

**GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 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 Werley 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 Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$157,504.90, unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes - On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve the minutes of February 19, 2019, unanimously carried.

Mayor Reinhart called for the Introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

Introduction of 2019 Budget - On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley to approve the introduction of the 2019 Budget for the Township of Greenwich, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Reinhart, Werley Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None. Mayor Reinhart indicated the 2019 budget called for no increase in the tax levy. Ms. Fleetwood indicated the auditor will be present at the public hearing for the adoption of the budget.

Mayor Reinhart next called for the Public Hearing of 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 Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to open public hearing, unanimously carried. There being no comment forthcoming on motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley to close the public hearing, unanimously carried. On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to adopt the foregoing 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. 3-18-2019

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.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3-19-2019

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-20-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REGISTRATION OF A 2019 KME 7400 FIRE TENDER

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the Township Committee to see to the legal usage of Township owned vehicles to include a fire tender as is mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Township to attend to the Department of Motor Vehicles for purposes of registration of the recently purchased fire tender;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that William Reinhart, Mayor is authorized to execute a Special Power of Attorney in a form such as is annexed authorizing John G. Carr, Esquire, Township Solicitor, to attend the New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles for purposes of registering the fire tender in the name of the Township.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3-21-2019

RESOLUTION ISSUING ADDENDUM FOR GREENWICH NATIONAL REGISTER RFP

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Township Committee is charged with taking action with regard to many issues as to the business activities of the Township to include a current effort to receive requests for proposals to assist Greenwich Township in updating its National Register status; and

WHEREAS, certain questions have been raised regarding the request for proposals which was approved at the February 2019 meeting by the Township Committee and circulated thereafter; and

WHEREAS, a suggestion has been made to issue an update to the RFP in a form such as is annexed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that the update to the RFP in a form such as is annexed is approved for circulation.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-22-2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE 12TH ANNUAL TEA BURNER 5K AND 1 MILE RUN/WALK

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, has received a request from the Tea Burner Race Committee for the endorsement and support by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich to hold its 12th Annual Tea Burner 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk on Saturday, September 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, this event coincides with the Cumberland County Historical Society Artisan and Craft Faire; and

WHEREAS, net proceeds of the race will be dedicated towards the C. Wallis Goodwin Scholarship Fund and the Greenwich Volunteer Fire & Rescue; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Township Committee in the County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, hereby pledges its support of said event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich that this Resolution hereby endorses its support for the Tea Burner 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk and requests that a Resolution be issued by the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders permitting the use of the designated County Roads needed for said event which is to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

BE T FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby requests that the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department be available to help with appropriate road safety assistance during said event.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3-23-2019

RESOLUTION APPROVING A GREENWICH TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY HIGHWAY COIN DROP FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 AND SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 AT YE GREATE STREET

WHEREAS, the Volunteers of the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Company rely on various methods to generate funds and the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Company is a volunteer organization; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Company needs to get various approvals authorizing the coin drop;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Fire Company is a volunteer organization and wishes to have a coin drop on September 28, 2019 beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Ye Greate street with an ending time of approximately 1:00 p.m. and also on September 29, 2019 beginning at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Ye Greate Street with an ending time of approximately 3:00 p.m., which coin drops are to be situated as follows: Bridgeton Greenwich Road and Ye Greate Street (County Road 623).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that authorization be given by the Township Committee to the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Company to have their requested coin drops for the dates, times and place, specified pursuant to their written request.

Unfinished Business –

Fire House Code Violations - Mr. Carr indicated the original violations have been modified. Chief Bowen was able to change the occupancy on the second floor. No new violations will be issued for vertical openings and occupancy. A two month extension is requested to rectify the outstanding violations.

Vacant/Abandoned Properties - Mr. Lamanteer was present this evening to update the Committee on the status. Chief Bowen indicated he could assist with the enforcement of commercial vacant/abandoned properties and it could also be stretched to the farm buildings. A fee would need to be created and guidance would be necessary. Mr. Carr requested this item remain on the agenda.

