

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AUGUST 16, 2021**

Mayor Marino called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following statement:

The August 16, 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
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 for agenda items only. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

Hearing no 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 second 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 open public hearing: Matthias Second: Callahan All in favor

There were no comments

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

Motion to adopt: Matthias Second: Nocentino

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

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

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

There were no comments

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

Motion to adopt: Matthias Second: Frederick

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

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

2021-16 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, New Jersey Authorizing and Approving the Application for a Tax Exemption and Execution and Delivery of a Financial Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and DPIF3 NJ 5 2062 Urban Renewal, LLC, for a Redevelopment Project Located on Property Currently Designated as Block 7, Lot 4.01 on the Official Tax Maps of the Township, Pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq.)

Motion to introduce: Matthias Second: Callahan

Committeeman Frederick noted that he would like to discuss with Parker McCay. Mayor Marino suggested that Parker McCay be asked to attend the next meeting of the Township Committee.

All were in favor Motion carried

2021-17 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, New Jersey Authorizing and Approving the Application for a Tax Exemption and Execution and Delivery of a Financial Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and DPIF3 NJ 4 2021 Urban Renewal, LLC, for a Redevelopment Project Located on Property Currently Designated as Block 6, Lot 6 on the Official Tax Maps of the Township, Pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq.)

Motion to introduce: Matthias Second: Callahan

Committeeman Frederick inquired as to applicable parcels. Mayor Marino replied.

All were in favor Motion carried

2021-18 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 Repealing Ordinances 2021-01 and 2021-07 and Replacing with the Following

Motion: Matthias Second: Nocentino

All were in favor Motion carried

2021-19 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: Matthias Second: Callahan

All were in favor Motion carried

2021-20 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 \$10,425,000 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 \$9,068,496; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Motion: Matthias Second: Frederick

All were in favor Motion carried

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2021-145 through R-2021-152. Committeeman Nocentino seconded. Committeeman Frederick asked to remove R-2021-145. All were in favor.

Committeeman Frederick moved to adopt resolution R-2021-146 through and including R-2021-152. Committeeman Nocentino seconded.

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

R-2021-146 Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Bond #CM100853 as Posted for the Development Known as Villages at Weatherby, Phase 6.1-Pepper Farms

R-2021-147 Resolution Authorizing Release and Closure of Escrow Account

R-2021-148 Resolution Authorizing Street Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas-Oakview Terrace and 209 Sherwood Court

R-2021-149 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making Elevations Within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2021-150 Resolution Adding to the List of Approved Crossing Guards for the Remainder of the 2021 School Year

R-2021-151 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer/Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2021-152 Resolution Authorizing Placement of Municipal Liens-Property Maintenance

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to adopt resolution **R-2021-145 Resolution Authorizing Services of TrueView BSI, LLC for the Provision of Screening Services for Employees and Volunteers.**

Committeeman Frederick asked why the specified package was chosen. Ms. DiBella responded that it included a DOT check in addition to the required options. Deputy Mayor Matthias asked for clarification as to tiers. Discussion ensued.

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

The following reports were provided for the month of July:

Tax Collector: \$3,551,964.44 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report

Dep. Chief Slusar asked if there were any questions. Committeeman Frederick noted that 16 crashes were reported and asked if there is a reason. The Dep. Chief replied that the number is on park for time of year. Deputy Mayor Matthias questioned mutual aid numbers in Logan. The Dep. Chief replied that they were only for larger incidents. Mayor Marin added that some mutual aid calls are automatic.

Police: Monthly Report

Dep. Chief Morgan reported that numbers are on par. He advised that 20 hours of state mandated training is being coordinated and the officers will undergo recertification in use of force. Committeeman Frederick requested that last year trends be included in future reports.

Township Engineer: Monthly Report

Mr. Staszewski advised that one of two Deed of Easements have been signed and returned regarding the Meadowoods Development. Once the second easement is received, emergency design will be sent to NJDEP.

Mr. Staszewski further advised that they will be working with Green Acres to complete the certification of remedial work at the Palladino property.

He also advised that the park expansion project team will be discussing project permitting.

