

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2021**

VIRTUAL MEETING. CALL IN INFORMATION 206-279-9591 ID# 212514

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

The January 19, 2021 regular 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: Callahan: PRESENT (via teleconference) Frederick: PRESENT (via teleconference)
Nocentino: PRESENT (via teleconference) Matthias: PRESENT (via teleconference) Marino: PRESENT

Deputy Clerk Ms. Mignonga was also present on the dais. Solicitor Alice and Administrator/Clerk Jane DiBella joined by teleconference.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

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

Hearing no public comment, motion was made by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Committeeman Nocentino and unanimously passed to close the public portion.

Committeeman Frederick moved to approve a consent agenda for resolutions **R-2021-33** through **R-2021-41**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias. All were in favor.

R-2021-33 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Municipal Certificate of Sale-Block 46, Lot 7.03

R-2021-34 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Municipal Certificate of Sale-Block 11, Lot 5

R-2021-35 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, Authorizing the Execution of a Commodity Resale Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the Borough of Swedesboro for the Purchase of Gasoline

R-2021-36 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Renewal of an Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and Retrievr, Inc. for the Collection of Certain Recyclable Materials

R-2021-37 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing an Agreement to Designate a Conditional Redeveloper and to Provide for Payment of Administrative Costs

R-2021-38 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Municipal Certificate of Sale-Block 40, Lot 19

R-2021-39 Resolution Authorizing the Lease of Three Vehicles Via a Nationally Recognized Co-Op with Sourcewell from Enterprise Fleet Management

R-2021-40 Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers During the First Three Months of the Succeeding Year

R-2021-41 Authorizing Refund of Permit Fees for Uniform Construction Code

Motion was then made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to adopt the following resolutions **R-2021-33** through **R-2021-41**.

Roll call: Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES motion carried

The following reports were received for the month of December.

Reports: Month of December
Tax Collector: \$606,914.13 remitted \$47,600,188.02 End of Year

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report- Chief Valichka reported 632 fire calls for 2020 year-end total. 3 calls were on fires in Swedesboro and 1 major fire was in Woolwich Township. In 2020, the Fire Company has taken in 11 new members, 4 are currently going through the academy right now. The Fire Company tried some fundraising and apply for grants to help give back in the community by upgrading much needed equipment and used some of the funds to adopt some local families in need for Christmas.

Police: Monthly Report- Deputy Police Chief Morgan reported only one incident in the past week and it was a smash and grab at the local liquor store.

Township Engineer: Monthly Report- Mr. Greiman reported the Ogden Road construction is complete and came in under budget. Oliphant's Mill Road is still waiting on the stakeholders to respond to NJDEP comments. Park update for this month; received all committees' comments and working on all the changes to reflect the comments. Rainey Road construction has been delayed to the spring for warmer weather. Lastly, a bid opening will be held on February 3rd for the grant money awarded for various roadway improvements.

Committeeman Frederick had a few general questions for the engineer. Is it possible to give a general timeline dates on the engineer reports? Mr. Greiman replied yes. Second question; the storm ordinance, is there anything that the committee can do immediately to become compliant to the State's mandates. Mr. Greiman said the short answer is no. The new requirements will take affect after final adoption roughly in March.

Mayor Marino asked if the committee needs to take action on the engineer's quote in the not to exceed amount of \$30,000 for 2021 general engineering services. Mr. Greiman deferred to Administrator/Clerk Ms. DiBella to answer the question. Ms. DiBella responded that a resolution can be placed on the next committee meeting to be memorialized as long as the committee is in agreement. The committee had a brief discussion and was in agreement for the resolution.

Mayor Marino complimented on the hard work that was put in for the completion of Ogden Road and how it was done under budget. He also complimented fixing slippery walking bridge with slip guards so the residents will not have any more issues while walking or running.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report presented as self-explanatory. Committeeman Callaghan questioned that the report seems to be the same as the last report given, were there any updates. Ms. DiBella replied that she is working from home in quarantine and could not access her files in the office.

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. Met with the team leads for sports schedules in the parks. Environmental Commission had a 30 minute meeting to review current projects.

Committeeman Nocentino: Administration: JLUB, TDR Task Force no updates; BDAC has not met this year. Will Pine, CFO gave finance update via teleconference; currently working on final budget information, once complete will submit to committee for review.

Committeeman Callahan: Solid Waste/Recycling: 13 recycling carts exchanged and 2 additional trash carts were leased. 111 metal collections. 303 bulk collections. Municipal Alliance; no updates.

Dep. Mayor Matthias: Educational Partners; (KRHS and SWSD); schools are back in hybrid mode. Recreation; No daddy/daughter dance this year, changing the event into a scavenger hunt with a prize of a craft at the end. Still planning stages for the March 27th Easter egg hunt. In May, Fun Day format is changing due to COVID. No rides this year. Trying a food truck festival with live music and ending the day with fireworks. Changing the name of Fun Day to Spring Fling so there is no confusion. Looking to add a beer or wine garden and asked the committee to be in favor of passing waiver to allow alcohol at the park for that event.

Mayor Marino asked Deputy Mayor to give an update on yesterday's MLK event. Deputy Mayor Matthias replied the event had a format change because of COVID and used the municipal parking lot to do a food distribution. 50 volunteers came out to assist with the drive-thru set up and serviced 125 families between the hours of 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mayor Marino: Courts; no update. Township Committee received a nice letter from a resident, thanking them on fixing the bridge and all the improvements that were done to Ogden Road.

Nothing under old business.

Under new business, Mayor had a conversation over the concession lease with the solicitor, seeing that 2020 was a non-year use of the concession stand services, would the committee be in favor to vote on extending the service contract for another year and then go out to bid the following year.

Deputy Mayor Matthias motioned to extend the concession lease another year by resolution to be memorialized at the next meeting, seconded by Committeeman Frederick.

Roll call: Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES motion carried

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

Hearing no public comment, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed to close the public portion.

Mayor Marino stated that the committee will no longer need to go into a close session.

Committeeman Fredrick question, when the time comes for adopting the fair share resolution will the committee un-table the old resolution or will a new resolution be done. Mayor Marino replied to un-table the old resolution.

Committeeman Fredrick motion to approve December 28, 2020 close out minutes and January 4, 2021 reorganization minutes, second by Deputy Mayor Matthias. All were in favor.

Mayor Marino asked for the record if all committee members read the bill list in full. All replied yes.

Deputy Mayor Matthias motion to approve all bills and P.O.'s for payment, second by Committeeman Frederick.

Roll call: Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES abstain to any Verizon bills, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES motion carried

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and second by Committeeman Nocentino to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Mignogna
Deputy Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file