

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MARCH 21, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 by Mayor Craig Frederick.

Mayor Frederick made the following statement:

The March 21, 2022 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: Marino: ABSENT Minhas: PRESENT Nocentino: PRESENT
Callahan: PRESENT Frederick; PRESENT

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Committeeman Nocentino moved to open the meeting to the public for agenda items. Committeeman Nocentino seconded. All were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, the public portion closed upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Callahan, seconded by Committeewoman Minhas and unanimously passed.

Mayor Frederick read the following Ordinance by title only upon first reading:

2022-03 Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 182 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich to Enact No Parking Areas within the Subdivision Known as High Hill Estates Motion: Callahan Second: Minhas

Mayor Frederick noted that the Ordinance is specific to High Hill Estates.

Committeeman Nocentino asked how the need came to the attention of the Committee. Mayor Frederick replied that it was brought to the attention of the township by a resident of High Hill Estates. At the time of subdivision approval, the No Parking areas were designated, but never codified into the Township Code.

Roll Call on Ordinance 2022-03: Minhas: YES, Nocentino: YES, Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES
Motion carried

Deputy Mayor Callahan moved for a consent agenda for resolutions R-2022-97 through R-2022-103. Mayor Frederick asked that resolution R-2022-102 be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Callahan and seconded by Committeewoman Minhas to adopt resolutions R-2022-97 through R-2022-103 with the exception of R-2022-102.

Mayor Frederick noted that resolution R-2022-98 calls for an amendment to the UCC Code Official Shared Service Agreement to address gasoline and substitute inspectors. He further noted that resolution R-2022 addresses the 2022 Municipal Alliance Budget.

R-2022-97 Resolution Making an Elevation within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2022-98 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing an Addendum to the Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the Township of East Greenwich for UCC Code Official

R-2022-99 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2022-100 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Submission of Municipal Alliance Grant July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 and Execution of Form 1A

R-2022-101 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Endorsement of a “Statement of Consent” Form TWA-1 for Four Seasons at Weatherby-Sections 3, 4 and 5

R-2022-103 Resolution Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers During the First Three Months of the Succeeding Year for the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

Roll Call on resolution R-2022-97 through R-2022-103 with the exception of R-2022-102;

Roll Call: Minhas: YES, Nocentino: YES, Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES Motion carried

Mayor Frederick moved to table resolution **R-2022-102 A Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Adoption of the 2022 Gloucester County New Jersey Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Committeewoman Minhas seconded.**

Mayor Frederick advised that more information is needed on six action items, some of which require engineering assistance. He suggested that clarifications be provided from the Emergency Management Coordinator. All were in favor of tabling the resolution.

The following reports were presented for the month of February:

Tax Collector: \$7,913,170.07 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report

Chief Valichka noted that there were 62 calls and provided a comparison to the February 2021 report. NFPA Training is being conducted. Response time is down. Flower fundraiser is scheduled to begin on April 14 through the 16th.

Police: Monthly Report

Deputy Chief Morgan advised that the Youth Academy will be conducted July 25-29. The program will be capped at 30 participants and will be held at the Walter Hill School. Mayor Frederick noted a number stolen vehicles and reminded residents to lock their vehicles.

Township Engineer: Monthly Report

Alaimo’s Dan Vechesky attended in place of Rick Alaimo and reported that Alaimo is preparing an updated cost estimate for the Viereck Road repaving project, and Right-of-Way issues that are being worked out. Engineering project proposal will be forwarded by the end of March. He also reported that once Remington and Vernick submits Locke Avenue Park project plans, Alaimo will submit a proposal for

bidding, inspections and contract oversight. Oliphants Mill bid documents should be received from Remington and Vernick by June 15th. Mr. Vechesky also provided construction status of ongoing development and subdivision grading and C.O. inspections ongoing.

Precision Land: Monthly Sewer Project Update

Andres Shaw, Precision, advised that materials have been received and work will again commence on Kings Hwy. sewer installation. He advised that Precision is working with Dermody and Aqua for sewer tie-in, and further discussing the status of the Rt. 322 water tower with Aqua and Steve Wolfson.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report

Provided as self-explanatory. There were no questions.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

The following Committee liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Marino: Solid Waste/Recycling; JLUB

In the absence of Committeeman Marino, Mayor Frederick reported the T&R numbers-month of February. He further reported that park fields have been readied for play and new swings were installed At the playground. P/W has placed 32 yards of mulch. JLUB heard one application for a fence variance on a corner lot. Variances were further granted for Northpoint near Garwin Road. The JLUB also approved the Fair Share Plan and attended Insurance Land Use Board training.

Committeewoman Minhas: Municipal Alliance; Recreation

Noted the amendment to allocated amounts through the Municipal Alliance Grant. Nothing for P&R.

Committeeman Nocentino: Municipal Services; Env. Commission;

Committeeman Nocentino noted that 50 tons of stone have been placed in the park parking lot. He also noted a successful Parks and Recreation Daddy Daughter event and the April 23rd opening of Disc Golf. No report on the Environmental Commission.

Deputy Mayor Callahan: BDAC; Educational Partners (SWSD/KRSD)

Business Development Committee announced Dee Dots as Business of the Month. They also discussed the Committee's mission and future. Swedesboro-Woolwich Schools went mask optional on March 7 as did the Kingsway District. A successful STEM Program was held. Kingsway Athletic Director was the recipient of an award as one of the leading woman in athletics. Winter Track Team won SJ Group 4. The wrestling team is #1 in S. Jersey.

Mayor Frederick: Administration; Public Safety

Municipal Court has 298 cases to date (down 39%). The Municipal Budget initial review calls for a 1.5 cent increase per \$100 of assessment. Intent is to decrease to 1 cent which. Solicitor Gaglione noted that the decriminalization of marijuana could be a factor in decreased court cases.

There was no old business.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Callahan and second by Committeewoman Minhas to open the floor to the public. All were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, Committeeman Nocentino moved to close the public portion. Committeewoman Minhas seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Callahan and seconded by Committeewoman Minhas to approve resolution **R-2022-104 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

Negotiations: TDR; Windsor Drive Open Space: Developer PILOT

The regular session reconvened at 6:58 p.m. upon a motion by Committeeman Nocentino, seconded by Committeewoman Minhas and unanimously passed.

There was no new business.

Deputy Mayor Callahan moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022 and Executive Session And March 7, 2022 and Executive Session. Committeewoman Minhas seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Callahan and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve the bills and P.O.'s [presented by the finance office.

Roll Call: Minhas: YES, Nocentino: YES, Callahan: YES, Frederick: YES (abstain from Verizon)

Motion carried

With no further business, Committeeman Nocentino moved to adjourn the meeting. Committeewoman Minhas seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file