

**MINUTES  
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
JULY 19, 2021**

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

The July 19, 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 (via teleconference), Committeeman Frederick: PRESENT, Committeeman Nocentino: PRESENT (via teleconference), Deputy Mayor Matthias: PRESENT, Mayor Marino: PRESENT

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

Present in the audience were CFO Pine, Chief Jaramillo, Deputy Chief Morgan, Engineer Staszewski and Deputy Fire Chief Slusar.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Mayor Marino presented a Proclamation Supporting the Woolwich Township Police Department to the Chief and his department.

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

Jordan Schlump, 10 Wilshire Blvd. questioned Ordinance 2021-14 asking if payments through the bond will be taxpayer funds.

Mayor Marino responded that they will not be from taxpayer funds.

Mr. Schlump asked the gallonage of sewer through the force mains and the Mayor replied that figure is unknown, and depends on what is built.

Mr. Schlump asked if there is one force main for the Township and the Mayor replied that it will be shared with Swedesboro and the GCIA. Mr. Schlump then asked who is paying for the force main and was told that cost will be shared.

Hearing no further comments, the public portion closed upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed.

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

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

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

There were no comments

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

Motion to adopt 2021-10: Frederick      Second: Matthias

**Roll Call: Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES, Nocentino: YESA, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES      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 open the public hearing: Matthias Second: Frederick All in favor

There were no comments

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

Motion to adopt 2021-10: Matthias Second: Frederick

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

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

**2021-12 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 135-1 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich**

Motion to introduce: Matthias Second: Nocentino

Deputy Mayor Matthias then questioned whether the township can prohibit possession of cannabis in the Township's park system, as written in the Ordinance. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Marino sought the opinion of the Police Chief. The Chief suggested that the township currently bans possession of alcohol at the park, and prohibiting possession of cannabis would be no different.

It was suggested that the Ordinance be tabled to allow the Chief and Solicitor to discuss and review the legality of banning possession of cannabis.

Deputy Mayor Matthias then rescinded her motion. Committeeman Nocentino rescinded his second.

Deputy Mayor Matthias then moved to table Ordinance 2021-12. Committeeman Nocentino seconded. All were in favor.

**2021-13 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Pieces of Equipment and Completion of Various Capital Improvements in and for the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$775,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$736,250; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing**

Motion to introduce: Matthias Second: Frederick

Committeeman Frederick asked if funding consideration was given for a fire house roof cost share and for additional road work. CFO Pine said that those considerations were made. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**2021-14 Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Sewer Infrastructure Improvements as Part of the Kings Landing Redevelopment Plan and for the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$11,725,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$10,368,496; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing**

Motion to introduce: Matthias Second: Frederick All in favor

Committeeman Frederick requested and received confirmation that sewer pipe material cost increase was considered in the total.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved for a consent agenda for resolutions R-2021-136 through and including R-2021-139. Committeeman Frederick seconded, asking that R-2021-139 be removed from the consent agenda. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to adopt Resolutions R-2021-136 through and including R-2021-138.

**R-2021-136 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Submission of an NJOOT Municipal Aid Grant Application MA-2022-Improvements to Viereck Road**

**R-2021-137 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Submission of an NJDOT Bikeway Grant Application Bike-2022-High Hill Road Shared Use Path-00050**

**R-2021-138 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Permit Fees for Uniform Construction Code**

Committeeman Frederick asked why the township is not considering road work other than Viereck (R-2021-136). Mayor Marino said that Viereck Road has been bumped the past few years. The Township Engineer added that it is rare for NJDOT to award more than one municipal project application.

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

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to adopt resolution **R-2021-139 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Extend the Due Date for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Taxes 2021.**

Committeeman Frederick suggested that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Q grace period be extended to 8-13 as opposed to 8-12.

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

The following reports were provided for the month of June.

Tax Collector: \$419,658.90 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report

Deputy Chief Slusar noted that the department has experiences a very busy month, with 35 calls for service in a one-week period. The Committee thanked the department for excellent service.

Police: Monthly Report

Noted that call volume is up. Committeeman Frederick asked that the monthly report be further broken out to service areas. Deputy Chief Morgan said that will be done next month.

