

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Jordan Schlump, who made the following statement:

The December 17, 2018 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 Marino: PRESENT Santore: PRESENT
Carleton: PRESENT Schlump: 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.

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

Nicholas Kalfas, residing at 863 Ashburn way, approached the Committee regarding his proposal to create signage at Locke Avenue Park as his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Kalfas presented schematics of the sign and requested permission to move forward.

Michelle VanDiehl, Park Director, noted that she has met with Mr. Kalfas and fully supports his project.

Committeeman Marino stated that the signs are needed and he supports the proposed project, and then moved to grant permission to move forward. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

Angela Napoliello-Ivory of 3 Brockton Court referenced certain resolutions on the agenda that appropriate revenue and then asked if that is how the revenue from the supermarket will appear.

Will Pine, CFO, replied from the audience that the funds from the supermarket PILOT Agreement will appear as its own line item within the municipal budget.

Ms. Napoliello-Ivory then asked if the tax dollars will not be designated to certain departments, how will the residents be able to track the funds.

Mayor Schlump replied as to the process and terms of PILOT Agreements, noting the funds would go to reserves and spent when and how they would be needed.

Ms. Napoliello-Ivory then said that she went to NJ.com and looked up Somerset Woolwich Urban Renewal and found that they incorporated on 12-11-18. She asked how the Township is funneling money to an entity for which they know nothing about and are entering into a financial agreement with.

The Solicitor responded as to the process of PILOT Agreements, and that it is not up to the Township to track LLC's.

Ms. Napoliello-Ivory then referenced resolution R-2018-306 which authorizes a settlement with Fair Share Housing Center, and a reference to Special COAH Council and asked who that entity is. Mr. Shoemaker replied that it is a firm chosen by the Committee to perform a professional service. Ms. Napoliello-Ivory then asked who the professional is and was told that Surenian and Associates serve as the Township's Special COAH Counsel for Mt. Laurel issues.

She then questioned resolution R-2018-287 awarding a contract to The Ambient Group for remediation and asked what the project is and who the contracted entity is.

Mr. Blake explained that the property is township owned, and requires a small area of environmental soil cleanup, the contract for which was awarded through a formal bid process with the Ambient Group being low bidder.

Ms. Napoliello-Ivory stated that there needs to be more transparency in these types of matters.

Beth Sawyer, residing at 1807 Lexington Mews asked Committeeman Marino why he voted down Ordinance 2018-19 at the December 3rd meeting. Committeeman Marino replied that he feels the people put him there to do a job, and due to outstanding questions he feels were not answered, he voted no to the ordinance. He added that at first he moved to table the Ordinance. Ms. Sawyer posed the same question to Committeewoman Santore and she replied that she had the same reason as Committeeman Marino.

Ms. Sawyer asked if either had asked questions and received feedback prior to the vote, and had their questions answered. Committeeman Marino replied that he was not in meetings held with professionals. Ms. Sawyer asked if either had called the professionals to ask questions.

Committeewoman Santore said that she had. Ms. Sawyer asked who was called. Committeewoman Santore said professionals. Ms. Sawyer said that was not a transparent answer. Committeewoman Santore reiterated Committeeman Marino's comment that she had also not been invited to meetings over the course of the year. Ms. Sawyer asked Mayor Schlump if that was true. The Mayor responded that the Committee went into closed session and discussed the outcome of every meeting conducted.

Ms. Sawyer asked the Mayor how much it cost for Ordinance 2018-19 to be drafted. Mayor Schlump replied that over \$27,000 was spent, not including employee time. Ms. Sawyer asked Committeewoman Santore if she had the opportunity to speak with Erin Law prior to the vote, and Committeewoman Santore said that she had. Ms. Sawyer asked what Ms. Law recommended. Committeeman Marino replied that he had voiced concerns on an outstanding point that was not addressed.

