

**GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2015
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 6, 2015."

Those present were Mayor Reinhart, Deputy Mayor Port and Committeeman Orr. Also present were: Kim Fleetwood, Treasurer; John Carr, Township Solicitor and Lisa Garrison, Township Clerk.

Flag Salute - Mayor Reinhart

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills – After review and discussion of the Treasurer's report and bill list, on motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Committeeman Orr to approve the Treasurer's report and the bills for payment in the amount of \$91,399.03, unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes - May 12, 2015. On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Committeeman Orr to approve and adopt said minutes, unanimously carried.

Public Hearings:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2015

**AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE OF
GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey as follows:

The Township Committee of Greenwich Township does hereby adopt the following schedule of fees with respect to permits and activities required or regulated under the various Chapters of the Code of the Township of Greenwich (attached). This by way of recommendation from the Land Use Board of the Township of Greenwich and follow-up action by the Township Committee which action is taken based upon the recommendation of the Greenwich Township Land Use Board.

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of the Township of Greenwich which are in conflict with the provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed upon the adoption of this Ordinance.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 Committeeman Orr to open the public hearing, unanimously carried. Ms. Garrison indicated the Ordinance had been published. The fees were compiled by the Planning Board from the surrounding townships. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to close the public hearing, unanimously carried. On motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve and adopt the foregoing ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Port, Reinhart
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GREENWICH TOWNSHIP’S PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT KNOWN AS THE CUMBERLAND-SALEM REGIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF DEERFIELD, TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, TOWNSHIP OF PITTSBORO, BOROUGH OF SHILOH, TOWNSHIP OF STOW CREEK AND TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

WHEREAS, Greenwich Township did previously adopt an Ordinance authorizing the participation in the Joint Municipal Court (hereinafter “Joint Municipal Court”) by the Township of Deerfield, Township of Greenwich, Township of Hopewell, Township of

Lawrence, Township of Pittsgrove, Borough of Shiloh, Township of Stow Creek and Township of Upper Deerfield (hereinafter the “Participating Municipalities”); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the establishment of the Joint Municipal Court, the Participating Municipalities entered into an Agreement for the Operation of the Joint Municipal Court dated January 9, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Municipal Court has become known as the “CS Regional Municipal Court”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the January 9, 2012 Agreement between the Participating Municipalities, the CS Regional Municipal Court Committee was established; and

WHEREAS, Downe Township has requested to become a participant in the CS Regional Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the CS Regional Municipal Court Committee has reviewed the request from Downe Township and recommended to the Participating Municipalities that Downe Township be admitted as a participant to the CS Regional Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, all Participating Municipalities have approved the inclusion of Downe Township in the CS Regional Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Greenwich Township has determined to admit Downe Township as a Participating Municipality in the CS Regional Municipal Court and to take the action necessary to amend the existing CS Regional Municipal Court Agreement dated January 9, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Greenwich Township Committee as follows:

1. Greenwich Township does hereby authorize participation by Downe Township in the Joint Municipal Court known as CS Regional Municipal Court.
2. The Participating Municipalities, following the adoption of this Amendment to Ordinance No. _____, will be Downe Township, Township of Deerfield, Township of Greenwich, Township of Hopewell, Township of Lawrence, Township of Pittsgrove, Borough of Shiloh, Township of Stow Creek and Township of Upper Deerfield.
3. The terms and conditions associated with the admission of Downe Township to the CS Regional Municipal Court are that Downe Township shall agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the January 9, 2012 Agreement and further that it shall remain a member of the CS Regional Municipal Court for a period of not less than three (3) years from July 1, 2015, (the “Effective Date”) of the Amendment to the Joint Municipal Court Agreement and shall have no right to withdraw prior to the expiration of three (3) years from the Effective Date.