Township Engineer: Monthly Report

Mr. Stasewski advised that remediation on the Palladino property was completed on June 27. He advised Committeeman Frederick that Remington and Vernick will submit the report to NJDEP. The Committee advised that a letter from the solicitor should accompany the submittal.

Mayor Marino inquired whether the ADA entrances to High Hill Park were inspected. The engineer replied that the County Engineer is correct that the surface coating of the ADA entrances are incorrect. It was noted that the project was overseen by a prior engineering firm.

Discussion ensued regarding Locke Avenue Park expansion with some options presented to allow the Township to proceed while waiting for NJDEP to work out the deed restriction area.

Mayor Marino noted that trying to work through the DEP has taken since 2018, and the Township needs to proceed with field space.

Committeeman Frederick opined that his thoughts are to move forward with the multi-use fields continuing to use unimproved football space while further submitting to DEP.

Deputy Mayor Matthias asked what the first section will be to which the engineer replied that the upland area would provide the most benefit.

The Committee questioned storm water and the engineer replied that temporary basins could be constructed.

Committeeman Nocentino said that he is in favor of moving forward where we can.

Committeeman Frederick suggested that the engineer come back to the Committee with numbers showing how it will look cost wise.

Mr. Stasewski thanked his colleagues for their help on the expansion project.

Monthly Sewer Project Update:

Andrew Shaw of Precision advised that obtaining materials timely has been an issue, but progress continues. Pump station work on Locke Avenue is set to begin which will require Locke Avenue closure. Materials for the work around Kingsway High School should be delivered the first week of August with that work scheduled for completion prior to the start of the school year. Committeeman Frederick asked that project mapping include more defined differentials.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report

Report submitted as self-explanatory. Noted that Shop Rite "Coming Soon" signage should be installed soon, with groundbreaking towards the end of October.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

The following Committee Liaison Reports were provided:

Committeeman Frederick:

Municipal Services; (Blds./Grounds/Code/UCC/Zoning/Public Works); 43 code violations issued month of

June. 3,000 sf of sod installed at the park. Environmental Commission: Contract has been signed for Disc Golf. Contract ready to commence. EC held a virtual meeting. Ordering a tiller for the Community Garden.

Committeeman Nocentino:

Administration: (Finance; JLUB, TDR Task Force); JLUB has had light agendas. BDAC: Communication has begun with the next Business Spotlight.

Committeeman Callahan:

Solid Waste/Recycling; Month of June-14 recycle carts were exchanged, 3 leased carts, 139 metal collections and 306 bulk pickups were conducted. Municipal Alliance; No report

Dep. Mayor Matthias:

Educational Partners; (KRHS and SWSD); Advised of new start times in the Kingsway District as well as S/W/ Recreation: Story Walk ribbon cutting is scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>. Ideas are needed for video's,

Mayor Marino:

Public Safety; (Police, Fire, Courts): Courts are beginning to issue Failure to Appear notices. Cases are picking back up.

There was no old business.

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

Tom Schoener, 120 Asbury Station Road, inquired as to the potential traffic impact on Asbury Station Road with Rt. 322 planning.

Mayor Marino replied that planned construction on Pancoast Road will exit out to Rt. 322. The Mayor further detailed plans for commercial and residential development along Kings Hwy.

With no further comment, the public portion closed upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to approve Resolution **R-2021-140 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 7:09 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contractual Matters Cyzner PILOT Proposal and Cannabis Regulations and Personnel-Police Matter.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:56 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias and unanimously passed.

The Committee took the following action under new business:

Motion to give the authority to the Police Chief to hire three officers as discussed in closed session: Frederick. Second: Matthias. All in favor.

The Committee also noted that the Ashton Jones, Planner is authorized to provide a draft cannabis regulatory ordinance for review prior to the next meeting.

Mayor Marino also advised that Cyzner properties are instructed to provide a financial agreement cost analysis for professional review and discussion at the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve the minutes of June 21, 2021 and Closed Session. Committeeman Callahan seconded. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve the bill list and purchase orders. Committeeman Frederick seconded. Brief discussion ensued regarding payment for lost return of Amazon purchase.

**Roll Call: Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES (Abstain from Verizon); Nocentino: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella  
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim  
Audio recording on file