

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alan Schwager at 7:02 p.m. with the following statement:

The August 1, 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 Lavender: ABSENT Schlump: PRESENT
Rizzi: PRESENT Schwager: PRESENT

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

Those present saluted the American Flag.

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

Hearing no comment, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Schlump to close the public portion. All were in favor.

Mayor Schwager relayed information regarding a July 30th motor vehicle accident involving Officer Boyko. He noted that there were no serious injuries, and the matter is under investigation. He referred any questions to the Police Department.

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

2016-09 Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Transfer Development Rights in the Township of Woolwich; By and In the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$2,100,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost

Open public hearing: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor Rizzi abstained

No public comment

Close public hearing: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor Rizzi abstained

Motion to adopt: Schlump Second: Carleton

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

Failed with 3 votes in the affirmative and one abstention.

2016-10 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2016 General Capital Improvements, by and in the Township of Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$883,111 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$841,058 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost

Open public hearing: Rizzi Second: Carleton All in favor

No comment

Close public hearing: Rizzi Second: Schlump All in favor

Motion to adopt: Schlump Second: Carleton

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

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

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

Motion to introduce: Carleton Second: Schlump

Mayor Schwager questioned Section 203-77 4E suggesting changing the word “entertainment” to “special occasion events”. Mr. Blake noted that the wording was vetted internally, in order to avoid landowners from having to obtain permits each time they had music, and that requiring permits would discourage agritourism, which the Township would like to promote. Permits would be required for large crowd events like weddings.

The motion was then amended to include the changed language.

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

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

Motion to introduce: Carleton Second: Schlump

Deputy Mayor Rizzi stated that he finds the permit language vague. Mr. Blake explained that the ordinance in effect today is cumbersome, and the idea was to amend the chapter to make it less cumbersome. Discussion then ensued regarding the need to obtain a permit for tree removal on small residential lots. Mr. Blake said that those situations were exempted from permit requirements, with the main focus being on logging activities and new development. Mayor Schwager noted the definition of “Tree Specialist” and advised that the service had been difficult to find. The Solicitor replied that the Ordinance provides the option to name someone in-house as a tree specialist. Further discussion ensued.

Based upon the comments made by Committee, Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to table Ordinance 2016-12 until the Solicitor has time to review and make comments. Committeeman Schlump seconded. All were in favor.

2016-13 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 103 of the Woolwich Township Code Entitled “Flood Damage Prevention”

Motion to introduce: Rizzi 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-2016-168 Resolution of the Woolwich Township Committee Rescinding Resolution R-2016-105 Entitled “Resolution Authorizing Change Order on 2015 Road Improvement Project-Park Paving

Motion: Rizzi Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-169 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Adopting the Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties

Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-170 Resolution Authorizing Quote of Quinton Sand And Gravel for Screen Rental

Motion: Rizzi Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-171 Resolution Authorizing Quote of Township Engineer for Engineering Shared Use Path Project, Phase 1 Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-172 Resolution Authorizing Quote of Township Engineer for Engineering 2016 Local Road Program Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-173 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 on Landscaping Contract-Ease Design and Landscaping Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor

R-2016-174 Resolution Awarding Quote for TDR Title Work to West Jersey Title
Motion: Schlump Second: Carleton All in favor Rizzi Abstained

R-2016-175 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes
Motion: Rizzi Second: Carleton All in favor

The Administrator/Clerk presented her report as self explanatory. The following was discussed:

- No response has been received to date FROM THE County Engineer regarding the flooding at Woodstown and Russell Mill Road. Mayor Schwager asked the solicitor what more can be done. He responded that the County Freeholder Board is aware of the Township's request, and that he does not understand why the county is ignoring.
- Deputy Mayor Rizzi advised that he is in the process of obtaining additional quotes for the bathroom install at High Hill Park.

The Director of Community Development had no report.

The Committee discussed postponing bonding for certain basin sections of the Villages at Weatherby. Mayor Schwager explained that this is something that the Joint Land Use Board had agreed to.

Discussion on the use of Jake Brakes within the Township was held until the next meeting to allow the Solicitor time to conduct research on the issue.

The Director of Community Development discussed status of the Chestnut Ridge preservation project of Phases 3 and 4. He noted that green light to move forward is anticipated soon and said that he was seeking authorization to seek appraisals. He reminded the Committee of the county cost share.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to authorize moving forward with appraisals based on Mr. Blake's determination. Committeeman Schlump seconded. All were in favor. A resolution will be provided at the 8-15 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding GEI quote for reporting activities related to the Palladino property.

Mayor Schwager asked why continuing environmental analysis and state required reporting are necessary over and above what has already been determined. Mr. Blake replied hot spots found during testing required further reporting. He added that it is just another step to get closer to remediation of substances found on the property related to the history of farming on the property.

Mayor Schwager noted that he has trouble understanding all of the various steps the township has taken so far, and the need for further steps.

It was suggested that the matter be tabled for now given an opportunity to conference with GEI, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Rizzi to better understand the process prior to any agreement.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to approve the bills and purchase orders as submitted by the Finance officer, pending the Mayor's final review. All were in favor.

With 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 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk