

**GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2022
7:00 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 5, 2022.”

Roll Call: Committeeman Werley, Deputy Mayor Orr and Mayor Reinhart were present. Also present were Kim Fleetwood, CFO/Treasurer ;Thomas Seeley, Esq. and Lisa Garrison, Township Clerk

Flag Salute: Mayor Reinhart

Approval of Minutes: On motion of Committeeman Werley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr, to approve the minutes of December 21, 2021 and January 4, 2022, unanimously carried.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2-16-2022

**APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2023 (JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023)**

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Cumberland;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 23 in the amount of:

DEDR	<u>\$15,217.00</u>
Cash Match	<u>\$3,804.25</u>
In-Kind	<u>\$11,412.75</u>

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2-17-2022

RESOLUTION CANCELLING VARIOUS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, RESERVES AND CAPITAL ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, did appropriate various amounts in budgets of previous years; and

WHEREAS, Grant Awards with matching shares were also approved; and

WHEREAS, all purchases and agreements have been completed and there remains unexpended balances, in various grants and capital ordinances, in the records of the various Township funds; and

WHEREAS, there exists various uncollectable accounts receivable in the records of various township funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the /Township of Greenwich, assembled in public session this 15th day of February, 2022, that the following balances be cancelled from the records as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Unexpended Grant or Reserve Balance</u>	<u>Corresponding Grant Receivable</u>	<u>Capital Ordinances</u>
Improvements to Emergency Mgmt Center Replacement of the Fire House Overhead			820.77

Doors	3500.00
Purchase of Fire Tanker Truck	9132.00
Greenwich Fire Dept Floor Renovation	1173.50
Purchase of Air Bottles	942.60
Reserve for Revaluation	3,776.00

Ordinances:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 60-2022

**2022 "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 2022 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 \$3,947.25 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 2022 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 \$13,814.00, and that the CY 2022 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 Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the introduction of the foregoing proposed ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote.
Ayes: Orr, Werley, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Unfinished Business:

Tennis Court - Ms. Fleetwood indicated the project can be financed through the ARPA money. Upon review and discussion it was determined that Ms. Fleetwood will further follow up with the State on the parameters of the funding.

Historic District - no change in status. Mr. Seeley will reach out to the Land Use Board to determine the status.

Old Stone School House - an extension was requested until June. Ms. Garrison indicated there may be a grant available for further funding.

Generator – Mayor Reinhart requested it be placed on the budget wish list. A request is to be made of the County to contribute for the ongoing maintenance cost as it is being utilized at the OEM building.

Wible Drive Reconstruction Project Easement - Mr. Seeley updated the Committee on the discussion being held with Mr. Dare. Deputy Mayor Orr indicated Mr. Dare's offer may be feasible as the construction cost would increase and possibly kill the entire project as it would not fall within the budget. The Committee requested that Mr. Nardelli and Mr. Seeley respond to Mr. Dare.

Gas Tank Fire Department - Mayor Reinhart received two (2) quotes:

Woodruff - \$3,375

Ross Fogg - \$1,963.15 + \$200 for pump

After review and discussion, on motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the quote of Ross Fogg not to exceed \$2,500.00, unanimously carried.

New Business:

OEM Coordinator Vacancy – Mr. Hunter has presented his written resignation.

Township Clerk Retirement - Ms. Garrison will be retiring at the end of the month. The Committee presented Ms. Garrison with a thank you and a bouquet of tulips. On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the following resolution, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-18-2022

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF TOWNSHIP CLERK LISA GARRISON

WHEREAS, Lisa Garrison the Township Clerk of the Township has indicated her retirement date of February 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is the Township Committee's desire to accept her retirement in good standing with the Township of Greenwich.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey that the retirement of Lisa Garrison, Township Clerk is hereby accepted.

At this time Ms. Garrison thanked the Committee and indicated that it was necessary to make an appointment to the positions of Township Clerk and Dog Registrar. On motion of Committeeman Werley, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to approve the following resolution, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-19-2022

APPOINTMENT OF KIM FLEETWOOD AS ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK AND DOG REGISTRAR

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the positions of Township Clerk and Dog Registrar effective March 1, 2022 due to the retirement of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is desirous of appointing Kim Fleetwood as Acting Clerk for a term beginning March 1, 2022 and expiring February 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is desirous of appointing Kim Fleetwood as Dog Registrar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey that Kim Fleetwood is

hereby appointed as Acting Clerk for a term beginning March 1, 2022 and expiring February 28, 2023 with a salary in accordance with the salary ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kim Fleetwood be appointed Dog Registrar with a salary in accordance with the salary ordinance.

Land Use Board Appointments - The Township Committee has received names from the Land Use Board in consideration of appointments to fill vacancies in the alternate positions. After review and discussion the Committee has concurred that a letter of interest along with a resume is to be requested to fill vacancies on any Board/Commission or Committee. Ms. Garrison will reach out to the Land Use Board Secretary to advise.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Seeley presented his written report to the those present. He updated the Committee on COVID matters and eviction decisions and how these would affect the Township. The damage to the fire truck was determined at this time to be handled by the Fire Department as Mr. Seeley advised it may not be cost effective for him to pursue the matter. Fire Chief Charles Reinhart indicated he will be pursuing another company to complete any future testing of the truck.

Committee Comments:

Committeeman Werley raised concerns regarding a property maintenance issue on 940 Ye Greate Street. Deputy Mayor Orr also brought up the status of the property located at 92 Pier Rd. Ms. Garrison indicated she would contact Mr. DeSario. The prospect of a demolition or a tax lien assignment was also discussed regarding 92 Pier Rd. Ms. Garrison will contact the Tax Collector for the status of the tax lien.

Payment of Bills:

After review and discussion on motion by Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the bill list of December in the amount of \$63,686.00 and the February bill list in the amount of \$532,689.01, unanimously carried

Public Comment:

On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to open the public comment. Fire Chief Charles Reinhart requested of the Committee to keep in mind the replacement of the diesel fuel tank at the Fire Department while preparing the 2022 budget. There being no public comment forthcoming on motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to close the public comment, unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Garrison
Borough Clerk