Ms. Sawyer asked if the concern existed prior to the December 3rd meeting or prior to the 2017 bond ordinance, and said that Committeeman Marino and Committeewoman Santore were aware that they had to vote on something that would affect the entire town. Committeeman Marino replied that it was disappointing that the 2017 bond ordinance passed without all of the facts. Ms. Sawyer asked why they waited until the final hour to ask questions after eleven months on the committee. Committeewoman Santore said they were told certain agreements would be in place. Ms. Sawyer asked what agreements.

Committeeman Marino said that he had wanted to table the Ordinance in order to make sure that things were done the right way. Ms. Sawyer asked what the right way is and Committeeman Marino replied, when things are in place.

Ms. Sawyer asked Mayor Schlump why the sewer project is beginning early. Mayor Schlump responded that it is due to the need to get pipes in the ground prior to the NJDOT intersection project. Ms. Sawyer asked how the \$1.6 million carve out will be paid now and the Mayor replied that it will be borne by all taxpayers. Ms. Sawyer asked Committeeman Marino and Committeewoman Santore if they were aware of that prior to their vote. Committeeman Marino replied that he was. Ms. Sawyer asked how they intend to pay for the remaining sewer line, and Committeewoman Santore replied that when they have all of the information needed, that plan will be developed.

Ms. Sawyer asked Mayor Schlump to explain special assessments. The Mayor replied that the special assessment process allows an assessment on the properties that will benefit from the improvements within the sewer service area. He added that as it stands now, all taxpayers will pay, and developers currently owning farmland, will only pay farmland assessment taxes.

Ms. Sawyer asked Committeeman Marino if he was aware that he let developers off the hook with his vote. Committeeman Marino replied that no one is off the hook.

Ms. Sawyer said that both Committeepersons seem very unprepared to be the 2019 leaders, and made a weak decision based on a few angry residents. Committeeman Marino responded that nothing is going to be set on the taxpayer's backs, and when certain agreements are in place, the township committee will move forward accordingly.

Mayor Schlump asked the township CFO how the tax impact on the no vote currently stands. Mr. Pine replied that the \$18 million will be paid back by the general tax payers.

Ms. Sawyer said that she lives in Lexington Mews and already paid for sewer. She asked why she should have to pay for someone else's sewer.

John Juliano of 94 Spring Hill Drive asked if residents such as he would have the opportunity to tie in to sewer if not on the corridor, saying that if they are to pay, they should have the ability to tie in. Mr. Juliano asked Committeeman Marino what else he felt was needed and should have been in place. Solicitor Shoemaker interjected that while the question is legitimate, he would comment that there are certain agreements still being negotiated that are not appropriate to discuss with any level of specificity.

Mr. Juliano asked if that was why Committeeman Marino and Committeewoman Santore first asked to table the Ordinance and was told that is why. Mr. Juliano then asked if there is an ability to make this right in 2019 and was told that is a possibility. Mr. Juliano replied that if that time comes, he hopes that in fairness, those outside of the sewer service area are considered.

Dave Glanfield, residing at 132 Saratoga Lane said that he sees a dysfunctional team. He asked Mayor Schlump who is involved in the Rt. 322 sewer project. Mayor Schlump replied as to the involvement of the township, state and redeveloper, as well as financing through the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and the failed bond ordinance that would have allowed special assessments to recoup costs from those landowners who will benefit from sewer availability.

Mr. Glanfield said that after eleven months on the committee, he finds it hard to believe that there was not information provided to the committee as a whole. Committeewoman Santore replied that there were discussions in closed session, but that many meetings had been held that not all members could attend.

Mayor Schlump stated that aside from him, most meetings were attended by the solicitor, administrator, Committeeman Battisti and Director of Community Development. He added that he believes that all members were included in information throughout the year. Committeeman Marino stated that he was only invited to attend one meeting.

Alan Schwager of 70 Belfiore Drive asked Committeewoman Santore who Erin Law is. Committeewoman Santore replied that Erin is from the MS&B Law Firm, who was identified by Mr. Blake as a professional who could assist the township in the sewer recapture issue.

Mr. Schwager then referred to a November New Town Press Letter to the Editor, and asked Committeewoman Santore what was meant as the holdovers from his administration. Committeewoman Santore did not respond. Mr. Schwager stated that refusing to answer is not transparent.

