

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 18, 2021**

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

Mayor Marino gave the following statement:

The October 18, 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: ABSENT* Frederick: PRESENT Nocentino: PRESENT
Matthias: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT

*Committeeman Callahan entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2021-183 through and including R-2021-190. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

R-2021-183 Resolution Authorizing Hiring within the Department of Public Works

R-2021-184 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Execution of a Commodity Resale Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the S/W School District for the Purchase of Gasoline

R-2021-185 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making an Elevation within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2021-186 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Quote of Remington and Vernick Engineers in the "Not to Exceed" Amount of \$68,500 for Work Towards the Emergency Repair of Kirschling Drive Drainage

R-2021-187 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Services of "Recycle Coach"

R-2021-188 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer/Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2021-189 Resolution Authorizing an Access Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and DPIF3 NJ 4 Rt. 322, LLC

R-2201-190 Resolution Authorizing Street Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas-224 Glen Haven Court

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to adopt resolutions R-2021-183 through and including R-2021-190. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

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

Brian Hughes, DPW Supervisor introduced new hire William Rennie to the Committee.

Mayor Marino welcomed Mr. Rennie and stated that the public works department is the backbone of the township.

The following reports were provided:

Tax Collector: \$449,408.84 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report

Police: Monthly Report

Dep. Chief Morgan reported as to recent car burglaries and stolen street signs. He noted that the public should be aware to lock their vehicle doors. He further reported that some street signs have been recovered. The Dep. Chief further reported that the case of a recent homicide has been closed.

Township Engineer: Monthly Report

Mr. Staszewski reported that work on Kirschling Drive drainage restoration is ongoing. A meeting is scheduled for Oct. 21st with the Villages developer to implement corrective action on various development improvements. Further discussed timeline of NJDEP permit submissions for Locke Avenue Park over the next four months. He is hopeful that the project may break ground in the spring.

Mayor Marino noted that he visited the Kirschling Drive site and advised that the contractor should ensure restoration of the property when complete.

Committeeman Nocentino asked if erosion at 192 Kirschling has risen to an emergency. The engineer reported that it has not.

Deputy Mayor Matthias asked for an update on Oliphants Mill Road. Mr. Staszewski replied that they are currently waiting on the owners engineer.

Committeeman Frederick inquired as to the NJDEP permit time frame for the park project. The engineer replied that each individual permit has a 90 day review period.

Mayor Marino advised of resident concern regarding the stop intersection at Oldmans Creek Road and Kings Hwy. He looked at crash reports and noted that there have been 8 crashes at the intersection over the last 3 years. Deputy Chief Morgan said that the department is aware of the concerns, but that the intersection is controlled by the County and the Township has little say.

Precision Land: Monthly Sewer Project Update

Andrew Shaw provided a status report for the force main and gravity sewer. Soil control measures are undertaken. The contractor is coordinating with warehouse developer. Permitting for the Kings Hwy. force main has been submitted for review. Contractor is working with Aqua and developer on easement issues. Materials have been ordered and delivery is approximately 10 weeks out.

Committeeman Frederick noted sever dips in Rt. 322 where pipe crossing are and suggested those areas be compacted.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report
Report submitted as self-explanatory.

Committeeman Nocentino suggested that the pipe video at 134 Holly Drive be sent for engineering review.

Committeeman Frederick questioned the location of two new group homes mentioned in the Administrator's report.

He further questioned status of the Nike Base land purchase.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

The following liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Frederick:

Municipal Services; (Blds./Grounds/Code/UCC/Zoning/Public Works); 23 zoning permits and 7 violation notices were issued-month of September. Public Works has new hire. Discussed need for AED's at the park facilities. Mayor Marino suggested seeking funds from local business for the AED's. Deputy Mayor Matthias noted vandalism concerns for AED's accessible to the public and stated that the PD has AED's available in their vehicles. Environmental Commission: meeting was held. Garden cleanup to be held on Nov. 6th and Lake Narraticon cleanup on the 23rd. Continuing discussion with the S/W School District as to the planting of trees.

Mayor Marino noted that the community garden tiller should be put away and water turned off.

Committeeman Nocentino:

Administration: (Finance; JLUB, TDR Task Force); JLUB reviewing redevelopment plan. BDAC: DiBella Winery Business of the Month.

Committeeman Callahan:

Solid Waste/Recycling; Shredding event was held on 9-18 at which time 2.73 tons were processed. A rebound in recycling has been noted. There were 89 metal and 312 bulk pickups/month of Sept.

Municipal Alliance: No report.

Committeeman Frederick suggested that Committeeman Callahan see if there are alternatives for end of season vegetative collections.

Dep. Mayor Matthias:

Educational Partners; (KRHS and SWSD); District has announced Teacher of the Year. Lynne Bussot has been named Gloucester County Teacher of the Year. Kingsway is beginning their Strategic Planning process. Annual Craft Show will be held on November 6th. 2025 has the largest class at Kingsway, but is also at the peak of the wave. Recreation: Will be promoting HELP, Inc. program which will conduct a tour of 3 sites. Indian dancing festival will be held and tickets are available. Halloween pet photo contest is underway.

The Deputy Mayor also advised that the Swedesboro Library won a grant from WHY? to promote little libraries. The grant will supply materials and cross promotional events. The library was the only one in the state to be awarded. She wanted to introduce the idea to the Committee and ask that this be incorporated into the park.

The Deputy Mayor then moved to support the little library program through a grant from WHY? in conjunction with the Swedesboro Library. Mayor Marino seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Marino:

Public Safety; (Police, Fire, Courts): Fire Company held a successful open house. Saturday, Oct. 23rd, the fire company will hold a drill in Salem County. The FD will be selling Christmas trees again this year. Municipal Court has heard 1280 cases this year. No further information has been received as to the County Municipal Court initiative.

There was no old business.

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

Ann Dorsett, 169 Russell Mill Road suggested that recreational programs be included in future videos.

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

Under new business, Mayor Marino advised of the state's requirement for municipalities to adopt Electronic Vehicle ordinances for the provision of charging stations for all future development.

The Mayor further advised that a letter was received from the state advising that the plastic bag ban will be effective on May 4, 2022.

It was suggested that BDAC get involved for notification to local businesses.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve the following minutes. September 20, 2021 and October 4, 2021 and Closed Session. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

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

Brief discussion ensued regarding billing for street lighting.

Roll Call on bill list:

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

Motion carried

Mayor Marino advised that there will only be one meeting in November on the 15th.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file