

MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
April 20, 2020
6:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via conference call due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Mayor Marino called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the following statement:

The April 20, 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: Frederik: PRESENT Nocentino: PRESENT Santore: PRESENT
Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

Those present saluted the American Flag.

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

Hearing no comment, motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to close the public portion. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Santore moved to table first reading of the following Ordinances;

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

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

Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Marino read the following Ordinance by title only upon second 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 to open public hearing: Matthias Second: Santore All in favor

No public comment

Motion to 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 Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2020-99 through R-2020-102. Committeeman Nocentino seconded.

Committeeman Frederick moved to remove resolution R-020-012 from the consent agenda.

Committeewoman Matthias moved to adopt resolutions R-2020-99 through and including R-2020-101. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

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

R-2020-99 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Elevating Officer Lindsey Davis to the Position of 7th Class Police Officer within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2020-100 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Elevating Patrick Collins to the Position of 8th Class Patrolman within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2020-101 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Elevating Branson Hamer to the Position of 7th Class Patrolman within the Woolwich Township Police Department

Committeeman Frederick discussed extending the due date for dog licenses in resolution R-2020-102 from May 30th to June 30 and to adopt R-2020-102 with that amendment. Mayor Marino seconded.

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

R-2020-102 Resolution Granting an Extension of the Due Date for 2020 Dog Licensing

The following reports were provided for the month of March:

Tax Collector: \$288,951.79 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report. Committeewoman Santore noted that the fire company remains under the directives for response as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. She offered thanks to the fire company for their work on the front line.

Police Chief: Monthly Report. Chief Jaramillo thanked the Committee for their support and noted that the additional manpower recently hired has helped during this crisis.

Committeewoman Santore noted that she was contacted by county dispatch and told that the Woolwich PD had provided food to the dispatch department for which they were very grateful. Chief Jaramillo said "it's what we do."

Township Engineer: Monthly Report. Timothy Staszewski informed the Committee that August 2020 is the deadline for the award of the TTG project. He further advised that the FY2021 grant cycle has begun and asked the Committee to consider projects to apply for.

Mr. Staszewski also advised of the status of the park [project, saying that they are working on storm water modeling. He also advised that an environmental pre-application meeting will be scheduled with NJDEP.

Lastly, Mr. Staszewski advised that the final punch list for the High Hill Road path will be completed soon as the project is complete, and that bids for the improvements to The Enclave at Stone Meeting House should be complete within a few weeks.

Mayor Marino said that he would like to schedule a ribbon cutting for the High Hill Path once restrictions are lifted.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report. Self Explanatory.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

Mayor Marino requested Committee Liaison reports:

Committeeman Frederick:

Municipal Services; (Blds./Grounds/Code/UCC/Zoning/Public Works); Provided number of code permits issued. Park remains closed. Upkeep of grounds continues. Environmental Commission: Cleaning of bird houses was done. Other projects remain on hold due to COVID-19.

Committeeman Nocentino:

Municipal Alliance: MA grant funds have been suspended by the State due to the emergency situation.

Committeewoman Santore:

BDAC; Meetings are currently on hold. Trash/Recycling: February tonnage was down from January. Vegetative numbers are not in due to the program just beginning. Forty cart exchanges have taken place. Bulk collection has been temporarily suspended.

Mayor Marino suggested that a blast e-mail and FaceBook post go out advising that vegetative waste must not be placed in biodegradable bags.

Dep. Mayor Matthias:

Educational Partners; (KRHS and SWSD); Schools have been closed at least until May 15. Thank you to administrators and teachers for continuing to educate the children. Recreation: The Annual Fun Day has been cancelled. The 08085 run will be held virtually. Laurie Cecala-Reed was named P&R President and a slate of officers has been chosen.

Mayor Marino:

Administration: (Finance; Court; JLUB, TDR Task Force); Thank you CFO and Administrator for putting together a salary ordinance that is a step in the right direction and shows the employee's that the Committee is looking out for them while they do a lot with a small staff. Court sessions have been cancelled and the JLUB has not met. No report on TDR. Public Safety: Thank you to the police department for delivering food to school children over spring break. Thank you to all first responders for the work they continue to do. And thank you to Deputy Mayor Matthias for heading up the COVID-19 response "neighbors helping neighbors."

There was no old business, and nothing for closed session.

Under new business and in response to a developer request to consider an amendment to the Master Plan, Deputy Mayor Matthias suggested that it is premature to consider the request until the Township determined that future of the Transfer of Development Rights Program and corresponding Real Estate Market Analysis (REMA).

Committeewoman Santore agreed that it is best to consider this in conjunction with the REMA. She further asked if the downturn in the economy will have an effect on the REMA. Mayor Marino responded that the economic consultant will take the market reality into consideration in the report.

Mayor Marino further advised that the document to be taken into consideration in regards to the Woolwich Adult litigation has not been provided so there is no need to discuss in closed session.

Under new business, discussion ensued among the Committee regarding the planner's suggestions as to a future realignment of Pancoast Road, which contained two options; realignment of present condition or realignment with the intersection at the turnpike exchange. The engineer was asked to follow up with the planner.

Deputy Mayor Matthias suggested that the Kings Landing Traffic Pattern plans should also be taken into consideration and Mayor Marino suggested that going back to NJDOT regarding stacking lane requirements.

It was agreed that NJDOT needs to weigh in on the issue and request that the planner review and discuss with NJDOT to ensure that this is done right the first time. The Mayor also suggested that ownership of certain properties would also have to be considered.

Upon a motion by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias, the following minutes were unanimously approved:

March 16, 2020 and Closed Session

April 6, 2020

Motion was made by Committeewoman Santore and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve the bills and purchase orders.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file.