Beth Sawyer, 1807 Lexington Mews asked why Committeewoman Santore did not attend the November 5th Township Committee meeting, leaving Committeeman Marino to answer for her.

Ms. Sawyer then discussed Committeewoman Santore's prior involvement with the Lexington Mews HOA. Committeewoman Santore asked Ms. Sawyer to stop her line of questioning.

Ms. Sawyer then asked about the lack of action to build a dog park, and asked what the Committeewoman did in regards to lowering the cost of trash/recycling collection. Committeewoman Santore responded that the Committee attempted to get lower quotes through fair and open bidding for trash collection, but that she is not in charge of the market. Ms. Sawyer then asked what the Committeewoman did to advance the SALT Program.

Committeeman Marino responded to Ms. Sawyer, saying that the dog park estimates were too high. As to the trash contract, he replied that only one entity bid and the Township had no choice but to award. He added that the township is seeking a shared service agreement that may lower cost in time.

Ms. Sawyer asked why Committeewoman Santore did not attend the Woolwich Holiday Parade. Committeewoman Santore replied that she was ill, and added that she had a conflict that prevented her from attending the November 5th Township Committee meeting.

Ms. Sawyer, referencing a township holiday party, asked the process of filing a complaint for public intoxication of a public official. Solicitor Shoemaker advised that a written complaint could be filed with the Clerk.

Ms. Sawyer asked if there are plans to get rid of the Woolwich parade. Committeewoman Santore responded that the event should be given to parks and recreation.

Angela Napoliello-Ivory, 3 Brockton Court asked if anyone representing the Ambient Group was present at the meeting and was told that there was not. She then asked if anyone was present representing Somerset Woolwich LLC.

Solicitor Shoemaker said that Ms. Napoliello-Ivory may be misunderstanding how tax abatements work. He noted that Somerset Woolwich is the entity created for executing the functions of a PILOT and is part of the redevelopment process. Ms. Napoliello-Ivory replied that she would like to know who the entity is as opposed to them hiding behind an LLC.

Dave Beckett, of 7 Gabrielle Court wished to note the help and professionalism of employee Mark Fruits.

He then added that the Township is a business, and that Woolwich is no longer a small town. He said that if Committee members are not getting the information they need, it is up to them to go get it. He added that the members of Committee are honest and have integrity, and took issue with the insinuations that information is being withheld by them. Referring to the sewer project, he said that things have to get done, and that the entire township should not have to pay the freight for a train they are not going to ride on. He further stated that with new faces coming to the Committee, he hopes that the Committee can get it together because these actions are beneath what the township stands for.

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

The following reports were submitted for the month of November:

Tax Collector:	\$6,697,262.49 remitted
Municipal Court:	\$10,560.03/Woolwich \$2.50/Swedeseboro
Police:	Monthly Activity
Woolwich Fire Company:	Monthly Report
Township Engineer:	Monthly Report
DOCD Report:	Monthly Report
Park Report:	Monthly Report
Administrator's Report:	Monthly Report

Mr. Blake noted information received relative to the BROS Superfund site will continue to be reviewed and discussed.

The Park Director added that if the parade is moved under parks and recreation, the committee will keep going with it.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Carleton and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to accept the November reports. All were in favor.

Mayor Schlump asked that Ordinance 2018-20 be considered later in the meeting.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Deputy Mayor Carleton to approve a consent agenda for the following resolutions. All were in favor.

R-2018-286 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Street Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas-4

Barbagallo Court

R-2018-287 Resolution Awarding a Contract to the Ambient Group, LLC in the Amount of \$43,980.00 for Remediation of the Palladino Property

R-2018-288 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich Appointing Lt. Joseph Morgan and Ptl. Curtis Rucker, Woolwich Township Police Department, as the Municipal Humane Law Enforcement (MHLEO) Officer(s) for the Township of Woolwich

R-2018-289 Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Certain Township Owned Equipment and Personal Property from the Fixed Asset Inventory of the Township of Woolwich

