

**MINUTES
TOWN HALL MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

Mayor Matthias called the Town Hall meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

Mayor Matthias welcomed the public to the first Town Hall meeting of the year. This meeting is for informational purposes only and will run differently than a regular Township Committee meeting.

Mayor Matthias made the following statement:

The February 12, 2024 Town Hall 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: Frederick: PRESENT Minhas: ABSENT McGovern: PRESENT
Nocentino: PRESENT Matthias: PRESENT

Also present was Deputy Clerk Mignogna.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

Introductions of Township Committee

Committeeman McGovern always been involved in public service, from serving in the military, working for the State Police, and felt that the next step was Township Committee. Fun fact about himself is he is currently playing the saxophone for string band and participates each January 1st in the mummer's parade.

Committeeman Frederick since moving into the Township, he coached every sport, served on the local school board for ten (10) years. A fun fact about him is that he also plays the saxophone.

Deputy Mayor Nocentino grew up living in the Township. He wanted to get involved to have influence on where the Township is going.

Mayor Matthias moved into the Township over twenty (20) years ago. She served on the school board, worked for the municipality, and was elected to the Township Committee where she serviced three (3) years as Deputy Mayor. A fun fact about her is that she is a certified scuba driver instructor.

Township Projects

Mayor Matthias highlighted some of the projects that are in the works and gave the updated status of each. These projects were: the Municipal Truck Routes, the flashing lights on Kingsway

in front of Kingsway Regional High School, the expansion of Locke Avenue Park, the warehouse on High Hill Road, and an update on Oliphants Mill Road and Warrington Mill Road dams.

Future Development

Mayor Matthias wanted to explain what the Master Plan is and provides the guides on how the Township reviews and amends the Master Plan. She then gave a brief overview of the Joint Land Use Board (JLUB), and outlined the steps involved in the process.

Committeeman Frederick gave a summary of what payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) is and why it is important that some developers are granted this.

Mayor Matthias informed the public that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority will be presenting a presentation on the expansion of lanes from exit 4 to exit 0 coming up in the month of March. This presentation will be via zoom and information will be sent out on that link once it becomes available.

Updates were given on what will be built on Kings Highway and Route 322 and from Turnpike exit 4 along Route 322 up to Kings Highway.

A motion was made by Committeeman Frederick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nocentino to open to the public for questions and answers (Q&A). All were in favor.

Peter Forshay, 269 Wilshire Blvd, with the warehouses being in various stages is there a timeline of ratables.

Mayor Matthias answered his question.

A resident, Dalton Drive, the surrounding towns are starting to offer Pre-K, when will our school district offer Pre-K to all children.

Mayor Matthias answered his question.

Jordan Schump, 10 Wilshire Blvd., expressed a few concerns to the Township Committee. He questioned when will the County fix their roads and questioned the truck routes. Lastly, he expressed concerns about the Master Plan and the study on where future warehouses will go.

Mayor Matthias along with Committeeman Frederick answered his questions.

A resident, Dalton Drive, questioned when will the municipality stop building more homes.

Deputy Mayor Nocentino answered his question.

Jordan Schump, 10 Wilshire Blvd., added to the concern of future home building and questioned what the master plan total number of residents for the Township will end up becoming.


Mayor Matthias along with Committeeman Frederick answered his question.

A motion was made by Committeeman McGovern, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nocentino to close the public for questions and answers (Q&A). All were in favor.

With no further business, motion was made by Committeeman McGovern, seconded by Committeeman Frederick and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

The Town Hall meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Mignogna".

Jessica Mignogna
Deputy Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file

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