Tindall Island Road Tree Removal - Quotes were received for the removal of five (5) trees and stumps.

Clarky's Tree Service - \$4,895.00
Sprouse - \$3,200.00
Patrick Austin - \$3,000.00

On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley to approve the quote of Patrick Austin in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the removal of five (5) trees and stumps on Tindall Island Road, unanimously carried.

New Business-

Fire House Floor Renovations - Mr. Charles Reinhart presented quotes for the repair of the cement floor at the fire house. Due to the amount of the quotes exceeding the bid threshold it was determined the project needs to be placed out to bid.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-24-2019

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS
REPLACEMENT OF FIRE HOUSE CONCRETE FLOORS**

WHEREAS, it has been determined the concrete floors at the Greenwich Volunteer Fire House are in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee would like to proceed with the replacement of the concrete floors; and

WHEREAS, the bid documents are being prepared for the replacement of the fire house concrete floors to be competitively bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, that upon receipt of the bid documents, the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to place the appropriate advertisement for bids for said work in the Official Newspaper of the Township and to receive said bids in accordance with the New Jersey Public Bidding Laws.

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

Ms. Fleetwood indicated an ordinance would be necessary for the funding of the project.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 42-2019

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE GREENWICH FIRE DEPARTMENT FLOOR RENOVATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000, INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$40,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND FOR THE AFORESAID PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes for the purpose set forth in Section 3 of this ordinance an appropriation in the amount of \$40,000.

Section 2. For the financing of the cost of said purpose, the Township Committee has received approval of an allotment in the amount of \$40,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund available therefore by virtue of provision in a budget or budgets of the Township previously adopted.

Section 3. The purpose herein referred to and hereby authorized is as follows:

Replacement of Concrete Floor in Engine Room \$ 40,000

Section 4. It is hereby found, determined and declared that:

(a) The purpose described in Section 3 hereof is not a current expense and is an improvement which the Township of Greenwich may lawfully make as a general improvement, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specifically assessed on property specifically benefited hereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the purpose for which the obligations authorized by this ordinance are to be used is 20 years.

(c) The aggregate amount included in the estimated cost of the improvements or purposes for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses, architect's fees, cost of authorizing, selling and issuing obligations, preliminary planning, test and survey expenses, and a reasonable proportion of the compensation and expenses of employees of the Township of Greenwich in connection with the construction or acquisition of such improvements or property shall not exceed \$1,000.

(d) No debt is authorized by this ordinance.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage as provided by law.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart 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

Solicitor's Report –

Registration of Fire Truck - Mr. Carr indicated a resolution had been approved for such purpose.

Greenwich National Register Update RFP Status – Mr. Carr indicated changes were recommended by Ms. Watson, Land Use Board Chair.

Former Conquistador Restaurant Property - Mr. Carr indicated he had received a call from a potential purchaser of the property for the purpose of determining if there could be

negotiation in regards to the outstanding property taxes.

Tax Foreclosures - A foreclosure proposal had been received from Mr. Seeley's office. More proposals will be sought and it will also be posted on the Township website.

Acting CFO - The Township's request to reappoint Ms. Fleetwood as Acting CFO was approved.

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.

Committee Comments -

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

Fire Calls 4
EMS 3
YTD 19

Public Comment - On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to open the public comment. Mr. Carluzzo questioned if the taxes were paid on the Perkins property and what would happen if the owner walks away from the property. Also questioned was if there was a difference in vacant/abandoned properties when it was located in the Historic District. Mr. Lamanteer indicated Federal Law treats the Historic District differently. Mr. Marich stated the house across from the Fire Department is being fixed and why should it have to be occupied. Committeeman Werley indicated it was important in regards to the school taxes. Less children means more school taxes. There being no further comment forthcoming on motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to close the public comment, unanimously carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garrison, RMC
Township Clerk

