

**MINUTES  
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 19, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

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

The October 19, 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 were Solicitor Alice, Administrator/Clerk DiBella, Engineer Greiman and Deputy Chief Morgan.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

The Township Committee, Dr. James Lavender of the Kingsway School District and Jamie Flick of the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District passed a joint **Proclamation Declaring Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.**

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Committeeman Nocentino and unanimously passed to open the meeting to public comment for agenda items.

Jordan Schlump, 10 Wilshire Blvd. questioned how many homes are anticipated within tabled resolution R-2020-187, if the anticipated homes are for senior housing as in the original settlement and if the housing sites include two other landowners, Sorbello and Bathgate.

Mayor Marino responded that as per the 2018 resolution signed by Mr. Schlump as Woolwich Mayor, the houses are not senior units. He further advised that residential homes are allowed on the Sorbello and Bathgate properties.

Mr. Schlump then asked for a start date on sewer installation and how that will coincide with commercial and residential construction.

Mayor Marino replied that sewer is anticipation to begin around March 21, 2021 and that commercial and housing construction could begin simultaneous with sewer construction.

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

Mayor Marino read Ordinance **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** by title only, noting that a clerical error in the public notice requires a second reading and public hearing.,

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

There were no public comments.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-13: Matthias            Second: Curran

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

**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** remained tabled.

Committeeman Frederick moved to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2020-201 through and including R-2020-209. Committeewoman Curran seconded. All were in favor.

Committeeman Frederick moved to adopt resolutions R-2020-201 through and including R-2020-209. Committeewoman Curran seconded.

**R-2020-201 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making an Elevation Within the Woolwich Township Police Department**

**R-2020-202 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Street Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas-Natalie Drive**

**R-2020-203 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Quote of Remington and Vernick in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$6,500.00 for Survey of 158 Kirschling Drive**

**R-2020-204 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction**

**R-2020-205 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction**

**R-2020-206 Resolution Authorizing Placement of Municipal Liens-Property Maintenance**

**R-2020-207 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Endorsement of an Amended "Statement of Consent" Form-US Rt. 322 Corridor**

**R-2020-208 Resolution Amending Resolution R-2020-147 to Remove a Property Lien**

**R-2020-209 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Permit Fees for Uniform Construction Code**

Committeeman Nocentino questioned whether flowable fill is a part of the requirements within R-2020-202 for a street opening permit. Mr. Greiman replied that flowable fill is required.

Deputy Mayor Matthias expressed concern with SJ Gas completing the gas line within Natalie Drive, but said that she is hopeful.

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

The following reports were provided for the month of September:

Tax Collector: \$541,859.96 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report (Report submitted. Fire Chief was unable to attend.

Police Chief: Deputy Chief Morgan reported that all is well in the department. He further thanks the Committee for their work on the diversity proclamation, saying that the department abides by those same principles.

Township Engineer: Mr. Grieman advised that Ogden Road bids are due on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Repairs to Oliphants Mill Road are pending dam safety permitting. Follow up NJDEP permitting for Locke Avenue and Moravian Church Road repairs are pending. Back Creek Road paving was completed that day and striping will follow.

Mayor Marino asked if work on Hunters Run will be included with the Oliphants Mill bid, and Mr. Greiman replied that it will.

Mr. Greiman further reported that a preconstruction meeting was held for the Rainey Road Municipal Aid project and that initial pipe work should commence in early November, with paving to follow pending weather.

He further advised that he has not heard back from NJDEP on the Kirschling Drive erosion issue.

Committeeman Frederick asked if there has been an update from NJDEP on the park issue, as the committee had discussed tabling work on proposed field 12 and start with the other parcel. He asked Mr. Grieman if the Committee should reconsider and inquired as to what the cost differential would be.

Mr. Greiman replied that his firm will do whatever the township instructs, and depending upon how the work is split up, cost may not matter.

