

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2020**

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

The November 16, 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 (teleconference) Frederick: PRESENT (teleconference) Nocentino: PRESENT (teleconference) Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

Also present was Administrator/Clerk DiBella. Solicitor Alice, Dep. Chief Morgan, CFO Pine and Engineer Greiman joined via teleconference.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Deputy Mayor Matthias read a Proclamation acknowledging Haley Blair for her participation in the National American Miss Pageant. Miss Blair and her mother were on teleconference and thanked the Committee.

Mayor Marino further congratulated Haley and promised a more formal presentation when the Committee is able to convene in public.

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to open the meeting to public comment for agenda items only. All were in favor.

Hearing no comment, the public portion closed upon a motion by Committeewoman Curran, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed.

Mayor Marino advised 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** would remain tabled from September 7.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2020-244 through and including R-2020-252. Committeeman Frederick asked that R-2020-247 be removed from the consent agenda.

R-2020-244 Resolution Certifying that all Members of the Governing Body have Reviewed the Annual Report of Audit for the Year 2019

R-2020-245 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the 2019 Municipal Audit

R-2020-246 Resolution Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers During the Last Two Months of the Fiscal Year for the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

R-2020-248 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Waive Interest-Block 2.35, Lot 37

R-2020-249 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts of Less than \$5.00

R-2020-250 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2020-251 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction

R-2020-252 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making an Elevation Within the Woolwich Township Police Department

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to adopt resolutions R-2020-244 through R-220-252, with the exception of R-2020-247.

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

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve resolution **R-2020-247 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing a Lease Agreement for Farming Purposes on Municipally Owned Lands Known as Block 28.01 Lot 1, Block 3, Lot 6 and Block 5, Lot 3 to Gary Stecher in the Total Amount of \$2,250 for the Year 2021.**

Committeeman Frederick inquired whether any of the leased lands adjoined Tranquility Trail, as that may interfere with 2021 plans for Frisbee golf. He was told that portions of the LaPalomente Park will be under lease, but there should be no interference.

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

Mayor Marino advised that several questions were received as to the adoption of resolution **R-2020-253 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Adopting a Policy Addressing the Protection and Safe Treatment of Minors** and the referenced policy and stated that it is reasonable to table the policy adoption and re-address at the close out meeting on Dec. 28th.

Committeeman Frederick moved to table resolution R-2020-253. Committeewoman Curran seconded. All were in favor.

The following reports were received for the month of November:

Tax Collector: \$8,571,795.34 remitted

Police: Monthly Report-Dep. Chief Morgan wished all a very Merry Christmas.

Township Engineer: Monthly Report-Mr. Greiman reported that the residents on Kirschling Drive consented to work being done on their properties towards remediation of the erosion issue. He added that design would be forthcoming. Mr. Greiman then advised that Ogden Road repairs are going well, and weather pending should be completed by New Year's Eve.

Mayor Marino asked the status of the High Hill Road pedestrian bridge. Mr. Greiman advised that a crew should be addressing it within the next few weeks.

Committeeman Frederick discussed the need for temporary repairs to some roadways. He also asked if work to the NJTP overpass is included in the Rainey Road project and was told that it is include.

Administrators Report: Monthly Report presented as self-explanatory. There were no questions.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

The following liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Frederick:
Municipal Services; (Blds./Grounds/Code/UCC/Zoning/Public Works); Provided number of monthly Permits and violations issued. Environmental Commission: A number of projects are being discussed for 2021

Committeeman Nocentino:
Municipal Alliance; No update. Solid Waste and Recycling:3 additional trash carts were leased and 4 recycling carts. Bulk and metal collection numbers remain the same. Mayor Marino asked the dates for tree pickup. Mrs. DiBella advised that the 2021 collection calendar has been uploaded to the website.

Committeewoman DeLuca-Curran:
BDAC: The Committee will reconvene in 2021.

Dep. Mayor Matthias:
Educational Partners; (KRHS and SWSD); SW District will have remote learning from January 4th to the 15th. Kingsway will begin in-person hybrid learning on January 11. The District conducted an educational equity forum titled "I Wish you Knew". Looking forward to future participation with these endeavors and to continue to expand the goal of education as to bias and discrimination. Recreation: Parks and Recreation held successful zoom trivia contests and home decorating contest. Winners are listed on P&R FaceBook page. 2021 events are being planned.

Mayor Marino:
Administration: (Finance; Court; JLUB, TDR Task Force); Audit is complete. Thanks to the CFO, Treasurer and Administrator for a great job. Public Safety; Meeting was held with South Harrison Township officials who are happy with police service over the past year. Courts: Welcome to new Judge Kelly Conroy and wish retiring Judge Golden well. Court schedule will be moved to the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. As of November, 1734 cases were heard.

Mayor Marino thanked the public works department for their work keeping streets open during the snow storm on December 16th.

Under old business, the Committee reviewed and discussed a revised concept for park expansion. Mr. Greiman detailed the revisions. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Marino stated that it gets the park system to where it needs to be.

Committeewoman Curran asked what additional mileage will be added to the pathways and was told that more will be known when site plan is received.

Deputy Mayor Matthias thanked Mr. Greiman for his work and asked if shifting an additional parking row would improve circulation. More information will be available upon receipt of a traffic study.

The Committee agreed to move forward on the concept as presented, hoping to make long overdue progress in 2021.

Also under old business, discussion ensued regarding insurance coverages for the proposed basketball league. Noting that additional coverage would total \$1,897.00. Committeeman Frederick noted that with approximately 430 participants would equal about \$5.00 per.

Deputy Mayor Matthias said she would highly recommend the additional coverage, but unfortunately, it would not be free for participants.

Committeewoman Curran expressed concern regarding time being blocked for use of the courts. Committeeman Frederick responded that there would be no play after 2 p.m. on Saturdays and no play on Sundays.

Committeeman Frederick moved to pay the additional premium to be recouped by a participant fee. There was no second. The motion died.

Deputy Mayor Matthias said that there are too many additional questions; tracking fees, who would receive the cost etc. and that if some of those questions could be answered, she would be more comfortable.

Mayor Marino suggested the matter be left for further discussion.

Under new business, Paul Brier, JLUB Engineer discussed his review of designating truck routes on roadways jointly owned by Woolwich and Logan Township, at the request of NJDOT.

Mr. Brier expressed concerns such as roadway width, turning radius, poor conditions, poor site line etc. It was the consensus of the Committee that the roads would not be optimal for use as truck routes.

Mr. Brier will prepare a letter in this regard to NJDOT.

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino, seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias and unanimously passed to open the meeting to the public.

Ann Dorsett, 169 Russell Mill Road said that she is pleased to see the care taken by the township as to roadway conditions.

Mrs. Dorsett then questioned local areas for COVID testing and was told that Inspira has entered into a lease with the Township to use the Woodstown Road Substation as a rapid test site. In addition, Deputy Mayor Matthias said that the Glen Echo county yard is also be used for testing by the county.

Mrs. Dorsett then stated that she would like to reawaken interest in trails for recreational purposes.

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

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias and unanimously passed to approve resolution **R-2020-254 Resolution for Closed Session.**

The Committee entered closed session at 7:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:
Litigation: Woolwich Adult Settlement
Negotiations: Proposed Terms of PILOT

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:39 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Nocentino, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Curran, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed to approve the following minutes:

November 16, 2020 and Closed Session

December 7, 2020 and Closed Session

All were in favor.

Mayor Marino requested a verbal acknowledgement that all have received the bill list.

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

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

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

Mayor Marino wished all a very Merry Christmas.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file