

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2017**

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

The March 20, 2017 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: Battisti: PRESENT Carleton: PRESENT 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.

Mrs. DiBella read Proclamations and Mayor Schwager presented the Proclamations to the following Little League teams for their outstanding seasons:

Award Certificates: Swedesboro/Woolwich Majors 11/12 Softball Team "Cyclones"
Swedesboro/Woolwich 10/11 Boys Champions
Swedesboro/Woolwich 11/12 Boys Champions

Upon the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Schwager called a recess at 7:18 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:29 p.m. at which time motion was made by Committeeman Carleton, seconded by Committeeman Schlump and unanimously passed to open the meeting to public comment.

Joe Musumeci of 339 Paulsboro Road advised that he is present on behalf of the local Kiwanis Club regarding their application for a raffle license and asking that the Committee pass resolution **R-2017-85**.

Mr. Musumeci then presented comments on the regional redevelopment investigation as heard by the Woolwich Township Joint Land Use Board on 3-16.

He noted that he found several errors in the report, and asked that those errors be brought to the attention of the Planner. He stated that the Committee should have scrutinized the plan better prior to the hearing. He noted the changes on zoning from RC-1 and RC-2 to R-R. He stated that he has heard from the Township that sewer will develop the corridor commercially and asked why commercial prime property is being changed to residential. He stated that at a minimum the frontage should all be commercial.

Mayor Schwager replied that he does not believe the committee would see a problem in approving the raffle license. As for the redevelopment investigation, the Mayor responded that he is aware that Mr. Musumeci has been communicating with Mr. Blake regarding his concerns with the plan. He noted that the Land Use Board must pass a resolution, and that they do have the authority to amend if needed.

Once the resolution has been passed, the plan then goes to the Township Committee to adopt. He advised Mr. Musumeci to keep communicating with Mr. Blake about his concerns.

Mr. Musumeci thanked the Committee and said that he hopes someone looks at closely at the plan prior to voting on it.

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 Committeeman Carleton and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to approve the following reports for the month of February.

Tax Collector:	\$7,619,309.27 remitted and End of Year Report 2016
Municipal Court:	\$14,475.62/Woolwich \$10.00/Swedesboro
Police:	Monthly Activity
Woolwich Fire Company	Monthly Report
DOCD Report:	Monthly Report
Environmental Commission	2016 Report

All were in favor.

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

2017-05 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Releasing and Extinguishing the Public Right Pertaining to Sycamore Lane

Motion to introduce: Carleton Second: Schlump

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

2017-06 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich Entitled "Business Development Advisory Committee

Motion to introduce: Carleton Second: Rizzi

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

2017-07 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 149 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich

Motion to introduce: Carleton Second: Schlump

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

2017-08 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 95 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich Entitled "Fees"

Motion to introduce: Carleton Second: Schlump

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

Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to authorize a consent agenda for resolutions R-2017-82 through and including R-2017-91. Committeeman Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

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

R-2017-82 Resolution Increasing Deferred School Tax

R-2017-83 Resolution Making an Elevation within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2017-84 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Endorsement of a "Statement of Consent" Form TWA-1 for Villages at Weatherby Place-Section 6

R-2017-85 Resolution Endorsing the Findings and Determination Statement and Authorizing the Clerk to Submit a Raffle Application on Behalf of Kiwanis Club of Greater Swedesboro

R-2017-86 Resolution Amending R-2017-77-Taxes to be Cancelled; Parcels Belonging to the State of New Jersey are Exempt from Taxes

R-2017-87 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2017-88 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction

R-2017-89 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction

R-2017-90 Resolution Authorizing Per Diem Employees to Conduct Snow Removal

R-2017-91 Resolution Supporting the Filing of a Complaint by the New Jersey Association of Counties with the New Jersey Council on Local Mandates that the Criminal Justice Reform Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:162-15 et seq., Constitutes an Unfunded State Mandate in Violation of Article VIII, Section II, Paragraph 5 of the New Jersey Constitution

All were in favor.

The Administrator/Clerk presented her report as self explanatory. There were no questions from the Committee.

The Engineers report was presented. There were no questions from the Committee.

The following liaison reports were presented:

Deputy Mayor Rizzi:

JLUB; Conducted hearing on redevelopment plan for Rt. 322 on 3-16. Finance; 2017 Budget being finalized and should be ready for introduction at the April 3rd meeting. Open Space Ag.; No report. Parks and Recreation; Working on Fun Day planning for May 6th. Egg Hunt will be held on April 8th. Met with fireworks company to discuss joint show with the St. Clare's St. Alfio Day Committee. Fire/EMS; Fire calls month of Feb. 64 Woolwich and 36 Swedesboro. FC did a great job handling 26 calls during the 3/14 ice storm.

Committeeman Battisti:

S/W School District; No report. BDAC; Left for Committeeman Carleton's report. Shade Tree Commission; Will meet as needed. Environmental Commission; Submitted annual report for 2016. The Commission would like to discuss a few things

with the DOCD such as horse trails, and erosion problem into Lake Narraticon. Green Team: Will meet as needed.

