Trenton on October 12.

Indian Branch properties: Potential cleanup costs for the two Township Line parcels is being investigated. Mr. Blake reminded the Committee of replenishment monies due the township from the state.

Daybreak Farm: Preservation efforts continue with a 70% county cost share.

The Committee reviewed the Engineer's monthly report. Motion was made by Committeeman Carleton and seconded by Committeeman Schlump to accept the report as submitted. All were in favor.

The following liaison reports were given:

- Committeeman Carleton:** Municipal Court; No report. KRHS; Resolution passed for Nov. ballot referendum question. School Board is supporting Senator Sweeney's School Funding plan. New resident was chosen to fill the vacant Woolwich Board seat. Partnership Program has been instituted with Rowan University. Three students will receive partial scholarships. Kingsway Education Association are holding fundraising beef and beer on 9-23. A brick program is also available at the park. Cost is \$135/brick. BDAC; Meeting to be held. Local business will be canvassed for help paying the event cost. Christmas Parade: Discussed holding Christmas parade. The Committee is looking at whether to hold a two day or one day event. The Committee is also seeking to hold a fireworks display.
- Committeeman Schlump:** Streets/Roads; Buildings and Grounds; Mowing and roadside trimming continues. Firework quotes will be sought. Shade Tree Commission; No report; Environmental Commission; Working on projects to support the DOCD's initiatives and the Borough Auction block. Green Team; No report.
- Deputy Mayor Rizzi:** JLUB; Courtesy review of referendum project was conducted in August. Finance; No report. Open Space/Ag; No report. Parks and Recreation; Movie Night and Magic show were held in August. Fall sports have begun. First responders Night is set for Sept. 28th from 6-9 p.m. at Locke Avenue Park. Fire/EMS: 25 fire calls in August, 11 in Woolwich, 1 in Swedesboro and 13 mutual aid. Percentages between Swedesboro and Woolwich are running 6-31%.

Mayor Schwager:

Police: Noted First responders Night. Police department continues to improve and evolve. , TDR Task Force; Oct. TDR Bank Board meeting in Trenton will be followed by property closings. Construction and Zoning Code: Impressed with the Community Champions vacant property program. Work is being done to address the property at 108 Yorktown Road.

Under old business, discussion ensued regarding banning jake brakes in the Township. Committeeman Schlump noted that if signage is placed at every entry point, the cost will be over \$3,000.00. Discussion then ensued regarding how many signs are actually needed and where they should be placed.

Mayor Schwager said that police would have to catch someone using the brakes in order to enforce an ordinance. He added that if it is really a problem, then the township should be prepared to buy signs and hope for compliance.

Question was raised as to whether the Township needs to erect signage. The Solicitor responded that as of now, the code only prohibits jake brakes on one road. If that is to change, then truckers need to be made aware that a new law was created.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to ban the use of jake brakes township wide via ordinance, and to erect signage where necessary. The Solicitor was then authorized to draft the Ordinance for introduction at the next meeting consistent with the discussions held.

Under new business, the Committee discussed the potential to receive an NJDOT pass through federal grant which presents some opportunity for park infrastructure, such as a parking area and extensions of multi use trail along the tree line to the Raccoon Creek water front. Since the grant application deadline is November 10th, he asked the Committee to consider a Fralinger proposal in the amount of \$3,500 to prepare design and construction plan.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi said that he supports the grant application and moved to accept the Fralinger quote to complete and submit the grant application, submitted as proposal #26630.00NJDOT Safe Application Grant. Committeeman Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi then presented a quote in the amount of \$10,690.00 from Eaise Landscaping for a 30 ft. Norway Spruce to be planted at Locke Avenue Park as a Christmas Tree. He explained that the funds would come from the developers tree fund and that no tax dollars would be used.

After discussion regarding planting and decorating was held, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi to accept the quote from Eaise to purchase and install the tree as specified using dedicated tree funds. Committeeman Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

The Committee then discussed a sample Ordinance in which a neighboring town requires the posting of escrow from fire insurance claims in an effort to protect municipalities from unsightly and dangerous burnt homes. Deputy Mayor Rizzi asked the Committee if they have any interest in pursuing this type of Ordinance. Discussion ensued.

The Solicitor was then authorized to create an Ordinance mirroring the sample provided that would require escrow from fire insurance, and to rely on the Solicitor to draft with language specific to our

township.

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

August 15, 2016 Regular Meeting and Closed Session
September 6, 2016 Work Session and Closed Session

All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Carleton and seconded by Committeeman Schlump to approve the bills and purchase orders as presented by the finance officer pending the Mayor's final approval. All were in favor.

With no further discussion, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi, seconded by Committeeman Carleton and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file