

Township of Greenwich
May 16, 2011
Council Meeting Minutes
Student/Youth in Government Night

Mayor Shivery called the meeting to order of the Greenwich Township Council for May 16, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

The Municipal Clerk read the required "Open Public Meetings Act Statement."

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present – Councilman DiMenna, Councilman Franklin, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Williams, Mayor Shivery

Absent – none

Approval of Minutes – April 18, 2011 & Special Meeting April 25, 2011

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to approve the minutes. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Mayor Shivery appointed Claudia Morina to the Historical Committee

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to approve the appointment.

Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Reports

Councilman DiMenna/Destiny Gregory reported that the Environmental Committee meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the library. Their last meeting was on April 19th. They planted two trees at the school for Arbor Day. They have been preparing a wish list of things they'd like to do and making plans for the river project. They are going to purchase trash cans and recycle cans for the parks in town. They will provide items for the community National Night Out and hand out seed bags at the Halloween Party.

Councilman Franklin/Tommy DiGiambattista won't bore us with all the financial details but reported that there will be a zero property tax increase this year. He thanked the Mayor, the CFO and the Administrator for helping him get his feet wet on the Finance Committee and thanked the department heads for making their job easier. William Rush was appointed as Chairman to the Business & Economic Development Committee. The committee is moving in the right direction. Lisa Morina, of the county, was a recent guest. The Municipal Alliance Committee gets a lot done by their active members. They are involved in the annual After-Prom party each spring and the Senior Citizen luncheon in June.

Councilman Giovannitti/De'Shaun Burgess reported that the Historical Committee has their files and supplies set up in their room at Broad Street School. Someone has recently given them a math paper from 1935. It's nice to see Claudia Morina get appointed to the committee. Some members meet every Wednesday at the school to go through their collection of items and to discuss things. June 9th is their next regular meeting. The Cultural & Heritage Committee has had the seasonal flags and the American flags hung up on the poles along Broad Street for the summer and Memorial Day and the 4th of July. For our participation in the JIF Harry Rink collects monthly reports from department heads and attends meetings. He works hard to help improve the safety of our employees.

Councilman Williams/student did not show up for meeting

Administrator/Adam Wesen-Morina reported that bids will be received for the chair lift in the Ambulance building. We have received a Community Development Block Grant in order for that building to become ADA compliant. We've also applied for a 2011 grant. He and the Mayor have met with a developer who is interested in building in town. There is a Resolution to appoint an IT Consultant tonight in order to consolidate this service in the township. Our township will be joining the county Tax Assessors as of 2012. We will be planning to have a town-wide revaluation of houses by then.

Clerk/Tommy Greenwood read the Clerk's receipts report for the month.

Police Chief/Natalie Matelyan reported that during the month of April the dept. completed its semi-annual firearms training. On April 30th the dept. participated in the national Operation Take Back, where people could turn in unwanted medications. They took possession of 17 pounds of prescription pills for destruction. With the upcoming holiday weekend they would like to remind everyone to drive carefully and not drink and drive. Also, next week starts the national Click-it or Ticket campaign. Remember to buckle up to save lives.

Fire Chief/Jared O'Brien read the Fire Dept. monthly report for April. He gave the number of fire, alarm and miscellaneous calls they received. He said they will be hosting the annual Fire Safety Camp this summer. It is open to kids in the 3rd to 7th grades. They have recently purchased a new computer server and printer.

Solicitor/Julie Vernacchio explained that there is an Ordinance to be adopted tonight for the Recodification of Township Ordinances. This has been a lengthy process to get to this point and we are glad that our Ordinances will be available on the township website for the viewing public to see.

Ordinance for Adoption

#10-2011 An Ordinance authorizing an emergency appropriation per NJSA 40A:4-53 for revisions to the tax maps in the amount of \$85,000.00

Councilman Franklin motioned, seconded by Councilman DiMenna to open the public hearing. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Mayor Shivery asked for comments and Lee Lucas of 361 Democrat Rd. asked if we are redoing the tax maps for the revaluation. Mayor Shivery told him yes. Lee said that the township wouldn't be reimbursed the \$85,000. for the new tax maps until 2013. He asked when the revaluation would take place and the Administrator told him spring of next year.