Committeeman Frederick asked if the Committee should explore that idea. Deputy Mayor Matthias responded that the footprint is unknown, and a portion of trail and parking could be taken out. Mr. Greiman agreed that it could change the site layout.

Mayor Marino stated that answers are needed from DEP and he asked the engineer to place follow-up calls.

Administrators Report: The report was submitted as self-explanatory. There were no questions from the Committee.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report was submitted

The following Committee liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Frederick:  
Municipal Services; (Blds./Grounds/Code/UCC/Zoning/Public Works); 50 zoning permits and 6 zoning violations were issued. Park maintenance continues. The Born Learning Trail at the park has been

completed with stenciling. Street maintenance continues and 1 ton of asphalt was used in September. Environmental Commission: Lake Narraticon Park cleanup was conducted. Both Committeeman Frederick and Deputy Mayor Matthias advised of the Swedesboro-Library's plans to install a storybook project at the park. More information will be forthcoming.

Committeeman Nocentino:

Municipal Alliance; No update. Solid Waste and Recycling: 21 additional recycle, 3 trash and 3 vegetative carts were provided to requesting residents during the past month. Numbers of bulk and metal pickups were provided.

Committeewoman DeLuca-Curran:

BDAC: The Committee is working on promotion of restaurants and businesses due to COVID. Social media is being used and additional local businesses will be included.

Dep. Mayor Matthias:

Educational Partners; (KRHS and SWSD); Thanks the Kingsway and SW Districts for working together on the Diversity Proclamation and commended both districts on the work they have done with equity and diversity. Kingsway Homecoming is upcoming. Recreation: Events include Yoga in the Park, Halloween Trivia via Zoom, and a pet contest for which the winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card to Sweetsboro.

Mayor Marino:

Administration: (Finance; Court; JLUB, TDR Task Force); Funding for the road repairs has passed. Hope to have the numbers come in under estimate. Municipal Court continues virtual court sessions with some in person trials. There have been a few pre-application meetings for warehouse projects. The Township met with state representatives of the Office of Public Advocacy in regards to the TDR Program. The representatives understood the township's frustrations with the TDR program. The Township provided requested documents and await hearing back from them. . Public Safety: Officers conducted speed study along Leone Road after receiving complaints and found speeds to be normal at an average of 25.87 mph.

There was no old business.

Deputy Mayor Matthias advised that in place of the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Township is looking into conducting fireworks on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

Ann Dorsett of 169 Russell Mill Road advised that Corrinne Butler-Sellen was unable to attend the meeting, but that she has not forgotten the TDR issues. Mrs. Dorsett asked if it is clear that \$7 million dollars spent to preserve farms actually resulted in the land being preserved. Mayor Marino replied that the state is aware those lands have been preserved. Mrs. Dorset then asked for clarification of \$35 million in township debt as written in political mailers.

Mayor Marino responded that he can assure that the mailer is misleading and that the \$35 million was taken from between the years 2002-2020. He added that all municipalities carry debt and the figures quoted were over an eighteen year period and include the cost of the new municipal building.

With no further discussion, the public portion closed upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeeman Nocentino and unanimously passed.

Committeeman Nocentino moved to approve resolution **R-2020-210 Resolution for Closed Session**. Committeewoman Curran seconded. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 6:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing consideration of Joint Municipal Court Judge. Committeeman Frederick also said that he wished to discuss the status of the Woolwich Adult litigation.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:16 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Nocentino, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed.

Committeeman Nocentino moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2020 and Closed Session and October 5, 2020. Committeewoman Curran seconded. All were in favor.

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

Committeeman Frederick questioned payment to Rode's for an Aged to Perfection event. The Deputy Mayor advised that since the senior group is partly funded by the Township and they were unable to hold events due to COVID, members were provided Rode's Gift Certificates.

**Roll Call: Curran: YES, Frederick: YES Abstain on Verizon), Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES**  
Motion carried

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella  
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim  
Audio recording on file