

Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 17, 2019

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
September 17, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Orr 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: Committeeman Werley and Deputy Mayor Orr were present. Mayor Reinhart was absent. Also present were John Carr, Solicitor also acting for purposes of this meeting as Clerk for purposes of maintaining minutes, and Kim Fleetwood, CFO/Treasurer.

Flag Salute: Deputy Mayor Orr

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 20, 2019 were unanimously approved on motion by Committeeman Werley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr.

Ordinance 46-2019 Amending Ordinance 18-2014 of the Township Code of Greenwich regarding Historic Conservation District Applications was unanimously approved on motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley. This Ordinance is to be published pursuant to law prior to the upcoming meeting and shall be the subject of a public hearing and possibly adoption at the regularly scheduled October meeting.

Resolution 9-35-2019 was unanimously approved on motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley. There was some discussion on this issue as to the source for payment of the radios. This was ultimately cleared up as coming from the fire company line to be paid by the Township out of fire company funds by the CFO/Treasurer.

Unfinished Business:

JH Services: This was the subject of discussion at the August meeting at which time there was a question as to what the bill was for. CFO/Treasurer, Kim Fleetwood, alerted the Committee that she had received information from Lois Mazza, Township Assessor, indicating that JH Services assists the Assessor year to year (as has been the custom for many years) in rendering Assessor services on behalf of the Township.

Snow Removal Contract: It was discussed that the snow removal request for proposals is to appear on the website and is to be discussed and acted on at the next meeting.

Mowing Contract: It was discussed that the mowing request for proposals is to appear on the website and is to be discussed and acted on at the next meeting.

Cleaning Service Contract: There was some discussion that while we are seeking proposals for a cleaning service for the municipal building that there should be some discussion with the school as to whether or not a shared service for this utility could be entered into between the school and the Township. Committeeman Werley indicated he would reach out to the school on this. It was also discussed that the request for proposals should be published on the website so that the proposals could be compared.

New Business:

Generator Repair Quote: There was a discussion as to the generator repair quote for \$1,020.00 to replace the oil pressure sensor on the generator. Deputy Mayor Orr requested a breakdown of costs for the proposed repair prior to providing the go ahead on this repair. It should be noted that the quoting contractor has an existing maintenance contract for the generator unit.

Solicitor's Report: The Solicitor reported on the following:

Fire House: The fire house doors have been a continuing issue and at this time, there is indication which has been communicated to the Bridgeton Fire Department Captain relating to the certification of eligibility for the fire hall at 991 Ye Greate Street (Block 19, Lot 22) for the nomination to the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places pursuant to communication to Matthew E. Pisarski from the State of New Jersey, DEP, Natural & Historic Resources, Historic Preservation Office dated August 27, 2019. This means fire house doors as well as any potential other changes or alternations to the fire house would be subject to review as to historic impact.

In-Rem Foreclosures: Matt Pisarski reached out to the Municipal Solicitor relating to a potential interest at the County level in finding funding for 663 Ye Greate Street based upon its contributions to the underground railroad. The thought is to add 662 Ye Greate Street to the In-Rem Foreclosure List given the title is not clear and if and when the Township Committee takes action to authorize the In-Rem Foreclosures, this property and its status should be made known to the County for purposes of seeking any potential for funding.

Escrows for Historic District: An updated Ordinance having already been considered, this part of the report was not expanded on.

Committee Comments:

Committeeman Werley relayed that he had reached out to the Code Enforcement Officer relating to a complaint he received on 329 Old Mill Road and involved the complaining resident with Mr. Lamanteer for purposes of review of the issue. Committeeman Werley asked Mr. Lamanteer to attend at the next meeting to advise as to the status.

Committeeman Werley indicated he took a stray cat to the Township Animal Shelter and had a satisfactory experience. At the same time, he indicated he had called the Animal Control Officer about the issue and the Animal Control Officer never returned Committeeman Werley's call. The suggestion was made to include a request for proposals for Animal Control Officers in order to shop that position based upon the lack of satisfactory response and the necessity to obtain the most efficient proposals possible on behalf of the taxpayers in preparation for the 2020 reorganization.

Committeeman Werley indicated that he had received direct communication from the Township Engineer asking him to be present on October 1, 2019 for the receipt of bids for the road construction project. This led to a discussion between Deputy Mayor Orr and the body questioning whether or not the body ever approved the bid specifications. The discussion included past practice at the Township as well as the practice of other communities as to the involvement of the governing body in approving bid specifications before they are advertised. It was discussed that the Township Engineer should be reminded of the body's wish to review all bid specs prior to their advertisement.

Bill List:

After review and discussion on motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley, the Bill List was unanimously approved in the amount of \$272,918.35.

Public Comment:

On motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley, public comment was open, Mike Glaspy of Bridgeton Road asked about the \$35,000.00 he recalled seeing and how that would impact paving and it was discussed that that was perhaps the design work as opposed to the actual construction work. Some discussion ensued as to his taxes going up and he indicated he would be attending the local school board meeting if not the regional school board and Freeholder meetings.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley, public comment was closed unanimously at approximately 8:10 p.m. based upon there being no other parties who wished to speak.

A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved after motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley.

Respectfully Submitted,

John G. Carr, Esquire, Solicitor