

**AGENDA
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Marino who made the following statement:

The January 21, 2020 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: Frederick: PRESENT Nocentino: 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.

Mayor Marino presented a Proclamation to Ryan Duffy for winning the 9-10-year-old Championship at the Jr. Olympics, held in December.

Mayor Marino presented a Proclamation to Alan Schwager for his many years of service to the Township.

Mr. Schwager extended his appreciation to the Mayor and Committee.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to open the meeting to the public for agenda items only. All were in favor.

Jordan Schlump, 10 Wilshire Blvd. asked why the Township only wrote in 2% increases in the renewal of the Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Swedesboro for police service. Mayor Marino advised that was what was negotiated.

Mr. Schlump asked what will happen if costs increase above 2%. Mayor Marino responded that a provision is included within the Agreement that addresses his question.

Mr. Schlump asked where the \$662,500 as 2020 base came from. Mayor Marino responded that the last agreement was \$664,000 plus and the cost was negotiated down to start the renewal.

Mr. Schlump asked what costs changed. Mayor Marino responded it was overall cost.

Hearing no further questions, the public portion closed upon a motion by Committeewoman Santore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias and unanimously passed.

Mayor Marino requested a motion to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2020-35 through and including R-2020-48.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2020-35 through R-2020-48, tabling R-2020-47. Committeeman Frederick asked that R-2020-42 be removed from the consent agenda also.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to adopt resolutions R-2020-35 through R-2020-48, with the exception of R-2020-47 and R-2020-42.

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

R-2020-35 Resolution Making an Appointment to the S/W Environmental Commission

R-2020-36 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing a Commodity Resale Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the Borough of Swedesboro for the Purchasing of Gasoline

R-2020-37 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing a Commodity Resale Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the S/W School District for the Purchasing of Gasoline

R-2020-38 Resolution Renewing an Agreement with Apple Counseling Services for the Provision of an Employee Assistance Program

R-2020-39 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich Supporting the Submission of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Logan for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste and Recycling and Providing Costs for Said Implementation and Related Costs

R-2020-40 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich Supporting the Submission of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of South Harrison Township for Police Service and Providing Costs for Said Implementation and Related Costs

R-2020-41 Resolution Making an Elevation Within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2020-43 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Designating May, 2020 as Building Safety Month

R-2020-44 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2020-45 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption

R-2020-46 Resolution Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers During the First Three Months of the Succeeding Year for the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

R-2020-48 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making an Appointment to the Position of Safety Coordinator in the Tri-Co Insurance Fund

Committeeman Frederick introduced Ed Ciechon, who was appointed to the Swedesboro-Woolwich Environmental Commission via the adoption of resolution R-2020-35.

It was again noted that resolution **R-2020-47 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich to be a Participant in the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP)** will be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to approve resolution **R-2020-42 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Renewal of a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Swedesboro Regarding the Provision of Police Service.**

Committeeman Frederick asked that the agreement be amended to address pension and benefit increases exceeding 3%. Solicitor Alice replied that he has already spoken to the Swedesboro Solicitor and language will be worked out. He added that any adoption will be contingent upon language that addresses any potential eventuality.

Committeeman Frederick questioned the “evergreen language” of Item 1.6, saying that it seems like the agreement is for five years. Solicitor Alice replied that the way the agreement is drafted is not strict evergreen language, but basically the equivalent. He added that there is an out clause in the agreement.

Committeeman Frederick then stated that based on the analysis of the CFO, it does make sense to move forward with approval, specific to a five-year period.

Mayor Marino requested a roll call on resolution R-2020-42:

Frederick: YES, Nocentino: YES, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion carried

Under old business, Travis Greiman and Karen Twisler of Remington and Vernick Engineers presented a concept plan of the Locke Avenue Park expansion project, stating that they are looking for consensus to move forward.

Ms. Twisler explained the project in detail.

Committeeman Frederick questioned the number of parking stalls, asking if they are sufficient. Ms. Twisler said the plan includes 400 stalls.

Deputy Mayor Matthias questioned traffic flow and exits. Discussion also was held regarding lighting. Ms. Twisler noted that lighting is included for one field and conduit will be laid for future lighting.

The plan also includes an area for public works materials which will be heavily landscaped. Committeeman Frederick asked if the walk path will be lit and was told that there are no plans for path lighting.

Committeeman Frederick questioned project timeline.

The engineers replied that much depends on state permitting, but looking to the spring.

Motion was made by Deputy mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to approve and move forward with the concept.

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

Chief Jaramillo addressed the Committee regarding the current shortage of Class III Officers to provide school security. He then introduced retired Officer Bill Franklin who will be available in February as a Class III. The Chief noted Officer Franklins experience in school districts and with children, and noted that he will be a good fit for the community.

Officer Franklin said that he appreciated the opportunity to meet the Committee, and said that his focus has always been on the children of each community that he has served.

Committeewoman Santore then extended her appreciation to those involved in the Martin Luther King Services held on January 20th, saying that the program was well attended and inspirational.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to open the meeting to public comment.

Ann Dorsett, 169 Russell Mill Road asked when the Township will act on the TDR Task Force Report.

Director of Community Development Matt Blake, replied that a new team of professionals, including new TDR Counsel, are currently reviewing the TDR Program and Task Force Report.

Mayor Marino assured Mrs. Dorsett that the Ordinance will be based upon the findings and recommendations of the task force.

Jordan Schlump, 10 Wilshire Blvd. asked if the Environmental Commission is aware of numerous trucks of dirt being removed from sites along Asbury Station Road.

Mayor Marino advised that the Wolfson Group is removing the materials in the effort towards addressing arsenic levels, and that the dirt will be brought back once cleaned of the contaminants. He added that County Soil Conservation is aware of the activities.

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

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed to approve resolution **R-2020-49 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 6:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following:

Contractual Matters: Nike Base
Litigation: Woolwich Adult/COAH
Personnel: Police Department Structure

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m. upon a motion by Committeewoman Santore, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to approve the minutes of December 30, 2019 regular and closed session, and the minutes of January 6, 2020 reorganization meeting. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to approve the bills and purchase order presented by the finance office. All were in favor. Committeeman Frederick abstained from payment to Verizon.

With no further business, Committeeman Frederick moved to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Mayor

Matthias seconded. All were in favor.
The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file