

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 6, 2020**

THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS.

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

Mayor Marino made the following statement:

The April 6, 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

Mayor Marino led the salute to the American Flag.

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

Hearing none, Committeewoman Santore moved to close the public portion. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

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

2020-06 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Adopting an Amendment to the Weatherby Town Center Redevelopment Plan

Open Public Hearing: Santore Second: Frederick All in favor
No comment

Close Public Hearing: Santore Second: Frederick All in favor

Motion to adopt: Matthias Second: Santore

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

2020-07 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 203-5B of the Code of the Township of Woolwich Entitled "Definitions and Word Usage: to Create the Definition of Supermarket

Open Public Hearing: Santore Second: Matthias All in favor

No comment

Close Public Hearing: Santore Second: Nocentino All in favor

Motion to adopt: Santore Second: Matthias

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

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

2020-08 An Ordinance Making Salary Ranges for Certain Officials and Employees of the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester for the Year 2020

Motion: Matthias Second: Santore All in favor

Committeewoman Santore moved to approve a consent agenda for resolution R-2020-92 through and including R-2020-98. Committeeman Nocentino seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeewoman Santore to adopt resolutions R-2020-92 through and including R-2020-98.

R-2020-92 Resolution Making an Award for Concession Services

R-2020-93 Resolution Authorizing Extension of Farm Leases

R-2020-94 Resolution Authorizing Issuance of a Request for Qualifications from Proposed Redevelopers for the Nike Missile Site-Block 14, Lot 2-Redevelopment Project

R-2020-95 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer/Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2020-96 Resolution Authorizing 2019 Municipal Service Reimbursements to Four Seasons at Weatherby Homeowners Association in the Total Amount of \$22,848.02 for Snow Removal and Street Lighting Pursuant to the Municipal Services Act

R-2020-97 Resolution Authorizing 2019 Municipal Service Reimbursements to Lexington Mews Condominium Association in the Amount of \$395.01 for Snow Removal Pursuant to the Municipal Services Act

R-2020-98 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Appointing Patrolman Matthew Boyko as Assistant OEM

Deputy Mayor Matthias requested that the date in resolution R-2020-97 be corrected.

Committeeman Frederick requested that the lease amount referenced in R-2020-92 be corrected to read \$300.00.

Committeeman Frederick also questioned the time frame referenced in R-2020-96 and R-2020-97 and was told it is for the year 2019.

Mayor Marino requested a roll call vote on resolutions R-2020-92 through and including R-2020-98 and as amended:

Roll Call: Frederick; YES, Nocentino: YES, Santore: YES (abstain on R-2020-97), Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion carried

Under old business, Deputy Mayor Matthias discussed the request by SPS Mechanical to increase their fee under the 2019 RFP to conducting home energy audits from \$49.00 to \$150.00, stating that the increase would effectively end the program. She wished to thank SPS for taking part in the program and assisting residents with their home energy need.

Committeewoman Santore also thanked SPS Mechanical for being a good partner with the Township.

Committeeman Frederick asked if an additional RFP is being proposed. Mayor Marino replied that while not proposing a new RFP, SPS can go out on their own to continue the program.

Mayor Marino then advised the Committee of a site visit he participated in with the Deputy Mayor and Township Engineer to review the best course of action in continuing the High Hill Path project, stating that he feels the best and most cost effective course of action is to construct the path on the northern side from the Auburn Road round-a-bout to the park entrance.

The Mayor added that this plan would avoid wetlands and additional crossing on High Hill Road.

Committeeman Frederick questioned cost differential between the full phase 3 scope and the plan under discussion.

Travis Greiman, R&V advised that the full scope was estimated at \$250,000 with a crossing at Delaware. The proposed scope from round-a-bout would be \$150,000-construction only.

Committeewoman Santore thank the Mayor and engineer for their review.

Deputy Mayor Matthias expressed concerns that while this goes a long way in terms of connectivity, there still may be a piece left incomplete.

The Deputy Mayor also asked the engineer how much of the allocated funding is targeted and the engineer responded that the path is separate local aid funds.

Committeeman Frederick said that while he likes the idea, he has concerns due to the current situation in the country. And suggested holding off to see where things land.

Under old business, Committeeman Frederick asked if there have been any further suggestions regarding additional vegetative carts to residents. Mayor Marino responded that as the vegetative collection began, there is no data yet for comparisons.

Mayor Marino requested a motion to accept the resignation of Bill Dick from the Public Works Department "with regret". So moved Committeewoman Santore. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Marino noted that there would be no closed session meeting. He went on to recognize and thank the Deputy Mayor for her work towards addressing the needs of residents, particularly for the meal outreach program. He thanked the first responders, EMT's, Firemen and Police for being on the front lines during the COVID-19 crisis. He further thanked the residents for staying home as much as possible and noted that we will all get through this crisis together.

Committeewoman Santore wished to address the door-to-door solicitation issue in this time of social distancing, suggesting that all solicitations be suspended until the emergency declaration is lifted. Solicitor Alice agreed saying that it would be irresponsible to do any less.

Committeewoman Santore then moved to temporarily suspend door-to-door solicitation and acceptance of new permit applications in keeping with the Governor's Executive Orders. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

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

Deputy Mayor Matthias said that she has heard from a number of residents that are very appreciative of the Mayor's efforts to keep them fully informed during this crisis.

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

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

Mayor Marino advised the Police Chief that patrols should be notified in regards to the ban of solicitations.

Having no further business, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeewoman Santore and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk