

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Vernon Marino with the following statement:

The August 24, 2020 special 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: DeLuca-Curran: PRESENT Frederick: PRESENT Nocentino: PRESENT
Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

Also present were Solicitor Alice, Engineer Greiman and Administrator/Clerk DiBella.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

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

Hearing none, Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to close the public portion. Committeeman Nocentino seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve resolution **R-2020-173 Emergency Resolution - NJSA 40:4-48.**

Committeeman Frederick voiced concerns as to \$175,000 coming off of the Cap and suggested the addition of language stating that if aid is received from the state or county, the Cap would be replenished.

He then moved to amend the resolution to state that if received, state or county funds would replenish the Cap subject to the auditor's approval. Committeeman Nocentino seconded.

Roll Call: DeLuca-Curran: YES, Frederick: YES, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES
Motion carried.

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

2020-13 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Road and Drainage Improvements in and for the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$3,500,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$3,325,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to introduce Ordinance 2020-13.

Committeeman Frederick requested that the same language be written into the Ordinance as suggested for resolution R-2020-173.

Solicitor Alice said that an amendment can be made upon second reading.

Committeeman Nocentino noted that the bond amount is \$500,000 more than previously discussed. Mayor Marino advised that the CFO recommended adding a cushion so as to not come up short.

Mayor Marino requested a roll call:

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

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to approve resolution **R-2020-174 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester Authorizing the Proposal of Remington and Vernick Engineers for Bid Preparation, Contract Administration and Inspection of Emergency Repairs to Various Roads.**

Committeeman Frederick said that he feels the quotes for Ogden Rd and Oliphants Mill Road are extremely high to put a bid package together.

Mr. Greiman responded that the circumstances require geotechnical and environmental surveys, review of flood hazard areas and constructal teams to ensure compliance.

Mayor Marino questioned the original cost estimate. Mr. Greiman said that Remington and Vernick took a big knife to the design estimate.

Committeeman Frederick then stated that the Township had authorized up to \$10,000 to begin the engineer estimates of work and asked if the proposal is in addition to or in place of that amount. He asked if the resolution should be amended to subtract the \$10,000.

Mr. Greiman responded that it was his understanding that the \$10,000 authorized R&V to proceed with the emergency authorization to move forward with an assurance that the firm would be paid. Mayor Marino added that the \$10,000 has not been spent. Solicitor Alice agreed that the authorization was just to allow them to begin.

Deputy Mayor Matthias asked how the Locke Avenue Park access road work will be done, and that she does not want to see work duplicated by the park expansion project.

The engineer agreed that information will be included in the package to ensure that the improvements specified will be sufficient for the final project.

Committeeman Nocentino questioned the need to do that now. Mr. Greiman replied that if it fails again, we would not lose much as there is still access to the park system.

Mayor Marino requested a roll call on R-2020-174:

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Marino noted that no emergency quotes have been received for repairs to Back Creek Road. The Committee then discussed how to proceed with the following resolution **R-2020-175 Resolution Awarding an Emergency Repair Contract to _____ in the Amount of \$_____ for Emergency Repairs to Back Creek Road.**

Mr. Greiman advised that the date for receipt of emergency quotes has been extended until the 26th and that he anticipates that one contractor may respond.

Mayor Marino asked why no other contractors responded. Mr. Greiman replied that they are more than likely busy.

The Mayor suggested that authorization be given for the Administrator to approve a bid in a "Not to Exceed" amount once quote(s) have been received.

Discussion then ensued regarding an estimate of potential cost.

Mayor Marino advised that an additional inlet is to be included in the plans.

Committeeman Frederick moved to amend the resolution to authorize the lowest quote when received in a "Not to Exceed" amount of \$200,000. Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded.

Roll Call: DeLuca-Curran: YES, Frederick: YES, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES
Motion carried.

Mr. Greiman advised that there was a reduction in quantities required in the High Hill Park Shared Use Path-Phase 2 with resulted in a deduct change order as detailed in resolution **R-2020-176 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 in the Amount of (\$20,185.00) to the Contract Between the Township of Woolwich and Paving Plus LLC for High Hill Road Shared Use Path, Phase 2**

Deputy Mayor Matthias asked if this would close out the project. Mr. Greiman replied that the bridge still has to be sealed, but that this is the final number for payment.

Committeeman Frederick then moved to adopt R-2020-176. Committeeman Nocentino seconded.

Roll Call: DeLuca-Curran: YES, Frederick: YES, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to approve the bill list.

Roll Call: DeLuca-Curran: YES, Frederick: YES, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES
Motion carried.

With no further business, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file