

**MINUTES  
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
JUNE 21, 2021**

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

The June 21, 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: ABSENT Nocentino: PRESENT  
Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

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

Those present saluted the American Flag.

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

Resident of 143 Cambridge shared his thoughts with the Committee regarding the potential of allowing cannabis grow facilities in the Township. Citing his experience living in a mushroom production area, he said that smell, mold and spores can cause a variety of health issues, along with reduced property values. Mayor Marino replied that if the Township does allow cannabis grow facilities, only sites remote from residential development would be considered.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Callahan to close the public portion.

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

**2021-09 Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey Authorizing and Approving a Financial Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and Liberty Commodore I Urban Renewal, LLC for Property Known as Block 11, Lots 20 and 21, Pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq.)**

Motion to open public hearing: Matthias Second: Nocentino All in favor

No public comment

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

Motion to adopt: Matthias Second: Callahan

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

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

**2021-10 Uniform Fire Code Ordinance, Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester**

Motion to introduce: Matthias Second: Callahan All in favor Motion carried

**2021-11 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Adopting an Amendment to the 2019 Amendment to the Kings Landing redevelopment Plan Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A et seq.**

Motion to introduce: Matthias Second: Callahan All in favor Motion carried

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2021-127 through and including R-2021-134. Committeeman Callahan seconded. All were in favor.

**R-2021-127 Resolution Authorizing renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License #0824-33-003-002 to Center Square Tavern, LLC**

**R-2021-128 Resolution for Public Fireworks Display**

**R-2021-129 Resolution Making an Appointment to the Position of Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Within the Township of Woolwich**

**R-2021-130 Resolution Authorizing Hiring within the Department of Public Works**

**R-2021-131 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Adopting Changes to its Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual**

**R-2021-132 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and County of Gloucester Regarding Family Entertainment**

**R-2021-133 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Vendor Fees for Spring Fling Non-Food Vendor**

**R-2021-134 Resolution Authorizing Placement of Municipal Liens-Property Maintenance**

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to adopt resolutions R-2021-127 through and including R-2021-134.

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

The following reports were provided for the month of May:

Tax Collector: \$2,858,773.17 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report

Police: Monthly Report

Deputy Chief Morgan advised of recent car burglaries. Mayor Marino asked him to provide any specific areas where this is taking place for advisement via social media.

Township Engineer: Monthly Report

The engineer was not present. There were no questions on his report. Deputy Mayor Matthias said she would like an update on the park expansion project at the next meeting.

Precision Land: Monthly Sewer Project Update

Andrew Shawl noted that work continues on Locke Avenue and that the gravity line under Conrail has been completed. Precision is coordinating installation with Aqua NJ and developers. He further noted that they are dealing with equipment challenges on pipes and structures. Mayor Marino asked if

Precision thinks they will complete the portion around Kingsway High School during summer break. Mr. Shaw responded that they should, provided materials are obtained.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report  
Presented as self-explanatory. There were no questions.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

The following committee liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Frederick: (provided by Committeeman Callahan in his absence)  
Municipal Services; (Blds./Grounds/Code/UCC/Zoning/Public Works); 50 permits issued month of May, 7 for new construction. 17 violation notices were issued. Park maintenance is ongoing. Environmental Commission: No report.

Committeeman Nocentino:  
Administration: (Finance; JLUB, TDR Task Force); No report updates. BDAC: Releasing new spotlight business.

Committeeman Callahan:  
Solid Waste/Recycling; Provided T&R cart activities. There were 132 metal collections and 303 bulk collections in May. Municipal Alliance: No report

Dep. Mayor Matthias:  
Educational Partners; (KRHS and SWSD); Congratulations to all graduates. Fall school schedules are pending. Recreation: Thank you to all who made Spring Fling a success. Story Walk has been installed at Locke Ave. Park. Movie night at the park is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Marino:  
Public Safety; (Police, Fire, Courts) Will discuss police personnel matters in closed session.

Under old business, Solicitor Alice noted that he has conducted further research on the cannabis legislation and advised that he would like to provide contract options in closed session.

Motion was made by Committeeman Nocentino and seconded by Committeeman Callahan to approve resolution **R-2021-135 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 6:19 p.m. for the purpose of discussing police personnel and contractual matters regarding cannabis.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Nocentino, seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias and unanimously passed.

Under new business, Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to authorize the police department to begin the hiring process and have the administrator consult with the CFO to determine the funds available with the retirement of a corporal salary. Committeeman Nocentino seconded.

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

It was further noted that a draft ordinance regarding cannabis regulations will be presented at the meeting of July 19<sup>th</sup>, with introduction on the first meeting of August and adoption at the second meeting in August in order to be in compliance with the state.

Deputy Mayor Matthias asked that any ideas for videos be confirmed.

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

Hearing no comment, the public portion closed upon a motion by Committeeman Nocentino and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve the minutes of May 17, 2021 and Closed Session and of June 7, 2021. Committeeman Nocentino seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve the bills and purchase orders.

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

With no further business, Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to adjourn the meeting. Committeeman Callahan seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella  
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim  
Audio recording on file