It was also stated that shoulder stabilization is pending on the Swedesboro Avenue road project.

Committeeman Frederick noted that the Palladino certification should be submitted with an accompanying letter from legal counsel. Mayor Marino advised that Parker McCay will provide a letter.

Deputy Mayor Matthias requested status on Oliphant Mill Road repairs. Mr. Staszewski said that he followed up with the dam owner as to the Agreement and has not heard back.

Committeeman Nocentino requested that the engineer look at the sidewalks in Villages, section 2.1. The engineer said that he will.

Precision Land: Monthly Sewer Project Update

Noted that pump station materials were received and that Locke Avenue should reopen in one or two days. The portion in front of Kingsway High School is on target for completion by the start of school.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report

Report submitted as self-explanatory. Committeeman Frederick asked if the township is on target with the time lines associated with the WG Settlement Agreement and was told that it is on target.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

Committeeman Callahan asked for an update on the proposed Weatherby Apartments. Mayor Marino replied that they will be dropping off materials on 8-17, but that it was made known that the Township will not move forward until a financial agreement is received for review.

The following liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Frederick:

Municipal Services; (Blds./Grounds/Code/UCC/Zoning/Public Works); 32 zoning permits and 7 violation notices were issued. P/W continues maintenance of buildings and grounds. Environmental Commission: In-person meeting was held. Community Garden tiller was purchased. Lay-out for the disc golf course is underway with a completion goal of mid-October.

Committeeman Nocentino:

Administration: (Finance; JLUB, TDR Task Force); Bonds introduced that evening. JLUB continues to process applications. Letter has been sent to Susan Payne and Donna Rendiero regarding the Township's request to repeal the TDR Ordinance and await the state's reply. BDAC: Village Spotlight Business is Village EyeCare. Video will go out by week's end. New local businesses are pending.

Committeeman Callahan:

Solid Waste/Recycling; Noted positive feedback on T&R informational video. 121 metal and 231 bulk collections in July. Municipal Alliance

Dep. Mayor Matthias:

Educational Partners; (KRHS and SWSD); School begins on Sept. 2nd. Recreation: P&R is working on fall activities. Story Walk ribbon cutting was held. The Dep, Mayor suggested the purchase of additional story frames at the cost of \$400 and moved to approve the purchase. Mayor Marino seconded.

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

Mayor Marino:

Public Safety; (Police, Fire, Courts); Court is issuing failure to appear letters. There have been 965 cases to date with 122 in July.

There was no old business.

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

George Matthews, 209 Windsor Drive and Gary Bea of 207 Windsor Drive wished to discuss zoning issues regarding fences installed on their property that exceed property boundary.

Mayor Marino responded that the Committee will be discussing the issues, but in the meantime, new buyers should be informed of the violation.

Vivian White, residing at 3 Bayberry Way advised of her concerns with sidewalks and dead landscaping issues at her property. The engineer made a note to address at the time of punch list.

With no further public comment. Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to close the public portion. Committeeman Nocentino seconded. All were in favor.

Committeeman Nocentino moved to approve resolution **R-2021-153 Resolution for Closed Session**. Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 6:41 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Police Personnel and Potential Litigation-Windsor Drive Zoning Issues.

The meeting resumed at 8:08 p.m. upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeeman Callahan and unanimously approved.

Based upon discussion in closed session, Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to authorize the Police Chief to hire for four positions. Committeeman Nocentino seconded.

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

Under new business, Committeeman Frederick moved to approve the report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment as required by NJSA 40:55D-70.1 et seq. Committeeman Nocentino seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Marino noted the resignation of Det. Sgt. Beckett from his position as Emergency Management Coordinator and advised that Patrolman Kemp is in line to take the position at a later date. Mayor Marino asked the Administrator/Clerk to provide a letter of appreciation to Det. Sgt. Beckett for his 5.5 years of service in the position.

Committeeman Frederick moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 2021 and Closed Session and August 2, 2021 and Closed Session. Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve the bill list and purchase orders presented by the finance Office. Committeeman Nocentino seconded.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file