

**GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 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

Approval of Minutes - November 11, 2014, December 9, 2014 and January 5, 2015. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to approve and adopt said minutes, unanimously carried.

Treasurer’s Report/Bill Payment of Bills – After review and discussion of the Treasurer’s report and bill list, on motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to approve the Treasurer’s report and the bills for payment in the amount of \$143,357.28, unanimously carried.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 1-12-2015

**AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS OR
DELINQUENT AMOUNTS LESS THAN \$10.00**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows or the cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquent amounts in the amounts of less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the governing body may authorize the Tax Collector to process, without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquencies of less than \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector to cancel said tax amounts as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, the Chief Financial Officer and the Municipal Auditor.

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

On motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Committeeman Orr to approve and adopt

the following resolution, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-13-2015

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE DIKE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich in seeking to make an appointment to the Dike Committee due to a vacancy undertake the following appointment with the term as set forth; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich has considered the matter in a properly noticed public meeting having solicited volunteers from the public interested in serving on the Dike Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that the following individual is hereby appointed and shall serve the term as follows:

Member	Term
Ed Sheppard	Term Expiring 12-31-15

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that the appointment and term of the aforementioned are hereby ratified and approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-14-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVE NARDELLI AS FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of a Flood Plain Administrator for the Township of Greenwich situate in the County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, a New Jersey Municipal Flood Plain Administrator is in charge of reviewing development permits in those cases where development is developing in a floodway or high hazard area of special flood hazard area and is responsible for maintaining data related thereto; and,

WHEREAS, Steve Nardelli has expressed a willingness to serve in the position of Flood Plain Administrator for Greenwich Township to perform duties in relation to the position of Flood Plain Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that Steve Nardelli is hereby appointed Flood Plain Administrator for one year or until a successor is qualified and appointed.

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

On motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Committeeman Orr to approve and adopt the following resolution, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-15-2015

RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR A STUDY OF FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES TO PROTECT LIVES, PROPERTY, AND NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED HISTORIC AND CULTURAL ASSETS IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Greenwich Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey is concerned with protecting the lives and property of its citizens from flooding from Delaware Bay, and its tributaries, the Cohansey River and Stowe Creek; and,

WHEREAS, the historical and cultural assets of this township are nationally recognized and include the 1686 village of Greenwich, the site of the 1774 Tea Burning Protest against the British, and the third National Register Historic District in New Jersey ; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich was very grateful for the opportunity to participate in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s 2011 Pilot Study, Greenwich Township Coastal Community Vulnerability and Resiliency Assessment, which highlighted flooding threats and suggested responses in the township; and,

WHEREAS, The **Governor’s Office of Recovery and Rebuilding** received the report of the Rutgers University School of Engineering entitled, Strategies for Flood Risk Reduction for Vulnerable Coastal Populations Around the Delaware Bay, August, 2014, Qizhong (George) Guo, Principal Investigator, which concluded that, in Greenwich, “*[t]he current levee system that protects the community is not high enough or extensive enough to adequately block flood waters from the 100-year coastal flood event and from future sea level rise.*”; and,

WHEREAS, these two studies provide a valuable and useful foundation for the next logical step: a study with a tighter focus on Greenwich to produce engineering plans and cost projections for flood mitigation and resiliency projects which are ready to be funded and implemented; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has recently reviewed Preliminary Flood Insurance Risk Maps for the township which indicate a greatly increased risk of flooding in the township, compared to the current FEMA flood maps; and,

WHEREAS, a study of the type described above is identified as a priority Mitigation Measure for the township in the Cumberland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan which is currently under review and will be approved early in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of such a study, expected to be around \$250,000, is beyond the means of this historically important township of 800 residents; and.

WHEREAS, Greenwich cannot access grant funds for Sandy recovery and resiliency improvements which have been made available to many other New Jersey communities because Cumberland County is not one of the nine New Jersey counties “most impacted by Hurricane Sandy;” and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor of the State of New Jersey reportedly is allowed discretion in the allocation of 20% of the HUD, CDBG grants to any community, anywhere in the State of New Jersey,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, Cumberland County, New Jersey respectfully requests that the State of New Jersey provide the township with the necessary funds of \$250,000 to conduct a study necessary for flood protection of this historically important community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be mailed to the offices of Senator Jeff Van Drew, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, Assemblyman Bob Andrzejczak and Assemblyman Sam Fiocchi.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-16-2015

DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR 2015

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate official depositories for all funds of the Township of Greenwich for the current calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Greenwich New Jersey, as follows:

1. The allegations of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The official depositories of the Township of Greenwich shall be:
 - A. Newfield National Bank
720 Shiloh Pike
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1-17-2015

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, that for the year 2015, the following shall serve as the cash management plan of the Township of Greenwich.

