

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

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

The December 16, 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 Administrator/Clerk DiBella and Solicitor Alice.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to approve resolution **R-2019-286 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Hiring of Brandon Lopez Within the Woolwich Township Police Department**. All were in favor.

The Oath of Office was administered to Officer Lopez by Mayor Marino.

Chief Jaramillo noted that Officer Lopez is a recent graduate of the Camden county Police Academy.

Officer Lopez thanked the Committee and stated that he looks forward to many years serving the community.

Mayor Marino then presented a Proclamation to Committeeman Battisti honoring him for his years of service as a member of the Township Committee.

Committeeman Battisti stated that he was surprised and honored to receive the Proclamation and that is has been a privilege to serve in this capacity. He added that having served under three Mayors, the current committee is the most cohesive.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to open the meeting for public comment on agenda items only.

Angela Napoliello-Ivory, 3 Brockton Court asked if the collection dates will change and was informed that they will not. She then inquired about the disposal of batteries and was told that there is a collection bin in the administration office.

Ms. Napoliello-Ivory stated that she is happy to see this change, and asked how residents can obtain information regarding new regulations. Mayor Marino responded that residents will receive a newsletter by the end of the year that will contain all information regarding the new service.

Earl Burek, residing at 220 New Sweden Road said that he will need additional vegetative bins as his has a large property to maintain. He questioned the fee for additional cans. Mayor Marino advised that the lease of additional carts is being discussed.

Hearing no further comment, Committeewoman Santore moved to close the public portion. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

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

2019-25 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Adopting an Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for Numerous Blocks and Lots Known as “Kings Landing” Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq.

Motion to introduce: Santore Second: Battisti All were in favor

2019-26 Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 155 of the Woolwich Township Code Entitled “Solid Waste

Motion to introduce: Santore Second: Battisti

Committeeman Frederick questioned the \$95.00 fee for additional carts, asking if it is an annual fee, and was told that is what is being considered. He further expressed concerns for residents with large lots. Deputy Mayor Matthias asked if there would also be exceptions for residents with large families.

Committeewoman Santore said that she hopes to use the experience of the Logan provider in special situations.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to amend the ordinance to detail the definition of bulk items, removing the reference to plastic bags and to include household furniture. Committeewoman Santore seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Battisti to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2019-287 through and including R-2019-295. All were in favor.

R-2019-287 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas-Pipeline Bundle

R-2019-288 Resolution Authorizing Street Opening Permits to South Jersey Gas-111 Moravian Church Road and 6 Viereck Road

R-2019-289 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Interest Due to Payment Being Denied by WHIPP

R-2019-290 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts of Less than \$5.00

R-2019-291 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2019-292 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction

R-2019-293 Resolution Authorizing Hiring Per Diem Employees to Conduct Snow Removal

R-2019-294 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing a reduction in Letter of Credit Amount-Villages at Weatherby, Phase 1, Section 6.2

R-2019-295 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

Motion was made by Committeeman Battisti and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to adopt resolution R-2019-287 through and including R-2019-295.

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

Under old business, Deputy Mayor Matthias questioned the status of the St. Clare's Parish farmland preservation product.

Matt Blake, Director of Community development advised that the property went to settlement on December 13th.

Deputy Mayor Matthias then moved to forward the Transfer of Development Rights Task Force recommendations to the Joint Land Use Board for consideration, review and recommendations. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

Under new business, Mayor Marino advised that the township is in receipt of 2020 Professional Services RFP's. He added that a review committee has been formed comprised of Committeewoman Santore, CFO Pine, Administrator DiBella and himself. This process will provide full transparency.

The Committee then reviewed and discussed a proposed Conditional Redevelopers Agreement with Clint Allen, the attorney representing developer Liberty Property.

Mr. Allen advised that this process will allow the developer and township an easier transition into a redevelopers agreement, quicker process with the Land Use Board and escrow protection to the township.

Solicitor Alice advised that he has reviewed the document and feels that it will assist the township.

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

A brief discussion was held regarding personnel needs.

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

Ann Dorsett, 169 Russell Mill Road, stated that Committeeman Battisti has been a huge asset to the Environmental Commission. She further thanked the Committee for passing on the TDR Task Force recommendations to the JLUB.

Rob Cureton and Mike Riley, Logan Twp. Public Works were present to answer questions regarding the solid waste/recycling transition. They were asked how the other municipalities serviced handle large lot vegetative waste.

Mr. Riley responded that there are additional costs related to the disposal that the township will have to bear. Mr. Burek advised that he fills 8 32 gallon cans of yard waste weekly from his one-acre property during the season. Mr. Riley said that some of that material should begin decomposition and fill less cans.

Mayor Marino said that he hears the concerns, and will speak with the CFO and Logan to determine the best course, and said that the Committee should have further information by the next meeting.

Mayor Marino also advised that the County has renegotiated tipping fees, and that said fees will decrease by 11%, a savings of \$11/ton.

Mayor Marino further advised that the Logan agreement should provide better service to the residents, as well as savings, but agreed that there are still items to discuss.

Hearing no further public comment. Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeeman Battisti and unanimously passed to close the public portion.

Motion was made by Committeeman Santore and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to approve resolution **R-2019-296 Resolution for Closed Session.**

The Committee entered closed session at 7:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

Personnel: Policy and Ongoing Matters

Potential Litigation-MP Amendment

Contractual Matters-Shared Service/Swedesboro Policing

The regular meeting re-opened at 9:17 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Battisti, seconded by Committeewoman Santore and unanimously passed.

Committeewoman Santore moved to adopt resolution **R-2019-297 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing Extension of the Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the Borough of Swedesboro for the Township of Woolwich to Provide Police Coverage and Protection to and for the Borough of Swedesboro.** Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

The Administrator/Clerk will provide notice to the Borough in this regard.

Committeewoman Santore then moved to approve a change in policy to allow payment of up to 100 hours of straight time for those employees who earned comp time, with remainder expiring at year end. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Santore moved to authorize the administrator to post positions in house. Mayor Marino seconded. All were in favor.

Committeeman Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 Caucus, Regular and Closed Session meetings. Committeeman Battisti seconded. All were in favor.

Committeeman Battisti moved to approve the bills and purchase orders. Committeewoman Santore seconded.

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

Marino: YES

Motion carried

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 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio Recording on file