**GREENWICH TOWNSHIP**

**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

**APRIL 16, 2024**

**7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Reinhart called the meeting to order stating “adequate notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act notifying the South Jersey Times on January 4, 2024.”

**Roll Call**: Mayor Reinhart, Committeeman Werley and Deputy Mayor Orr were present. Also present were Thomas Seeley, Esq., Township Solicitor; and Lisa Garrison, Township Clerk.

**Flag Salute**: Mayor Reinhart

**Presentation:** Dan McGowan, Mainline Environmental, gave a presentation of the services his company could provide to the Township regarding the mandated lead inspections. The Committee thanked him for is time.

**Public Hearing:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 81-2023**

**UNREGISTERED VEHICLES**

**SECTION I. Purpose:**

An ordinance to establish requirements for the unregistered vehicles in the Township of Greenwich, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

**SECTION II. Definitions and Word Usage:**

1. When not inconsistent with the context of this chapter, words used in the present tense include the words used in the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.
2. As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**PERSON**

 Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

**VEHICLE**

Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, including devices used exclusively upon stationary trails or tracks.

**SECTION III. Storage of Unregistered Vehicle**

It shall be unlawful for any residential property owner to park or permit the parking of any unregistered vehicle on his or her residential lawn.

**SECTION IV. Notice to Abate Conditions**

Any conditions set forth shall, prior to the issuance of any notice of violation, require that a notice to the owner and/or other persons responsible for such property be provided a notice to abate such condition or conditions. The notice shall:

1. Be in writing;
2. Include a description of the property sufficient for identification;
3. Include a statement of the violation or violations and why the notice is being issued;
4. Include an order to abate or correct the condition within 10 days of the date of the notice to bring the property into compliance with the of the provisions of this ordinance; and
5. The notice shall be either delivered personally, posted on the property, or sent by regular mail and certified mail addressed to the last known address. In the event that the notice is returned undeliverable then notice shall be posted by posting in a conspicuous place in or about the structure or property affected by such notice.

**SECTION V.** **Violations and Penalties:**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $1,500.00.

**SECTION VI. Severability:**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

**SECTION VII. Effective date:**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to open the public hearing, unanimously carried. There being no comment forthcoming, on motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to close the public hearing, unanimously carried. On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to adopt the following ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Reinhart, Werley Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 4-16-2024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, THE TOWNSHIP ACTING CLERK AND TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR CONCERNING LITIGATION**

 **WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from the meeting of the public body when the subject matter of that meeting concerns personnel; and

 **WHEREAS**, the Township Committee intends upon meeting in closed session with the Clerk, and Township Solicitor to discuss potential litigation; and

 **WHEREAS**, the length of the closed session is estimated to be 45 minutes after which the public meeting of the Township Committee shall reconvene and immediately adjourn;

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, together with the Acting Clerk and Township Solicitor shall go into a closed session for only the above stated reasons.

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich hereby declare that its discussion of the aforementioned subject will be made public at the time when the public’s interest and disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure. The estimated date by which such disclosure can be made is (90) days.

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Acting Clerk at the present public meeting shall read the title of said resolution aloud so that members of the public in attendance can understand at precisely the nature of the matters that will privately be discussed.

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk on the next business day following this meeting shall furnish a copy of this Resolution to any member of the public who requests on at the fees allowed by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

 Tennis Court – pursuing the possibility of utilizing capital funds to complete project.

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 Old Stone School House – no update

 Lead Inspections - an ordinance will be required.

 Ordinances – Certificate of Occupancy Fees - Ms. Garrison will work with Mr. Sheppard to develop an ordinance for the Committee’s consideration.

 Wible Drive - no update

 Mowing – RFP will be posted

 Underground Heating Oil Tank – Mayor Reinhart indicated a quote had been received from Woodruff to pump, remove, dispose and install new ROTH Tank and pad of $7,000. The tank does not require containment. The old tank and generator will be sold on GovDeal.

 Cumberland County Health Department Letter – Ms. Garrison indicated the letter had been submitted to participate in the utility meetings.

**New Business:**

 Financial Disclosure Statements – to be filed by April 30, 2024.

 Treasurer Position - Ms. Fleetwood has issued her resignation. A notice will be posted.

**Committee Comments:**

 Committeeman Werley indicated the Recreation Committee participated in a Clean Communities clean up. There were seventeen (17) people participating.

**Payment of Bills**

 The bill list was not present at the time of the meeting. The Committee, on motion Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr, to authorize all necessary bills (school and County, etc.) to be paid and the bill list to be approved at next meeting, unanimously carried.

**Public Comment**:

 On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to open the public comment, unanimously carried. Vinnie Van Vliet, questioned if there was any response from Fralinger’s office. Committeeman Werley indicated he had spoken with the project manager for a letter determining if the weather was the cause of the further damage. Mayor Reinhart indicted he will go to the property to review the situation as he had been away. Ms, Van Vliet indicated she has been present at every meeting and has been patient and respectful but stated the Township must move forward as the damage will only increase. She further indicated she is looking for the Committee to work with her. She stated Fralinger’s office has insurance and the ability to fix this. She is not here for compensation but a resolution. Trudy Hanson, 9 Park Drive, questioned why does it have to be a bid deal. She indicated there should be a process to determine the problem as the property owner cannot do this. She is hoping for communication.

There being no further comment forthcoming, on motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to close the public comment, unanimously carried.

At this time the public was advised that the Committee would be entering an executive session and the public must leave the room. The public was advised upon return the Solicitor would give a brief summary.

Upon return to open session Mr. Seeley indicated the executive session was for the purpose to discuss potential litigation regarding the marina.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Township Committee, on motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to adjourn, unanimously carried

 Respectfully submitted.

 Lisa Garrison

 Borough Clerk