

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

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

The September 21, 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: Curran: PRESENT Frederick: PRESENT Nocentino: PRESENT
Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

Also present on the dais were Solicitor Alice and Administrator/Clerk DiBella. In the audience were Chief Jaramillo, Fire Chief Valichka and Engineer Greiman.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Committeeman Frederick moved to open the meeting to public comment for agenda items only. Committeewoman Curran seconded. All were in favor.

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

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

2020-14 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Section 203-92 of the Woolwich Township Zoning Code Entitled "Affordable Housing Fee Schedule"

Committeewoman Curran moved to introduce Ordinance 2020-14. Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Marino noted that 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** will remain tabled.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve a consent agenda for the following resolutions:

R-2020-188 A Resolution to Authorize Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Liberty Venture I, LP

R-2020-189 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Permit Fees for Uniform Construction Code

R-2020-190 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2020-191 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction

R-2020-192 Resolution Amending Resolution R-2020-179 to Correct the Block and Lot Number and Amounts to Cancel and/or Refund for Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction

R-2020-193 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing a Reduction in Letter of Credit Amount-Villages at Weatherby Phase II, Section 2.1

All were in favor.

Committeeman Frederick moved to adopt resolutions R-2020-188 through and including R-2020-193. Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded.

Roll Call: Curran: YES, Frederick; YES, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion Carried

The following reports were submitted for the month of August:

Tax Collector: \$9,696,907.07 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report

Chief Valichka reported on the number of calls during August and the effect of severe storms. Training continues. The Chief further advised of plans to conduct a drill at Kingsway High School on October 24th. Deputy Mayor Matthias thanked the department for allowing her to attend training activity.

Police Chief: Monthly Report

Noted receipt of new vehicles that are currently awaiting fit out and should be on the road by December. The Chief commended the Records Clerk and Detective Beckett on their work processing the large number of firearm permit applications.

Township Engineer: Monthly Report

Updated on the storm related road failures. Moravian Church Road and Locke Avenue. NJDEP follow up is required for Oliphants Mill and Ogden Roads. The Ogden Road design is complete. Contractors may be on-site within 2-3 weeks. Oliphants Mill will follow. Back Creek Road is open with final paving to follow. He had no update to the park expansion project.

Mayor Marino asked the engineer to keep an eye on potential erosion along the Back Creek Road bridge curb line on the opposite side.

Deputy Mayor Matthias asked what the next steps are with the Palladino environmental survey. Mr. Greiman replied that the remediation proposal has been provided to the Township and should be packages to the solicitor for submission to NJDEP. Should the DEP give their blessing, the township will discuss further.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report

The report was submitted as self-explanatory. There were no questions from the Committee. The Deputy Mayor asked that information on the Aqua New Jersey petition to the BPU for rate increase be provided to residents via social media.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

The following Committee liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Frederick:

Municipal Services; (Blds./Grounds/Code/UCC/Zoning/Public Works); 51 zoning applications issued including 15 for new construction and 10 solar. 8 violation notices were issued, 6 of them for grass. 5 tons of asphalt has been used. The park is up and running and it's good to see the children out there. Additional park lighting is working. Environmental Commission: Planning an event to clean up the local parks on October 17th through the Clean Communities Program. Thanked Jordan Schlump for his efforts at the Community Garden.

Committeeman Nocentino:

Municipal Alliance; Finalizing grant paperwork. Solid Waste and Recycling: 15 recycle carts were exchanged, 2 vegetative carts leased and 15 recycle carts were leased. 130 metal collections were completed. Bulk trash collection is down with 273 collections in August.

Committeewoman DeLuca-Curran:

BDAC: Will hold a Zoom meeting on 9-23. Looking to hold a "Take Out Tuesday" Program to assist local restaurants.

Dep. Mayor Matthias:

Educational Partners; (KRHS and SWSD); Schools have begun utilizing hybrid models. Thank you to all parents, teachers and educators for understanding and patience during the pandemic. Recreation: Looking to partner with the Library for story time, book clubs and promotion of events. The Committee is also looking to holding virtual games.

Mayor Marino:

Administration: (Finance; Court; JLUB, TDR Task Force); Emergency road repairs are moving along. Thank you to the County for all of their assistance. JLUB has not met. Public Safety: Fire and Police have really stepped up during COVID to get the job done. Huge shout out to public works also for all of their assistance with the road work and for all that they do.

Under old business, the Mayor noted that Soil Capping-Block 5, Lot 3 (Palladino Farm) was covered by the engineer.

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

Corrinne Butler-Sellen, residing on Kings Hwy. in Mickleton advised that in contacting County Land Preservation in regards to the family farm on Russell Mill Road, she was told that the county will not accept a farmland application while the TDR plan is still in place.

Mayor Marino was surprised at the comment and said he will reach out to County Land Preservation and get back to Ms. Butler-Sellen.

Ann Dorsett, 169 Russell Mill Road thanked the township for their efforts during the COVID Pandemic. She further thanked the Mayor for his weekly videos.

Hearing no further comment, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeewoman Curran to approve **R-2020-194 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 6:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing potential litigation regarding the Kirschling Drive Maintenance Easement.

The meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Committeeman Nocentino and unanimously passed.

There was no new business.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeewoman Curran to approve the following minutes:

August 17, 2020 and Closed Session

August 24, 2020 Special

September 8, 2020 and Closed Session

All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to approve the bills and P.O.'s as presented.

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

Having no further business, motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino, seconded by Committeewoman Curran and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file