

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jordan Schlump at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Schlump made the following statement:

The October 1, 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

All present on the dais were Solicitor Shoemaker and Administrator/Clerk DiBella.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

By motion of Committeewoman Santore, seconded by Committeeman Battisti and unanimously passed, the meeting was opened to public comment.

Angela Napoliello-Ivory of 3 Brockton Court questioned the amount or rate of township recycling.

Committeewoman Santore replied that there are some issues as to what is being recycled, and that residents can do better.

Jennifer Gambol of 203 Woodstown Road approached the Committee regarding dangerous and aggressive drivers. She noted incidents in which vehicles have passed stopped school buses while children are crossing. She said that she contracted Freeholder Joe Chila's office and was told that a traffic study should be requested. She would like to see a reduction in speed limit and no passing zones established.

Committeeman Marino agreed that he has witnessed the same. He added that Woodstown Road is a county road, and the township can only conduct the study and forward the results to the county.

Committeeman Battisti advised that the township will see that the study takes place, and present it to county engineering.

Jason Gambol noted that Bradford Lane is within passing zones and there are a lot of children living there.

Mayor Schlump suggested that vehicle tag numbers should be obtained when possible for reporting purposes.

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

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

2018-15 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Article XXIII (Mixed Use) and Article XXIV (Residential Receiving-Base Density) of the Zoning Code to Change TDR Requirements

Open public hearing: Santore Second: Marino All in favor

Angela Napoliello-Ivory asked if this is in regards to the Rt. 322 area and the Mayor replied in the affirmative. She said that she is looking forward to the commercial development.

Close public hearing: Carleton Second: Santore All in favor

Motion to adopt: Battisti Second: Carleton

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

2018-16 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Numerous Blocks and Lots Known as Weatherby Town Center Redevelopment Plan Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq.

Open public hearing: Marino Second: Carleton All in favor

No public comment

Close public hearing: Carleton Second: Santore All in favor

Motion to adopt: Battisti Second: Marino

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

Mayor Schlump read the following resolutions by title only:

R-2018-229 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Contract for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste and Recycling Materials Between the Township of Woolwich and Waste Management Of Ewing New Jersey for the Year 2019 Motion: Santore Second: Battisti

Committeewoman Santore noted that renewal of the current contract is the lesser of two evils, and that the township is looking to do better from a financial standpoint. All were in favor

Committeeman Battisti requested a consent agenda for resolutions R-2018-230 through R-2018-237 and then withdrew his motion.

R-2018-230 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to South Jersey Gas-155 Homestead Court and 122 Garwin Road Motion: Santore Second: Battisti All

R-2018-231 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing Change Order Number 4 in the Amount of (\$1,978.15) to the Contract with Think Pavers-High Hill Road Shared Use Path, Phase 1

Motion: Battisti Second: Carleton

Committeewoman Santore asked why there are so many pavers amounting to \$240,000. Mayor Schlump replied that the company awarded the contract is named Think Pavers, but their work was to install an asphalt walk path. Committeewoman Santore asked if the grant money has been reached and was told that it has. Committeeman Battisti noted that the change order issued represents a credit to the balance. All were in favor.

R-2018-232 Resolution Authorizing an Amended Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the Kingsway Regional School District for the Provision of School Resource Officer

Motion to table: Santore Second: Battisti All

R-2018-233 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing Renewal of a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the Kingsway Regional School District for Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste in Year 2019 Motion: Battisti Second: Santore All

R-2018-234 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Purchase of FireDex Turnout Gear in the Amount of \$29,600.70 via NJ State Contract A80946 from Jersey Fire and Safety Products, LLC for use Within the Woolwich Fire Company Motion: Carleton Second: Battisti

Committeeman Marino asked that resolution R-2018-235 be discussed also.

R-2018-235 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Purchase of In-Car Video Cameras, Body-Worn Cameras, and the Hardware/Software Required to Effectively Utilize Within the Police Department in the Amount of \$86,533.35 via Nationally Recognized Co-Ops with National IPA and National Purchasing Partners

Motion was then made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to also bring in resolution R-2018-235 for discussion purposes. Solicitor Shoemaker noted that each resolution should be voted on separately.

Committeewoman Santore asked if the \$87,000 in resolution R-2018-235 was budgeted or within the police line item. Mayor Schlump replied that he couldn't answer.

Committeeman Marino stated that since January, items have come up for approval with no prior notice or discussion. He added that he is in favor of the purchases because they are necessary, but it isn't fair to be spending \$90,000 without the department head coming forth with the request. He said that in the effort towards transparency, this should have been brought to the Committee's attention.

Deputy Mayor Carleton said that was a fair point, but noted that any committee member has the option to reach out and ask questions. Committeeman Marino stated that they should not have to ask.

