

**TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2017
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.”

Those present were Mayor Reinhart, Deputy Mayor Orr and Mark Werley. Also present were John Carr, Township Solicitor; Kim Fleetwood, Treasurer; Mary Jane Lake, CFO; and Lisa Garrison Township Clerk.

Flag Salute – Mayor Reinhart

Treasurer’s Report/Bill List - After review and discussion, on motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mark Werley to approve the Bill List in the amount of \$388,060.75, unanimously carried.

Minutes – On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley to approve the minutes of September 12, 2017, carried with one (1) abstention by Mayor Reinhart.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-30-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes assignment by a municipality of tax sale Certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and,

WHEREAS, DSHC Enterprises, LLC has presented an offer to purchase, by Assignment,

Certificate 17-00001 on Block 5 lot 4.02 located at Springfield Road
And

Certificate 17-00005 on Block 25 lot 1.03 located at 251 Tindall Island Road which were issued to the Township of Greenwich at a tax sale held on April 25, 2017 the full amount of the certificate as of October 17, 2017, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Greenwich hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the necessary assignment document to effect assignment of the above-referenced Certificates of Sale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10-31-2017

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF TINDALL ISLAND ROAD

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Township of Greenwich formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2018-Resurfacing of Tindall Island Road-00668 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Greenwich.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Greenwich and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Unfinished Business –

Fire Truck Tender - Mr. Carr indicated the quoted price will be honored until November 12, 2017. Ms. Lake indicated there is \$390,548 in capital and if the tender is purchased the remaining balance will be \$98,548.38. She stated \$105,000 went into capital in the 2017 budget. She reviewed the surplus indicating historically has no problem regenerating it. Mr. Charles Reinhart stated that hoses and tools, totaling \$3,400 extra, must be considered as truck will also be utilized to fight fires and some of the items are mandatory. Committeeman Werley stated the current tanker is in bad shape and something must be done within the next year or two. Deputy Mayor Orr stated the project has snowballed to double what was in the capital plan and issued his concerns regarding the outcome of the revaluation and the impact to the residents. Committeeman Werley felt the Township could “tighten their belts” in next year’s budget. After further discussion, on motion of Committeeman Werley, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve the introduction of the following ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Werley, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 35-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 3000 GALLON ELLIPTICAL FIRE TANKER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$292,000 INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$292,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 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 \$292,000.

Section 2. For the financing of the cost of said purpose, the Township Committee has received approval of an allotment in the amount of \$ 292,000 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:

Purchase of a New 3000 Gallon Elliptical Fire Tanker \$ 292,000

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 10 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 \$10,000.

(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.

New Business –

November Meeting - Due to the emergent deadline in regards to the deadline for the price quote for the purchase of the fire truck tender it was determined to change the November meeting date. Mr. Carr and Ms. Garrison will review their schedules to determine a date.

Municipal Alliance - Melanie Garrison was present to discuss the ASAP program.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Carr reviewed his written report with the Committee which included the following:

663 Ye Greate Street- It has been directed to the Cumberland County Improvement Authority.

Municipal CFO/Treasurer - will be discussed in executive session.

Revaluation - the revaluation company has circulated letters to the residents.

Equalization Formula - Deputy Mayor Orr requested Mr. Carr prepare an OPRA request to the County to determine the formula utilized to calculate the Township's equalization ratio. He has not been satisfied with the lack of response to his question. Ms. Lake suggested the Mr. Carr reach out directly to the County Tax Board.

Committee Comments: Committeeman Werley questioned if the Cumberland County Historic Society could be contacted to determine if they would have any interest in maintaining and possibly gifting to them the Old Stone School House. The school will hold its annual Halloween Parade on October 31, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Halloween will be held on October 31, 2017 between the hours of 4:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment – On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to open the public comment, unanimously carried. Mr. C. Reinhart questioned if the municipality could adopt a Knox Box ordinance. Mr. Marisch indicated the Fire Department held an open house with 44 children attending. Mr. Price questioned if the Fire Department has narcan. Mr. Marisch indicated they are looking into as the training is being set up through the County. Mr. C. Reinhart stated there is a cost to it and Mayor Reinhart indicated a doctor must oversee the fire department. Mr. Price questioned if the revaluation company would be evaluating as a higher ratio in order to maintain the valuation results for a longer period of time. He also questioned how long the results were anticipated to last. Ms. Garrison indicated the numbers are market driven and most of the previous revaluations have been holding for years. There being no comment forthcoming from the public on motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to close the public comment, unanimously carried.

At this time Mr. Carr advised the public the Committee will be entering into an executive session for personnel and action may be taken upon return to regular session. On motion of

Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve and adopt the following resolution, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-32-2017

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b permits a public body to go into a closed session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters as follows:

- 1) **Matters Required by Law to be Confidential:** Any matter which by express provision of the Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- 2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive Federal funding.
- 3) **Matters Involving Individual Privacy:** Any matter, the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as records, data, reports, recommendations or other personal material of any education, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned.
- 4) **Matters Pertaining to a Collective Bargaining Agreement:** Any matter involving a Collective Bargaining Agreement or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any Collective Bargaining Agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
- 5) **Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease, Acquisition of Real Property or Investment of Public Funds:** Any matter involving the lease, purchase or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

- 6) **Matters of Public Protection:** Any tactic and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.
- 7) **Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and Attorney-Client Privilege:** Any matter of pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in (4) above in which the Township is or may become a party. Any matters falling with the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise ethical duties as a lawyer.
- 8) **Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:** Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all of the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public.
- 9) **Deliberations after Public Hearing:** Deliberations by the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a responding party; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters relating to items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that it will go into closed session to discuss the following, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, after which it will reconvene in the open public session.

1. Municipal CFO interview.

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the closed session will be made available to the public when the need for privacy no longer exists.

Upon return to regular session, the Committee determined to take no action at this time as the deadline for receipt of resumes is November 1, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garrison
Township Clerk