

TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2016
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 October 12, 2016”.

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

Flag Salute – Mayor Reinhart

Treasurer’s Report/Bill List - After review and discussion, on motion of Committeeman Werley, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve the Treasurer’s report and the Bill List in the amount of \$163,495.18, unanimously carried.

Mayor Reinhart called for the approval of minutes of September 13, 2016. On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley to approve the minutes as received, with one (1) abstention by Mayor Reinhart.

Presentation - Mill Creek Dike Proposal by Larry Niles who for the last five (5) years has been focusing on rehabilitating habitats along the Delaware Bay and marshes. The proposal for Mill Creek Pond is an extension of this. Meetings had been held with the County Engineer and several agencies in regards to the pond and at this time it is unsure what the agencies will do. He had spoken with the County regarding the issue to restore some tidal flow with some restoration of the marsh behind the dike. Most of the fish have been lost and there is a serious problem with the Delaware Bay. The bay due to the overall shifts in use is slowly coming back into production. The resources of the bay are more plentiful than 30-50 years ago. In order to solve the problem to protect the roads and the town itself a long term solution is needed. Joe Smith discussed the overall bay situation and then focused on the town. The following topics were outlined:

- Problems stemming from meadow banking.
- Salt Hay farming impacts.
- Marsh Loss and Degradation.
- History of the Mill Creek Dike
- Restoring Tidal Flow while Protecting the Road and Dike
- Self Regulating Tide Gate
- Benefits of Tidal Restoration
- Exposing Marsh Soils to Air

Mr. Niles indicated the area behind the dike is about 4’ below and from his perspective looking at all the dikes there is a serious issue that must be dealt with because the infrastructure

and the town are threatened by oncoming impacts of rising sea level. There will be greater pressure on the infrastructure to protect the town as the County did not rebuild the entire dike. A long term solution should be to restore the marsh and rebuild the road. The State engineers stated there is money but it is not coming to Cumberland County. He indicated this is preliminary proposal and there are other issues to consider which were raised by Mr. Henry. Also, he has proposed to take on the project and work with the Cumberland County Planning Department and Engineer and start developing partnerships with the agencies to fix the problem. He indicated his desire to propose this project, find funding and engage agencies and then figure out the actual project. Some money has been put in with Stockton to get elevations. This basic data would be for the preliminary proposal to present to funding sources for interest. Once agencies are engaged then they can proceed to DOT. At this time if a proposal is developed in conjunction with the County and satisfies all issues the partnership will stand. At this time there are no funding sources. There are national funding sources aimed at these kind of problems that are also solving environmental issues. Bacons Neck Pond is a similar situation. The bottom is too low with too much water covering too much of the time. It will stay open water with waves pounding up against Bacons Neck Rd. He does not want to see this happen to the main road in Greenwich. His proposal is to bring up a productive marsh around the road and is looking for Township approval. The Committee thanked him for his presentation. Mr. Carr indicated his proposal is looking for the County to buy in also. Mr. Niles stated he needs some kind of indication the town would move forward. Mr. Carr indicated it is appropriate to present this to the Land Use Board. Mayor Reinhart indicated it was his understanding when the Dike Committee was created the issues were to be run through the Land Use Board and would like to hear from the Board. Mr. Werley concurred it be presented to the Planning Zoning Board at their next meeting and return to the Committee in November. Mr. Niles stated if the dike was found to be in violation of wetlands laws something must be done. Mr. Carr requested copy of said letter indicating any violations.

The Committee indicated Resolution 10-40-2016, “A Resolution of the Township of Greenwich adopting the Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties” not be acted upon until the Land Use Board reviews.

Unfinished Business:

Cleaning Service – It was determined to have the Fire House cleaned in lieu of the OEM Building for the same fee. Mayor Reinhart will contact the services and advise.

Land Sale - Mr. Carr indicated a returned check was received for the two (2) properties. Email had been received advising a replacement check will be sent.

Records Retention - Ms. Fleetwood indicated she had received a response and the individuals was currently six (6) to eight (8) weeks on another job and expressed his interest in Greenwich’s records once his current job was completed.

Fuel Spill Cleanup – Mr. Carr had distributed a memo at the last meeting regarding the cleanup. An issue was raised since the State would not be responsible for the air conditioning they offered to pay for the installation. Mr. Carr stated the building needs to be winterized and

was advised the heat needs to be on due to the OEM radios. The odor will still be invasive until the remediation is completed. Mr. Reinhart had quotes from both Woodruff (\$2,000) and Petrunis (\$3,000) for the above ground tanks including the installation. Mr. Carr will reach out to the insurance company for the new tanks and advised as of January 1, 2017 all generators and fuel facilities will be abandoned by the State and placed over to the townships.

RFQ – mowing/snow removal - The following two (2) quotes had been received:

Hancock			David L Construction		
Plowing	Hrly	Not to Exceed	Plowing	Hrly	Not to Exceed
1”- 6”	\$100	\$350.00	1” – 6”	\$150	\$875.00
6” – 12”	\$100	\$650.00	6” – 12”	\$150	\$1,400.00
12” – 24”	\$100	\$1,400.00	12” – 24”	\$150	\$2,100.00
Extreme Condition Equipment			Extreme Condition Equipment		
Hrly \$100.00 each piece whatever needed			Hrly \$175.00 Loader		
____ Not to Exceed \$1,000.00			Not to Exceed \$3,500.00		
Salt			Salt		
Per Event - \$200 per application			\$750 per application		

After review and discussion the Committee on motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve both quotes with Hancock being the first to be contacted and David L Construction being the alternate if Hancock not available and conditioned upon receipt of proof of insurance, unanimously carried.

Township Insurance Policy Review - Mayor Reinhart indicated he had filled the survey form from Colson & Gossweiler. The Workers Compensation rates will be forwarded to the CFO.

Tennis Courts - the State requested the new signage be placed at the courts and once completed to advise their office in writing. Committeeman Werley indicated he will place the signs.

New Business -

Best Practices- Ms. Garrison reviewed the Best Practices checklist with the Committee.

Solicitor Report:

Mr. Carr reviewed his written report with the Committee and touched on the following items:

Budget Request for Municipal Courts- for the Committee’s information only to advise the process is ongoing.

Cell Tower – Application has been made for a building permit.
Fire Department Doors - The proposal has been sent and the process has started.
710 Springtown Rd – Awaiting confirmation of demolition to close his file.

Committee Comments:

Committeeman Werley commented on Friday a Resilience Committee Outreach Program will be held from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Reinhart encouraged residents to attend the activities at the Senior Center. He reported on the following calls:

August – 6 Fire Calls; 4 EMS Calls; YTD 94
September – 8 Fire Calls; 5 EMS Calls; YTD 107, which is more than last year.

Mayor Reinhart thanked the Fire Department for the Open House the children from the Morris Goodwin School enjoyed the program.

Deputy Mayor Orr commented on the Frank Stewart Trust correspondence and Mr. Carr indicated he would review.

Public Comment – On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to open the public comment, unanimously carried. There being no comment forthcoming, on motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Committeeman Werley to close the public comment, unanimously carried.

Adjournment – On motion of Committeeman Werley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garrison
Township Clerk