

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 4, 2021**

The 2021 Reorganization meeting of the Woolwich Township Committee was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Administrator/Clerk Jane DiBella who wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Ms. DiBella acknowledged the presence of dignitaries East Greenwich Township Mayor Dale Archer, Assemblyman John Burzichelli and Assemblyman Adam Taliaferro.

Ms. DiBella made the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, was given by posting the Reorganization Meeting notice on the municipal bulletin board and township website, filing with the Clerk and delivery to the designated newspapers of Woolwich Township.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Mayor Archer administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman-Elect Dennis Callahan.

Assemblyman John Burzichelli administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman Elect Vernon Marino.

The Administrator/Clerk performed a roll call:

Callahan: PRESENT Frederick: PRESENT Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT
Nocentino: PRESENT (via teleconference)

Ms. DiBella requested nominations for 2021 Mayor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to nominate Vernon Marino.

There were no further nominations.

The Administrator/Clerk presented resolution **Resolution R-2021-01 Resolution Appointing a Mayor for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2021** naming Vernon Marino.

Committeeman Nocentino so moved. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

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

The Oath of Office was administered to the Mayor by NJ State Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli.

Mayor Marino called for nominations for 2021 Deputy Mayor.

Committeeman Nocentino nominated Natalie Matthias. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

There were no further nominations.

Mayor Marino presented resolution R-2021-02 Resolution Appointing a Deputy Mayor for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2021 naming Natalie Matthias.

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

The Oath of Office was administered to the Deputy Mayor by NJ State Assemblyman Adam Taliaferro.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2021-03 through and including R-2021-32. All were in favor.

- R-2021-03** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Municipal Solicitor John A. Alice, Esq.
- R-2021-04** Woolwich Township 2021 Temporary Budget NJSA 40A:4-19
- R-2021-05** Resolution Designating Dates for Regular Meetings of the Woolwich Township Committee for the Year 2021 and Directing the Township Clerk to Provide Notice
- R-2021-06** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Municipal Auditors Bowman and Company, Michael Welding, Designee
- R-2021-07** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Municipal Engineer Remington and Vernick, Timothy Staszewski, PE, CME, CPWM
- R-2021-08** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Prosecutor Holston, MacDonald, Uzdavinis, Ziegler & Myles, Marla Gaglione, Designee
- R-2021-09** Resolution Designating Joint Municipal Court Positions in the Township of Woolwich
- R-2021-10** Resolution Appointing Members to the Woolwich Township Joint Land Use Board
- R-2021-11** Resolution Extending a Professional Services Appointment-Public Defender-Lawrence Hubert
- R-2021-12** Resolution Making Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Committee
- R-2021-13** Resolution Authorizing Cash Management Plan Within the Township of Woolwich and Designating Depositories for Funds of the Township of Woolwich
- R-2021-14** Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making Appointments to Annual Positions

- R-2021-15** Resolution Designating Newspapers Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act
- R-2021-16** Resolution Authorizing Petty Cash Fund for Use by the Township Clerk, Construction Code Office and Police Department
- R-2021-17** Resolution Authorizing Change Fund for Use in the Office of the Clerk-Dog Licenses
- R-2021-18** Resolution Fixing Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes
- R-2021-19** Resolution Making Committee Liaison Appointments
- R-2021-20** Resolution Making Appointments to the S/W Joint Environmental Commission
- R-2021-21** Resolution Making a Professional Appointment-Conflict Engineers Pennoni & Associates
- R-2021-22** Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner to Represent the Township of Woolwich in the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund in the Year 2021
- R-2021-23** Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract-Labor Attorney Zeller & Wieliczko, Preferred. Barker, Gelfand, James & Sarvas, Conflict
- R-2021-24** Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract-Bond Counsel Parker McCay
- R-2021-25** Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Appointing the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2021
- R-2021-26** Resolution Making a Professional Appointment–Financial Advisor Phoenix Advisors, LLC
- R-2021-27** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Municipal Planner/COAH Planner Remington and Vernick, Annina Hogan, P.E., R.A., LEED AP Designee
- R-2021-28** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Special Counsel Redevelopment-Parker McCay
- R-2021-29** Resolution Appointing Risk Management Consultant for Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Hardenberg Insurance, Christopher Powell
- R-2021-30** Resolution Making Appointments to the Woolwich Township Business Development Advisory Committee
- R-2021-31** Resolution Authorizing Alternate Prosecutors
- R-2021-32** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Special Counsel/COAH Michael Jedziniak, of the firm Carluccio, Leone, Dimon, Doyle & Sacks

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to adopt resolutions R-2021-03 through and including R-2021-32.

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

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias and unanimously passed to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

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

Committeeman Callahan stated that he is honored to be a part of the Committee and is looking forward to working closely for the township he has raised his family in for the past twenty years. He thanked his family for their support and the support of his running mate Jon Fein, and also Tom Narolewski and Sam Maccarone throughout the campaign. He thanked Mayor Marino and the Administrator/Clerk for their support during transition. He added that he is looking forward forming new partnerships and relationships.

Committeeman Nocentino stated that 2020 has been a wild year and he is happy that it is behind us. He added that he is disappointed that he could not attend in person, but offered his congratulations to all. He further stated that he was pleased with how the community came together during the pandemic through outreach to those in need and support of local business. He promised that the Committee will continue to work together in 2021, and added that there are many things to look forward to.

Committeeman Frederick wished everyone a happy 2021 and congratulated Committeeman Callahan, Mayor Marino and Deputy Mayor Matthias. He stated that the Committee will continue to work together bring different views and working to make the best decisions for the benefit of all residents. He thanked his family for their support and thanked the Woolwich employees, volunteers, professionals and first responders for working through a difficult year. He added that although 2020 was difficult, much work was done and many projects are planned for 2021. He added that he is ready to go and looking forward to many things coming to fruition.

Deputy Mayor Matthias thanked Assemblymen Burzichelli and Taliaferro for being there, and thanked her fellow committee members, employees, fire company and police for their hard work. She thanked her family for their support. She noted that 2020 was an unprecedented year, and many went above and beyond to address challenges faced in 2020. She noted many stories of loss, and wants residents and business owners to know that the Committee is listening and that the township will continue support with caring and resiliency. The Deputy Mayor closed with a quote from Robert Frost and added that the township listened and heard, adapted and pivoted and hopes to be moving beyond to a better 2021.

Mayor Marino said that it has been an honor to serve as Mayor over the past two years. He said that he is proud of the efforts made by the Township Committee and thanked them for again choosing him as Mayor. He thanked the employees for their dedication and commitment and thanked the residents for their trust, support and confidence in the team. He thanked his family and especially his wife for their support.

Mayor Marino stated that he intends to capitalize on new opportunities for the township. He noted that there is a new path forward for the expansion of the park system, ensuring that it is conducted with fiscal responsibility and fairness to all sports organizations.

He added that the Kings Landing redevelopment area is moving forward, and the intersection improvements at Kings Hwy. and Rt. 322 are in place and in spring, the installation of water and sewer will transform the area. He noted that three big projects are coming that will provide needed ratables, and that one project will result in much needed improvements to the Rt. 322/Locke Avenue intersection. He noted the coming opening of the Inspira Urgent Care center

and assisted living facility that will provide ratables and employment, and said that the Committee will make every effort to attract ratables.

The Mayor thanked the residents for their confidence and promised to serve with integrity to make Woolwich Township an attractive place to live, work and call home.

He also welcomed Committeeman Callahan to Committee.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file