

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
February 18, 2020
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, 2020.”

Roll Call: Mayor Reinhart, Committeeman Werley and Deputy Mayor Orr were present. Also present were Lisa Garrison, Clerk; John Carr, Solicitor and Kim Fleetwood, CFO/Treasurer.

Flag Salute: Mayor Reinhart

Approval of Minutes: On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020, unanimously carried.

Ordinances:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 47-2020

**2020 "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 2.5% 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 2020 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 \$3,701.01 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 2020 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 \$12,953.53, and that the CY 2020 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 Committeeman Werley to approve the introduction of the foregoing ordinance and schedule the public hearing on March 17, 2020, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Werley, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2-17-2020

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF
2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to spend for certain purposes specified in the 2019 budget, amounts in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore; and

WHEREAS, there is an excess in one or more appropriations over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A; 4-58 provides for the transfer of such excess amount in appropriations which are insufficient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) that the following transfers are hereby authorized to be made by and between the budgeted appropriations:

| Budget Line Item | Amount | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | From | To |
| Convenience Center Shared Service | \$220.00 | |
| Senior Center Shared Service | | \$220.00 |

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

Unfinished Business:

Cleaning Contract - the supplies have been purchased and the cleaning will begin.

Budget Workshop Meeting - Ms. Fleetwood indicated she is waiting on a response from the auditor..

New Business:

None

Solicitor's Report: The Solicitor reviewed his written report to the Committee. Mr. Carr reported he responded to questions regarding the acquisition of the house with the open well. He conversed with Hopewell Township's Solicitor regarding the farm tag prohibition at the convenience center. He indicated the County does not intend to enforce but this is not in writing. It was suggested the best time to utilize the convenience center would be on the weekend. A sample resolution adopted by Hopewell Township was in the written report for the Committee's review. A resolution will be prepared for the March meeting for the Committee's consideration. Mr. Carr shared an opinion regarding the Committee's attendance at Land Use Board meetings, indicating the only one in attendance should be the Mayor as he is a member of the Board. A designee could be appointed when the Mayor was not able to attend. An OPRA request had been received involving the Pier Road property which was for an environmental review.

Committee Comments:

Committeeman Werley requested Mr. Lamanteer, Code Enforcement Officer, present his report to the Committee regarding vacant properties. Mr. Lamanteer updated the status of the properties since the last meeting. He indicated Mr. Schooley has not responded a this time. He will be given one week to respond and then the matter will be taken to court.

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Bill List:

After review and discussion on motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley to approve the bill list in the amount of \$187,620.79, unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

On motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley and unanimously carried the public comment was opened. There being no further comment forthcoming, on motion by Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to close the public comment, unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved after motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Garrison
Borough Clerk