R-2018-290 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester Authorizing the Submission of a Strategic Plan for the Woolwich Township Municipal Alliance Grant for FY2020

R-2018-291 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Adopting a Health and Wellness Policy

R-2018-292 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Management Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Regarding Property Owned by the State of New Jersey

R-2018-293 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Accepting the Report of the Woolwich Township Transfer of Development Rights Five Year Review

R-2018-294 Resolution Authorizing the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation in the 2018 Municipal Budget of the Township of Woolwich-\$21,509.48 Clean Communities Grant

R-2018-295 Resolution Authorizing the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation in the 2018 Municipal Budget of the Township of Woolwich-\$2,475.00 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant

R-2018-296 Resolution Authorizing the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation in the 2018 Municipal Budget of the Township of Woolwich-\$3,300.00 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant

R-2018-297 Resolution Authorizing the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation in the 2018 Municipal Budget of the Township of Woolwich-\$2,200.00 Click it or Ticket Grant

R-2018-298 Resolution Authorizing the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation in the 2018 Municipal Budget of the Township of Woolwich-\$695.71 Municipal Alcohol Education/Rehabilitation Grant

R-2018-299 Resolution Authorizing Hiring Per Diem Employee to Conduct Snow Removal

R-2018-300 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Municipal Certificate of Sale

R-2018-301 Resolution Cancelling Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts of Less than \$5.00

R-2018-302 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-2018-303 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey- Resolution of Need for the Construction of up to a One Hundred-Twenty (120) Unit Residential Family Housing Development (In two Phases)

Motion was then made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Deputy Mayor Carleton to adopt resolutions R-2018-286 through and including R-2018-303. All were in favor.

The following liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Battisti:

Finance; Budget process is underway. KRHS District (Co-Liaison); No report. Municipal Court; 294 cases heard in November. 4,099 to date. Police; 1574 calls in the month of November. Municipal Alliance; Will meet in early 2019.

Committeeman Marino:

Buildings and Grounds; Fields C and D have been over seeded and park winterization has been completed. Light towers have been returned. NE Mechanical is conducting quarterly maintenance of the municipal building HVAC units. Seeking quotes on 2 units. Open Space/Ag; No Report. Parks and Recreation; Bowling party scheduled for Dec. 22nd at Wood Lanes. Streets and Roads: 800 tons of salt delivered. Public Works bring on additional per diem employee for snow removal.

Committeewoman Santore:

Shade Tree Commission; No report. S/W School District; No report. Trash/Recycling: Missed stops continue to be addressed. Have received the new CMC Contract. 8.6 tons of textiles and electronics have been collected, saving about \$800 in tipping fees and providing rewards to residents. Plans underway for Lexington Mews tree pick up.

Dep. Mayor Carleton:

BDAC; Met on 12-12. Executive report has been received from Chair O'Donnell. It has been an honor to be a part of this Committee. Christmas Parade; Thanks to parks and rec for an excellent job on the parade, village and tree lighting. Fire/EMS; 57 fire calls month of November. The township is in excellent hands with the fire chief and the rest of the volunteers. JLUB; Meeting will be held regarding an application from Inspira, assisted living project and Shop Rite project. It has been an honor and privilege to sit as a member of the JLUB. KRHS (Co-Liaison); Dr. Lavender continues to do an excellent job.

Committeeman Marino noted that he is unable to attend the 12-27 close out meeting, but wanted to thank everyone, and offer appreciation to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the work they put in. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Schlump:

Construction and Zoning Code Enforcement; 12 new homes in November. Five properties issued violation notices. Environmental Commission; Noted that the EC thinks that someone should be appointed to the JLUB, and asked whoever sits in the Mayor's seat has the right to ensure. EC continues with annual projects such as lake cleanup, bird houses. Further discussed the fact that certain committee members do not attend meetings and should be removed when three consecutive meetings

are missed. Green Team; Have met with SPS Mechanical in order to begin the home energy audit project. TDR Task Force: Five year review is complete and will be submitted to the state after the JLUB considers same. Gave thanks to those that were on the TDR Task Force.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Committeeman Marino and unanimously passed to approve **R-2018-304 Resolution for Closed Session**, the Committee entered closed session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

Litigation: Daniels v. Woolwich Township, et al.
Fair Share Litigation
Contractual Matters: Redevelopment Agreement

The meeting reopened at 9:03 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Committeeman Marino and unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeeman Marino to approve a consent agenda for the following resolutions:

R-2018-305 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing Settlement of Litigation – Thomas Daniels v. Township of Woolwich *at als*.

