

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MAY 17, 2021**

Mayor Marino called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following statement:

The May 17, 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 (via conference)
Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

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

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to open the meeting to public comment on agenda items only. Committeeman Callahan seconded. All were in favor.

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

Mayor Marino read the following Ordinances by title only upon first reading.

2021-07 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey Deleting Article II of Chapter 157 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich Entitled "Stormwater Control" and Replacing with the Following

Motion: Matthias Second: Callahan All were in favor

2021-08 An Ordinance Making Salary Ranges for Certain Officials and Employees of the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester for the Year 2021

Motion: Matthias Second: Frederick All were in favor

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2021-112 through and including R-2021-116. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to adopt resolutions R-2021-112 through and including R-2021-116.

R-2021-112 Resolution Appointing Safety Coordinator

R-2021-113 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Elevating Officers Brian Collins and Bay Kasten to the Position of 6th Class Officers within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2021-114 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Elevating Officer Andre Ouellette to the Position of 1st Class Officer within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2021-115 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Consenting to a Temporary Water Utility Service Agreement Between Aqua, New Jersey, Inc., and American Water Company, Inc. and Liberty Commodore I Urban Renewal, Inc.

R-2021-116 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Certificate of Sale

Roll Call: Callahan: YES, Frederick; YES, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES

The following reports were submitted for the month of April:

Tax Collector: \$7,839,052.20 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report

Chief Valichka noted that a drill conducted at Kingsway High School went well. He further noted that the department is compliant with PEOSHA. Mayor Marino inquired as to communication with Aqua NJ as to issues with fire hydrants. The Chief advised that he did not hear back from Aqua. Mayor Marino said he will follow up.

Police: Monthly Report

Deputy Chief Morgan advised that the department is going well.

Township Engineer: Monthly Report/Palladino Property-Estimated cost and timeline

Melanie Adamson, on the behalf of Timothy Staszewski reported on projects including the installation of guiderails on Raney Road and that Swedesboro Avenue project is slated to begin on 5-18.

Committeeman Frederick questioned a possible gap in emergency repair costs and asked that costs be reconciled with the CFO.

Committeeman Frederick also suggested that he would like to meet with the engineer to discuss park improvement project time line.

He also inquired as to the work to be done on Oliphants Mill Road, asking if road work is required or just bridge replacement. He was informed that the project will require installation of sheet steel representing a significant cost. The Committee will further discuss the project with Mr. Staszewski at the next meeting.

Precision Land: Monthly Sewer Project Update

Andrew Shaw of Precision advised of delays on the jack and bore under Conrail on Rt. 322 due to hitting groundwater. He estimated the delay at one week maximum.

Committeeman Frederick questioned the status of cost estimate report and Mayor Marino advised that subject will be included in closed session discussion.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report

Ms. DiBella presented her report as self-explanatory. Committeeman Frederick questioned the status of follow-up tasks required by the settlement agreements with the Wolfson Group and Fair Share Housing Center. Mrs. DiBella advised that the process of gathering documents has begun.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

The following Committee liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Frederick:

Municipal Services; (Blds./Grounds/Code/UCC/Zoning/Public Works); 54 permits were issued along with 6 violations. 25 tons of infield mix were used at the park. Eagle Scout bridge project at Tranquility Trail will commence in June. Two tons of asphalt were used on roadways and some stop signs were replaced. Environmental Commission: Noted a news article regarding the Guinea Hen release at Tranquility Trail and also noted that 9 plots are still available for lease at the Community Garden.

Committeeman Nocentino:

Administration: (Finance; JLUB, TDR Task Force); Noted the Township has received an excellent bond rating which will allow a significant savings at upcoming bond sale. No report from JLUB. TDR Task Force: Awaiting further guidance from SADC. BDAC: In the Village will be featured in an upcoming video as "Business of the Month".

Committeeman Callahan:

Solid Waste/Recycling; 8 recycling cans exchanged, 4 leases for solid waste and 6 for vegetative were issued. 160 metal pickups and 384 bulk pickups in the month of April. Tonnage Grant was submitted on April 29th. Municipal Alliance: No update.

Dep. Mayor Matthias:

Educational Partners; (KRHS and SWSD); Kingsway and S/W school budgets are uploaded to websites. Kingsway received \$3.3 in additional state aid and are utilizing for 19 new FT positions and renewing various programs. S/W budget went down, having received \$1 million in additional aid. Welcome to new S/W Superintendent Dr. Walter Kapler. Recreation: Spring Fling on 5-22 will host food truck, over 60 vendors, 2 bands and fireworks.

Mayor Marino:

Public Safety; (Police, Fire, Courts) Emergency service reports were provided earlier in the meeting. Municipal Court remains virtual.

Discussion on cannabis regulations was tabled upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeeman Callahan and unanimously passed.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve resolution **R-2021-117 Resolution for Closed Session**. Committeeman Callahan seconded. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 6:21 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

Contractual Matters: Tavistock Affordable, Sewer Cost Review, Weatherby Apartments, Warehouse PILOTS and Personnel-Police

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Committeeman Callahan and unanimously passed.

Under new business, motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Deputy Mayor

Matthias to authorize the advertising for hiring in the Department of Public Works.

Roll Call: Callahan: YES, Frederick; YES, Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES

The Administrator advised of the 2022 Municipal Aid funding round and discussion ensued in regards to the township's road priority list.

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

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

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed, the following minutes were approved:

April 19, 2021 and Closed Session

April 26, 2021 Special and Closed Session

May 3, 2021 and Closed Session

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to approve the bills presented for payment:

Roll Call: Callahan: YES, Frederick; YES (abstain from Verizon and P.O. #21-00571), Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES

With no further business, motion was made by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file