

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
April 21, 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 March 17, 2020, unanimously carried. On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve the minutes of March 24, 2020 with amendment, unanimously carried.

Ordinances:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 48-2020

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RESURFACING OF TEABURNER ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$276,500, INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL 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 \$276,500.

Section 2. For the funding of the cost of said purpose, the Township Committee hereby appropriates \$50,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund available therefore by virtue of provision in a budget or budgets of the Township previously adopted. In addition, the Township Committee has received approval of an allotment in the amount of \$226,500 under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act. The amount received under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Authority Act will be utilized for payment of expenditures or for the reimbursement of expenses paid.

Section 3. The purpose herein referred to and hereby authorized is as follows:

Resurfacing of Teaburner Road \$276,550

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 \$50,000.

(d) No debt is authorized by this ordinance.

Section 5. The 2020 Capital Budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage as provided by the New Jersey Statute.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve the introduction of the foregoing ordinance and schedule the public hearing on May 19, 2020, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Werley, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Introduction of 2020 Municipal Budget - After review and discussion on motion of Committeeman Werley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to table the introduction at this time to discuss further with the auditor at a special budget meeting, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Werley, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 4-18-2020

THIS IS A RESOLUTION APPROVING ENTERING INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND GREENWICH TOWNSHIP FOR A NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (NJOEM)

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich is responsible for various matters relating to the Township to include disaster mitigation and interaction with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich has been presented through its Emergency Management Coordinator a Memorandum of Understanding together with instructions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich having reviewed the proposal does find it to potentially benefit the residents during the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that the MOU in a form such as has been reviewed by the Township Committee be executed on behalf of Greenwich Township naming Acting CFO Kim Fleetwood the primary agent on behalf of the Township for interaction related to this source of funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk and the Acting CFO are hereby authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary or appropriate in order to properly file the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Greenwich Township.

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

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

**RESOLUTION CONVERTING THE SNOW REMOVAL TRUST TO A STORM RECOVERY TRUST OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1**

RESOLUTION NO. 4-19-2020

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, currently maintains a rider to the Budget entitled "Snow Removal Trust"; and

WHEREAS, use of a Storm Recovery Trust may be used for costs associated with the Coronavirus Response; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1 permits a municipality to adopt a resolution authorizing Storm Recovery funds to be used for “any purpose necessary to protect the safety, security, health and welfare of its citizens, caused by damage by an emergency declaration by the Governor or the President of the United States”,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (by not less than two-thirds of all the governing body members affirmatively concurring) accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1 that the Snow Removal Trust be converted to the Storm Recovery Trust, thus enabling the Township to utilize the Storm Recovery Trust to fund Coronavirus Response costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-20-2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF
THE 13TH ANNUAL TEA BURNER 5K AND 1 MILE RUN/WALK**

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, has received a request from the Tea Burner Race Committee for the endorsement and support by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich to hold its 13th Annual Tea Burner 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk on Saturday, September 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this event coincides with the Cumberland County Historical Society Artisan and Craft Faire; and

WHEREAS, net proceeds of the race will be dedicated towards the C. Wallis Goodwin Scholarship Fund and the Greenwich Volunteer Fire & Rescue; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Township Committee in the County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, hereby pledges its support of said event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich that this Resolution hereby endorses its support for the Tea Burner 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk and requests that a Resolution be issued by the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders permitting the use of the designated County Roads needed for said event which is to be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby requests that the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department be available to help with appropriate road safety assistance during said event.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4-21-2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GREENWICH TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY HIGHWAY COIN DROP FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 AT YE GREAT STREET

WHEREAS, the Volunteers of the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Company rely on various methods to generate funds and the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Company is a volunteer organization; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Company needs to get various approvals authorizing the coin drop.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Fire Company is a volunteer organization and wishes to have a coin drop on September 26, 2020 beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Ye Greate Street with an ending time of approximately 1:00 p.m. and also on September 27, 2020 beginning at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Ye Greate Street with an ending time of approximately 3:00 p.m., which coin drops are to be situated as follows: Bridgeton Greenwich Road and Ye Greate Street (County Road 623).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that authorization be given by the Township Committee to the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Company to have their requested coin drops for the dates, times and place, specified pursuant to their written request.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-22-2020

AUTHORIZE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE ESTIMATED TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich's 2020 Municipal Budget has been adopted and the County of Cumberland is unable to certify the Township's current 2020 tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector will be unable to mail the Township's 2020 tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Tax Collector in consultation with the Greenwich Acting Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have both signed a certification summarizing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the estimated tax levies for the 2020 calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey on this 21st day of April, 2020 as follows:

