

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 15, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Marino with the following statement:

The April 15, 2019 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 Frederick: ABSENT Santore: PRESENT
Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

Also present on the dais were Solicitor John Alice and Administrator/Clerk Jane DiBella.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

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

Angela Napoliello-Ivory, 3 Brockton Court questioned resolution R-2019-115 regarding a raffle license asking why the license is necessary for a group outside of the Township.

Mrs. DiBella replied that the municipality where the game is to be held is the issuing authority.

Ms. Napoliello-Ivory then questioned the acronym of COAH and was told that it stands for Council on Affordable Housing. She further questioned the salary ordinance for court call-out. Mayor Marino explained the call out process.

Michael Nocentino, residing on Buckeye Road questioned the release of performance bond on Auburn Chase noting displeasure with some of the improvements and questioned the mechanism for getting things done during the two year maintenance period.

Tim Staszewski, Township Engineer, replied that he walked the development with the developer and spoke with the HOA maintenance association and found the improvements to be completed. He added that their office will be notified of items found during the maintenance period, and that there is a similar release process for the maintenance bond. He further offered to go over the plans with Mr. Nocentino.

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

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

2019-06 An Ordinance Making Salary Ranges for Certain Officials and Employees of the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester for the Year 2019

Motion to introduce: Santore Second: Battisti

Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion carried

Committeewoman Santore moved for a consent agenda on resolutions R-2019-112 through and including R-2019-120. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor

R-2019-112 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Elevating Officer Lindsey Davis to the Position of 8th Class Police Officer within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2019-113 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Part of 2018 Taxes and Cancel 1st and 2nd Quarter Taxes for 2019

R-2019-114 Resolution Amending R-2019-92 to Include Block 62, Lot 3 as a Part of the Joint Land Use Board Redevelopment Investigation

R-2019-115 Resolution Endorsing the Findings and Determination Statement and Authorizing the Clerk to Submit a Raffle License on Behalf of the East Greenwich Home and School Association

R-2019-116 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Surenian and Associates for the Remainder of the Year 2019

R-2019-117 Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Bond #5037440 as Posted for the Development Known as Auburn Chase, Section 2.1

R-2019-118 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 in the Amount of (\$9,971.70) on the Project Known as "Remediation of the Palladino Property"

R-2019-119 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-2019-120 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Supporting the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Traffic Regulation Order to Extend a "No Stopping or Standing" Regulation on a Portion of US Rt. 322 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8.4C

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to adopt resolutions R-2019-112 through and including R-2019-120.

Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion carried

The following reports were presented for the month of March:

Tax Collector: \$404,098.63 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Committeewoman Santore noted that the Woolwich Fire Company assisted at numerous serious incidents including one fatality. She added that the volunteer company does an excellent job with the number of highways in the jurisdiction along with mutual aid. She added that the annual flower sale will be held on April 18, 19 and 20.

Police Chief: Monthly Report

Township Engineer: The Engineer advised that a preconstruction meeting was held for the Back Creek Road project and the project should begin by months end. Shared Use Path plans have been submitted to NJDOT for review.

DOCD Report: Noted that numerous meetings have taken place with potential commercial developers.

Administrator's Report: As follow up to drainage complaints from residents of High Hill Estates, the Administrator/Clerk noted that a meeting was held with the HOA and that a follow up meeting is scheduled for April 25th.

The following liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Battisti: Municipal Services; (Blds./Grounds/Code/UCC/Zoning/Public Works); Noted number of permits issued within the code department. Park fields are ready, batting cage nets have been hung. Field irrigation is recharged and ready. Placed 58 yards of mulch in open space areas. Municipal Alliance: No Report. Additionally, Committeeman Battisti noted that he attended the Environmental Commission Meeting and ANJEC Grant has been submitted for bluebird box project.

Committeewoman Santore: BDAC; Voorhees Mayor Mike Mignogna made a presentation regarding the "Shop Voorhees Program" at the March 27th meeting. The Committee will investigate a regional Shop Local program to include adjacent municipalities which provides tax credits when shopping at participating local businesses. Trash/Recycling: 13 groups collected 99 bags of trash, 74 bags of recycling, 9 tires and misc. metal during recent clean community's cleanup. There were 13 calls for missed trash pickup.

Dep. Mayor Matthias: Educational Partners; (KRHS and SWSD); Two teachers in the SWSD recently passed away. The District thanks all for their support. The District further will introduce its budget on May 1st. Savings from bonding will provide a decrease in school taxes this year. Increase in state aid represents 62% of what the districts are entitled to. The fair funding fight will continue. Increase in state aid to Kingsway will provide additional positions. Recreation: Thank you to volunteers during the April 13th Easter Egg Hunt which was well attended. Laser tag for ages 7 and above to be held at the park on April 18th. It has been brought to attention that flag football is selling food during games and did not make the Township aware. Discussion ensued regarding whether the rights of the concessionaire extend to that area of the park. Further discussion was held regarding permitting and Board of Health requirements. Further discussion will be held with the concessionaire and flag football.

Mayor Marino: Administration: (Finance; Court; JLUB, TDR Task Force); 1286 court cases were heard during the month of March. Municipal Budget is set for adoption on May 6th. Salary guide at first reading. Hoping to put the TDR

Steering Committee together in May. Public Safety: Officer promoted to 8th Class in accordance with current contract.

Chief Jaramillo presented his report which included reminders of “Coffee with a Cop” at Old Town Bagel on April 27th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. National Night Out is scheduled for August 6th.

The Chief further noted recent night time traffic detours of the Rt. 322 Kings Hwy. construction area.

There was no old business.

Ms. DiBella introduced Jeffrey Fredo to the Committee noting that upon second interview, she, along with the Director of Municipal Services and the Supervisor of Public Works recommend extending an offer of employment.

Mr. Fredo told the Committee about himself and his past work experience.

Motion was then made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to adopt resolution **R-2019-121 Resolution Authorizing Hiring of Jeffrey Fredo within the Woolwich Township Department of Public Works.**

Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion carried

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to open the meeting to public comment. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

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

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to approve resolution **R-2019-122 Resolution for Closed Session.** All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

Contractual Matters: Water/Sewer Update
Litigation: Fair Share Hearing Update

The regular meeting resumed at 8:07 p.m. upon a motion by Committeewoman Santore, seconded by Committeeman Battisti and unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Committeewoman Santore and unanimously passed to approve the following minutes:

March 18, 2019 and Closed Session
March 25, 2019 Special Meeting/Green Acres Public Hearing
April 1, 2019

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to approve the purchase orders and bill list.

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

With no further business, motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file