

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jordan Schlump at 6:02 p.m. with the following statement:

The November 5, 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: ABSENT* Santore: ABSENT
Carleton: PRESENT Schlump: PRESENT
*Committeeman Marino entered the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Also present on the dais were Solicitor Shoemaker, Director of Community Development Blake and Administrator/Clerk DiBella.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carleton and unanimously passed to open the meeting to public comment.

Frank Paolini, residing at 18 Oak View terrace, noted safety concerns with his development due to the lack of action on the part of developer Fernmoor Homes. He noted broken and rotting fencing surrounding the front basin, lack of fencing at the rear basin, soil conservation issues and lack of maintenance of open space lots.

Lisa Lis of 6 Oak View Terrace approached the Committee with the same concerns.

Wes Bermet of 11 Oak View Terrace likewise reiterated the concerns of the HOA. He added that due to lack of storm water control, his fear is that the storm sewer pipes will be left clogged when the HOA takes over.

The residents were told that further discussions will take place with the Township Engineer and developer.

Angela Napoliello-Ivory of 3 Brockton Court questioned had the following questions in regards to the agenda:

She asked for an explanation of resolution R-2018-255 regarding energy audit services. Mr. Blake explained the program that will be available for residents to have an energy audit conducted at their home to identify areas that may save money and energy. He added that the township went through an RFP process to offer a competitive price for residents. He further advised that this program was developed by the Township Green Team and will earn points in the Sustainable Jersey Program.

Ms. Napoliello-Ivory then questioned resolution R-2018-257 regarding lease of vehicles and asked how long the lease would be. Mayor Schlump replied it would be for five years.

She then questioned resolution R-2018-261 regarding tax deductions for totally disabled veterans.

Mrs. Napoliello-Ivory then asked the status of the fire box at the Woolwich Fire Company in the Borough of Swedesboro as discussed at a previous meeting. She asked if the box has been installed yet. Mayor Schlump advised her that the box has always been in place, painted onto the paving at the fire company exit, and the issue is that drivers ignore the box.

She then asked if a rumor she heard is true that homes within the Preserve at Weatherby are being taxed at 90%. Mayor Schlump stated that all Woolwich homes are taxed at 100%.

Alan Schwager of 70 Belfiore Drive stated that he is a former mayor, having served in that capacity in 2016 and 2017.

He addressed Committeeman Marino as to a Letter to the Editor that was published in the November edition of the NewTown Press that stated that he had handpicked professionals and staff. He asked to know who the staff members are.

Committeeman Marino replied that it was meant for no one in general, and that the forum was not the place to discuss.

Mr. Schwager then said that Committeeman Marino is asking for more transparency and that an answer is deserved.

Committeeman Marino replied that he is looking for prior knowledge of items appearing on agendas. He added that department heads should address the Committee regarding items affecting their department. Further discussion ensued.

Beth Sawyer, residing at 1807 Lexington Mews stated that it is disappointing that people had to be dragged through the mud in this election. She stated that she and her running mate did not run a dirty campaign.

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

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

2018-17 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Adopting an Amended Redevelopment Plan for Numerous Blocks and Lots Known as Weatherby Town Center Redevelopment Plan

Motion to introduce: Carleton Second: Battisti All were in favor

Mayor Schlump requested a motion to remove resolution **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** from the table. So moved Carleton. Second: Battisti. All were in favor.

Motion was then made by Deputy Mayor Carleton and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to adopt resolution **R-2018-232**.

Committeeman Battisti noted that it was a long process getting to approval of the Agreement, but that it will benefit the district. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeeman Marino to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2018-252 through and including R-2018-261. All were in favor.

R-2018-252 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to South Jersey Gas-210 Sherwood Court and 56 Messina Drive

R-2018-253 Resolution Making an Elevation within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2018-254 Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Certain Township Owned Equipment and Personal Property from the Fixed Asset List of the Township of Woolwich

R-2018-255 Resolution Authorizing the Proposal for Energy Audit Services to SPS Mechanical-\$49/Audit

R-2018-256 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Renewal of an Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Swedesboro Regarding the Provision of Uniform Construction Code Inspections

R-2018-257 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Lease of Various Vehicles via a Nationally Recognized Co-Op with Sourcewell From Enterprise Fleet Management

R-2018-258 Resolution Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers During the Last Two Months of the Fiscal Year for the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

R-2018-259 Resolution Authorizing Hiring Substitute Crossing Guard

R-2018-260 Resolution for Public Fireworks Display

R-2018-261 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deductions

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Deputy Mayor Carleton to adopt resolutions R-2018-252 through and including R-2018-261. All were in favor.

Discussion ensued on the following items:

Eaise Design Landscaping Quotes: Mr. Blake advised of quotes received from Eaise for the following and in the amounts shown:

Weatherby entrances: \$5,975.00

Municipal Complex: \$4,300.00

Township Line Road-Ardmore and beyond berm: \$5,900.00

Tree allowance: \$5,000.00

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Committeeman Marino and unanimously passed to approve the quotes with a resolution to follow at the next meeting.

The Solicitor reviewed and explained a draft Ordinance regarding peddling and solicitation in the township. This ordinance is necessary due to litigation within the past year. It further creates a “No-Knock” list.

The Committee was asked to review in preparation for introduction at the next meeting.

Seeing someone wishing to speak, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Carleton, seconded by Committeeman Battisti and unanimously passed to re-open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Victor Boyko of 360 Russell Mill Road asked if anything can be done about neighborhood children racing dirt bikes. Mayor Schlump said that he will speak with the Police Chief about the issue.

Motion was made by Committeeman Marino, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carleton and passed to close the public portion.

Discussion then ensued regarding lien foreclosure list and whether it is to the township’s advantage to close on any of the properties. Mr. Blake explained that there are possibly two properties of interest to the Township and asked for guidance on initiating IN REM foreclosure.

Solicitor Shoemaker suggested that he or foreclosure specialist Keith Bonchi advise landowners of the potential foreclosure.

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Deputy Mayor Carleton to authorize retaining Keith Bonchi to move in this direction. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carleton and unanimously passed to approve resolution **R-2018-262 Resolution for Closed Session.**

The Committee entered closed session at 6:57 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

Personnel: Filling Open Position
Contractual Matters: Nike Base Appraisal
Sewer Cost
Potential Acquisition of Land-Phase 1 Report

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

The Administrator/Clerk advised the Committee of applications received for the official towing list and explained the process. She noted that two applicants, Riehls towing and Mario’s towing had submitted applications, and that a resolution approving same will appear on the next agenda.

Committeeman Marino moved to obtain a Phase II ala carte proposal regarding the Beckett Golf Club property as discussed in closed session. Deputy Mayor Carleton seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carleton and unanimously passed to approve the bill list and purchase orders pending the Mayors final review.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk