

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MAY 16, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frederick at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Frederick made the following statement:

The May 16, 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: PRESENT Minhas: PRESENT Nocentino: PRESENT
Callahan: ABSENT Frederick: PRESENT

Also present on the dais were Solicitor Gaglione and Administrator/Clerk DiBella

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Mayor Frederick presented a Proclamation to UCC Code Jim Sabetta upon his retirement.

Mr. Sabetta thanked the Committee and his family for their support.

Committeeman Marino moved to open the floor to the public for agenda items only. Committeewoman Minhas seconded. All were in favor.

Ann Dorsett, 169 Russell Mill Road noted that she has always received great service from the UCC Office.

With no further public comment, the public portion closed upon a motion by Committeeman Marino, seconded by Committeeman Nocentino and unanimously passed.

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

2022-04 An Ordinance Making Salary Ranges for Certain Officials and Employees of the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester for the Year 2021

Motion was made by Committeeman Marino and seconded by Committeewoman Minhas to introduce Ordinance 2022-04.

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

Committeeman Marino moved to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2022-130 through and including R-2022-135. All were in favor.

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

Previously Tabled on 4-4-22

R-2022-130 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Elevating Officers Brian Collins and Bay Kasten to the Position of 5th Class Officers within the Woolwich Township Police Department

R-2022-131 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich to Appoint a Part-Time UCC Technical Secretary

R-2022-132 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the County of Gloucester Regarding the Use of Certain Stage Units for Special Events

R-2022-133 Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution License #0824-44-004-003 to JSSB, LLC

R-2022-134 Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, 2022 Emergency Temporary Budget

R-2022-135 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Change Order #2 in the Amount of \$283,632.28 on the Project Known as Pump Station and Force Main Project

Motion was made by Committeeman Marino and seconded by Committeewoman Minhas to adopt resolutions R-2022-130 through and including R-2022-135.

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

The following reports were presented for the month of April:

Tax Collector: \$3,423,660.67 remitted

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report
Chief Valichka presented his report as self-explanatory.

Police: Monthly Report
Deputy Chief Massing advised that the Chiefs report was included in the agenda packet. He also advised that the department has submitted a traffic study for the intersection of Monroeville and Russell Mill Roads. The department is awaiting responses on other traffic/road reports.

Township Engineer: Monthly Report
Engineer Rick Alaimo presented his report. He noted that a proposal from his office will be submitted for the 2023 Swedesboro Avenue NJDOT project. He also advised that the Viereck Road project will likely require guiderail placement. Mr. Alaimo also advised that plans have been submitted for a warehouse project n High Hill Road at the park entrance, and a pre-construction meeting is pending the receipt of bonds. Shop Rite continues site clearing. Has received confirmation that the Woolwich medical campus has received road top coat. He is also working off of a punch list for Villages Section 2.1 and the Four Seasons 2B basin. He noted that leaks have been detected in the basin structure, and the developer will be made to provide a plan for remediation.

Committeeman Marino asked if the fencing has been replaced at Chestnut Ridge. The Administrator/Clerk confirmed that it has been replaced per the settlement agreement.

Committeeman Nocentino thanked the engineer for staying on top of the punch list for Villages Section 2.1

Mayor Frederick advised of questions received from Remington and Vernick as to lighting for the park expansion as to field lighting, parking lot and walking path lighting.

Committeeman Marino suggested that the Township install lighting on all fields to avoid future cost increases. Discussion also was held as to replacement trees to be planted at the park.

Precision Land: Monthly Sewer Project Update

Andrew Shawl reported that there is a pause on the Kings Hwy. portion to allow for the processing of contracts with the county. Final grading and seeding to be completed. Coordination is underway with GCIA. Anticipate system completion in April 2023.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report

Self-Explanatory. There were no questions. Noted that one extension will be authorized for night work at the Dermody Warehouse property.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

Self-Explanatory

Mayor Frederick advised that the process for sewer application and connection fees has begun.

Committeeman Marino asked the progress of the improvements to Locke Ave/Stone Meeting House Road and was informed that final permitting is ongoing.

The following Committee liaison reports were provided:

Committeeman Marino:

Solid Waste/Recycling; 137 metal collections and 216 bulk pickups in month of April. JLUB: Approved site plan for Nike Base.

Committeewoman Minhas:

Municipal Alliance; NO report. Recreation: Fun Day on May 21st. Ride wristbands on sale. Mother-Son bowling event and family bingo night were a success.

Committeeman Nocentino:

Municipal Services; 63 zoning permits and 2 violations notices sent in April. Park fields were aerated, fertilized and re-tilled. Two tons of asphalt was used on streets. Basin inspections ongoing. Env. Commission; Met last week-Seeking approval of ANJEC Grant. Will continue shade tree project with the schools. Noted decrease in plastic bag contamination in recycling.

Mayor Frederick advised of a Disc Golf outing scheduled for June 11 and 12.

Committeeman Marino asked the status of fire hydrants in the redevelopment area. Andrew Shaw said he would look into that. The fire Chief said flow testing is scheduled.

Deputy Mayor Callahan:

Mayor Frederick provided the following in the absence of Dep. Mayor Callahan: BDAC; No meeting held in April. Educational Partners (SWSD/KRSD): S/W budget is at 97% funding-\$2.6 million short \$710,000 short to be whole. District is moving forward with programming activities and cost savings measures.

The Kingsway District is 89% funded, \$2.6 million short of full funding. As for enrollments, the Middle School has stabilized and the High School is up by 49 students. 9 new positions in the middle school and the High School will add 7 new classes, science lab, student center and replace the HVAC system.

Mayor Frederick:

Administration; Finance budget meeting to be held on 5-17. Trying to balance with 0 increase. Budget introduction is planned for June 6th. Public Safety: 643 court cases to date.

Under old business, the Mayor advised that updates are awaited for the video system at the park.

He further advised that the police are reviewing vehicle maintenance facilities. Dep. Chief Massing advised that the proposal of Spirit will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

Under new business, discussion ensued regarding the road condition priority list as the deadline for applications towards the next round of NJDOT funding is July 1st. Application for the extension of the bike path has been submitted. The engineer and Director of Municipal Services will review the road priority list. Committeeman Nocentino said that while he understand the need to repave through streets, he would also like to see a plan for interior development streets, some of which are older and in need of repair.

Committeeman Marino moved to open the meeting to public comment. Committeeman Nocentino seconded. All were in favor.

Jordan Schlump, 10 Wilshire Blvd. asked if the park lighting will be solar or a mix of solar and electric.

Mayor Frederick replied that it is not a part of the initial quote, but can be added as an option.

Mr. Schlump then questioned a proposed warehouse on High Hill Road near the park entrance and asked if this is something that should go out to the public.

Mayor Frederick advised that a meeting will be scheduled with the developer that will allow the township to understand its parameters.

Hearing no further public comment, motion was made by Committeeman Marino and seconded by Committeewoman Minhas to close the public portion. All were in favor.

Committeeman Marino moved to approve resolution **R-2022-136 Resolution for Closed Session**. All were in favor.

The Committee entered closed session at 7:13 p.m. for the purpose of discussing potential litigation regarding soil removal permitting.

The meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

Committeeman Marino moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2022 and Closed Session and May 2, 2022 and Executive Session. Committeewoman Minhas seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Committeeman Marino and seconded by Committeewoman Minhas to approve the bills and purchase orders.

Roll Call: Marino: YES, Minhas: YES, Nocentino: YES, Frederick: YES (Abstain on Verizon) Motion carried

With no further business, motion was made by Committeeman Marino and seconded by Committeewoman Minhas to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file