

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 20, 2021
7:30 p.m.

Mayor Reinhart called the virtual meeting to order stating “adequate notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act by notifying the South Jersey Times on January 11, 2021.”

Roll Call: Mayor Reinhart, Committeeman Werley and Deputy Mayor Orr were present. Also present were Lisa Garrison, Clerk; Kim Fleetwood, CFO/Treasurer and Thomas Seeley, Esq.
**All were present via a conference call meeting.

Flag Salute: Mayor Reinhart

Approval of Minutes: On motion of Committeeman Werley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the minutes of March 16, 2021 and March 23, 2021,unanimously carried.

Ordinances: Mayor Reinhart called for a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 55-2021, “2021 “CAP” Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A 4A:4-45.14). On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to open the public hearing, unanimously carried. No comment forthcoming on motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to close the public hearing. On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to adopt the following ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Werley, Orr, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

ORDINANCE 55-2021

**2021 "CAP" ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$9,581.74 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Greenwich shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$13,414.43, and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Township of Greenwich be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor Reinhart called for the Introduction of Proposed Ordinance No. 56-2021, "Capital Ordinance of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Resurfacing of Wible Road in the Amount of \$185,000 Including the Appropriation of \$28,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund in the General Capital Fund for the Aforesaid Purpose". On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve the introduction of the following proposed ordinance with a public hearing scheduled for May18, 2021, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Werley, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 56-2021

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RESURFACING OF WIBLE ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,000, INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$28,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND FOR THE AFORESAID PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes for the purpose set forth in Section 3 of this ordinance an appropriation in the amount of 185,000.

Section 2. For the funding of the cost of said purpose, the Township Committee hereby appropriates \$28,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund available therefore by virtue of provision in a budget or budgets of the Township previously adopted. In addition, the Township Committee has received approval of an allotment in the amount of \$157,000 under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act. The amount received under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Authority Act will be utilized for payment of expenditures or for the reimbursement of expenses paid.

Section 3. The purpose herein referred to and hereby authorized is as follows:
Resurfacing of Wible Road \$157,000

Section 4. It is hereby found, determined and declared that: (a) The purpose described in Section 3 hereof is not a current expense and is an improvement which the Township of Greenwich may lawfully make as a general improvement, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specifically assessed on property specifically benefited hereby. (b) The average period of usefulness of the purpose for which the obligations authorized by this ordinance are to be used is 10 years. (c) The aggregate amount included in the estimated cost of the improvements or purposes for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses, architect's fees, cost of authorizing, selling and issuing obligations, preliminary planning, test and survey expenses, and a reasonable proportion of the compensation and expenses of employees of the Township of Greenwich in connection with the construction or acquisition of such improvements or property shall not exceed \$28,000. (d) No debt is authorized by this ordinance.

Section 5. The 2021 Capital Budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on with the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage as provided by the New Jersey Statute.

Introduction of 2021 Municipal Budget - On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the introduction of the 2021 Municipal Budget of the Township of Greenwich, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Werley, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 4-15-2021

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, Section 40A-4-19 provides that temporary appropriations may be made to provide for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the date of adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, the temporary budget was adopted on January 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Municipal Budget of the Township of Greenwich has not been fully adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held May 20, 2021 that the following additional temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer after adoption.

Current Fund

Department	Amount
Tax Assessor O/E	\$3,000
Collection of Taxes O/E	\$2,000
Legal O/E	\$2,000
Planning Board O/E	\$2,650
Animal Control O/E	\$2,000

On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the foregoing resolution, unanimously carried.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve the following resolution, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-16-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE 13TH ANNUAL TEA BURNER 5K AND 1 MILE RUN/WALK

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, has received a request from the Tea Burner Race Committee for the endorsement and support by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich to hold its 13th Annual Tea Burner 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk on Saturday, September 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this event coincides with the Cumberland County Historical Society Artisan and Craft Faire; and **WHEREAS**, net proceeds of the race will be dedicated towards the C. Wallis Goodwin Scholarship Fund, the Greenwich Township Committee in the County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, hereby pledges its support of said event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich that this Resolution hereby endorses its support for the Tea Burner 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk and requests that a Resolution be issued by the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders permitting the use of the designated County Roads needed for said event which is to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby requests that the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department be available to help with appropriate road safety assistance during said event.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve the foregoing resolution, unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

Tax Assessor - Mayor Reinhart recommended prior to discussion of appointment the a meeting needs to be held to discuss the shared service agreement with Hopewell Township. Ms. Fleetwood will reach out to the Business Administrator to discuss.

New Business:

Ms. Fleetwood indicated a salary ordinance would need to be discussed if the Committee is desirous of introducing as the payroll for it would be done in June. Mayor Reinhart recommended a 2% increase for Ms. Garrison and Ms. Fleetwood. The Committee concurred and Ms. Fleetwood will prepare for introduction at next meeting. Mayor Reinhart advised the Committee on the bill for the new gate at the Convenience Center. Ms. Fleetwood indicated that the Township's share is 25% and she will charge to last year's budget. Ms. Fleetwood indicated that there are going to be future issues with the landfill that the Township will need to pay. Committeeman Orr questioned if we should place a line item in the capital budget. Ms. Fleetwood advised that the capital budget can be amended if needed.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Seeley reported on the American Recovery Plan funding. Greenwich Township \$471,023.46. Court operations have been operating through Zoom. Supreme Court has extended in person jury trials until June. State employees are still working from home.

Committee Comments:

Committeeman Werley participated in the COVID call. He reported that there are extensive amounts of vaccine available and they would like to attend each municipality and give out vaccinations. Possibly the school could be utilized. Mayor Reinhart thanked Committeeman Werley for his diligence in updating the Committee on the subject.

Payment of Bills:

After review and discussion the Committee requested Ms. Fleetwood to prepare correspondence to Chairwoman Watson to advise of the large amount that has already been charged to the Land Use Board Solicitor budget. On motion by Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the bill list in the amount of \$383,929.74, unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

On motion by Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr and unanimously carried the public comment was opened. There no comment forthcoming, on motion by Committeeman Werley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to close the public comment, unanimously carried. Committeeman Werley thanked Mayor Reinhart for his 50 years of service to the Fire Department. Mayor Reinhart thanked all those who helped.

Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Garrison
Borough Clerk