4. The Greenwich Township Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to execute an Amendment to the Joint Municipal Court Agreement to permit the participation by Downe Township and to amend that Agreement to provide that Downe Township's participation shall be for a period of not less than three (3) years from the Effective Date of July 1, 2015.
5. This Amended Ordinance shall be conditioned upon, and shall not take effect unless and until all Participating Municipalities adopt an Ordinance authorizing participation in the CS Regional Municipal Court by Downe Township and further authorizing and joining in the Amendment to the Joint Municipal Court Agreement dated January 9, 2012.

On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Committeeman Orr to open the public hearing, unanimously carried. Mayor Reinhart indicated over the years this agreement has saved the Township a lot of money. Mr. Carr indicated it will be the largest joint court in the State. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to close the public hearing, unanimously carried. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve and adopt the foregoing ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Port, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 6-33-2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK HANNIGAN AS DOG REGISTRAR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich wishes to appoint Frank Hannigan to serve as the Dog Registrar for Greenwich Township; and,

WHEREAS, Frank Hannigan wishes to serve in the position of Dog Registrar for Greenwich Township to perform duties in relation to the Township of Greenwich Dog Registrar as relates to the registration and census of dogs within the Township of Greenwich;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that Frank Hannigan is hereby appointed Dog Registrar for Greenwich Township until a successor is qualified and appointed.

On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to approve and adopt the foregoing resolution, unanimously carried. At this time Ms. Garrison indicated an ordinance for the fees that will be set at \$5.00 if spayed/neutered and \$7.00, which will be an annual fee. The hours for the registrar will be a half hour to an hour prior to the Township Committee meeting.

Unfinished Business:

OEM Carpentry - Three (3) estimates had been received. At the last meeting Austin did not comply with the requirements which leaves the remaining two (2) contractors. Committeeman Orr had questioned if Austin had been previously hired and is it a problem. It was stated that he has mowed. Mr. Carr indicated that documentation is not required for the mowing. On motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve Accu-Built Structures, LTD at \$1,250.00 subject to insurance being provided, unanimously carried.

OEM Paint Bids - Committeeman Orr had previously requested the contractor be contacted to insure his understanding of the specifications. Ms. Garrison indicated the insurance and business registration documentation had been provided. Mayor Reinhart will reach out for references for Sprouts and Ladders.

Lt. Meyers, of the Bridgeton Barracks, presented the statistics for the month of May. There were one thousand two hundred (1,200) calls for services with there being sixteen (16) for Greenwich Township. He proceeded to break down the calls. Lt. Meyers indicated he may be leaving the Bridgeton Barracks. Deputy Mayor Port questioned what the explanation would be for the Bridgeton Barracks being the busiest in the state. Lt Meyers indicated it was due to geographics. He then proceeded to answer questions from the public.

Vacant Property Maintenance - Mr. Carr in reference to the property mentioned at the last meeting, 822 Sheppards Mill Road, indicated last year the township had demolished a property but this year there were changes in the fees if the property is not owned by the Township. He suggested the next step would be the property owner be given legal notice. The Committee requested Mr. Carr move forward. The idea is for the Township to be able to place the maintenance as a lien against the property. Mr. Carr will advise the current lien holder.

Road Closure Request - Mr. Carr had prepared a draft resolution for the Committee's review which could be used for this issue. It would put the applicant in charge of telling the Township when and for what purpose, insurance, publishing the closure, policing the area, holding the Township harmless and signage. A facilities use agreement will be developed and shared with the Township's insurance company.

New Business

Registrar of Vital Statistics – The position is open. Mr. Carr indicated he had contacted the Hopewell Township administrator with the possibility of a shared service. The position requires a certification. Ms. Garrison will contact the State in order to determine the numbers to be able to discuss a shared service agreement. Ms. Fleetwood indicated the position had been paid, \$137 per quarter, through payroll as a 1099 miscellaneous. Ms. Fleetwood indicated she has no record of any fees being received. Ms. Fleetwood indicated that the 1099 miscellaneous question may be addressed to Ms. Lake, the Township CFO.

