

**GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2019
7:30 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 by notifying the South Jersey Times on January 3, 2019.”

Roll Call: Mayor Reinhart, Committeeman Welrey and Deputy Mayor Orr were present. Also present were John Carr, Solicitor; Kim Fleetwood, CFO/Treasurer; and Lisa Garrison, Township Clerk.

Flag salute – Mayor Reinhart

Payment of Bills - After review and discussion, on motion Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to ratify the December payment of bills in the amount of \$22,016.06, unanimously carried. On motion of Committeeman Werley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$399,812.22, unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes - On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the minutes of January 2, 2019, January 15, 2019 and January 28, 2019, unanimously carried.

Mayor Reinhart called for a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 40-2019, “Amendment to Ordinance No. 9-13 Amendment to an Ordinance Establishing the Enforcement of the Uniform Fire Safety Act”.

ORDINANCE 40-2019

**AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 9-13
AMENDMENTS TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE
UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, c. 383) was enacted for the purpose of establishing a system for the enforcement of minimum fire safety standards throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Safety Act authorizes municipalities to provide for local enforcement and to establish local enforcement agencies for the purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the municipality of Greenwich Township to have the Uniform Fire Safety Act enforced locally; and

WHEREAS, all fire departments, fire companies and fire districts have agreed to the plan, which is set forth herein, for the administration and enforcement of the Uniform Fire Code;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Governing Body of the municipality of Greenwich Township in the County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. **LOCAL ENFORCEMENT**

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, c. 383) and the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, the local enforcing agency shall be The City of Bridgeton Bureau of Fire Prevention under the Shared Services Agreement entered into between the Township of Greenwich in Cumberland County and the City of Bridgeton and authorized by Greenwich Township Committee Resolution 1-15-2019 adopted on January 2, 2019.

2. **AGENCY DESIGNATION**

The local enforcing agency shall be the City of Bridgeton Bureau of Fire Prevention under the Shared Services Agreement entered into between the Township of Greenwich in Cumberland County and the City of Bridgeton and authorized by Greenwich Resolution 1-15-2019, adopted on January 2, 2019.

3. **DUTIES**

The local enforcing agency shall enforce the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the codes and regulations adopted under it in all buildings, structures and premises within the Township of Greenwich, other than owner occupied one and two-family dwellings used exclusively for dwelling purposes and buildings, structures and premises owned or operated by the Federal Government, Interstate Agencies or the State of New Jersey, and shall faithfully comply with the requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the Uniform Fire Code.

4. **LIFE HAZARD USES**

The local enforcing agency established by Section 2 of this Ordinance shall carry out the periodic inspections of life hazard uses required by the Uniform Fire Code on behalf of the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

5. **ORGANIZATION**

The local enforcing agency established by Section 2 of this Ordinance shall interact and cooperate with the Greenwich Township Fire Company and its Fire Chief who shall, in turn, report to the Greenwich Township Committee.

6. **APPOINTMENTS, TERM OF OFFICE, REMOVAL**

6A. The Fire Official appointed by the City of Bridgeton shall serve Greenwich Township pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement mentioned above.

6B. Term of Office

Pursuant to the aforementioned Shared Services Agreement, the Fire Official shall serve for the term set by the City of Bridgeton.

6C. Inspectors and Employees

Such inspectors and other employees as may be necessary shall be appointed by the City of Bridgeton pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement.

6D. Removal from Office

Inspectors and other employees of the enforcing agency and the Fire Official shall be subject to removal by the City of Bridgeton under applicable Bridgeton Ordinances.

7. **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Pursuant to Sections 15 and 17 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act, any person aggrieved by any order of the local enforcing agency (or agencies) shall have the right to appeal to the Construction Board of Appeals of Cumberland County.

8. **FEES**

8A. The annual registration fee for life hazard uses shall be in accordance with the Uniform Fire code of the State of New Jersey.

8B. The application fee for a permit shall be in accordance with the Uniform Fire Code of the State of New Jersey.

