

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Deputy Clerk Jessica Mignogna.

Ms. Mignogna welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the following statement:

The January 3, 2023 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.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Gloucester County Clerk Jim Hogan administered the Oath of Public Office to Committeeman-Elect Michael Nocentino.

The Deputy Clerk performs a roll call of members present.

Callahan: PRESENT Frederick: PRESENT Marino: PRESENT
Minhas: PRESENT Nocentino: PRESENT

The Deputy Clerk welcomed Pastor Jimmy Donaruma of Crossbridge Community Church who gave the invocation.

The Deputy Clerk called for nominations for Woolwich Township Mayor for the year 2023.

Committeewoman Minhas moved to nominate Craig Frederick. Committeeman Marino seconded. There were no further nominations.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Minhas and seconded by Committeeman Nocentino to approve Resolution **R-2023-01 Resolution Appointing a Mayor for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2023.**

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

The Oath of Office was administered to the Mayor by East Greenwich Mayor Dale Archer.

Mayor Frederick took his seat.

Mayor Frederick called for nominations for Deputy Mayor for the year 2023.

Committeewoman Minhas nominated Dennis Callahan. Committeeman Marino seconded. There were no further nominations.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Minhas and Committeeman Marino to approve Resolution **R-2023-02 Resolution Appointing a Deputy Mayor for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2023.**

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

The Oath of Office was administered to the Mayor by East Greenwich Mayor Dale Archer.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Minhas moved to approve a consent agenda for Resolutions **R-2023-03 through and including R-2023-33.** Deputy Mayor Callahan seconded. All were in favor.

- R-2023-03** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Municipal Solicitor Marla M. DeMarcantonio, Esq.
- R-2023-04** Woolwich Township 2023 Temporary Budget NJSA 40A:4-19
- R-2023-05** Resolution Designating Dates for Regular Meetings of the Woolwich Township Committee for the Year 2023 and Directing the Township Clerk to Provide Notice
- R-2023-06** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Municipal Auditors Holt, McNally & Associates
- R-2023-07** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Municipal Engineer Alaimo Group, Jake Schwartz and Dan Vachesky, Designee
- R-2023-08** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Prosecutor Karin M. Wood, Esq.
- R-2023-09** Resolution Designating Joint Municipal Court Positions in the Township of Woolwich
- R-2023-10** Resolution Appointing Members to the Woolwich Township Joint Land Use Board
- R-2023-11** Resolution Appointing a Professional Services Appointment-Public Defender-Lawrence Hubert, Esq.
- R-2023-12** Resolution Making Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Committee
- R-2023-13** Resolution Authorizing Cash Management Plan Within the Township of Woolwich and Designating Depositories for Funds of the Township of Woolwich
- R-2023-14** Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making Appointments to Annual Positions
- R-2023-15** Resolution Designating Newspapers Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act
- R-2023-16** Resolution Authorizing Petty Cash Fund for Use by the Township Clerk, Construction Code Office and Police Department
- R-2023-17** Resolution Authorizing Change Fund for Use in the Office of the Clerk-Dog Licenses
- R-2023-18** Resolution Fixing Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes
- R-2023-19** Resolution Making Committee Liaison Appointments
- R-2023-20** Resolution Making Appointments to the S/W Joint Environmental Commission
- R-2023-21** Resolution Making a Professional Appointment-Conflict Engineers Pennoni Associates

- R-2023-22** Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner to Represent the Township of Woolwich in the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund in the Year 2023
- R-2023-23** Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract-Labor Attorney Zeller and Wieliczko, LLP
- R-2023-24** Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract-Bond Counsel Archer & Greiner
- R-2023-25** Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Appointing the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2023
- R-2023-26** Resolution Making a Professional Appointment–Financial Advisor Acacia Financial Group
- R-2023-27** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Joint Municipal Planner-Alaimo Group, Rick Hunt/Joe Augustyn, Designee
- R-2023-28** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Special Projects Planner-Remington and Vernick, Ashton Jones and Michael Davis, Designee
- R-2023-29** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Special Counsel Redevelopment-Maley Givens
- R-2023-30** Resolution Appointing Risk Management Consultant for Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund-Assured Partners
- R-2023-31** Resolution Authorizing Alternate Prosecutors to Act on the Behalf of the Township of Woolwich in the Event that the Prosecutor is Unable to Attend Sessions of the Municipal Court
- R-2023-32** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-COAH Special Counsel-Carluccio, Leone, Dimon, Doyle and Sacs, Michael Jedziniak, Designee
- R-2023-33** Resolution Making a Professional Services Appointment-Traffic Engineer Remington and Vernick, Annina Hogan, Designee

Motion was made by Committeewoman Minhas and seconded by Deputy Mayor Callahan to adopt Resolutions **R-2023-03 through and including R-2023-33**.

Roll Call: Marino: YES Minhas: YES Nocentino: YES Callahan: YES Frederick: YES

Motion was made by Committeeman Marino to open the floor to the public. Committeeman Nocentino seconded. All were in favor.

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The following committee comments were given.

Committeeman Nocentino: Thanked all the residents of the Township of Woolwich for reelecting him. He also thanked his parents, his campaign manager Natalie Matthias and all the volunteers including Karen Costello. Included in his thanks, he added the Clerk, Jane DiBella and all the employees of Woolwich Township. He noted the 2022 accomplishments that the Committee worked on together as a team. He then noted the upcoming projects with the

Township's continuing growth. Projects in 2023 will have the ground breaking on the expansion of Locke Avenue Park and the retail on Route 322. Other projects that are happening will be the opening of the Shoprite and the newly planted shade trees at the two local elementary schools.

Committeewoman Minhas: Thanked all the residents and the Committee for the honor to serve the Township. Last year was a learning opportunity for her to observe local government in action. She will continue to voice the opinions of the residents during this coming year.

Committeeman Marino: He thanked this committee and stated that since 2019, they put the residents and the Township first through the entire decision making. He looks forward to continuing moving the Township forward this year. Lastly, he congratulated Committeeman Nocentino on his reelection, along with congratulating Mayor Frederick and Deputy Mayor Callahan.

Deputy Mayor Callahan: Congratulated Committeeman Nocentino on his reelection and Mayor Frederick for his Mayor reappointment. He mentioned that this December marked his twentieth year living in the Township. Within those years, Woolwich has changed in many ways, and now is changing towards stabilizing taxes. Moving into 2023, this Township Committee will continue with this trend to help stabilize taxes.

Mayor Frederick: First, he thanked his family with all their continuing support. Then he thanked Mayor Dale Archer and Pastor Jimmy Donaruma of Crossbridge Community Church. Lastly, he thanked the Township Committee and all the Township's employees and is looking forward in working with each one of them. He recapped the progress the Committee has done for 2022. He added to the upcoming projects for 2023, like the new Veteran's Park that will open sometime this year, and the final phase in the bike path. Lastly, there are a lot of events planned with our Parks and Recreation Committee and other committees. There are always volunteers needed throughout the year, like for Community Clean Up and for Fun Day.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Mignogna
Deputy Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file