

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MARCH 6, 2023**

Mayor Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with the following statement:

The March 6, 2023 regular 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: PRESENT Frederick: PRESENT

Also present on the dais were Solicitor DeMarcantonio 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.

David Square, 110 Dalton Drive asked if the Committee had any thoughts on the provision of a universal Pre-K Program.

Mayor Frederick advised that the Township has no jurisdiction over the school system and referred Mr. Square to the S/W School District.

Sherry Hall, 125 Hunters Run asked for financial support for the HELP, Inc. Juneteenth Celebration to be held on the grounds of Kingsway High School on June 17th. She noted that the Committee previously assisted with the cost of the county stage and tent.

Mayor Frederick suggested that Ms. Hall submit quotes to the Administrator/Clerk for review and consideration.

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

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

2023-10 An Ordinance Making Salary Ranges for Certain Officials and Employees of the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester for the Year 2023

Motion was made by Committeewoman Minhas and seconded by Deputy Mayor Callahan to introduce Ordinance 2023-10.

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

Mayor Frederick requested a motion for a consent agenda for resolutions R-2023-73 through and including R-2023-82. So moved Committeewoman Minhas, seconded by Deputy Mayor Callahan and unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Minhas and seconded by Deputy Mayor Callahan to adopt resolutions R-2023-73 through and including R-2023-82.

R-2023-73 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Disposal of Certain Vehicles and Removal from Vehicle Fleet

R-2023-74 Resolution Authorizing Extension #2 of the Shared Service Agreement between the Township of Woolwich and Borough of Swedesboro for the Provision of Uniform Construction Code Services

R-2023-75 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing an Addendum for Phone System Maintenance to the Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Woolwich and the Kingsway Regional Board of Education for Information Technology Management Services

R-2023-76 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing Release of Cash Bonds Posted for Street Lighting- Four Seasons, Phase 2A and 2B

R-2023-77 Resolution Authorizing Release of Maintenance Bond Posted by Weatherby Equities, LLC- Villages 2, Section 2.5B

R-2023-78 Resolution Authorizing Street Opening Permit(s) to South Jersey Gas-196 Colony Place

R-2023-79 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester Authorizing the Sale of a Plenary Retail Consumption License

R-2023-80 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Quote of Alaimo Group for Engineering Towards the FY2023 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project for High Hill Road Shared Use Path Phase 3 in the "Not to Exceed" Amount of \$55,000

R-2023-81 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Part of 2023 Taxes and Cancel 1st and 2nd Quarter Taxes for 2023

R-2023-82 Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Authorizing the Quote of Remington and Vernick Engineers Towards Development of a Municipal Truck Route System in the "Not to Exceed" Amount of \$20,000

Mayor Frederick provided the following information:

R-2023-75-Agreement with the Kingsway regional District to install phone system and streamlined bulk automation scheduling system representing a savings to the Township.

R-2023-79-Authorizes bid for 1 of 2 available Consumption Liquor Licenses. Advised of time frame stipulations, added to spur retail development. Bid is \$500,000 minimum.

R-2023-82 authorizes the Traffic Engineer to work with the county and state towards the creation of a truck route system.

Roll Call on resolutions R-2023-72 through R-2023-82:

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

Motion carried

Under old business, Committeeman Nocentino advised that he met with the Police Chief and Kingsway District IT representatives to discuss what may be a cheaper alternative system. The team is looking at ways to access the park pole barn for internet connection.

Under new business, the Clerk advised a change of scope to the Remington and Vernick proposal for engineering towards repairs at Oliphants Mill Dam.

The engineers provided their original proposal based upon decommissioning of the dam. Now that the dam is to be recommissioned, Remington and Vernick is proposing to delete the bid phase and inspection costs previously provided and bill on a time and material basis.

The Administrator/Clerk will request additional information from the firm prior to a decision by the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling a Town Hall Meeting.

Mayor Frederick suggested various options to allow resident access and communications. The Committee had no comments. The Mayor then determined that "A Walk with the Mayor" at Tranquility Trail will be scheduled.

Also under new business, Committeeman Marino advised that the sewer project is on schedule and set to open by April. He further noted that a T at Garwin Road is needed for such time as the Borough of Swedesboro and GCIA tie in. Material purchase was previously authorized and will cost \$50,000 to install. The Mayor added that it is necessary to open the system.

Committeeman Marino then moved to authorize the installation of the T. Committeewoman Minhas seconded.

Committeeman Nocentino asked for an explanation of the work. Committeeman Marino replied that there is a T at the intersection where Garwin Road crosses Rt. 322 and that T with a valve will connect to another pipe coming from GCIA and Swedesboro. Committeeman Nocentino then asked why this component of the project has to be authorized. Mayor Frederick responded that it is a change that the township knew was coming, and that the project is still under budget.

The Mayor added that this is needed to prepare for the connection to Swedesboro, and ultimately, the Township may recapture some of those fees.

The Mayor requested a roll call:

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

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

Christina Trautz, 1 Sunset advised the Committee that tractor trailers keep taking down the traffic signal at Oldmans Creek and Auburn Road.

Jordan Schlump, 10 Wilshire Blvd. questioned the change of scope for the Oliphants Mill Road project and requested project status.

Mayor Frederick replied that permitting is being signed, and there is no change in direction. He added that the County, Township and dam owner are working through an agreement. Mr. Schlump asked if the homeowner is a part of the engineering cost and the Mayor replied in the affirmative. Mr. Schlump then asked if the dam will be on township property and was told that it is still in discussion.

Solicitor DeMarcantonio advised that there will be an upcoming meeting with all parties to the project involved.

Dawn Fenza, 714 Lois Drive, Williamstown presented additional information on a trap, neuter, vaccinate, release program for cats and asked if there is anything that she can do to assist with developing an Ordinance in this regard.

The Mayor advised the Township is working through some initial conversations in regards to this matter.

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

Motion was made by Committeewoman Minhas and seconded by Committeeman Marino to approve the bills and P.O.'s.

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

Mayor Frederick noted that Phase 2 of the Master Plan Reexamination will begin as of the March 20th meeting at which time various Ordinances will be introduced regarding LIO zones, TDR etc. and that the Township will be looking for input from landowners and obtaining some information from appraisers.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file