The Chief Financial Officer is directed to use this cash management plan as the guide in depositing and investing the Township of Greenwich's funds.

The following are suitable and authorized investments:

Interest-bearing bank accounts and certificates of deposit in authorized banks, listed on Resolution #1-16-2015 Designating Depository for Municipal Funds, for deposit of local unit funds.

Government money market mutual funds as comply with the N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e)

Local government investment pools which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(c) and conditions set by the Division of Local Government Services

New Jersey Cash Management Fund

Repurchase agreements (repos) of fully collateralized securities which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(a).

Each month, the Chief Financial Officer shall prepare a schedule of investments purchased and redeemed, investment earnings, fees incurred and market value of all investments.

The Government Unit Depository Protection Act approved banks located in the State of New Jersey and possessing a current government Unit Deposit Protection Act Eligibility Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Bank and Insurance are authorized depositories for the deposit of funds.

The CFO shall report to the governing body any account that does not earn interest.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-18-2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY LAMANTEER AS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich wishes to appoint Anthony Lamanteer to serve as the Property Maintenance Inspection Officer for Greenwich Township; and,

WHEREAS, Anthony Lamanteer wishes to serve in the position of Property Maintenance Inspector for Greenwich Township to perform duties in relation, among other things, to the Township of Greenwich Property Maintenance Code as relates to vacant and abandoned properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that Anthony Lamanteer is hereby appointed Property Maintenance Inspector for Greenwich Township until a successor is qualified and appointed.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1-19-2015

**THIS IS A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REORGANIZING THE DIKE COMMITTEE OF GREENWICH TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, based on input from the Greenwich Township Dike Committee, it has been determined that certain changes are desirable in order to enhance attendance and participation at Dike Committee meetings on behalf of Greenwich Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich values the participation and input of the Greenwich Township Dike Committee and the many benefits it brings the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Township Dike Committee has recommended that the one year position for the Emergency Management Coordinator be re-designated as a spot available for a Township resident and the Greenwich Township Dike Committee has requested that the Dike Committee be expanded by one member to a total of eight which request the Greenwich Township Committee has no objections to;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that the Township Committee does hereby update the Greenwich Township Dike Committee to reflect that the spot originally reserved for the Township Emergency Management Coordinator be now open to a member of the public who is a resident of Greenwich Township and the total positions available for the Greenwich Township Dike Committee are increased by one for a total of eight positions.

Snow Plowing Contract- Three (3) quotes were received and opened by Mr. Carr. The Committee reviewed the quotes from BTM Construction, Hancocks Harbor and David L Construction. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to approve the quote of BTM as priority contractor and Hancocks Harbor as secondary contractor contingent upon insurance and listing of equipment, unanimously carried.

Sheppards Mill Pond - Mayor Reinhart read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-20-2015

THIS IS A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE GRANTING THE MAYOR AND THE MUNICIPAL CLERK THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) TO PURCHASE FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS IN CONCERT WITH GREEN ACRES AND OTHER PARTIES AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE LANDS KNOWN AS "SHEPPARD'S MILL POND" SITUATE IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Township committee acting in reliance on information which has been exchanged over the course of years with regard to Sheppard's Mill Pond has considered this matter for purposes of seeking to preserve the historic use of swimming as well as the non-swimming recreational elements of pond access at Sheppard's Mill Pond; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Township Committee is mindful of the benefits to ratables in the Township in providing recreational elements such as access to Sheppard's Mill Pond and has considered the potential purchase by Greenwich Township as a favorable means b which to protect historic Township use of the site in the face of a purchase by Green Acres; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has sought and received feedback on this proposed purchase from the Environmental Commission and the Planning and Zoning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich desires to negotiate and enter into a Purchase Agreement for the purchase of a 4 acres +/- of ground situate (as roughly depicted on the annexed Plan "A") at the Sheppard's Mill Pond which 4 acres +/- is landlocked but which shall come with an easement to be shared with Green Acres for access from the road with shared maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the access shall be gated at Sheppard's Mill Road and the Township shall be authorized to control access at all times other than deer hunting season during which time it shall be left open by the State; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price for the lands is to be \$17,000.00 and the lands are to convey with the right to use Sheppard's Mill Pond itself recreationally at the risk of Greenwich Township and there shall be a parking area element as a part of the 4 acres.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized on behalf of Greenwich Township to enter into negotiations and sign a Letter of Intent with the proviso that a final proposed Agreement of Sale shall be brought back to the Township Committee for purposes of review and final vote by the Township Committee prior to formal execution thereof on behalf of Greenwich Township.