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to close the public hearing. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to adopt the Ordinance. Roll call was as follows:

Aye: Councilman DiMenna, Councilman Franklin, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Williams, Mayor Shivery

Nay: 0 Vote: 5-0

#11-2011 Ordinance adopting the Recodification and Revisions of the Twp. Codebook
Councilman Franklin motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to open the public hearing. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Mayor Shivery asked for comments and being none;

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to close the public hearing. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Councilman Franklin motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to adopt the ordinance.

Roll call was as follows:

Aye: Councilman DiMenna, Councilman Franklin, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Williams, Mayor Shivery

Nay: 0 Vote: 5-0

#12-2011 Ordinance establishing the position of electrician/technician and setting salary
Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman DiMenna to open the public hearing. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Mayor Shivery asked for comments and being none;

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to close the public hearing. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Councilman Franklin motioned, seconded by Councilman DiMenna to adopt the ordinance.

Roll call was as follows:

Aye: Councilman DiMenna, Councilman Franklin, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Williams, Mayor Shivery

Nay: 0 Vote: 5-0

Ordinance for Introduction – none

Resolutions (consent 95 - 107)

#95-2011 Resolution for Special Emergency per NJSA 40:4-53/revision of tax maps

#96-2011 Resolution providing for the insertion of a special item of revenue

#97-2011 Resolution authorizing the releases and refunds on real estate taxes

#98-2011 Resolution appointing Bryan M. Ciconte as part-time Police Officer

#99-2011 Resolution awarding purchase contract to Eagle Point Gun per state contract

#100-2011 Resolution authorizing the acceptance of title of seized vehicle to be assigned to the Greenwich Twp. Police Dept.

#101-2011 Resolution approving the Borough of Paulsboro Utility Authorities to provide water and sewer services to properties within the Twp. of Greenwich

#102-2011 Resolution approving change order No.1 (final) to contract for Municipal Building & Fire House parking lot striping project in the Twp. of Greenwich

#103-2011 Resolution awarding contract for the Mullen Ave. drainage repair project to Ivymont Construction Co.

#104-2011 Resolution approving Twp. Engineer to prepare tax maps

#105-2011 Resolution awarding contract for IT Consultant to JHarte Assoc., LLC

#106-2011 Resolution awarding contracts for water & sewer system chemicals

#107-2011 Resolution authorizing appointment of Thomas M. North, Esquire as Municipal Court Judge for the Twp. of Greenwich

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to approve the Resolutions. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Councilman Franklin said that we will be pleased with the appointment of the new Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Shivery swore in Bryan Ciconte as part-time Police Officer.

Payment of Bills - \$549,061.48

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to pay all bills approved by Mayor and Council. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Treasurer's Report for April, 2011

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman DiMenna to receive and file the report. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Quotes - none

Correspondence/Applications

a. Thank you card from Mrs. Ginny Breen & Family

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman DiMenna to receive and file the card. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

b. Notice of retirement from Police Chief Jeffrey Godfrey

Councilman Franklin motioned, seconded by Councilman DiMenna to receive and file the notice. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Mayor Shivery told Chief Godfrey that we hate to see you go but we appreciate all you've done for the township.

Old Business – none

New Business - Dave Strout/JIF Consultant presented Mayor & Council with “loss time” and worker’s compensation figures for previous quarters. He said that the township does a great job in getting employees back to work quicker by giving them a “light” duty job to do. We received gold status last year and were awarded \$3,575. in safety incentive funds. There is a lot of work that goes into the safety program with tons of paperwork. We no longer will have to submit paperwork, rather an auditing team will be visiting the town to audit the paperwork and make their annual inspections. Councilman Williams asked if he knew how much the town has saved over the years by belonging to the JIF. Dave said that he doesn’t have the numbers for us, but since its inception, the JIF has saved around 18 to 20 million dollars for all participants combined.

Audience Participation – Sue Fabrizzio of 242 S. Poplar St. asked where we stand with the permits, etc. for the digging of the ditches. Mayor Shivery said that he hasn’t heard back from the county yet, but will get in touch with them soon.

Mayor Shivery said that this is his favorite meeting of the year and thanked the students for participating. He and student Mayor, Gabrielle Bing handed out awards to the students and then he introduced the teacher who organized the students for tonight and then the school Principal, Superintendent and Board members. Everyone was invited to stay after the meeting for refreshments.

Adjournment

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0
Time 7:38 p.m.

Attest

Township of Greenwich

Lori L. Biermann, Municipal Clerk

George W. Shivery, Jr., Mayor