

**GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 17, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Orr called the meeting to order stating “adequate notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act notifying the South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on January 15, 2026 and posting on the Township website www.historicgreenwichnj.org.”

Roll Call: Mayor Orr, Deputy Mayor Reinhart and Committeeman Werley were present. Also present were Amy Colaneri, CFO; and Thomas Seeley, Esq., Township Solicitor. Absent: Lisa Garrison, Township Clerk.

Flag Salute: Mayor Orr

Approval of Minutes: On motion of Mayor Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reinhart to approve the minutes of February 17, 2026, carried with one (1) abstention by Committeeman Werley.

Public Hearing:

On motion of Deputy Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Mayor Orr to open the public hearing. There being no comment forthcoming, on motion of Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley to close the public hearing. On motion of Committeeman Werley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reinhart to adopt the following ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Reinhart, Werley Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 93-2026

**2026 "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 2026 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 \$6,401.48 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

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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 2026 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 \$14,936.78 and that the CY 2025 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.

Introduction of 2026 Municipal Budget - On motion of Deputy Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Committeeman Werley, to approve the Introduction of the 2026 Municipal Budget with the public hearing to be held on April 21, 2026, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Werley, Reinhart, Orr; Nays: None Abstain: None

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 3-19-2026

RESOLUTION CANCELLING A RESERVE FOR CAVIAR TOWER

WHEREAS, the **Township of Greenwich**, County of Cumberland, did accumulate a reserve for the Caviar Tower; and

WHEREAS, there exists a balance in a reserve for Caviar Tower of \$5,000 which is no longer needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the **Township of Greenwich**, assembled in public session this 17th day of March, 2026, that this reserve be cancelled.

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

Unfinished Business:

Snow Plowing RFP - there were no RFPs received.

Generator - bid will need to be lowered to \$500

New Business:

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Lead Testing Letters - the letters should not read Historic Greenwich Township.

Rental Registration - Neal Sheppard will be conducting all rental registration and investigations.

Old Stone School House Grant - has been submitted.

Surplus Trailer Sale - resolution to be prepared to sell trailer.

Committee Comments:

Deputy Mayor Reinhart indicated the generator that was authorized for sale does not run and the price will need to be readjusted to \$1,000. Ms. Colaneri will send the updated price to GovDeal.

Payment of Bills

After review and discussion on motion of Deputy Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Mayor Orr to approve the bill list in the amount of \$166,925.24 unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

On motion of Deputy Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Mayor Orr to open the public comment, unanimously carried. Steve Scoloff, Vineland, questioned if there was comment regarding the project in Vineland. Anthony Mazzeo advised the Township of wires hanging off of the telephone poles. There being no further public comment on motion of Deputy Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Committeeman Werley to close public comment, unanimously carried.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 3-20-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, THE TOWNSHIP CLERK, TOWNSHIP CFO, AND TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR CONCERNING LITIGATION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from the meeting of the public body when the subject matter of that meeting concerns litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee intends upon meeting in closed session with the Clerk, and Township Solicitor to discuss litigation; and

WHEREAS, the length of the closed session is estimated to be 30 minutes after which the public meeting of the Township Committee shall reconvene and immediately adjourn;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, together with the Township Clerk, Township CFO and Township Solicitor shall go into a closed session for only the above stated reasons.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich hereby declare that its discussion of the aforementioned subject will be made public at the time when the public's interest and disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure. The estimated date by which such disclosure can be made is (90) days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk at the present public meeting shall read the title of said resolution aloud so that members of the public in attendance can understand at precisely the nature of the matters that will privately be discussed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk on the next business day following this meeting shall furnish a copy of this Resolution to any member of the public who requests on at the fees allowed by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

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

Adjournment: Upon return to open session, there being no further business to come before the Township Committee, on motion of Mayor Orr, seconded by Committeeman Werley to adjourn, unanimously carried

Respectfully submitted.

Lisa Garrison
Borough Clerk

