

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 5, 2021**

Mayor Marino called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following statement:

The April 5, 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 Frederick: PRESENT Nocentino: PRESENT
Matthias; PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

Also present on the dais were Solicitor Alice and Administrator/Clerk DiBella.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

The Committee heard from Eagle Scout candidate Benjamin Miller as to his Eagle Scout Project at Tranquility Trail.

Mr. Miller described his project to construct a boardwalk entrance to the trail consisting of a concrete, deck lock and wooden system. Construction is anticipated to begin in June or July, concluding in August.

The Committee discussed other aspects of Mr. Miller's project, and were in agreement with the proposal. They thanked Mr. Miller for his excellent presentation.

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

Hearing none, motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to close the public portion. All were in favor.

Mayor Marino read the following Ordinances by title only upon second reading:

2021-02 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County Of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Designating the Gloucester County Improvement Authority Tie-In to the "Mantua Main" as a Redevelopment Project Associated with the Woolwich Township Sewer Redevelopment Project and Naming the Gloucester County Improvement Authority as the Redevelopment Entity for the "Mantua Main" Project on the Behalf of the Township of Woolwich

Motion to open the public hearing: Matthias Second: Frederick All in favor

No public comment

Motion to close the public hearing: Matthias Second: Frederick All in favor

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-02: Matthias Second: Frederick

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

2021-03 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

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

No public comment

Motion to close the public hearing: Matthias Second: Nocentino All in favor

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-02: Nocentino Second: Matthias

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

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

2021-04 An Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Municipal Property-Nike Missile Base Site-Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan

Motion to introduce: Frederick Second: Callahan All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2021-79 through and including R-2021-89. All were in favor.

R-2021-79 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Endorsement of "Statement of Consent" Form-WH Development LLC

R-2021-80 Resolution Authorizing Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022-Form 1B

R-2021-81 Resolution for Public Fireworks Display

R-2021-82 Resolution Authorizing the Proposal of Celebration Fireworks to Provide Fireworks Display in the Amount of \$5,200.00 and Authorizing the Execution of Said Contract

R-2021-83 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing an Extended Negotiating Period for the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Township of Woolwich and Arbok Partners/Paulsboro RD AP, LLC

R-2021-84 State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Enabling Resolution

R-2021-85 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Change Order #1 on the Contract Between NJB Contractors and the Township of Woolwich for The Enclave at Stone Meeting Project in the Amount of (\$58,005.05)

R-2021-86 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer/Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2021-87 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Elevating Lindsay Deputy to the Position of 6th Class Police Officer within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2021-88 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing an Extended Period of Time to Complete Responsibilities Set Forth in the Redevelopment Agreement and Financial Agreement by and Between Somerset Woolwich Urban Renewal, LLC and the Township of Woolwich

R-2021-89 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making an Appointment to Board/Committee Membership

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to adopt resolutions R-2021-79 through and including R-2021-89.

Deputy Mayor Matthias questioned R-2021-84, asking if Green Acres will require matching funds. She was told that no matching funds are required for this low interest loan.

Committeeman Callahan questioned R-2021-79 as to whether or not the Township will require sewer connection fees.

Mayor Marino replied that connection fees would be required through a pass through to Aqua New Jersey and back to the Township.

The Mayor also noted that a connection fee will be required for all housing and commercial units with the exception of affordable housing.

Roll call for R-2021-79 through R-2021-89:

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

On the behalf of the Township Committee, Deputy Mayor Matthias presented a Proclamation to Haley Blair as to her participation and awards in the American National Miss Pageant.

Under old business, the Committee reviewed and discussed a proposal from Remington and Vernick in the amount of \$6,280.00 for environmental services at the Palladino property, as well the quote of Ambient NTE \$9,000 for capping remaining naturally occurring arsenic hot spots.

Mayor Marino advised that this expenditure would allow the Township to receive reimbursement of remediation costs from Green Acres in excess of \$300,000.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to authorize both quotes. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

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

Brief follow up discussion was held as to the recently enacted cannabis legislation. Mayor Marino asked the Committee to familiarize themselves with the legislation as a decision must be reached by the Township as to whether or not sales and/or grow facilities will be allowed.

Solicitor Alice asked to hold discussion on the outdoor storage of vehicles and the Sexual Molestation Policy until the next meeting as he did not have the time to properly review.

Committeeman Frederick noted his concern that the Committee approved the policy and is concerned that aspects of the policy are not being followed.

Solicitor Alice stated that the deadline for policy enactment has been pushed to November.

Under new business, the Township heard a presentation from Allen Harris as to planning a disc golf course at Tranquility Trail.

Mr. Harris acknowledged the benefits and popularity of disc golf, noting that new courses are needed in this area and will bring players to the area.

Further discussion was held with Mr. Harris as to location of the course, utilization of volunteers, the need for public works to do minimal maintenance for trails and sponsorships.

Mr. Harris estimated that installation would be approximately two months.

The Committee further discussed the cost of \$39,000. Mayor Marino asked that a breakdown of those costs be provided and brought back to the Committee for consideration at the 4-15 meeting.

Also under new business, the Administrator/Clerk advised that the Land Use Laws regarding the posting of development bonds were amended to make them less restrictive for developers. She noted that the Township Code is therefore outdated and suggested that the Committee amend its Ordinance to comply with the current regs.

Mayor Marino also advised that the Committee will need to amend its open air Ordinance to add restrictions regarding cannabis on township property.

An emergency declaration for remediation drainage work at Kirschling Drive was read into the record.

Also under new business, Committeeman Frederick suggested that the committee consider looking for a firm to review all ordinances and bring current. Discussion ensued regarding potential costs. The Administrator/Clerk will research.

Committeeman Nocentino advised of a petition to create a four way stop intersection at Acacia an Balsam, which is not functioning from a safety standpoint and suggested discussing with the engineer to see if the request is appropriate.

Mayor Marino advised that he discussed the intersection with the Police Chief who is in favor of a four way stop. The Mayor further advised that DOT regulations have been relaxed on municipal roads, allowing local jurisdiction. He suggested that the engineer be asked to review and report back at the next meeting.

Committeeman Callahan advised of potential plans to expand the NJ Turnpike south of exit 4 and the potential impact to Woolwich neighborhoods. He stated that the time is now to begin thinking about that.

Mayor Marino replied that the turnpike owns the ROW and there is not much oversight the Township would have, but suggested that county and state partners be included in those discussions when they occur.

Committeeman Nocentino moved to open the floor to public comment. Committeeman Callahan seconded. All were in favor.

Hearing no comment, Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to close the public portion. Committeeman Nocentino seconded. All were in favor.

There was no need for closed session.

Committeeman Nocentino moved to approve the bills and purchase orders presented by the finance office. Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file