

**Township of Greenwich
Council Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2011**

Mayor Shivery called the meeting to order of the Greenwich Township Council for October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2011

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the minutes.
Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Ordinance for Adoption

#19-2011 An Ordinance of the Twp. of Greenwich amending Chapter 5, Administration of Government1

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to open the public hearing.
Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Mayor Shivery asked for comments and being none;

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to close the public hearing.

Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

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

Roll call was as follows:

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

Nay: 0 Vote: 4-0

Ordinance for Introduction

#20-2011 An Ordinance of the Twp. of Greenwich amending Chapter 3, Section 140.35 entitled Stop Intersections

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to approve the Ordinance for introduction. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

#21-2011 An Ordinance of the Twp. of Greenwich amending Chapter 140, entitled Vehicles and Traffic to establish designated "Bicycle Lanes"

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to approve the Ordinance for introduction. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Resolutions (consent 156 – 164)

#156-2011 Resolution authorizing special emergency budget for expenses incurred during hurricane

#157-2011 Resolution authorizing the releases and refunds on real estate taxes in the Twp. of Greenwich

#158-2011 Resolution authorizing the cancellation of 3rd & 4th qtr. 2011 taxes and 1st & 2nd qtr. 2012 taxes for total disabled veteran

#159-2011 Resolution awarding contract for video system for six (6) police department vehicles per state contract with Link Communications

#160-2011 Resolution awarding and confirming emergency contract to Garrison Enterprise, Inc. to repair water valve

#161-2011 Resolution amendment authorizing Municipal Tax Foreclosure of additional tax delinquent properties

#162-2011 Resolution approving submission of grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJDOT for the Marshall Ave. project

#163-2011 Resolution approving submission of grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJDOT for the Morse Ave. project

#164-2011 Resolution authorizing release of site improvement performance bond of Paul D. Breier d/b/a Gibbstown Cold Cuts

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to approve the Resolutions. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Payment of Bills - \$924,491.65

Mayor Shivery motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams to pay all bills approved by Mayor and Council. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Treasurer's Report for September, 2011

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to receive and file the report. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Clerk's Reports Received

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to receive and file the reports. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Quotes – Bus Service Quotes

- a) Walt's Bus Service \$169.40 per trip
- b) Holcomb Bus Service - no quote
- c) Safety Bus Service – no quote

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to approve the quote received from Walt's Bus Service. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Correspondence/Applications

- a) Thank you card from Brian DiTonno and Family
- b) Retirement letter from Larry Hurlburt
- c) Save the date memo for JIF Elected Officials Liability Seminar

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to accept, receive and file the correspondence. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Old Business – none

New Business – Fire Chief, Ken Chew, stated that there was going to be a “Fire Prevention” open house this week at the Fire House.

The Administrator asked Mayor and Council if the administrative employees could switch their Election Day Holiday for the Friday before Christmas. He said that they have done this for the last few years.

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to approve the switch. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Audience Participation – Dawn Casey, of 22 Rose Ave. asked about an emergency alert system that residents could use to be notified about things happening in town and the county. She said that her and her neighbors have had about four incidences concerning sewage backup in the last two years. Mayor Shivery said that the information concerning an alert system will be in the next newsletter and on the township website. Dawn said that she is very annoyed that she is using her sump pumps correctly and that some residents aren't and are abusing the system. She wants to know if these people will be fined. The Mayor said that the solicitor and Bob Schoch, the public works supervisor, are working on a solution.

Julie Gentile, of 16 Rose Ave. wants to know who owns the alleyway next to her home because she would like to buy it. Councilman Williams explained how that alleyway came about and told her that the township owns it. He said that it went up for bid in 1990 or 1991 and no one bid on it. The solicitor said that if we ever put it up for sale again she will be the first one notified.

Chuck Tortella, of 414 Swedesboro Rd. said he was at the public meeting that the School Board had last month concerning the schools and he was wondering why Mayor and Council couldn't be there. Mayor Shivery explained that they are planning on having a joint meeting that is recommended by the state's Best Practice Checklist. The meeting will have to be advertised by both entities.

The county representative, Chuck Rose is in attendance tonight.

Adjournment

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Time 7:17 p.m.

Attest

Township of Greenwich

Lori L. Biermann, Municipal Clerk

George W. Shivery, Jr., Mayor