

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JUNE 17, 2019**

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

Mayor Marino made the following statement:

The June 17, 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: PRESENT Santore: PRESENT
Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

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

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Committeewoman Santore moved to open the meeting to public comment on agenda items only. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

Joseph Kauffman residing at 36 Wayne Drive questioned Ordinance 2019-08. Mayor Marino advised Mr. Kauffman that it is intended to table the Ordinance until the Committee has the opportunity to discuss in closed session.

Mr. Kauffman then questioned the PILOT Process as proposed in resolution R-2019-154. Mayor Marino explained the tax percentage dictated by the state. Mr. Kauffman then noted that the PILOT is based on revenue projection and asked what happens if they do not get the pro forma amount.

Deputy Mayor Matthias responded that the PILOT requires receipt of an annual audit and review by the Township CFO.

Jordan Schlump, residing at 10 Wilshire Blvd. noted that the Block and Lots referenced in R-2019-154 and R-2019-155 do not match county tax records.

Mr. Schlump was informed that the referenced block and lots have been corrected to be Block 2.09, Lot 1.03.

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

Mayor Marino read Ordinance 2019-08 by title only and requested a motion to table said Ordinance. Committeeman Battisti so moved. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

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

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2019-150 through and including R-2019-158. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to adopt resolutions R-2019-150 through and including R-2019-158.

R-2019-150 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Hiring of Class III Officers within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2019-151 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Supporting a Property Tax Rewards Program to be Implemented as Part of the Woolwich/Swedeseboro/Logan Shop Local Campaign

R-2019-152 Resolution Authorizing the Return of Various Escrow Accounts Posted by Summit Ventures LLC

R-2019-153 Resolution Authorizing Street Opening Permits to S. Jersey Gas-23 Salvatore Court and 49 Messina Drive

R-2019-154 Resolution of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, Gloucester County, New Jersey, Determining the Need for a Proposed 72 Unit Affordable Housing Rental Development Project to be Located on Block 2, Lot 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 24

R-2019-155 Resolution of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, Gloucester County, New Jersey, Approving and Authorizing a Tax Abatement Agreement for a Proposed 72 Unit Affordable Housing Rental Development Project to be Located on Block 2, Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, and 24

R-2019-156 Resolution Authorizing the Proposal of Remington and Vernick Engineers for the Preparation and Engineering of Additional Applications under the New Jersey Department of Transportation FY2020 State Aid Program in the Amount of \$1,600.00 per Application

R-2019-157 Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Certain Township Owned Equipment and Personal Property From the Fixed Asset List of the Township of Woolwich

R-2019-158 Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Police Vehicle Upfit Via NJ State Contract A81330 From General Sales Administration, dba Major Police Supply, For Use Within The Woolwich Police Department

Committeewoman Santore wished to clarify that resolution R-2019-151 is in support of the joint Shop Local Program and that the Township is yet to receive a contract from the vendor.

Committeeman Frederick questioned the number of additional NJDOT applications that the engineer is being authorized to conduct via resolution R-2019-156. The Engineer responded that two more applications will be prepared at the reduced cost of \$1,600 per application.

Roll Call on resolutions R-2019-150 through R-2019-158:

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

There was no old business.

Under new business, the Committee discussed a request of the Woolwich Fire Company to conduct a fund raising event at High Hill Park in conjunction with VFW. Deputy Mayor Matthias explained that permission of the Committee is required since wine is to be served. She further noted that the township ordinance prohibits the use of alcohol at township parks, and asked the committee to consider lifting the requirement for this event.

The Committee approved, but would like to have a resolution to authorize. Additional acknowledgement was provided that ABC requirements would have to be met and approval issued by the police department.

Committeeman Frederick asked if there would be a fee for use of the park and was told there would not be a fee.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to approve the event. All were in favor.

The engineer explained his review of drainage issues connected to the High Hill Road Shared Use Path project. He suggested authorization to pursue the contractor at this time for remediation. So moved Deputy Mayor Matthias. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

Matt Blake, Director of Community Development advised the Committee that postcards will be mailed to residents of Woolwich Township and Swedesboro regarding the township's partnership with SPS Mechanical to conduct home energy audits. He noted that cost of the postcards and postage will be paid through a grant from SJ Gas.

Mayor Marino said that it is an important program and an example of working together with our neighboring municipality.

Committeeman Battisti advised that a wreath laying will be conducted by the Swedesboro-Woolwich Historical Society at Trinity Cemetery.

Committeeman Battisti further noted that on Saturday, June 22 the NJ Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club will be in the area as a part of their annual children's charity run and will be stopping by the Trinity Cemetery.

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

Jeanne Moriak, representing the Valley Glen Homeowners Association, asked the Committee what can be done to have the development streets repaved, noting that they never received a develop top coat and are rapidly deteriorating. She further noted that 20 storm drains are failing and asked if these items can be placed on a priority list.

Mayor Marino responded that there are annual transportation grants for road overlays, but that such grants are based upon traffic, number of residents served etc. He asked the Township Engineer to provide his business card and take a look. He also said the township will look into any quick repairs and discuss long term goals.

Julie Dickson of 67 Marathon Drive advised the Committee that in the past there was tar sprayed in certain areas and some resident's cars became stuck. She asked that be taken into consideration during any temporary repair work.

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

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to approve resolution **R-2019-159 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 7:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

Litigation: Wolfson GDP

Contractual Matters: Fair Share Housing Center Agreement

Potential Acquisition of Land: PH-58

Personnel: Filling in Open Position

Potential Litigation: Personnel Issue

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed.

Committeewoman Santore moved to take Ordinance **2019-08 Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 203, The Zoning Code of the Township of Woolwich To Create A New Zone To Be Known As The Residential Affordable (RA) Zoning District At Section 203-187 As Set Forth Herein And To Rezone Lot 5 In Block 16 In Accordance With The Residential Affordable Zone** from the table. Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to adopt Ordinance 2019-08.

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

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to adopt resolution **R-2019-160 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Appointing Rodney Sawyer to the Position of Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer within the Woolwich Township Police Department** contingent upon amendments to the salary ordinance in regards to said position.

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

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

May 20, 2019 and Closed Session

June 3, 2019 and Closed Session

All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to approve the bills and purchase orders as presented by the finance officer pending the Mayor's final review.

Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Frederick; YES (abstain from Verizon Bills), Santore; YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio Recording on file