1. The Township of Greenwich Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township of Greenwich for the third installment of 2020 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by P.L. 1994, c.72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4066.2 and 54:4-66.3).
2. The estimated calendar year tax levy for 2020 is hereby calculated at _____ . The maximum amount that the Township will utilize in the preparation of the 2020 estimated tax bills is less than 105% of the 2020 calendar year tax levy is hereby notifying the State of New Jersey of the attached certified rate.
3. In accordance with New Jersey Statutes, the third installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10th or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date of which interest may begin to accrue.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to table the foregoing resolution, unanimously carried. The Committee authorized the Tax Collector to proceed with the ordering of the estimated bills.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4-23-2020

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH TO HOLD AN EMERGENCY MEETING ON APRIL 21, 2020 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 B (1)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the list of meetings was advertised for Greenwich Township in January 2020; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and approximately twenty-four (24) Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, meetings which would have been open for attendance were outlawed in favor of meetings where interested parties could participate via phone and internet with meetings to be held on forty-eight (48) hour notice; and

WHEREAS, the regularly scheduled Greenwich Township meeting for April 2020 was properly noticed in January 2020; and

WHEREAS, updated notice was forwarded to the website representative more than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting of April 21, 2020 by the Township Clerk but the Township Clerk was unable to confirm the exact time of the posting of the notice on the website; and

WHEREAS, certain matters related to the necessary business of Greenwich Township required for the health and safety of the residents were scheduled to be heard at the April Greenwich Township meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 b (1), in the event notice of the updated means of access via telephone was advertised less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance, the Greenwich Township Committee has determined on motion to hold its regularly scheduled meeting as an emergency meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 b (1) in a manner consistent with Executive Order 108 and the balance of Executive Orders such that the public can participate remotely.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall post the emergency meeting determination and action as is appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 b (1).

Unfinished Business:

Farmland Preservation - On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the submission of a form approving that Greenwich supports the Farmland Preservation of Block 18 Lot 35.01, unanimously carried.

New Business:

Online Bill Pay - Liz Wallender, Tax Collector, requested online payments be authorized for the residents. After review and discussion the Committee concurred.

In Rem Foreclosure List – Ms. Wallender will provide list for governing body review.

Flag Pole – the Committee concurred to purchase at the end of year pending availability of funds.

Wurtzle Lane - a complaint was received regarding the impassability of the road. Deputy Mayor Orr recommended for the short term he will inspect the road to see if the potholes can be filled.

Second Amendment Request - Ms. Garrison indicated a request to adopt a resolution was presented by resident Ed Sheppard. Mr. Carr reviewed the purpose of the resolution. Mr. Carr will provide additional information for the Committee's review.

2020 Salary Budget - Ms. Fleetwood will prepare for the Committee's review at the budget meeting to be held with the auditor.

Solicitor's Report: The Solicitor reviewed his written report to the Committee.

Committee Comments:

Committeeman Werley presented Ms. Brecht's request for a letter of support for the South Jersey Bayshore Heritage Byway. After review and discussion the Committee requested Ms. Garrison prepare the letter of support. Committeeman Werley questioned the AFG grant. Ms. Garrison indicated she will forward this to Mr. Pisarski to see if he could assist with the application submission. Committeeman Werley indicated he had contacted David L to cut and remove trees along Bayside Drive. Deputy Mayor Orr questioned the complaint regarding short term rentals. Mayor Reinhart indicated he had forward the complaint to the OEM Coordinator for review. Mr. Carr indicated a resolution could be drafted to respond if the Committee desired. Mayor Reinhart questioned if adopted how would it be enforced. Deputy Mayor Orr stated a response needs to be formed and also indicated he is not in favor of the restriction. 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 at this time. He will be given one week to respond and then the matter will be taken to court. Committeeman Werley requested a thank you letter be sent to Woodruff Decorating for their donation of gloves and masks.

Code Enforcement Officer Report - Mr. Lamanteer reported the open well was capped. He requested assistance on obtaining the fire report for 329 Old Mill Rd. He indicated that this situation will probably end in court as the owner is not responding. Mr. Lamanteer indicated the Construction office is hesitant to demolish 92 Pier Rd. He is unsure the sale will be moving forward. Mr. Lamanteer indicated he had attend a Vacant Property conference.

Bill List:

Ms. Fleetwood indicated the Bill List was posted on the website. After review and discussion on motion by Committeeman Werley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the bill list in the amount of \$145,071.36, unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Committeeman Werley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Garrison
Borough Clerk

Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 21, 2020