At this time Deputy Mayor Port indicated what was being discussed is the purchase of the property not swimming. Mayor Reinhart expressed his concern regarding the liability and maintenance issues. It was discussed the times the gate would be open during hunting season. Deputy Mayor Port indicated there are strong feelings in the public and he would be loath to close the subject without further input from the public and questioned if there was a better way to get the public's input. Mayor Reinhart indicated at the original meeting there were many people that were not residents and he had been approached by residents in opposition and suggested to them a petition. He indicated he sees no advantage to Greenwich Township. Deputy Mayor Port in reviewing the resolution noted "benefits to ratables in the Township". Mayor Reinhart questioned what the advantage would be in owning the property and money needs to be placed in the budget for maintenance. Deputy Mayor Port indicated it could be leased to a swim club. Mr. Carr indicated the resolution is only for a letter of intent as there is no contract as this time to review. Committeeman Orr indicated it needs to be move forward as this opportunity may never come again. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to approve the foregoing resolution, carried with one nay by Mayor Reinhart.

New Business –

Continued Certificate of Occupancy Fee - Ms. Garrison explained the Planning Board is currently reviewing the fees and it was brought to the attention of the Board by Mr. Lamanteer that the required Continued Certificate of Occupancy had no fee. Ms. Garrison indicated the Board is recommending to the Township Committee a \$50 fee be instituted by ordinance for a Continued Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Carr will prepare a draft ordinance for the Committee's review at the next meeting.

Setting Budget Meeting Date - Ms. Fleetwood indicated that Ms. Lake, Township CFO, has recommended the following dates for a budget meeting - January 27th, January 31st or February 7th. The Committee concurred to set a budget meeting for January 27th at 7:00 p.m. The Clerk will advertise said meeting.

Mayor Reinhart also brought up the need for the rescheduling of the March meeting as the Township Clerk will be out of town. Mr. Carr and Ms. Garrison will review their schedules and present a date to reschedule at the next meeting.

Solicitors Report – Mr. Carr had circulated a report and reviewed the correspondence received which included Mr. Gellerman has now retired and a replacement has not been named at this time; Mary Jane Lakes' bond; Steve Eisenhauer has reached out in regard to \$200,000 in funds going into going into Sheppard's Mill Pond. Mr. Carr further reviewed the title correction for Resolution No. 1-15-2015 as it differs from the agenda.

Committee Comment – Deputy Mayor Port indicated he is pleased with the work accomplished tonight. Mayor Reinhart reviewed the fire calls for the month of December as four (4), EMS calls were eight (8) for a year to date of fire calls as sixty-five (65); EMS as forty-three (43) and a total of one hundred and eight (108) combined. He indicated this total is down from the previous year which as one hundred and twenty-seven (127). He reported Big Item Dump Day will be held between 9 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 24th and signs will be placed around and also on website with the new coordinator, Ms Werley’s contact information. He announced that tires would not be accepted. Committeeman Orr questioned if there was any word on the tower and should the solicitor write a letter. Mayor Reinhart indicated he had intended to write a letter and has no problem with the solicitor writing something. Mr. Henry indicated it was being reviewed in Washington.

Public Comment – On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Committeeman Orr to open the meeting to the public, unanimously carried. Jim Carluzzo indicated hunting season starts in middle of Sept and ends January 31st. Mayor Reinhart indicated the gate will be open a while. Mr. Henry indicated the Township gate could be closed and secured and it should be made clear. Mr. Henry thanked the Committee and further indicated the Township had a swim area at one time and there is a decline of young families and this is needed to make it attractive to young families. No young families means the fire department, boards and schools will not be populated. The Township needs to provide amenities and a committee could be set up to take care of the area. He urged the Committee to think outside of the box as this is part of the future of the Township. He indicated the Township has it’s work cut out with the hazard mitigation plan as it includes a municipal working committee as a commitment to FEMA to ensure that we are going to move forward with the action items. He advised the Township Committee to think about the appointments to said committee. He recommended the dike committee be rolled into it as many of the members will have a motivation in seeing that things are being done. He indicated this will occur in March. Mr. Rich Elwell hopes that Mr. Carr will write a letter to Washington as there are many concerns from the residents regarding the lack of cell phone coverage and he expressed a concern in regards to public safety. He indicated the Township should have an occupancy fee and feels the \$50 fee is ok. He advised the Committee that his parents property had sold for \$189,000 and had been appraised at \$200,000 in 2010. Mr. Carluzzo indicated he spoke to SHPO and the tower was not approved for the school. He advised his property was still available and he had previously offered money to the Township. Mr. Carluzzo indicated he had the approvals from the other agencies. Mayor Reinhart indicated it had not been approved by the Township and it was necessary to have an approved application. Deputy Mayor Port questioned the status of the SEARCH grant. Ms. Watson indicated the audit was needed, which she received from the CFO and a CCR # was needed, which the CFO was working on. On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Committeeman Orr to close the public meeting, unanimously carried.

Ms. Garrison indicated the rabies clinic was set for March 7th and the County requested someone from the Township be present.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garrison
Township Clerk