8C. **Non-Life Hazard Uses**

(a) In addition to the registrations required by the Uniform Fire Code, the following non-life hazard uses shall register with the Bureau of Fire Prevention. These uses shall be inspected once per year and shall pay an annual fee as set forth below:

Business Use Group

B-1 under 2,500 sq. ft.	\$25.00
B-2 under 2,500 – 4,999 sq. ft.	\$35.00
B-3 5,000 – 9,999 sq. ft.	\$75.00
B-4 10,000 sq. ft. and over	\$150.00

Factory Use Group

F-1 under 5,000 sq. ft.	\$100.00
F-2 5,000 sq. ft. and over	\$150.00

Mercantile Use Group

M-1 under 6,000 sq. ft.	\$35.00
M-2 6,000 sq. ft. and over	\$75.00

Storage Use Group

S-1 under 2,500 sq. ft.	\$35.00
S-2 2,500 sq. ft. and over	\$75.00

Residential Use Group

R-A non-owner occupied 1 and 2 units	\$25.00
R-B 3-6 units	\$35.00
R-C 7-12 units	\$75.00
R-D 13-20 units	\$225.00
R-E over 20 units	\$500.00

Assembly Use Group

A-1 under 2,500 sq. ft.	\$25.00
A-2 2,501 to 5,000 sq. ft.	\$50.00
A-3 5,001 to 10,000 sq. ft.	\$75.00
A-4 10,001 to 11,999 sq. ft.	\$100.00

**Vacant Use Group
Closed or shuttered commercial**

C-1 under 1,000 sq. ft.	\$50.00
C-2 2,000 sq. ft. and over	\$75.00

Utilities Use Group

U-1 under 2,500 sq. ft.	\$25.00
U-2 2,500 sq. ft. and over	\$50.00

(b) R-A uses shall be inspected and charged a fee only upon sale or change of tenant.

(c) Uses not classified above that are subject to the Uniform Fire Code will be classified as business uses.

8D. (a) Given the limited and specialized use, registration fees relating to farms or strictly agricultural use shall not exceed \$100.00 on an individual farm or property.

Section One. Repealer. All former Ordinances of the Township of Greenwich which are in conflict with the provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed upon the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section Two. Severability. If any part or parts of this Ordinance are held to be invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section Three. This Ordinance shall take effect after final approval and publication as required by law.

On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to open the public hearing, unanimously carried. Mr. Glaspey questioned the purpose of the ordinance and was advised it was to create the new fee structure for the fire inspections of the farms. There being no further comments forthcoming on motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to close the public hearing, unanimously carried. On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by

Deputy Mayor Orr to adopt the foregoing ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote.
Ayes: Orr, Reinhart, Werley Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Mayor Reinhart next called for the Introduction of Proposed Ordinance No. 41-2019, "2019 "CAP" Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)"

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2019

**2019 "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 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 2019 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 \$3,541.69 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 2019 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 \$12,395.92, and that the CY 2019 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.

On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the introduction of the foregoing proposed ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Reinhart, Werley Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Mayor Reinhart called for the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2-17-2019

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, THE Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in the efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages, and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Cumberland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2020 in the amount of:
DEDR \$34,996

Cash Match	\$ 8,749
In-Kind	\$26,247

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

Mayor Reinhart's motion for approval of the following resolution was retracted. The Township Committee requested further information on Resolution No. 2-18-2019 and Resolution No. 2-19-2019 prior to any further action being taken.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-18-2019

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for electronic tax sales, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct electronic tax sales, and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-19-2019

TAX SALE FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send two (2) notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Township of Greenwich wishes to charge \$25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich that a fee of \$25.00 per notice be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2019 electronic tax sale.

Unfinished Business –

Fire House Code Violations - Mr. Carr indicated correspondence had been sent osed requesting an extension of time which to make the repairs.

New Business –

Vacant/Abandoned Properties - The Committee has requested a listing.

Foreclosure of Properties - The Committee has requested a listing and the cost to proceed with foreclosure.

Solicitor's Report –

Liquor License - there is a proposed liquor license law which could add value to the Ship John Inn of the Township embraces it.

Certified Local Government - this would be under the National Historic Preservation Office Guidelines. Information was provided by the Land Use Board which would require changes to be made in concert with the Land Use Board. Ms. Watson indicated there is a tax credit bill which has not yet been signed which would involve the historic buildings.

Storm v Harris - foreclosure is complete

Sale of Equipment - a check in the amount of \$65,050 was received for the sale of the fire equipment.

Historic District Memorandum – Verizon - The MOA requirements must be completed within 30 months. On motion of Committeeman Werley, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to authorize the circulation of an RFP for the purpose of updating the existing nominations and listing, unanimously carried. The MOA must also be extended.

Acting CFO Approval – still waiting on DCA approval.

Committee Comments -

Mayor Reinhart reported the calls for the month of January as follows:

Fire Calls 5
EMS 7

Public Comment - On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to open the public comment. Ms. Watson indicated the Convenience Center needs two lanes at the entrance and a Hazardous Waste Day is needed. Mr. Glaspey advised the Committee that the Governor's would be instituting a Rain Tax for paved surfaces. He questioned the Verizon MOA and snow removal. There being no further comment forthcoming on motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to close the public comment, unanimously carried.

On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garrison, RMC
Township Clerk

