

**MINUTES  
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 3, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marino at 6:00 p.m. with the following statement:

The August 3, 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 Matthias: Present (by phone)  
Marino: PRESENT

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Mayor Marino noted that due to the resignation of Committeewoman Santore from the Township Committee, the Democratic Party had provided the names of three persons to fill the vacancy, and suggested that Dr. Marla DeLuca-Curran be appointed.

Motion was then made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve resolution **R-2020-150 Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Committeewoman Gina Marie Santore and Authorizing the Appointment to Fill the Vacancy in the Membership of the Woolwich Township Committee.**

Committeeman Frederick stated that he will miss the knowledge that Committeewoman Santore brought, and feels that with only six months left of her term, a gap will be created. He also stated that he is concerned that the appointment is of a political nature.

Deputy Mayor Matthias thank Committeewoman Santore for her efforts on the behalf of the township and its residents.

Mayor Marino requested a roll call:

**Frederick: NO, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES** Motion carried.

Mayor Marino administered the Oath of Public Office to Committeewoman DeLuca-Curran.

Committeewoman DeLuca-Curran said that Woolwich is a town near and dear to her, that she is excited to get to work, and that it is an honor to represent the residents.

Mayor Marino presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to former Committeewoman Santore.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to open the meeting to public comment for agenda items only. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

Mike Verdi, 16 Oak View Terrace, shared his concerns of the builders failure to fix the gate and fencing at the Chestnut Ridge storm water front basin and also expressed concerns that the rear basin is not surrounded by fencing.

Mayor Marino replied that the Township is willing to meet and discuss at a time when the HOA President can be present.

Alan Schwager, 70 Belfiore Rd. addressed resolution R-2020-155 approving a contract for Rainey Road and asked why improvements to Viereck Road are not included in the award as they have been a part of the project application since 2018. Mr. Schwager noted that the road suffered damage from truck traffic when Rt. 322 was closed, and that the road is barely one lane from the bend to Oak Grove Rod.

Hearing no further comments, the public portion closed upon a motion by Committeeman Nocentino, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed.

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

**2020-12 An Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$460,000 to be Used for Public Safety Equipment and Various Road and Drainage Improvements within the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey**

Motion to open public hearing: Frederick                      Second: Nocentino                      All in favor

No public comment

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

Motion to adopt: Nocentino                      Second: Frederick

Committeeman Frederick said that the Ordinance should include enough funds to add the Viereck Road award.

**Roll Call: Frederick; YES, DeLuca-Curran: ABSTAIN, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES**

Motion carried

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino to approve resolutions R-2020-151 through and including R-2020-160. Committeeman Frederick asked that R-2020-152 and R-2020-155 be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino to adopt resolutions R-2020-151 through R-2020-160 removing R-2020-152 and R-2020-155.

Deputy Mayor Matthias asked the Administrator/Clerk if she has received a response from S. Jersey Gas as to the permit bundle package. Ms. DiBella replied that she received a call while out of the office, and returned the call and left voice mail.

Mayor Marino noted for the benefit of those in the audience that the Township had approved street opening permits for gas line installation to service numerous properties and was recently informed that some of the route will not receive service.

**Roll Call on consent agenda items:**

**Roll Call: Frederick; YES, DeLuca-Curran: ABSTAIN, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES**

Motion carried

**R-2020-151 Resolution Authorizing Street Opening Permit(s) to South Jersey Gas-Dominics Court, Concord Court and Village Green Drive**

**R-2020-153 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Extend the Due Date for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Taxes 2020**

**R-2020-154 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education for the Purchase of Gasoline**

**R-2020-156 Resolution Making Township Committee Liaison Appointments**

**R-2020-157 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich-Local Efficiency Achievement Program Implementation Grant Agreement Between the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services and Woolwich Township FY 2020/2021 I-2020-2021-01**

**R-2020-158 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich-Local Efficiency Achievement Program Implementation Grant Agreement Between the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services and Woolwich Township FY 2020/2021 I-2020-2021-02**

**R-2020-159 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License #0824-33-003-02 to Center Square Tavern LLC**

**R-2020-160 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Purchase of Police Vehicle Upfit via Various NJ State Contracts from General Sales Administration, dba Major Police Supply, for use within the Woolwich Police Department**

As to resolution **R-2020-152 Resolution Authorizing the Proposal of Remington and Vernick Engineers for Environmental Services on Block 5, Lot 3 in the Amount of \$3,000**, Committeeman Frederick stated his concern that the Palladino project environmental status may be a moving target from a legal perspective.

