

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MAY 3, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marino at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Marino made the following statement:

The May 3, 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 Fredrick: PRESENT Nocentino: PRESENT
Matthias: PRESENT (via teleconference) Marino: PRESENT

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

Present in the audience were Engineer Staszewski and CFO Pine.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Mayor Marino present commendations for lifesaving measures to Cpl. Spithaler and Ptlm. Michal Kemp for their use of CPR and administration of AED which resulted in a life being saved.

Commendations were also provided to Woolwich volunteer firemen who assisted in a fire in Logan Township with entrapment:

Chief David Valichka, Deputy Chief Brian Slusar, Assistant Chief Ed Barber III, Captain Steve Tuttle, Lieutenant Brandon Lehman, Fire Fighter Nick Thompson, Fire Fighter Chad Antolini, Fire Fighter Chris Kuzmich, Fire Fighter Mark Lemke, Woolwich Fire Fighter and (GCEMS).

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

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

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

2021-05 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Repealing Chapter 149-5(1) of the Code of the Township of Woolwich and Replacing with the Following

Motion to open the public hearing: Nocentino Second: Callahan All were in favor
No comment

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

Motion to adopt: Nocentino Second: Frederick

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

2021-06 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending the Woolwich Township Code to Create a Four-Way Stop Control Along Balsam Road

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

No comment

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

Motion to adopt: Nocentino Second: Frederick

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

Committeeman Frederick questioned the means for public awareness as to the change in traffic pattern. Chief Jaramillo replied that extra surveillance and public notification via social media will be employed.

Mayor Marino thanked Committeeman Nocentino for bringing the intersection concerns before the Committee.

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2021-102 through R-2021-109. Committeeman Frederick asked that R-2021-105 be removed from the consent agenda. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Callahan and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to adopt resolutions R-2021-102 through R-2021-109 with the exception of R-2021-105.

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

R-2021-102 Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

R-2021-103 Resolution Authorizing Quote of DiscGolfPark in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$39,000

R-2021-104 Resolution Authorizing Change Order/Rainey Road

R-2021-106 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction

R-2021-107 Resolution Authorizing Street Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas-118 Gentry Drive

R-2021-108 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Community Garden Plot Lease Fee

R-2021-109 Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, 2021 Emergency Temporary Budget NJSA 40A:4-20

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve resolution **R-2021-105 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Adopting a 2nd Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and Precision Land Development, LLC.**

Committeeman Frederick expressed concerns regarding of previous discussion having to do with sewer installation costs and exclusions, and whether the cost estimate could potentially be increased.

Committeeman Frederick was informed that any additional cost would have to be approved via change order. Mayor Marino stated that he is in process of setting up a meeting between the engineer and contractor to discuss.

Committeeman Callahan said that it would be reassuring to see concrete numbers to which the Mayor responded that the “Not to Exceed” amount authorized is in the Township’s favor.

Committeeman Frederick asked that cost detail be provided at the next meeting.

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

Committeeman Callahan moved to approve resolution R-2021-111 **2021 Municipal Budget Introduction Resolution**. Committeeman Nocentino seconded.

CFO Pine provided a recap of the 2021 municipal budget.

Committeeman Frederick requested budget time-line and was told that it can be considered for adoption 28 days from introduction and that the budget public hearing will be held at the first meeting in June.

Committeeman Callahan asked for budget highlights.

The CFO said that increases are due to pension costs and the 2020 storm related emergency, and that there are decreases elsewhere. He added that not using the full cap bank will assist if a 2021 emergency is experienced.

Mr. Pine further advised that the budget represents a \$41 increase for the average assessed home.

He added that the excellent collection rate and savings on Bond Anticipation Notes resulted in the first year since 2005 that more fund balance will be replenished than used.

Mayor Marino added that up until 2019, the Township did not have to pay for recycling and that those costs are covered in the savings represented by the shared service agreement with Logan Township for collection.

Committeeman Frederick questioned the impact of the 2020 emergency and was told that money used last year has to be raised in this year’s budget.

Committeeman Callahan questioned a decrease in police s/w. Mr. Pine replied that it is due to savings realized in the shared service agreement with South Harrison.

Roll Call on R-2021-111

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

Under old business, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to remove resolution **R-2021-100 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Execution of Settlement Agreements With the Wolfson Group, Fair Share Housing Center, and Fair Share Housing Development, Inc.** from the table. All were in favor

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to adopt resolution R-2021-100.

Committeeman Callahan thanked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for bringing the matter to a close. Stating that coming in new to the Committee, he learned a lot about the history of the lawsuit and is glad it is being put to rest. He added that it is easy to vote yes to settle the litigation and move forward with Shop Rite, but that the rest of the plan leaves him uninspired.

Committeeman Frederick thank the Mayor, Dep. Mayor, township professionals and legal tem for the many hours to put this to rest. He then said that at face value, the settlement details do not seem favorable to the town, but that he is looking forward to the development stage.

Committeeman Nocentino expressed thanks for all of the hard work, and stated that he would not be in support of the settlement if he had not witnessed the pain. He added that he hopes to never be in that type of situation again.

Deputy Mayor Matthias thanked the Mayor and township representatives and that she looks forward to the development phase.

Mayor Marino expressed gratitude for the kind words, but noted that it was a team effort. He said he was pleasantly surprised that cooler heads prevailed. He also thanked the developer for pushing through and thanked all those involved in bring it to a close.

Roll Call on R-2021-100

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

Mayor Marino requested a recess to allow for the collection of signatures on the settlement documents.

The meeting recessed at 6:42 p.m. and resumed at 7:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve resolution **R-2021-110 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contractual matters/Tavistock Affordable Housing and Porches Mill Dam.

The regular meeting resumed at 7: 54 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeeman Callahan. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Committeeman Callahan and unanimously passed to open the meeting to public comment.

Hearing none, the public comment portion closed upon a motion by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Committeeman Nocentino and unanimously passed.

Committeeman Frederick moved to approve the bills and purchase orders. Committeeman Callahan seconded.

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

Having no further discussion, the meeting adjourned upon a motion by Committeeman Nocentino and seconded by Committeeman Frederick. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file