

**MINUTES  
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 2, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Mayor Vernon Marino with the following statement:

The August 2, 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: ABSENT  
Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

Also present on the dais was Administrator/Clerk DiBella.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

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

Chris Wilson, owning property on Russell Mill Road, wished to follow up with the Committee regarding his application for a micro permit for cannabis.

Mayor Marino advised that the Committee is set to introduce an Ordinance that evening. He added that if approved, the establishment would not emit an odor due to small size and filtering process.

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

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to remove Ordinance **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** from the table. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to introduce Ordinance 2021-12. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to remove Ordinance 2021-13 and 2021-14 from the agenda.

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

**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**

**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**

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to introduce Ordinance **2021-15 Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Adopting an Amendment to the Kings Landing at Woolwich Redevelopment Plan for the Entirety of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey to Permit Cannabis Establishments, Distributors and Delivery Service** upon first reading. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the school zone of either 1000 or 500 feet from which cannabis business could be located.

Upon the conclusion of such discussion, the Committee decided to amend the Ordinance to 1,000 ft. around school zones and 500 ft. elsewhere.

Committeeman Frederick asked that the planner prepare a map showing the restricted distances.

All were in favor of the Ordinance introduction amended as discussed.

Committeeman Frederick move to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2021-141 through and including R-2021-143. Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to adopt resolutions R-2021-141 through and including R-2021-143. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

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

**R-2021-141 Resolution Authorizing Street Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas-345 Rainey Road**

**R-2021-142 Resolution Endorsing the Findings and Determination Statement and Authorizing the Clerk to Submit Application for Bingo License on Behalf of Four Seasons at Weatherby Games Association**

**R-2021-143 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund/Transfer Overpayment of Taxes**

Under old business, Mayor Marino advised the Committee that Benjamin Miller's Eagle Scout project to construct a boardwalk off of the Tranquility Trail parking area has been completed. Discussion ensued regarding the need to lay down non-slip strips and erect "Slippery When Wet" signage.

Committeeman Frederick advised the Committee that preliminary work has commenced on the disc golf project.

Dustin Schopen, of Remington and Vernick, provided a concept for revised expansion plan as discussed at the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Discussion commenced among the Committee in regards to various constraints and permitting issues, along with the backlog of work at NJDEP that are holding up the project.

Mayor Marino opined that doing a partial plan would add cost to the overall project.

It was decided that the engineer should submit the entire plan to NJDEP for permitting and approval.

Committeeman Frederick asked for a timeline and Mr. Scope responded that they should hear something back in a few weeks minimum.

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

Ann Dorsett, of 169 Russell Mill Road noted that she has no longer observed delivery trucks parking on the road.

Mrs. Dorsett also voiced her continued concerns with the viability of the TDR program. Mayor Marino advised that he will follow up on the matter and the state's response.

Hearing no further comment, Deputy Mayor Matthias then moved to approve resolution **R-2021-144 Resolution for Closed Session**. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 6:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m. upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeeman Callahan and unanimously approved.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve the bills and purchase orders. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella  
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim  
Audio recording on file