Mayor Schlump then said there seems to be two issues. 1. Is the CFO aware and 2. The Committee wishes to know about purchases ahead of time. Committeeman Marino replied that when spending close to \$100,000, what is the harm of the department head making the request.

Committeewoman Santore said that if the Committee was running meetings like real work sessions, everyone would be aware ahead of time.

Committeeman Marino stated that the right thing to do would be for the Chief to come to the appropriate authority and make the request. He added that not one time since January has the Chief approached the Committee about anything, including hiring without allowing the Committee to meet the candidates first.

Mayor Schlump asked if that extends to the Fire Chief also, noting that the township can't mandate the Fire Chief the same as the Police Chief.

Deputy Mayor Carleton stated that the Fire Chief had called him and discussed the need to purchase turn-out gear, and that everything that he was told as liaison is reflected in the resolution. He added that he doesn't think it is a terrible idea to discuss first, but asked if it is really necessary.

Committeeman Marino asked as a member of committee, wouldn't the Deputy Mayor like to know if the purchase is needed? Deputy Mayor Carleton replied that he trusts judgement wisely.

Committeeman Battisti stated that there is an easy fix. Department heads should come before the Committee and let them know in instances such as this.

Mayor Schlump requested a vote on R-2018-234. All were in favor. None opposed.

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R-2018-236 Resolution Authorizing Placement of Municipal Liens on Various Properties Within the Township of Woolwich-Lawn Maintenance Motion: Santore Second: Battisti

Committeewoman Santore stated that these properties are eyesores, and thanked public works for addressing these properties. All were in favor.

R-2018-237 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing Settlement of Litigation-Lt. Joseph A. Morgan, III, v. Township of Woolwich et als. Motion: Santore Second: Battisti

Committeewoman Santore questioned the settlement amount. Ms. DiBella replied that payment would be made to Lt. Morgan in the amount of \$144,795.69 and \$75,204.31 would be made to his attorneys.

All were in favor.

Discussion ensued regarding changing the solid waste collection day to coincide with recycle collection in the Four Season development.

Mayor Schlump suggested that this begin as of November 7th to allow for notification to residents.

Committeewoman Santore suggested the township create the resident flyer, however, the Mayor suggested that Waste Management create the flyer for township review and approval.

The Committee then discussed the request of "Visit South Jersey" for a \$10,000 annual contribution from the township to support their dinosaur tourism campaign.

Mayor Schlump noted that they provided a good presentation, but suggested that another meeting be held when the Director of Community Development can be present to express further interest, but not to provide funding.

Deputy Mayor Carleton said that Visit New Jersey did a phenomenal job presenting, but that he has a hard time making the connection that it will create economic viability in the township.

Committeeman Battisti noted that the group is looking for a 2021 kick off with the opening of the dinosaur museum, but that currently making an investment is like speculation.

Mayor Schlump suggested no action as of now.

The Committee then reviewed the \$7,500.00 proposal of Timothy Sheehan to conduct the second appraisal of the Swedesboro Golf Course property in anticipation of preservation.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Marino to authorize Mr. Sheehan's quote. Committeeman Marino noted that if the County does a 50/50 acquisition split, the township may have a further share with Green Acres.

Mayor Schlump requested that Committeewoman Santore address the Committee as to P.L. 2018, c. 11 (SALT Charitable Contribution Law).

Committeewoman Santore explained that based upon the Federal tax Cuts that did not provide any relief for several states in the north east including New Jersey, Governor Murphy moved forward with this process that allows taxpayers to donate funds into municipal charitable funds. She said the process is very involved, but would appreciate the CFO report on the process to see if this would be possible to provide our residents tax relief.

Deputy Mayor Carleton and Committeeman Battisti said that it is worth looking into.

Mayor Schlump suggested that Committeewoman Santore find a community that has enacted this. He added that he has concerns regarding the program, specifically since the IRS has not yet accepted it.

Committeewoman Santore will report back.

Under old business, the Committee discussed the "Kings Landing at Woolwich" logo, as previously Discussed, and whether or not the logo should be on the proposed Rt. 322 water tower.

The Committee was in agreement that the logo should not go on the tower. Suggestion was made to have only "Kings Landing at Woolwich" lettered only.

The Committee will further discuss with the Director of Community Development.

Committeeman Marino then noted that he would like to see wording painted on both sides of the Center Square Road water tower.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeeman Marino to approve resolution **R-2018-238 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 8:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

- Litigation: COAH and GLO-L-1079-18
- Contractual Matters: Nike Base Appraisal

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:08 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Marino, seconded by Committeewoman Santore and unanimously passed.

There was no new business.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Committeeman Marino and unanimously passed to approve the bills and purchase orders pending the Mayor's final review. All were in favor.

With no further business, motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file