

Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 17, 2020

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
March 17, 2020
7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Meeting convened and called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Reinhart, Deputy Mayor Orr and Committeeman Mark Werley present. John Carr, Solicitor serving as acting Clerk for purposes of conducting the meeting and creating minutes in the absence of Municipal Clerk Lisa Garrison. Treasurer Kim Fleetwood also present.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of February 18, 2020 were unanimously approved on motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 47-2020 (the "Cap" Ordinance) was opened to the public on motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart. On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr, the open session was closed no members of the public having commented.

Thereafter on motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley, Ordinance 47-2020 was adopted.

Unfinished Business:

Budget Workshop potential time of Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. was discussed. The Mayor will reach out to the Auditor for purposes of seeking to set a time and discuss priorities for the budget.

Committeeman Werley suggests some tax increase would be appropriate rather than staying flat given the increases in expenses that have been endured by the Township. Mayor Reinhart agrees indicating that the insurance increases alone equate to an increase of approximately a penny. Some discussion is had as to whether or not an in person meeting will actually occur next Tuesday due to the coronavirus restrictions. Committeeman Werley indicates he wants the budget to include a means to satisfy the need of the fire company for air bottles which is estimated to be no greater than \$40,000.00. It is related that there is continuing dialogue with Artificial Island representatives seeking to try to get assistance in obtaining up-to-date tanks which will be expired at the end of 2020. The number of bottles needed is 25.

Deputy Mayor Orr indicates he is interested in the surplus called for in the budget. Mayor Reinhart indicates he is frustrated that we have not been able to dedicate more resources to the Stone School House.

Mayor Reinhart indicates he will call the Auditor as does Kim. Information to come as to the budget meeting.

Engineer Proposal: Fralinger DOT proposal for Tea Burner Road is to be pursued based upon information which has been received.

Farmland Preservation: A January 14, 2020 Farmland Preservation related letter from Katie Mazzella of the State Agriculture Development Committee was discussed. The property that was proposed to be preserved in her January 14, 2020 letter was Block 18, Lot 35.01. Given the lapse of well in excess of 30 days and given that the Land Use Board has discussed the matter and not raised objection, the consensus on the Committee was to not provide comment so far out of date and time. Presumably other towns hold 2 meetings a month and are better able to meet the SADC 30 day turnaround time.

New Business:

Solicitor's Report: This includes a discussion of perhaps using an internet based app (i.e. Zoom) for holding future meetings as may be necessary during the virus restriction period.

Committee Comments:

Delaware Avenue was discussed where there are three bank owned properties.

Bill List:

After review and discussion on motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley, the Bill List was unanimously approved in the amount of \$165,548.34

Public Comment:

The meeting is open to the public on motion by Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr.

Dan Mazzeo indicates that all should be careful driving over the bridges on Bridgeton Greenwich Road and Bacons Neck Road due to the warm weather bringing out fishermen that are actually occupying a piece of the road surface.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley, public comment was closed unanimously closed.

At 8:10 p.m. on motion by Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley, the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John G. Carr, Esquire, Solicitor