Committeeman Carleton:

KRHS; District is facing a \$2.1 million deficit with an anticipated 2.5% increase in enrollment. Tentative budget reduction plan includes cuts in personnel and programs. The Superintendent could ask for a tax levy waiver, but does not choose to do so as it would greatly affect Woolwich taxpayers. BDAC; Met on March 1st. Looking for a good year. Planning an event with local business to introduce them to the Committee and the proposed Shop Local program. Looking for a sponsor for the Shop Local cards. Will continue to discuss website improvements and Taste of Woolwich event. Next meeting is 3-29. Christmas Parade: No meetings as yet.

Committeeman Schlump:

Streets and Roads; P/W were busy during the 3-14 ice storm. 78 tons of salt were used, and the department had to use their backhoe to clear the streets of trees and limbs. Buildings and Grounds; Sports fields have been readied for spring season and the park has been opened. HVAC and other testing are being undertaken in the municipal building. Trash/Recycling; Will undoubtedly be heavy vegetative collections post storm.

Mayor Schwager:

Construction and Zoning Code Enforcement; Reported number of construction and zoning permits. 194 properties are registered as vacant. TDR Task Force; Swedesboro Inc. is the last remaining TDR settlement to take place. Police; The Department along with the County Prosecutors Office have solved a 2016 violent crime in Swedesboro. Lt. Massing is settling into his new position. Municipal Court: No report. Mayor Schwager also noted that he attended a legislative conference during which a lot of discussions took place regarding fair funding for school districts along with employee insurance.

Motion was made by Committeeman Schlump and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to approve a closed session as noted below. All were in favor. The Committee entered closed session at 7:53 p.m.

R-2017-92 Resolution for Closed Session

Litigation:	Morgan/Daniels Hearings
Litigation:	NAR Farms v Township of Woolwich
Litigation:	Scotts Glen Completion and Settlement Agreement

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

Under old business, Mr. Blake advised of the need to update and advertise the leases for municipally owned farmland. He advised that he is looking for approval on revised lease agreements for

LaPalomente and Palladino properties, and to authorize advertisement of lease for municipal land and

Daybreak land.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to approve the leases for Block 5 Lot 3 and Block 5 Lot 4. Committeeman Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

Authorization was also provided to advertise the remaining land for lease.

Mr. Blake reviewed a proposal from DVRPC in the amount of \$10,500 to update the Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI), noting that the Environmental Commission had expressed interest in updating the document and further, that doing so is an action item for the Sustainable Jersey Program.

Committeeman Schlump asked if this has to be done, and if so, that it be shared with the Environmental Commission.

Motion was then made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to approve the quote of DVRPC to update the Township ERI. All were in favor.

The Committee reviewed and discussed a proposal from the Township Engineer in the amount of \$60,000 to conduct survey, wetland boundaries and concept plan and layout for phase II and III of the High Hill Road shared use path.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to approve the Quote. Committeeman Schlump seconded. All were in favor.

The Committee then discussed a quote to redesign the township website with partial funds to be paid from remaining funds targeted for the Rt. 322 marketing campaign.

Committeeman Schlump opined that full township committee agenda's should be published for the benefit of the residents. Discussion ensued.

The proposed scope of work from Suasion to redesign the website was then authorized in the amount of \$9,100.00 utilizing \$4,850.00 remaining from the marketing campaign.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi to authorize a settlement in the matter of NAR Farms v. Township of Woolwich as discussed in closed session. Committeeman Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to authorize the completion and settlement agreement between the Township of Woolwich and Scotts Glen as discussed in closed session. Committeeman Carleton seconded. All were in favor. Mayor Schwager abstained.

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

February 21, 2017 Regular and Closed Session

March 6, 2017 Work Shop Meeting

All were in favor.

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

Motion was then made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

At 8:38 p.m., upon the request of Committeeman Battisti, the meeting was re-opened.

Committeeman Battisti questioned the re-zoning as discussed during that night's public portion, saying that he knows little about the process and asked how the Committee should be advised of things going on outside of the Committee.

Mayor Schwager replied that in 2016 prior to Committeeman Battisti taking his seat on Committee; recommendation was made to the Joint Land Use Board to study a redevelopment zone from Garwin Road west to the Logan border. The JLUB conducted a public hearing on the proposed redevelopment zone on March 16th. He added that earlier during the public portion of the Township Committee meeting, Mr. Musumeci was raising questions generated during said JLUB hearing.

Mayor Schwager noted that currently, the Land use Board is recognizing their Master Plan adopted in 2016, but that the Township Committee has not yet adopted the Ordinance to support the revisions to the Master Plan.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi added that in one respect, the process, which started with the JLUB in 2016 has not yet been finalized by the Township Committee.

Committeeman Schlump then asked how this information is presented to the public and what Master Plan is applied to a potential development.

Mayor Schwager replied that the JLUB owns the Master Plan, and the Township Committee owns the Ordinance implementing the Master Plan. Currently potential development would have to abide by the Master Plan currently adopted by the Township Committee, and not the plan recommended by the Land Use Board.

With no further questions or comments, Deputy Mayor Rizzi moved to adjourn the meeting. Committeeman Carleton seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file