Solicitors Report –

Designate properties as excess - Mr. Carr had reached out to the Township Assessor and Tax Collector and will follow up for a list. Mr. Carr provided information regarding the process to move forward and indicated the purpose would be to get the properties back on the tax roll. He suggested it may want to be addressed with the Land Use Board. It will begin with an Ordinance. Undersized properties are offered as is and must be merged. The sale parameters after adoption of the ordinance can be determined in the future. All sales will be subject to Township approval.

Wastewater Grant – Mr. Carr indicated Matt Pisarski recommended a methodology be chosen and pointed to the vacuum system being utilized in Alloway Township and the possibility of this methodology being used. An RFP will be the next step in the process which Mr. Pisarski offered to assist. Deputy Mayor Port questioned, if by focusing on the Alloway Township system, would it be circumventing one of the purposes of the grant which is to evaluate different methods. Ms. Watson indicated the vacuum line is to only collect within the Township and it would then be pumped into Bridgeton. The grant was to investigate the possibility of a small batch plant in Greenwich. Mr. Carr indicated Mr. Pisarski was of the opinion a batch plant would not fly because of the sensitive environmental structure in the area. Ms. Watson indicated there is a lot of cutting edge technology out there and a firm is needed to investigate all the options. Ms. Watson opined there is some inbreeding between the County and Bridgeton sewage authority. Mayor Reinhart indicated he had previous positive experience with a batch plant. Mr. Carr will bring an RFP that is all inclusive. Ms. Watson indicated there are three (3) large national firms that would have a national perspective. Ms. Watson suggested the USDA be contacted for an RFP. Committeeman Orr questioned if it is a reimbursement grant.

Watsons Dike - Mr. Carr indicated correspondence, dated June 4, 2015, had been received from Ted Baker relative to the repair of Watsons Dike. It looks to split the balance, which is not absorbed, fifty percent (50%) to County and twenty-five percent (25%) each to Hopewell and Greenwich. The County has not yet seen the proposal. Deputy Mayor Port questioned if this was the same repair that the County was going to do that would not cost Greenwich money. Mr. Carr indicated he could respond this month or wait until next month. Committeeman Orr indicated part of the issue is the grant is expired in 2013 and they must write for an extension and FEMA would not commit without some movement on the project. Mr. Carr indicated this was for sluice gates only. The Committee concurred to hold in abeyance. Deputy Mayor Port indicated this was not a good idea. His perception was to clarify the assurances we had received. Mr. Carr indicated the amount is just an estimate. Mayor Reinhart indicated until the Freeholders decide the Committee cannot make any decisions. Mr. Carr indicated the Township could express their opinion to the Freeholder Board. Deputy Mayor Port expressed his concerns in losing the funding. The Committee concurred to send a letter indicating the parameters must be better defined in regards to the dollar amount. Mr. Carr will circulate a letter to the Committee and Clerk for review. If there are no concerns he will send it to the Freeholder Board.

Ye Greate Street flooding - Mr. Carr indicated correspondence had been received from Ted Baker regarding the flooding issue on Ye Greate Street. County Engineer, John Knoop, has agreed he will go to the area during a rainfall to review.

Ms. Garrison indicated the following resolution is necessary in order to place the Clean Community funds into the budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-34-2015

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FUNDED THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE 2015 CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of Revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

SECTION 1.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Greenwich Township, County of Cumberland, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of additional revenue in the Calendar Year 2015 Budget in the amount of \$ 4,000 which item is funded through a grant provided by the NJDEP for the 2015 Clean Communities Program;

SECTION 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a like sum of \$ 4,000 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

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| Clean Communities 2015 | \$ 4,000 |
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On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve and adopt the foregoing resolution, unanimously carried.

