

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL CLOSE-OUT MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 2021**

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

Mayor Marino made the following statement:

The December 29, 2021 Special Close-Out Meeting for the Year 2021 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

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Mayor Marino presented a Proclamation to Deputy Mayor Matthias for her service to the Township as a member of Committee and Deputy Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Matthias stated that she has been involved in the Township since 2003 and has been blessed to give her time, effort and heart to Woolwich Township. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and hopes that she left a legacy.

Committeeman Callahan thanked Deputy Mayor Matthias for her service, saying that so much work was done, and that he was thankful at how the Committee was able to work together in a bi-partisan way.

Committeeman Frederick echoed those sentiments saying that Deputy Mayor Matthias was a huge asset to the Township.

Deputy Mayor Matthias then presented a Proclamation to Mayor Marino for his service as Mayor.

Committeeman Frederick stated that Mayor Marino has been a huge asset to the Township and was able to accomplish so much.

Committeeman Callahan said that the Mayor's level of professionalism was greatly appreciated and that he was always made to feel a part of the team.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Ann Dorsett, 169 Russell Mill Road, said that she finds it hard to express the pleasure watching this team in watching. She added that not enough residents realize or appreciate all that the Committee has accomplished. She wished them well.

With no further 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-2021-231 through R-2021-240. Committeeman Frederick seconded, removing R-2021-235 from the consent agenda. All were in favor.

R-2021-231 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Appointing Edward Donahue to the Position of 9th Class Patrolman within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2021-232 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Execution of Change Order No. 1 to the Contract Between the Township of Woolwich and Precision Land Development for Pump Station and Force Main Project (\$1.50)

R-2021-233 Resolution Authorizing the Application to the NJ Clean Energy Program Community Energy Planning Grant Program

R-2021-234 Resolution Authorizing Change in Scope of Work Performed by Remington and Vernick for the Woolwich/GCIA & Swedesboro Force Main Project

R-2021-236 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer/Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2021-237 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making an Appointment to the Position of Treasurer

R-2021-238 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making an Appointment to the Position of UCC Secretary

R-2021-239 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

R-2021-240 Resolution to Cancel Outstanding Checks Drawn on Accounts of the Township of Woolwich

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Matthias and seconded by Committeeman Frederick to adopt resolutions R-2021-231 through R-2021-240 excluding R-2021-235.

Committeeman Frederick questioned the grant application of R-2021-233. The Administrator/Clerk explained.

Committeeman Frederick also questioned how the funding will be processed as shown in R-2021-234. The Administrator/Clerk responded that County reimbursements will be paid in accordance with the Township/County/Swedesboro as provided in the sewer funding agreement.

Committeeman Frederick questioned the process of cancelling checks, asking what happens if the township receives notice from payee's and was told that the Township would reissue.

Roll Call on R-2021-231 through R-2021-240 excluding R-2021-235.

Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES (abstain from R-2021-240 as to item #2); Matthias: YES, Marino: YES
Motion carried.

R-2021-235 Resolution Authorizing Change of Scope of Work on the Services Performed by Remington and Vernick Engineers for Locke Avenue Park Development-Phase 1

Motion: Matthias Second: Callahan

Committeeman Frederick asked for clarification as to the refund amount represented in the resolution and was told that the savings represented are in lieu of construction inspection service. Brief discussion ensued.

Roll Call R-2021-235: Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES, Matthias: YES, Marino: YES Motion carried

There was old or new business.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2021 and Closed Session. Committeeman Frederick seconded. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Matthias moved to approve the bill list. Committeeman Frederick seconded.

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

Mayor Marino stated that the past three years, the township has witnessed great achievements, and that the Committee worked together towards those accomplishments regardless of party.

He said that he has no words to thank Natalie Matthias for all of her work. He also thanked the dedicated staff and the residents for having the confidence in him to lead the town.

Among the many goals realized were: continuation of the High Hill multi-use path; Kings Hwy./Rt. 322 intersection improvements; bringing water/sewer to the corridor through partnerships with the county; the coming intersection improvements at Locke Ave. and Kings Hwy. at no cost to Woolwich; the settlement of litigation which was long overdue; the coming Shop Rite project, the Inspira Urgent Care center; \$1.3 million in infrastructure improvements; Shared Service Agreement with Logan Township for solid waste/recycling which has saved money; continuation of the Shared Service Agreement with Swedesboro and the addition of service to S. Harrison Twp.; and an increased police force which helped to name the Township as the 56th safest community in the nation.

Mayor Marino closed with his saying "We are Woolwich Strong."

The meeting then adjourned at 6:26 p.m. upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Matthias, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

This meeting was not recorded.