

**GREENWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

The Greenwich Township Committee met in the meeting room of the Fire Hall on Tuesday, February 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor William Reinhart presided; all Committee Members were present. Municipal Solicitor John Carr was also present and is preparing these minutes based upon RMC Lisa Garrison not being present due to an illness at the time of the meeting.

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Statement Regarding Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., pledge of allegiance conducted, Open Public Meeting Act information read into the record.

Roll Call

Committeeman Werley, Deputy Mayor Orr and Mayor Reinhart all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

On Motion by Committeeman Werley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr, the Minutes of January 3, 2017 and January 19, 2017 are approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report/Payment of Bills

Committeeman Werley indicates a desire that the Committee shop for a new oil company to make sure they are getting the best prices.

On Motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley the Bill List in the amount of \$154,159.23 is approved unanimously.

Mayor indicates he has a quote to replace the AC and heat of between \$15,000.00 and \$17,000.00 from Petrunis for the OEM Building and he awaits a quote from Laury Heating and Cooling.

Deputy Mayor Orr suggests inquiring as to Cumberland County to seek cooperative purchasing power as to heating oil.

Discussion ensues as to a Municipal budget meeting and the Committee indicates a preference to have a meeting with the Auditor. One concern expressed is the expense of the upcoming re-evaluation which needs to be planned for. Mayor Reinhart to reach out to Auditor to seek to set up a mutually agreeable time on a weeknight evening.

New Business

Mayor Reinhart indicates that there was no Land Use meeting given that there were no applications to act on.

Solicitor's Report

The Solicitor Report is provided. Information includes repairs to OEM Building, Codification, sale of land to Andrew Veale, sale of land to Martin Morse, an ethics article on social networking problems for Board Members, an issue relating to barricades for roadways abutting water and correspondence from Mr. Nardelli, Township Engineer and discussion relating to the Facilities Use Agreement and the insurance requirement.

Committeeman Werley seeks information about enforcement of abandon properties and wants to know that we are nudging lenders to conform to our Ordinances. Some conversation ensues as to whether or not the Zoning Officer would be willing and/or interested in seeking to assist in enforcement and at what fee.

Mayor Reinhart indicates that calls for 2016 were up for the fire company with 82 fire calls, 56 EMS calls and 1 tree on the road which the fire company addressed for 139 calls which is an upward trend. He further indicates that thus far in 2017, there have been 4 fire calls and 7 EMS calls for a total of 11 calls for service thus far in the 2017 year.

Mayor Reinhart relates that a Wastewater Management meeting was held at the Township Building run by Carl Gaskill of Fralinger Engineers and indicates he would very much appreciate some form of written minutes from the meeting. He expresses concern that water monitoring was discussed whereby 4 spots on the Cohansey are alleged to be monitored by the State and the argument seems to be being made that Greenwich is polluting which strains credulity given that 40,000 people live in Bridgeton upriver of Greenwich and only 800 people live in Greenwich. Some attention probably needs to be paid to the sources of pollution.

Committeeman Werley indicates that he understands the tower is to be breaking ground by Verizon by the end of February or early March.

Open Public Comments

Public comments starts at 7:55 p.m. on Motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley and closed at 8:00 p.m. on Motion by Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr.

Tony Mazzeo indicates he was asked by the State for approval to access Girl Scouts property through his property. He indicates that the previous agreement with the Girl Scouts was between his parents and that entity and he has said no to the State based upon his concerns that the property has been subject to abuses to include trash dumping, sewage dumping, partying and does not want to lose control of the situation through granting an access to the State that he cannot close down.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on Motion by Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr at 8:02 p.m.