Committee Comment –

Deputy Mayor Port indicated there was no Dike committee meeting this month. The NJIT grant has not been awarded yet but they did get invited to submit a full proposal. Letters of support were sent. It is not a big grant but will pay for research on resiliency and flood protection. He had spoken with the Army Corps of Engineers who are working on the determination of federal interest, a realignment of the dikes was worked on and trying to demonstrate that there is a project that has a positive return with a greater than 1:1 cost ratio. More information had been requested. Assistance with obtaining the information was requested. A Coastal Communities Resiliency email included a list of participants for a steering committee

that will include Township Committee, Planning Board, Dike Committee and OEM which will be similar to the Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee. Documents need to be provided and Deputy Mayor Port indicated he will follow up and possibly request assistance. There is no update in regards to the hazard mitigation plan from the consultant. Deputy Mayor Port indicated he had missed the meeting on the cell tower and questioned the mitigation decision. Mayor Reinhart indicated he had interpreted it as they were asking for ideas in which the public gave three (3) or four (4) ideas and it will now be negotiated between SHPO and Verizon. It may be a two (2) to three (3) month wait. Committeeman Orr indicated the impression was given the cell tower would not be seen this year but probably next year.

Mayor Reinhart indicated a request had been received by Mr. Lloyd for the Township to mow the road to Hancock's Harbor. Ms. Fleetwood indicated there is money available. Mr. Carr indicated quotes should be received and it should be placed on the website. What was spent last year was \$7,500. Deputy Mayor Port indicated all of the roads need to be mowed as some are narrowing and getting dangerous. The bulkhead at Wheaton Island Road, which is State owned, is deteriorating and suggested a letter be written to Fish & Game to repair. There were OEM bills that needed reimbursement for 2014-2015. Mayor Reinhart questioned the steps for property maintenance and was advised it starts with the Zoning Officer as proper notice must be given. Mayor Reinhart suggested that Renee Brecht be the mayor's designee on the Bayshore Council. She is head of the Littoral Society and already active on the Bayshore Council. Deputy Mayor Port agreed that she was a good choice.

Public Comment –

On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to open the public comment, unanimously carried.

Ms. Watson advised the Committee that the Bulls Eye House is on the list of "the 10 most endangered Historic Sites of New Jersey as a zombie house. A house that has been abandoned but the bank has not foreclosed. Ms. Watson indicated the Preservation of New Jersey is asking State legislature to take steps to require banks to foreclose within six (6) months. Ms. Garrison indicated New Jersey's foreclosure law is the hindrance as it is one of the longest and it is her understanding that it is trying to be fast tracked. Mr. Carr indicated it must be applied for and the abandoned property ordinance does help but they have to pay. She indicated Lonnie, at the dump, will no longer be able to take brush it will have to go to Bridgeton, which is a fifteen (15) mile round trip. She suggested the Township should protest. Further South State was to restore the grass along the pavement which was tore up last year and an email had been sent to the County with no response. Mr. Carr indicated a letter could be written. Mr. Tyson questioned if any of the roads Deputy Mayor Port mentioned in the Dike conversation are designated evacuation roads and could be included in the letter. Mr. De Marco questioned if the Township puts up twenty-five percent (25%) who will be responsible for the maintenance in the long term over the next fifty (50) years will be the issue. In his opinion the price will increase. Mr. Tyson indicated Ye Greate Street is a County Road and there is an issue with the road entrance to his property and has it ever been addressed. He was advised the elevation had been changed for the runoff. There is supposed to be another phase to the main street of Greenwich and the Township had advised that a 2 foot crown was not necessary. Mr. Hannigan questioned if

mowing could be negotiated with the County. Mayor Reinhart indicated the Township could reach out to them and request that they work on some of their roads or a possible shared service could be discussed. Committeeman Orr indicated it had been done in the past but the County has less staff now. Ms. Farrow questioned the status of the Carter property. Mr. Carr reviewed the actions the Township was currently taking. On motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to close the public comment, unanimously carried.

Adjournment –

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garrison
Township Clerk

