

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MARCH 2, 2020**

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

Mayor Marino gave the following statement:

The March 2, 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.

Mayor Marino welcomed everyone to the meeting and turned the meeting over to Chief Jaramillo.

Chief Jaramillo stated that it is a very important evening in the structure of the Woolwich Township Police Department.

The Chief further noted the presence of former Police Chief Russell Marino who began the department structure. He called Chief Marino to the front of the courtroom.

Mayor Marino then presented a plaque to former Chief Marino for his past dedicated service to the community.

Mayor Marino administered the Oath of Office to Lt. Joseph Morgan for the office of Deputy Chief.

Dep. Chief Morgan stated that he is honored and humbled to make history as the first Deputy Chief and stated that he will be setting the foundation for future growth of the department.

Mayor Marino administered the Oath of Office to Lt. Pete Massing for the position of Captain.

Captain Massing thanked his friends and family and the former Chief for hiring him so many years ago.

Mayor Marino administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Thomas Daniels to the position of Lieutenant.

Lt. Daniels noted his appreciation to everyone.

Mayor Marino administered the Oath of Office to Det. Corporal Chris Becket to the position of Det. Sgt.

Det. Sgt. Beckett thanked his family, friends and department for their support.

Mayor Marino called a recess at 6:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:28 p.m.

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

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

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

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 open the public hearing: Santore Second: Frederick All in favor.

Jordan Schlump, 10 Wilshire Blvd. noted the limit to exceed the Cap is listed at over \$252,000 and asked what it will be used for.

Mayor Marino replied that the Cap Ordinance is adopted each year as a matter of budget housekeeping, including adoption of past ordinances which Mr. Schlump voted upon when on the Committee and as Mayor.

Will Pine, CFO advised Mr. Schlump that the Ordinance provides the ability to spend in excess of the Cap, but cannot be used unless voted upon.

Mr. Schlump then asked if that means the Township does not need the extra money in the 2019 budget. Mr. Pine replied that the time to use it has passed.

The public hearing closed upon a motion by Committeewoman Santore, and seconded by Committeeman Frederick. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to adopt Ordinance 2020-03.

Committeeman Frederick asked that the Ordinance be amended as written to include "may be increased up to an amount not to exceed" and moved to adopt as amended. Committeewoman Santore seconded.

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

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 open the public hearing: Santore Second: Frederick All in favor

No public comment

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

Motion to adopt: Frederick Second: Santore

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

Committeewoman Santore moved for a consent agenda for resolutions R-2020-75 through and including R-2020-79. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Santore moved to adopt resolutions R-2020-75 through and including R-2020-79. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

Committeeman Nocentino asked that R-2020-78 be amended to change “2019 budget” to “2020 budget”.

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to amend R-2020-78 as noted. Committeewoman Santore seconded.

Roll call on resolutions R-2020-75, R-2020-76, R-2020-77, R-2020-78, R-2020-79 (as amended):

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

R-2020-75 Resolution Authorizing a Street Opening Permit to S. Jersey Gas-203 Sherwood Court

R-2020-76 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer/Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2020-77 Resolution Amending R-2019-224 Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction

R-2020-78 Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, 2020 Emergency Temporary Budget

R-2020-79 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester Consenting to the Extension of a Sanitary Sewer Line to Connect the Proposed Commodore Business Center-North with Logan Township MUA Sanitary Sewer

Under old business, the Committee reviewed and discussed the vegetative waste data and analysis and discussed whether to allow residents to trade vegetative cans for an additional recycling can.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to allow residents who wish to trades in their vegetative waste carts for an additional recycling cart will receive \$40 credit towards annual lease.

Committeewoman Santore stated that the cost would be upside down due to the high cost of recycling.

There was no second. Motion died.

Also under old business, the Committee discussed proposed changes to street opening and restoration guidelines per the recommendation of the Township Engineer.

Upon the conclusion of such discussion, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to introduce Ordinance 2020-05 **2020-05 Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 159 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich Entitled “Streets and Sidewalks”**. All were in favor.

Under new business, the Committee reviewed and discussed the engineer’s proposal in the amount of \$42,000 to oversee the 2019 transportation trust project.

Committeeman Frederick asked if funds are available for the project over grants funds. The CFO replied it will be new capital in the budget.

Committeeman Frederick then asked the status of road priority work. The Administrator will supply a list.

The engineer's proposal will be considered for approval at the 3-16 meeting.

Also under new business, Deputy Mayor Matthias advised of a combined effort between the township and S/W District to present a community equity forum on June 24 at no cost to the township. Motion was made to approve the forum by Committeewoman Santore, seconded by Committeeman Nocentino and unanimously passed.

Committeeman Frederick advised of quotes received for the purchase of tower lighting for sports fields in the amount of \$19,000.

Mayor Marino stated that purchase is feasible as they are cheaper to own rather than continuing to rent.

Committeewoman Santore thanked Committeeman Frederick for conducting the investigation.

Committeeman Frederick said he will work with the program directors for payment towards use of lighting.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to purchase the light towers. Committeeman Nocentino asked if they are gas powered and was told that they are. He then asked if this is limiting from fixed lighting or unrelated. Committeeman Frederick advised that under the park concept plan, one field will be lit with permanent lighting.

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

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to open the meeting to public comment. Committeewoman Santore seconded. All were in favor.

Mark Allen, 110 Palmer Place, noted that Palmer Place has never been paved. He further stated that a house on Oldmans Creek Road owned by the golf course is dilapidated and further, that golf course fencing is falling down adjacent to Palmer Place.

Mayor Marino said that the Director of Community Development will be instructed to contact the owners to repair.

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

Committeewoman Santore moved to approve resolution **R-2020-80 Resolution for Closed Session**. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 6:52 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Director of Community development position.

The meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m. upon a motion by Committeewoman Santore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias and unanimously passed.

Committeeman Nocentino moved to authorize the Administrator to make an offer of employment as discussed in closed session. Committeewoman Santore seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to approve the bills and purchase orders as presented.

Roll Call: Frederick: YES (abstain on Verizon bills); Nocentino: YES, Santore: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES

With no further business, motion was made by Committeewoman Santore, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Approval of Bills and Purchase Orders:

Adjournment: