

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JULY 18, 2022**

Mayor Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Frederick made the following statement:

The July 18, 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: ABSENT*
Callahan: PRESENT Frederick: PRESENT

*Committeeman Nocentino entered the meeting directly after roll call was completed

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

Those present saluted the American Flag.

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

Ann Dorsett, 169 Russell Mill Road, asked if the Environmental Commission had submitted a budget request. Committeeman Nocentino responded that he intends to discuss in his Environmental Commission liaison report.

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

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

2022-05 An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing the Affordable Housing Ordinances of the Township of Woolwich, Gloucester County, State of New Jersey

Motion to open the public hearing: Callahan Second: Minhas All were in favor

No public comment

Motion to close the public hearing: Marino Second: Callahan All were in favor

Motion to adopt: Callahan Second: Marino

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

2022-06 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Section 203-92 of the Woolwich Township Zoning Code Entitled "Affordable Housing Development Fee Schedule"

Motion to open the public hearing: Callahan Second: Minhas All were in favor

No public comment

Motion to close the public hearing: Marino Second: Callahan All were in favor

Motion to adopt: Callahan Second: Minhas

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

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

2022-07 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich Amending Chapter 153 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich Entitled "Soil Removal" to Amend Work Hours

Motion to introduce: Callahan Second: Minhas

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

2022-08 An Ordinance of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Adopting an Amendment to the Kings Landing Redevelopment Plan Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A et seq. Motion to introduce: Callahan Second: Marino

Mayor Frederick noted the amendment as being to water tower height.

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

The 2022 Municipal Budget was presented for adoption.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Callahan and seconded by Committeewoman Minhas to adopt the following resolutions:

R-2022-166 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey-Self Examination of Local Budget

R-2022-167 Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, Resolution to Read Budget by Title Only

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

Deputy CFO Yarrington presented a recap of the budget, noting a 0% local tax increase. Mayor Frederick noted that no PILOT funds are being used to balance the budget.

Motion was made by Committeeman Marino and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to open the public hearing on the 2022 municipal budget. All were in favor.

Ann Dorsett, 169 Russell Mill Road asked Committeeman Nocentino about the Environmental Commission budget.

Committeeman Nocentino advised that he noticed a decrease in the Commission budget from the prior year.

Ms. Dorsett asked if the Commission could go back to the prior year budget amount, as the Commission has a pending project that will use the remainder of this year's funding.

Discussion ensued regarding use of open space funds to fund a shortfall.

Committeeman Nocentino said that at a minimum, the Commission's budget will be reviewed for the 2023 budget.

Mayor Frederick suggested that the process begin with an analysis of the Commission's expenditures.

Committeeman Marino stated that he appreciates that there is no tax increase, but said that the Township has worked hard over the past few years to get to this point. He added that hopefully the Township will be in the same position going forward.

Mayor Frederick acknowledged that increased school funding and a decrease in the county budget may represent a true net decrease.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Callahan and seconded by Committeeman Marino to close the budget public hearing. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Callahan and seconded by Committeewoman Minhas to adopt resolution **R-2022-168 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Adopting the 2022 Municipal Budget.**

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

Deputy Mayor Callahan moved to approve a consent agenda for resolutions R-2022-169 through and including R-2022-177. Committeewoman Minhas seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Callahan and seconded by Committeewoman Minhas to adopt resolutions R-2022-169 through and including R-2022-177.

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

R-2022-169 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Transfer or Refund Overpayment of Taxes

R-2022-170 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Acceptance and Filing of Performance Surety Bond #CSB9403236 Filed on the Behalf of Atlantic City Electric Company-Blk. 2.09 Lots 1 and 1.01

R-2022-171 Resolution Authorizing Release and Closure of Escrow Account

R-2022-172 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich Appointing a Conditional Redeveloper and Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding

R-2022-173 Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Woolwich Township Joint Land Use Board to Review and Make a Recommendation to Determine Whether or Not Certain Changes to the Kings Landing Redevelopment Plan Should be Made

R-2022-174 Resolution Authorizing Street Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas-310 Garwin Road

R-2022-175 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Quote of Alaimo Group to Conduct 2023 NJDOT Municipal Aid Applications in the "Not to Exceed" Amount of \$4,000

R-2022-176 Resolution Authorizing Placement of Municipal Liens-Property Maintenance

R-2022-177 Resolution Authorizing Tax Payment Made in 2021 Which Resulted in an Overpayment to be Credited to 2022 Taxes Due to an Assessor Error of 2021 Added Assessment

The following reports were provided for the month of June:

Tax Collector: \$164,949.78 remitted/Annual report of Delinquent Taxes

Woolwich Fire Company: Monthly Report

Due to the absence of fire company representatives, Mayor Frederick provided the status report noting 56 calls for service.

Police: Monthly Report

Due to the absence of the Police Chief, Mayor Frederick advised that the numbers for June 2022 are in par with July of 2021.

Township Engineer: Monthly Report

The township engineer reported two options for the 2022 NJDOT Viereck Road project-reconstructing the two ends of the road, or the entire length of road. Difference in cost would be approx. \$50,000. Discussion ensued among the Committee. Hearing that project award deadline is November of 2023, Mayor Frederick advised the engineer to forward numbers to the Committee for a holistic review prior to decision. Mayor Frederick also advised that a meeting has been scheduled for 7-12 with NJDEP to discuss permitting for the park expansion and next steps.

Precision Land: Monthly Sewer Project Update

Andrew Shaw provided an update on sewer installation. He advised that work is being finalized on the pump station, and projects that the project may be completed in early 2023.

Administrator's Report: Monthly Report

The Administrator/Clerk presented her report as self-explanatory. There were no questions.

Municipal Services: Monthly Report

The following Committee liaison reports were given:

Committeeman Marino:

Solid Waste/Recycling; Provided the Trash/recycling and pick up numbers for the month of June. JLUB; No report.

Committeewoman Minhas:

Municipal Alliance; No report Recreation: No report

Committeeman Nocentino:

Municipal Services; Provided numbers for June permits and violations. Env. Commission; Noted that the frisbee golf course is on a 7-20 day mowing schedule. Environmental Commission wishes to advise the public not to disturb the bluebird houses along Tranquility Trail. The EC is working with the S/W School system for tree planting at the school. Committeeman Nocentino also advised that recycling contamination is on the upswing, Mayor Frederick noted that a meeting was held to coordinate the fall sports schedule.

Deputy Mayor Callahan:

BDAC; Advised that the Business Development Committee voted to disband when they met in June. Educational Partners (SWSD/KRSD): No report

Mayor Frederick:
Administration; Public Safety: No reports

Under old business, the Mayor reported that park security cameras are still under consideration.

Under new business, the Administrator/Clerk further discussed the repeal of the Business Development Committee, noting that an Ordinance will be presented at the next meeting to repeal chapter 5 of the Woolwich Township Code.

There was no other new business.

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

The Shah family residing on Buckeye Road noted their grand opening of a childcare facility in Woolwich. They wished to request that the daycare property be a designated school bus stop for the children attending before and after care4 at their facility.

Mayor Frederick congratulated the Shah's on their opening and advised that they school contact the school district in regards to the bus stop request.

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

Deputy Mayor Callahan moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2022 and Closed Session. Committeewoman Minhas seconded. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Callahan and seconded by Committeewoman Minhas to approve the bills and purchase orders.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
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