Solicitor Alice said that he could provide back up with a letter to NJDEP, and that a motion can be made to approve the resolution contingent upon no further funds will be spent on the project, and that a legal letter be sent to NJDEP.

Committeeman Frederick then moved to approve R-2020-152 with the stipulation of a letter to NJDOT from legal counsel. Committeeman Nocentino seconded.

**Roll Call: Frederick; YES, DeLuca-Curran: ABSTAIN, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES**  
Motion carried

Committeeman Frederick then questioned including award of Viereck Road in resolution **R-2020-155 Resolution Authorizing Award of Bid to Arawak Paving Company in the Amount of \$361,699.00 for FY2018 NDDOT Municipal Aid Project.**

Travis Greiman, Township Engineer, noted that Viereck Road was included as a bid alternate. It was further confirmed that no additional funds were made available that can be used to fund Viereck Road.

Committeeman Nocentino stated that more roads need to be paved but the township is constrained from a financial standpoint.

He added that it makes sense to approve award for Rainey and address Viereck as a separate item.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve resolution R-2020-155.

**Roll Call: Frederick; YES, DeLuca-Curran: ABSTAIN, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES**

Motion carried

Under old business, Anthony Bertino, Director of Municipal Services provided a trash and recycling report for the first half of 2020.

Mr. Bertino reported that the new program has not affected tonnage compared to last year with the exception of vegetative waste. He added that communication under the shared service agreement with Logan has greatly improved.

The Township has also saved almost \$45,000 in collection, however, disposal costs have increased. The Township is currently paying \$80./ton for recycling disposal. Stickers have been provided to residents stating what can and cannot be recycled.

Discussion ensued regarding the increase in bulk pick up, mostly due to persons being home due to the pandemic. Residents are being asked to put bulk out a little bit at a time.

313 carts have been exchanged, with 42 carts leased and 13 requests for additional vegetative carts.

Mr. Bertino noted additional staff time has been required, and that he is trying to get residents to e-mail pick up inquiries as opposed to phoning them in.

Committeeman Frederick noted that temporary loaning carts to residents is still an open item.

Mayor Marino asked how the carts are holding up and Mr. Bertino replied that they are holding up well, with most issues being with wheels.

Mayor Marino thanked the Director of Municipal Services for his work, noting that the program has been successful due to his dedication and the education of the residents.

Committeeman Nocentino moved to open the meeting to public comment. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

Bob Rushton, 20 Belfiore Drive stated that he is confused that the resolution regarding Viereck Road was not tabled. Mayor Marino replied that it will be looked at separately from that of Rainey Road.

Hearing no further comment. Committeeman Nocentino moved to close the public portion. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed to approve resolution **R-2020-161 Resolution for Closed Session.**

The Committee entered closed session at 6:42 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiation of the sale of the Nike Base.

The meeting resumed at 7:09 p.m. by a motion made by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Committeeman Nocentino and unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino to Accept the proposal of Arbok for the sale of the Nike Base as discussed in closed session. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

**Roll Call: Frederick; YES, DeLuca-Curran: ABSTAIN, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES**  
Motion carried

Mayor Marino noted the number of years the property has been abandoned and congratulated Woolwich Township for moving forward on the sale.

Under new business, the Committee received and reviewed the statutory annual report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias to accept the report. Motion was seconded by Committeeman Nocentino. All were in favor.

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

**Roll Call: Frederick; YES (Abstain on Verizon), DeLuca-Curran: YES, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES**

Motion carried

With no further discussion, motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino and seconded by Committeewoman DeLuca-Curran to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella  
Administrator/Clerk