

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JANUARY 2, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Administrator/Clerk Jane DiBella.

Ms. DiBella welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the following statement:

The January 2, 2019 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.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Lilly Matthias played the National Anthem on her trumpet.

East Greenwich Township Mayor Dale Archer administered the Oath of Public Office to Committeeman-Elect Craig Frederick.

Gloucester County Surrogate Joe Chila administered the Oath of Public Office to Committeewoman-Elect Natalie Matthias.

The Clerk performed a roll call of members present:

Battisti: PRESENT Frederick: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT Matthias: PRESENT
Santore: PRESENT

The Clerk called for nominations for Woolwich Township Mayor for the year 2019.

Committeewoman Santore moved to nominate Vernon Marino. Committeeman Battisti seconded. There were no further nominations.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to approve Resolution **R-2019-01 Resolution Appointing a Mayor for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2019.**
Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Frederick: YES, Marino: YES, Matthias: YES, Santore: YES

The Oath of Office was administered to the Mayor by the Honorable Assemblyman John Burzichelli.

Mayor Marino took his seat.

Mayor Marino called for nomination for Deputy Mayor for the year 2019.

Committeewoman Santore nominated Natalie Matthias. Committeeman Battisti seconded. There were no further nominations.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Battisti
Resolution R-2019-02 Resolution Appointing a Deputy Mayor for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2019.
Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Frederick: YES, Marino: YES, Matthias: YES, Santore: YES

The Oath of Office was administered to the Deputy Mayor by Gloucester County Surrogate Joe Chila.

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

R-2019-03 Resolution Designating Dates for Regular Meetings of the Woolwich Township Committee for the Year 2019 and Directing the Township Clerk to Provide Notice Thereof Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

R-2019-04 Resolution Appointing a Solicitor for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2019

John A. Alice, Esq.

R-2019-05 Resolution Adopting a Temporary Budget for Year 2019-NJSA 40A:4-19

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to approve resolutions R-2019-03 through and including R-2019-05.

Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Frederick: YES, Marino: YES, Matthias: YES, Santore: YES

Discussion ensued regarding resubmitting RFPs for certain professional positions.

Committeeman Frederick asked what those positions are.

Mayor Marino replied that the positions are for Joint Land Use Board Solicitor; Municipal and COAH Planner; COAH Special Counsel and TDR Expert.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to authorize the resubmission of the above noted RFPs.

Committeeman Battisti requested that due diligence be practiced in the future to avoid the numerous solicitation of RFPs.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to provide 90 day notice of cancellation of contract to Tom Narolewski as Risk Management Consultant.

Matthias, Santore, Marino: YES Frederick: NO Battisti: Abstain Motion carried

The following committee comments were given:

Committeewoman Santore: Looking forward to a collaborative and cooperative year. Congratulations to Natalie Matthias who is found to be a thoughtful and selfless individual. Welcome to Craig Frederick, noting that his voice will be heard. Thank you to Dan Battisti for his continued service. Congratulations to Mayor Marino. Much to accomplish in the coming year. Noted appreciation and privilege to serve. Welcome to the new solicitor and best wishes to all for 2019.

Committeeman Battisti: Noted that collaboration is better than competition. Looks forward to working together for the common good of Woolwich Township.

Committeeman Frederick: Thank you to wife and children for their support, particularly during the campaign. Thank you to Mayor Archer and to Tom Narolweski, Republican Party Chair. Campaign slogan was “We Together” and that will happen. Noted gratitude to the employees and residents and acknowledged that he has a lot to learn, but the foundation has been laid for success.

Deputy Mayor Matthias: Stated that she first ran for office in 6th grade and when asked why she wanted to run, she replied that she wanted to help. She noted that sentiment has not changed. Thankful to her husband John and children who have been with her through this journey. Noted that she first met Committeeman Frederick as they sat together on the Board of Education. Thanks to Committeewoman Santore as chair of the Democratic Party and to all of her supporters, and is looking forward to producing results. She ended with a quote by Winston Churchill.

Mayor Marino: Thankful for the mayoral nomination, noting that is a great achievement. He thanked former Mayor Jordan Schlump for his leadership the past year. Thanked his wife and sons for their love and support. Noted that this new year brings a continued opportunity to benefit the residents of Woolwich Township. He noted achievements over the past year that he hopes to conclude such as Phase 1 of the High Hill Road Walking Path, Locke Avenue Park expansion project, redevelopment of the Rt. 322 corridor, the water/sewer investment that will bring much needed business growth and promised to work together to ensure completion. He further noted the coming improvements to the Kings Hwy./Rt. 322 intersection project with the help of the state and county. He stated that the Committee will continue to plan for the future. He also hopes to have collaboration and partnership with the Borough of Swedesboro and promised to serve with integrity and transparency.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to close the public portion. All were in favor.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file