

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Vernon Marino with the following statement:

The February 18, 2020 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.

Court Administrator Angela Kalnas introduced Denise O'Rourke who will be appointed as a part-time court clerk via resolution R-2020-64.

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

Damon Suriani, 122 Laurel Trail asked that the Committee consider what he has done in the past operations of the Locke Avenue Park concession stand, when they consider lease renewal.

Mayor Marino advised that the lease will be placed for bid after solicitor review.

Mayor Marino asked Mr. Suriani when the Warriors season will start. Mr. Suriani replied that baseball opening day is March 28th. He added that every year it is harder to field teams.

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

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

2020-01 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 143 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich Entitled "Property Maintenance"

Open public hearing: Santore Second: Frederick All in favor

No public comment

Close public hearing: Santore Second: Frederick All in favor

Motion to adopt: Santore Second: Frederick

Committeeman Nocentino asked if there is a process in place to ensure that homes without C.O.'s are not occupied and was told that periodic inspections are conducted by inspectors.

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

2020-02 Ordinance Amending Chapter 36 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich Entitled “Police Department” to Create the Position of Deputy Chief

Open public hearing: Frederick Second: Santore All in favor

No public comment

Close public hearing: Santore Second: Frederick All in favor

Motion to adopt: Santore Second: Frederick

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

Mayor Marino read the following Ordinances by title only upon introduction:

2020-03 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 Motion to introduce: Santore Second: Matthias

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

2020-04 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending the 2019 Salary Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich for the Position of Deputy Chief-Woolwich Township Police Department

Motion to introduce: Santore Second: Frederick

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

Committeeman Frederick moved for a consent agenda on resolution R-2020-63 through and including R-2020-73. Committeewoman Santore seconded. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Santore moved to adopt resolutions R-2020-63 through and including R-2020-73. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

Committeeman Nocentino suggested that resolution R-2020-65 be amended to add “weather dependent” to street opening restoration requirements.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to amend R-2020-65 as stated.

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

R-2020-63 Resolution Authorizing Hiring Within the Woolwich Township Department of Public Works

R-2020-64 Resolution Authorizing Hiring Within the Woolwich Township Joint Municipal Court

R-2020-65 Resolution Authorizing a Street Opening Permit to S. Jersey Gas-1059 Russell Mill Road

R-2020-66 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester Requesting an Extension of a Deadline to Award Project Known as Improvements to Rainey and Viereck Road Under 2018 NJDOT Funding

R-2020-67 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-2020-68 Resolution Elevating Joseph Morgan to the Position of Deputy Chief of the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2020-69 Resolution Elevating Peter Massing, Jr. to the Position of Captain of the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2020-70 Resolution Elevating Thomas Daniels to the Position of Lieutenant Within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2020-71 Resolution Elevating Detective Corporal Chris Beckett to the Position of Detective Sergeant Within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2020-72 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Accepting Conveyance of Certain Parcels from the New Jersey Turnpike Authority

R-2020-73 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes

There was no old business.

Under new business, the Committee reviewed and discussed the bid for lease of the Locke Avenue Park Concession Stand.

Committeeman Frederick asked if the bid is the same as in prior years and was told that it is in current form.

Mayor Mario asked if the Township is legally made to bid the service. Solicitor Alice replied that it is.

Brief discussion was conducted as to lease term and hours of operation. Committeeman Frederick suggested that language be clarified to require minimum hours of operation.

The Clerk will follow up with the Solicitor on his review of the bid packet.

The Committee then discussed a request from SPS Mechanical (Sal Barbagallo) to extend their home energy audit program for another year, but would like to see if the audit price can be increased, as \$49 has proven to be too low.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore to table the discussion in order to hear more from Mr. Barbagallo. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

The Clerk was instructed to reach out to Mr. Barbagallo and ask that he attend the March 16th meeting of the Township Committee for further discussion.

Mayor Marino advised the Committee that vegetative carts came in without the metal lift bar attached. The company is rectifying this on site.

Discussion was then held regarding whether to allow residents not wanting vegetative carts to trade off for an additional recycle cart.

Discussion ensued regarding offset cost of carts and difference in tonnage recycling v vegetative waste.

Deputy Mayor Matthias said that she would be in favor as a means to promote recycling, and suggested a six-month trial.

Committeeman Nocentino asked if there is a plan for replacement of recycling carts and was told there are currently enough carts.

Mayor Marino suggested that the CFO work up a cost analysis that can be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

John Pyne, Remington and Vernick, discussed suggested revisions to the Township's street opening permits that would require fillable flow materials which would prevent settling of street openings.

Mr. Pyne said that there will undoubtedly be backlash from utility companies, but it would serve to protect township infrastructure.

The Committee authorized Mr. Pyne to begin work on revisions to the township's street opening requirements.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to accept the resignation of Carol Malignaggi as PT police records clerk. All were in favor.

Mayor Marino noted that the Chief will be speaking about replacement over the coming months.

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

Ann Dorsett, 169 Russell Mill Road asked if there are plans for filling the position of Director of Community development. Mayor Marino replied that the position has been advertised and interviews will be scheduled.

Mrs. Dorset then questioned the status of the TDR Task Force recommendations. Mayor Marino responded that it is still being worked on.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to close the public portion. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to approve resolution **R-2020-74 Resolution for Closed Session** for the purpose of discussing contractual matters/Nike Base and Water sewer. Committeewoman Santore moved to add discussion regarding the position of Director of Community Development to the closed session. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 6:47 pm.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m. upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeewoman Santore and unanimously passed.

Committeewoman Santore moved to authorize Parker McCay to draft an RFQ for the sale of the Nike Base site. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

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

January 21, 2020 and Closed Session

February 3, 2020 and Closed Session

All were in favor. Committeeman Frederick abstained from Verizon invoices. Deputy Mayor Matthias abstained from the minutes of February 3rd.

Committeeman Frederick suggested certain amendments to the minutes. Committeewoman Santore moved to approve the minutes with the recommended changes. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor. Deputy Mayor Matthias abstained from the minutes of February 3rd.

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

Roll Call: Frederick: YES, (abstained from Verizon invoices), Nocentino: YES, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES

Having no further business, motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file