

**MINUTES  
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vernon Marino at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Marino made the following statement:

The November 18, 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

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

Those present saluted the American Flag.

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

Angela Napoliello-Ivory, 3 Brockton Court, questioned fund transfer as noted in resolution R-2019-272, asking why \$50,000 is being transferred to recycling.

The Mayor replied that 2019 is the first year that the township has had to pay for recycling disposal and added that there was no benchmark through which to budget.

Ms. Napoliello-Ivory asked what the township is doing to educate its residents about recycling. Committeewoman Santore replied that the costs are due to changes in the international market and not due to resident recycling practices.

Hearing no further comment, the public portion closed upon a motion by Committeewoman Santore, seconded by Committeeman Battisti and unanimously passed.

Mayor Mario read the following Ordinances by title only upon second reading:

**2019-21 Ordinance Authorizing Financial Agreement for an Office Building for the Property Location at Block 28.01, Lot 2.01 on the Tax Maps of Woolwich Township, Pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 Et. Seq.**

Motion to open the public hearing: Battisti Second: Frederick All in favor

No public comment

Motion to close the public hearing: Battisti Second: Santore All in favor

Motion to adopt: Santore Second: Matthias

**Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Frederick: YES, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES** Motion Carried

**2019-22 Ordinance Authorizing Financial Agreement for an Office Building for the Property Location at Block 28.01, Lot 2.02 on the Tax Maps of Woolwich Township, Pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 Et. Seq.**

Motion to open the public hearing: Santore      Second: Battisti      All in favor  
No public comment

Motion to close the public hearing: Santore      Second: Battisti      All in favor  
Motion to adopt: Matthias      Second: Battisti

**Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Frederick: YES, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES      Motion Carried**

**2019-23 An Ordinance Making Amendments to the 2019 Salary Ranges for Certain Officials and Employees of the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester**

Motion to open the public hearing: Santore      Second: Frederick      All in favor  
No public comment

Motion to close the public hearing: Battisti      Second: Santore      All in favor  
Motion to adopt: Santore      Second: Battisti

**Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Frederick: YES, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES      Motion Carried**

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

**2019-24 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending the Submission Checklist for Use Within the Woolwich Township Joint Land Use Board**

Motion to introduce: Santore      Second: Battisti

Mayor Marino advised that the checklist will be revised to require blue inserts in roadways marking fire hydrant locations.

**Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Frederick: YES, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES      Motion Carried**

Mayor Marino requested a motion to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2019-268 through and including R-2019-276. So moved Santore. Second; Battisti.

Committeeman Frederick requested that R-2019-2746 be pulled from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to adopt resolutions R-2019-268 through and including R-2019-276 with the exception of R-2019-274.

**R-2019-268 Woolwich Township Resolution in Support of "World Pancreatic Cancer Day"**

**R-2019-269 Resolution Calling for Study Commission to Review the Open Public Records Act**

**R-2019-270 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 in the amount of (\$8,227.05) to the Contract Between the Township of Woolwich and Arthur R. Henry, Inc. for Repairs to Back Creek Road**

**R-2019-271 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making an Elevation within the Woolwich Township Police Department**

**R-2019-272 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-2019-273 Resolution Authorizing Proposal of Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission in the Amount of \$17,000 for Updated Woolwich Township Farmland Preservation Plan Update**

**R-2019-275 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes**

**R-2019-276 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing a Settlement and Release Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and Bond Safeguard Insurance Company**

Committeeman Frederick, noting resolution R-2019-272 noted that the Environmental Commission will be addressing the recycling plastic bag ordinance, which adds to the cost of recycling since the plastic contaminates the recycling causing it to be taken to the dump.

Mayor Marino added that language as to recycling has been received from Logan Township and will be distributed with the new carts.

Deputy Mayor Matthias asked that rough drafts of the proposed Ordinance from the Environmental Commission be distributed prior to bringing before the Committee.

**Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Frederick: YES, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES** Motion Carried

**In regards to resolution R-2019-274 Resolution Authorizing Proposal of Remington and Vernick Engineers in the Amount of \$585,000 for Locke Avenue Park Expansion Project,**

Committeeman Frederick advised that he had reached out to Alaimo to obtain a proposed cost for finishing the park design project for which they proposed the amount of \$160,000. He added that due to the potential of cost savings, he would like to propose that the township bid the design services.

Deputy Mayor Matthias responded that the township had expended funds under the Alaimo contact due to the firm's design, change orders, and that numerous meetings were conducted to revise the plans. Mayor Marino noted the mistakes made by Alaimo on the Back Creek Road project which caused the township to use legal funds to obtain a work product.

Committeeman Frederick said that it is comparing apples to apples to get the work done in a cost efficient manner. He then moved to bid the remaining design project. Committeeman Battisti seconded.

**Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Frederick: YES, Santore: NO, Matthias: NO, Marino: NO** Motion failed

Committeewoman Santore moved to adopt resolution **R-2019-274 Resolution Authorizing Proposal of Remington and Vernick Engineers in the Amount of \$585,000 for Locke Avenue Park Expansion Project.** Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded.

**Roll Call: Battisti: NO, Frederick: NO, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES** Motion carried.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Jim Sabetta, Code Official discussed the process towards the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy/Abandoned Properties and problems associated with the issuance of temporary C.O.'s on resales with lack of proper inspections.

Mr. Sabetta noted a recent issue with the sale of 122 Jockey Hollow Run without inspections due to prior permits not being closed out, prior work conducted without permits as well as well and septic issues that must be inspected and approved by the county.

He said he would like to see the township adopt a system that works and protects the home buyer, while also allowing the foreclosed properties back onto the tax rolls.

Solicitor Alice said he would be happy to explore the issues and work with the Code Official to resolve.

Further discussions were held as to the potential with Air B&B rentals since rental inspections are no longer required.

Solicitor Alice will work with Mr. Sabetta on this issue also.

Committeeman Frederick advised that the Kingsway Football team will play for the Group V Championship at Cherokee High School at 7:00 p.m. on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Angela Napoliello-Ivory, 3 Brockton Court wished to thank Mayor Marino for e-mail communications to township residents. She also thanked Committeeman Battisti for all of his work as a member of the Committee.

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

Committeeman Battisti moved to approve resolution **R-2019-277 Resolution for Closed Session**. Committeewoman Santore seconded. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 7:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing salaries for certain positions.

The meeting resumed at 7:53 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Committeewoman Santore and unanimously passed.

Committeewoman Santore moved to approve resolution **R-2019-278 Resolution of the Woolwich Township Committee Referring the 2019 Amendment to the Kings Landing Redevelopment Plan to the Woolwich Township Joint Land Use Board for Review and Recommendation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et. seq. Including Certain Recommended Changes to said Plan**. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to approve the bills and purchase orders as presented.

**Roll Call: Battisti: YES, Frederick: YES (abstain on Verizon bills) Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella  
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim  
Audio recording on file