

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vernon Marino at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Marino made the following statement:

The September 8, 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: DeLuca-Curran: PRESENT Frederick; PRESENT
Nocentino: PRESENT (via phone) Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

Also present on the dais were Solicitor Alice and Administrator/Clerk DiBella. Engineer Travis Greiman and Deputy Chief Morgan were in the audience.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Gloucester County Freeholder Jim Lavender presented a Proclamation to resident Joe Musumeci and three other survivors of Prostate Cancer in recognition of Prostate Cancer Awareness-Month of September.

Mayor Marino noted that a like Proclamation has been drafted by the Woolwich Township Committee.

Mr. Musumeci noted that prostate cancer rates are increasing while the rates of other cancers are going down. He added that there are many false negatives in prostate cancer testing. Prostate Cancer has no symptoms until it is stage 4, at which time only 20% have a five-year survival rate. He added that they have the goal of every man having his PSA checked at 50, and those with a family cancer history, to have PSA testing done at 40. He noted that there is no cure, but control of the disease is key, adding that 1/3 of those treated will have a recurrence of the disease.

Mr. Musumeci was thanked for his efforts towards awareness.

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

Jordan Schlump, 10 Wilshire Blvd. questioned the number of residential housing units included in the proposed settlement with the Wolfson Group and asked if the number of units include those intended on the Bathgate and Sorbello land.

Mayor Marino responded that the subject is still in litigation and the final form of settlement has not yet been drafted.

Hearing no further public comment, the public portion closed upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed.

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

No public comment

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

Motion to adopt: Matthias Second: DeLuca-Curran

Committeeman Frederick noted that the cost of the road improvements seem to be more favorable than originally estimated.

For the purpose of the public, Mayor Marino noted that the bond is necessary to fund reconstruction of six roads lost in two spate storms the week of 8-10.

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

Motion carried

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2020-177 through 185. Committeeman Frederick seconded but removing R-2020-177 and R-2020-178 from the consent agenda. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeewoman DeLuca-Curran to adopt resolution R-2020-179 through and including R-2020-185.

Committeeman Frederick asked for an update from the engineer on the status of repairs to Back Creek Road.

Mr. Greiman responded that the repair is substantially complete, that final cleanup is needed with paving pending, but that the road should be ready to reopen this week.

He added that Locke Avenue has been completed and Moravian Church Road should be complete by weeks end.

Deputy Mayor Matthias noted gratitude to county partners for their assistance in the road repairs.

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

Motion Carried.

Resolutions of Consent Agenda

R-2020-179 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction

R-2020-180 Resolution Making Elevations Within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2020-181 Resolution Authorizing Emergency Contract to South State, Inc. in the Amount of \$174,125.00 for Repair to Back Creek Road

R-2020-182 Resolution Authorizing Emergency Contract to R.E. Pierson Construction Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$19,925.00 for Repair to Locke Avenue Park Entrance

R-2020-183 Resolution Authorizing Placement of Municipal Liens-Property Maintenance

R-2020-184 Resolution Authorizing Release and Closure of Escrow Accounts

R-2020-185 Resolution Authorizing Emergency Contract to R.E. Pierson Construction Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$53,073.00 for Repair to Moravian Church Road

Committeeman Frederick moved to approve resolution **R-2020-177 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the Kingsway Regional High School District for the Provision of Class III Officers During the 2020-21 School Year.** Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded.

Committeeman Frederick noted changes in the Agreement as opposed to last year. Mayor Marino explained that the District decided that due to the school hybrid schedule, the District decided to use Class III Officers only, but the Agreement holds a Cap on funds, is utilizing an hourly rate only, and that provisions are included in the Agreement should the District go back to full sessions at any time during the school year.

Committeewoman DeLuca Curran questioned a difference in the total from using only the hourly rate and was informed there is a small buffer added. She also asked if the school feels comfortable with the Class III Officers from a general safety standpoint and was told that both the District and Department are comfortable with the quality and training of the Class III Officers.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeewoman DeLuca-Curran to approve resolution **R-2020-178 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District for the Provision of Class III Officers During the 2020-21 School Year.**

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

Motion Carried.

Under old business, Mayor Marino advised that all road repairs should be complete by weeks end with the exception of Oliphants Mill and Ogden Roads.

Committeewoman DeLuca-Curran wished to again address school security issues.

Deputy Chief Morgan noted that the District and Department will be meeting to discuss and approve a memorandum of Agreement in the very near future at which time any questions and concerns will be addressed.

Mayor Marino added that there is a set criteria that must be met in an MOU every year, to have an ongoing dialog of issues, communication and training.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve resolution **R-2020-186 Resolution for Closed Session**. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Marino stated that the Committee will more than likely not take action on resolution R-2020-187, but will discuss in closed session.

The Committee entered closed session at 6:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Litigation in the matter of Woolwich Adult LLC v. Township of Woolwich.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:43 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias and unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to table resolution **R-2020-187 Resolution of the Committee of the Township of Woolwich Ratifying the General Settlement Terms Reached in Mediation between the Township of Woolwich and the Wolfson Group and as Placed on the Record on August 27, 2020**.

Mayor Marino advised that the Committee had reviewed and discussed the term of the settlement, and while they agree to the terms in theory, will be waiting for a finalized document prior to taking action.

All were in favor.

Mayor Marino stated that the Police Chief is looking for the authority to begin a promotional process to fill some exiting gaps in the department.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to authorize the Chief to move forward with the promotional process. Committeewoman DeLuca-Curran seconded.

Committeeman Frederick asked what it will mean in dollars and cents and if there are any budgetary concerns. Mayor Marino advised that there are funds in the shared service agreements with S. Harrison and Swedesboro.

All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to accept and file the resignation letter from Judge Golden. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick to approve the bills and purchase orders. Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded.

Roll Call: DeLuca Curran: YES, Frederick: Yes (abstain from Verizon and No to payment to A & A Glass); Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES (No to A & A Glass)

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio Recording on file