R-2018-306 Resolution of the Governing Body of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center

R-2018-307 Resolution Designating Somerset Woolwich Urban Renewal, LLC Redeveloper of Block 4, Lot 4 on the Official Tax Maps of the Township of Woolwich within the Weatherby Town Center Redevelopment Area

All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeeman Marino to adopt resolutions R-2018-305 through and including R-2018-307. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carleton and unanimously passed to accept the 2018 Business and Economic Development Report.

Under new business, CFO Will Pine requested authorization to move forward with the lease of a vehicle for the police department to replace a vehicle lost due to fire. Discussion ensued regarding pickup v. SUV. It was noted that pickups get better mileage and are more useful off road. It was noted that the pickup will be fully outfitted after receipt.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to authorize the lease with a resolution to follow. All were in favor.

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

2018-20 Ordinance Authorizing a Financial Agreement for a Retail Supermarket Project, for the Property Location at Block 4, Lot 4 on the Tax Maps of Woolwich Township, Pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 Et Seq.

Open public hearing: Battisti Second: Marino All in favor
No comment

Close public hearing: Battisti Second: Marino All in favor

Motion to adopt: Battisti Second: Carleton

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

Also under new business, Deputy Mayor Carleton wished to speak saying that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as a member of the Committee under Mayor's Maccarone, Schwager and Schlump. Had he not served, he would have missed working with the wonderful employee's, and that Woolwich has the best in its Solicitor Mark Shoemaker, Administrator/Clerk DiBella, DOCD Matt Blake and Chief Jaramillo and Fire Chief Valichka representing the township. He wished the new committee the best, and said that Natalie Matthias and Craig Frederick will be outstanding additions. He then wished everyone happy holidays.

Mayor Schlump than stated that at the last meeting, there was a motion to send a 90 day termination of contract notice to the township Risk Management Consultant on November 17. He said that he was under the impression that the letter would be addressed again at this meeting, and therefore voted yes to the motion, when in fact, the motion was to send the notice on the 17th. Had he understood the motion, he would have voted no. He then said that perhaps the matter is best addressed in January, and then moved to withdraw the notice of contract termination. Deputy Mayor Carleton seconded.
Battisti, Carleton, Schlump: YES. Mario, Santore: NO Motion carried

Committeeman Battisti stated that he understands the right and privilege to appoint new professionals. However, someone was in place who saved the township money and fought for the township. He said that he has respect for Tom Narolewski and his company, and is glad that the matter has been straightened out.

The following minutes were presented for approval:
November 19, 2018 Regular Meeting and Closed Session
December 3, 2018 Work Session and Closed Session
December 5, 2018 Special Meeting and Closed Session
Motion: Battisti Second: Carleton

Committeewoman Santore noted the misspelling of Committeeman Marino's name in the minutes of December 3, closed session. The Clerk so noted.
All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Carleton and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to approve the bills and purchase orders.

Mayor Schlump gave thanks for the opportunity to serve as 2018 Mayor. He said that he came here to learn, and he has done that. He came here to meet people who are the blood of the township, and that the employees and professionals are the ones that serve the town. There are unsung heroes such as the members of the Woolwich Fire Company. He noted that he had the opportunity to participate in the framework for the future of the community, and that the infrastructure has been set for the development of the Rt. 322 corridor. He added that if there is one thing to be said, the 2018 administration moved forward for the residents of Woolwich Township by providing the opportunity for them to shop local. He said that there is a family within the doors of the municipal building, and that everyone will give you what you are looking for if given respect.

Upon conclusion of the Mayor's statement, motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Deputy Mayor Carleton to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file