

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION MEETING
MAY 7, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jordan Schlump at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Schlump made the following statement:

The May 7, 2018 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: Battisti: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT Santore: PRESENT
Carleton: PRESENT Schlump: PRESENT

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Mayor Schlump and Committeeman Marino presented awards to the following teams:

Awards-Boys Baseball 9-10 2017 District 15 Champions
Awards-Boys Baseball 11-12 Majors District 15 and Section 4 Champions

Motion was made by Committeeman Marino and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Angela Napoliello of 3 Brockton Court questioned resolutions on that evenings agenda.

R-2018-118 regarding fireworks display. Ms. Napoliello stated that there seems to be a number of firework displays in the Township. She was informed that the Township only holds fireworks on Fun Day and for the Christmas Parade. Dep. Mayor Carleton added that the Christmas fireworks are fully sponsored by donations.

R-2018-114 regarding the GovPilot Program. She asked what the program will provide. The Administrator/Clerk responded and offered to send Ms. Napoliello a copy of the brochure.

She then questioned the status of the new website and was told that the Township has signed off on suggested changes to formatting, and expects an update soon.

Lynn Brosseau, a teacher in the S/W school district thanked the Committee for donating \$200 towards the purchase of a hydration station for the district. She explained fundraising efforts. Committeeman Marino moved to increase the donation to \$300 for the station. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Brosseau then advised of June 1st and 2nd being against gun violence. She asked if the Committee would consider a Proclamation in this regard and to light up the municipal building orange in acknowledgement of this cause. Committeewoman Santore thanked her for her work.

Committeewoman Santore then moved to support June 1 and June 2 for anti-gun violence with a Proclamation pending. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

The public portion closed.

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

2018-05 An Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$147,000 to be Used for Various Roadway Improvements and Preliminary Costs within the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

Open to public: Marino Second: Carleton All in favor

No public comment

Close public hearing: Carleton Second: Marino All in favor

Motion to adopt: Carleton Second: Marino

Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Marino: YES, Santore: YES, Carleton: YES, Schlump: YES

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

2018-06 An Ordinance Making Salary Ranges for Certain Officials and Employees of the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester for the Year 2018

Motion to introduce: Battisti Second: Carleton

Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Marino: YES, Santore: YES, Carleton: YES, Schlump: YES

2018-07 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 203 Entitled "Zoning" Section 203-42 A Through C (R-3 Zoning District) of the Code of the Township of Woolwich

Motion to introduce: Carleton Second: Marino

Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Marino: YES, Santore: YES, Carleton: YES, Schlump: YES

2018-08 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending the Submission Checklist for Use Within the Woolwich Township Joint Land Use Board

Motion to introduce: Carleton Second: Marino

Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Marino: YES, Santore: YES, Carleton: YES, Schlump: YES

2018-09 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Construction and Improvement of Municipally Owned Open Space for Recreation by and for the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, New Jersey: Appropriating the Sum of \$3,250,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$3,000,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Motion to introduce: Carleton Second: Marino

Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Marino: YES, Santore: YES, Carleton: YES, Schlump: YES

Committeeman Battisti moved to approve the following Resolution. Seconded by Committeeman Marino;

R-2018-97 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Adopting the Calendar Year 2018 Municipal Budget

Committeeman Carleton stated that he had asked the CFO to see if there is any room in the budget to lessen the impact on taxpayers by getting to a 0% or 1% as opposed to the 2% increase that the approved budget represents.

He added that in looking over the numbers, funds may be available in surplus, reserve to pay debt service and reserve for uncollected taxes. He added that he feels strongly that the elected officials run under a platform to keep taxes low, and should live up to that. He then moved to table or amend the resolution.

The motion died lacking a second.

Mayor Schlump stated that it is his understanding that Deputy Mayor Carleton is looking for an amendment to get to a .01 increase as opposed to .02.

Committeewoman Santore asked for clarification, noting that it is her understanding that the budget has been approved by the Local Finance Board and the State and was told that it has been.

Committeeman Marino noted that the 2017 budget had a 0% increase. He added that the Local Purpose Tax is just a small part of the overall tax, with the majority going to the school districts. He feels it to be a disservice to residents to not stay up with cost of living. He added that two cents to the local purpose tax is relatively reasonable for services.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Carleton and seconded by Mayor Schlump to amend the budget to lower the increase to .01.

Deputy Mayor Carleton noted that Committeeman Marino had valid points, but that he still feels there is a way to keep the tax increase to a minimum without hurting the future.

Committeeman Marino asked the CFO if lowering the increase coming off of a 2017 0% increase is fiscally responsible. The CFO replied that he is in line with the introduced budget at .02.

Roll Call: Battisti: NO, Marino: NO, Santore: NO, Carleton: YES, Schlump: YES 2-3 motion died

Motion was then made by Committeeman Marino and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to approve resolution R-2018-97.

Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Marino: YES, Santore: YES, Carleton: NO, Schlump: NO Motion carried 3-2

Committeewoman Santore moved to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2018-111 through and including R-2018-124. Deputy Mayor Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

R-2018-111 Resolution Authorizing Proposal #MH-18-024 of Alaimo Group in the Amount of \$421,000 for Design, Permitting, Bidding, Construction Management and Inspection of Park Expansion, Phase I

R-2018-112 Resolution Authorizing Proposal of Eaise Design and Landscaping Inc. for Various Landscaping Activities

R-2018-113 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Amending Resolution R-2018-44 and Making Appointment of Members to Serve on the Woolwich Township Municipal Alliance

R-2018-114 Resolution Authorizing a Quote in the Amount of \$2,500.00 to GovPilot for a Web Based Management System

R-2018-115 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Street Opening Permit-11 Cottonwood

R-2018-116 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Street Opening Permit-122 Nottingham Way

R-2018-117 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the County of Gloucester Regarding the Use of Certain Stage Units for Special Events

R-2018-118 Resolution for Public Fireworks Display

R-2018-119 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 in the Amount of \$5,939.31 and Change Order #2 in the Amount of \$9,489.73 to Think Pavers for High Hill Road Shared Use Path, Phase 1

R-2018-120 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2018-121 Resolution Authorizing Hiring of Seasonal Employee as Summer Help within the Woolwich Township Department of Public Works

R-2018-122 Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Part Time Seasonal Janitorial Staff-Locke Avenue Park

R-2018-123 Resolution Authorizing the One Time Waiver of a Certified Marriage License Copy Fee

R-2018-124 Resolution Endorsing the Findings and Determination Statement and Authorizing the Issuance of a Raffle License to Kingsway Education Foundation

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Deputy Mayor Carleton to adopt resolutions R-2018-111 through and including R-2018-124. All were in favor. 5-0

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeeman Marino to approve resolution **R-2018-125 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 7:42 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel disciplinary matter and workman's compensation for contracted employee's.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:33 p.m.

Under new business, motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeeman Marino to approve resolution **R-2018-126 Resolution Authorizing a Resignation Agreement and General Release**. All were in favor.

Also under new business, Committeeman Marino wished to apprise the Committee of a meeting conducted with SADC regarding continuation of the Township's Open Space and Farmland Preservation funding.

Committeeman Marino advised that there were concerns that funds for the township would be limited or not there. He was able to express his concerns to Assemblyman Burzichelli. Subsequent to the meeting with SADC, it seems the township is in good graces and its funding will not be affected.

Mayor Schlump noted that this will be important as the Camden Diocese wishes to enter their Paulsboro Road land in the program. Committeeman Marino agreed, saying it seems the township is now in a much better position for continued funding in its partnership with SADC.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Marino to approve the bills and purchase orders upon the Mayor's review. All were in favor.

Having no further business, motion was made by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Committeeman Marino and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file

Approval of Bills and Purchase Orders:

Adjournment: