

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 20, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vernon Marino at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Marino made the following statement:

The December 20, 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 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.

Jordan Schlump, 10 Wilshire Blvd. asked who will fund sewer tie-ins to lines not being covered by developers.

Mayor Marino asked him to clarify his question.

Mr. Schlump replied that if no sewer lines have been run in sewer service areas, who would fund the pipes. Mayor Marino replied that whoever wants sewer will have to pay for it.

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

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

2021-24 An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of a Municipal Sewer Utility Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:A:26A-1 et. Seq.

Motion to open public hearing: Matthias Second: Frederick: All in favor
Motion to close public hearing: Matthias Second: Frederick All in favor
Motion to adopt: Matthias Second: Frederick
Roll Call: Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion Carried

2021-25 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, Authorizing and Approving the Application for a Tax Exemption and the Execution and Delivery of a Financial Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and WH Development Urban Renewal, LLC for a Redevelopment Project Located on Properties Currently Designated as Block 59, Lots 6, 6.01, 6.02 & 8 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.) B & D Property

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

Motion to close public hearing: Matthias Second: Frederick All in favor
Motion to adopt: Matthias Second: Frederick
Roll Call: Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion Carried

Mayor Marino requested a motion for consent agenda for resolutions R-2021-217 through and including R-2021-229 removing R-2021-222 and R-2021-228.

Committeeman Frederick so moved. Deputy Mayor Matthias seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to adopt resolutions R-2021-207 through R-2021-229 with the exception of R-2021-222 and R-2021-228.

Roll Call: Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion Carried

R-2021-217 A Resolution to Authorize Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with WH Development, LLC

R-2021-218 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Change Order No. 1 Final to the Contract Between the Township of Woolwich and R.E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc. for Kirschling Drive Emergency Repairs (\$13,533.14)

R-2021-219 Resolution Authorizing Release of Letter of Credit #19-15 as Posted for Villages I, Section 6.2

R-2021-220 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing Renewal of a Lease Agreement for Farming Purposes on Municipally Owned Lands Known as Block 28.01, Lot 1, Block 3, Lot 6, Block 5, Lot 4 and Block 5, Lot 3 to Gary Stecher in the Total Amount of \$3,250.00 for the Year 2022

R-2021-221 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing Execution of a Sanitary Wastewater Memorandum of Understanding with the Township of Harrison

R-2021-222 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Ratifying a Contract Between the Township of Woolwich and the Woolwich Township Policemen's Benevolent Association Local #122

R-2021-223 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acceptance of the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General SFY21 Body Worn Camera Grant Program State Fiscal Year 2021

R-2021-224 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Appointment of Joseph Morgan as Officer in Charge

R-2021-225 Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts

R-2021-226 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer/Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2021-227 Resolution Authorizing Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction

R-2021-228 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing an Employment Contract for Administrative Positions within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2021-229 Resolution Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers During the Last Two Months of the Fiscal Year for the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

The following reports were provided for the month of November:

Tax Collector: \$9,393,119.84 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report

Police: Monthly Report

Township Engineer: Monthly Report-End of Year Report

The Township Engineer advised that they have been contacted by NJDEP noting that DEP requires the Township to withdrawal its applications for the Locke Avenue Park Expansion permitting and resubmit as an additional stream analysis is required and also flood elevation analysis must be submitted. He noted that this will delay permit approvals further.

Committeeman Frederick asked for an adjusted project timeline and was told that the application can be submitted in mid-January, with a 90 day review period on the part of NJDEP.

The Committee authorized resubmission of the permit applications.

Precision Land: Monthly Sewer Project Update

Andrew Shawl provided a status update of sewer installation and discussed attempts to obtain easements from developer Wolfson.

Mayor Marino suggested that the Solicitor send notice to the developer advising him that the cost of mobilization and demobilization will be on him.

Mr. Shawl also advised that Pioneer Pipe has begun water pipe installation on the behalf of Aqua.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

Mayor Marino waived Committee Liaison Reports.

There was no old business.

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

Ann Dorsett, 169 Russell Mill Road thanked the Committee for hosting the volunteer thank you dinner.

Jordan Schlump, 10 Wilshire Blvd. said it is good to hear the water/sewer updates and asked if there is an estimated time for service. Mayor Marino advised that the estimate is for mid-2022.

Harold Twiss, 246 Oak Grove Road wished to introduce himself, noting that he sent a letter recently to Committee asking for rezoning of his property.

Mayor Marino replied that he does not see any issues with the request, but that any action would have to be taken in 2022.

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

Deputy Mayor Matthias prompted discussion regarding park tournament fees, suggesting that fees be increased. The Committee discussed to proposed amended fees.

Committee asked the CFO to develop a print out of all tournament costs in 2021.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve the update to the Field Use Schedule.

The Administrator/Clerk advised that the fees are codified and amendments will have to be made via Ordinance after the first of the new year.

The Deputy Mayor withdrew her motion.

Mayor Marino thanks Deputy Mayor Matthias and Committeeman Frederick for their update.

Motion was made by Mayor Marino and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to approve resolution **R-2021-230 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 6:38 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:
Personnel: Transition of Finance Office; Police Matter
Litigation Update: Chestnut Ridge

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:28 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Callahan and seconded by Committeeman Frederick. All were in favor.

Mayor Marino advised that the following resolutions were discussed in closed session and for a motion to adopt:

R-2021-222 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Ratifying a Contract Between the Township of Woolwich and the Woolwich Township Policemen's Benevolent Association Local #122

R-2021-228 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing an Employment Contract for Administrative Positions within the Woolwich Township Police Department

Said motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias.

Roll Call: Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion Carried

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Callahan to approve the minutes of November 15, 2021 and Closed Session and December 6, 2021 and Closed Session. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Frederick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Matthias to approve the purchase orders and bill list.

Roll Call: Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES (abstain from Verizon), Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion Carried

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file