

**Township of Greenwich**  
**September 19, 2011**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Mayor Shivery** called the meeting to order of the Greenwich Township Council for September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**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** – August 15, 2011

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

**Ordinance for Adoption**

**#17-2011** An Ordinance of the Twp. of Greenwich establishing regulations for small wind energy systems and solar energy systems

Councilman Williams 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 Franklin to close the public hearing. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin 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

**#18-2011** An Ordinance of the Twp. of Greenwich establishing salary for Construction Code Office 1

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

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin 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**

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

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to approve the Ordinance for introduction. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

**Resolutions (consent 147 – 154)**

**#147-2011** Resolution authorizing the redemption of tax sale certificate number 070011

**#148-2011** Resolution approving change order #1 to the contract for the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project in the Twp. of Greenwich

**#149-2011** Resolution approving Twp. Engineer's proposal for the Street Overlay Program in the Twp. of Greenwich

**#150-2011** Resolution adopting a form required to be used for the filing of Notices of Tort Claims against the Twp of Greenwich in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6

**#151-2011** Resolution awarding and confirming emergency contract award for pumps between the Twp. of Greenwich and Godwin Pumps of America

**#152-2011** Resolution awarding and confirming emergency contract for fuel for river bank pumps between the Twp. of Greenwich and Weaver Oil Co.

**#153-2011** Resolution awarding repairs of Fire Department vehicles per state contract with Budd's Auto & Truck Repair

**#154-2011** Resolution authorizing closed session for the Twp. of Greenwich pertaining to personnel matters

Councilman DiMenna asked if this operating panel for Resolution #148-2011 was part of the original specs. Public Works Supervisor, Bob Schoch said no, that this was an upgrade for the future.

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

#### **Payment of Bills - \$1,507,029.57**

Mayor Shivery 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 August, 2011**

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

#### **Clerk's Reports Received**

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

**Quotes** – none

#### **Correspondence/Applications**

- a) Resignation letter from John Capasso from his position as a part-time laborer
- b) Thank you letter from Marquis Cooper for the award presented to him
- c) Thank you card from Biermann family
- d) Letter from Chief Giordano concerning preparations, plans & actions for hurricane
- e) Letter from Al Silbaugh concerning hurricane response and follow-up

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

**\*d/Police Chief & e/OEM Coordinator, along with Public Works Superintendent ~ live reports under New Business**

- f) Fire fighter application from Anthony Murschell

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to approve and file the application. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

**Old Business** – none

**New Business - 1) Administrator/Flexible Spending Account (tabled - no information available)**

**2) CFO/Best Practices Inventory Worksheet & Corrective Action Plan for 2011**

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman DiMenna to receive and review the Best Practices Worksheet & the Corrective Action Plan. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

**3) Al Silbaugh, the Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a synopsis of preparedness events leading up to Hurricane Irene. There was a brief Q & A between him and Mayor & Council. Al thanked his deputies as well as the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for their help.**

**Bob Schoch**, Public Works Supervisor, handed out a flow chart for the Twp. sewer system. He said that the conclusion is ground water is making its way into our sewer system. Steps will have to be taken to check on the sources of this misuse.

**Police Chief**, Joe Giordano explained the steps that his department went to to be prepared for the hurricane.

**Mayor Shivery** said that he is proud and grateful for everyone's help during the hurricane.

**Mayor Shivery** explained that he had a meeting last Thursday with Freehold Director Robert Damminger. The county Deputy Administrator is here tonight and knows the severity of our water problems. The county engineer said that they are monitoring the situation and he has been in contact with the Twp. engineer and has given him information on old studies they have on the ditches in Gibbstown. He will be getting together with the Twp. engineer soon and will see if there is any way his firm can help. They will check to see if the sluice gates can be tweaked any.

**Audience Participation – Ron Thompson** of 198 Democrat Road said he lost everything in his basement when the electricity went out and his sump pumps didn't work. He said that Mayor & Council should talk with the guys who originally helped build the sluice gates, George Miller and Fran Jeffers. He said that we should learn from our mistakes and with the amount of money we are spending on the pumps we should be able to get the gates fixed. Councilman DiMenna asked Ron what he thought was wrong with the gates and Ron said they are too high. Mayor Shivery said that our engineer has gotten some good information about the sluice gates from T & M Engineers.

**Mayor Shivery** said DuPont's ran their pump at no expense to us. He thanked Godwin Pumps for flying in the pumps that we needed. Bob Schoch said that he contacted other pump suppliers in the area and they were all out.

**Susan Fabrizzio** of 242 S. Poplar St. said that they are wading through a foot of water to get to their cars from their house. She thanked Officer Sochuck and Bob Schoch for getting them sandbags to put around their house. We need to do something concrete to take care of the water and mosquito problem in town. We don't need any more studies.

**John Redrow** of 191 Democrat Rd. lives right on the creek and he said even during the dry months the creek has been too high. He has checked the gates and trash and debris was accumulating there. Mayor Shivery said that public works checks on this has cleaned it out many times. He said that DuPont's has cleaned out their gates also.

**Gary Maiese** of 243 S. Poplar St. said that he is thankful for the work done by the Twp. OEM and other departments during the hurricane. He can't believe that the state couldn't help us out with pumps during the hurricane emergency.

**Mr. Maccarone** of 753 Willow Dr. said that he got water and sewer in his house during the storm. He's never had water issues before, but has during the last couple of years.

**Mayor Shivery** said that he's been walking around town and more people are saying that they have water issues now and never used to. Gloucester County Improvement Authority had the new gates installed and we need them to check and see what the problem is.

**Ed/T & M Engineer** said that the invert of the new gate is the same height as the old one.

**Councilman DiMenna** asked him if the elevation of the new gates was set by GPS. Ed said yes, it was set both ways.

**Councilman Franklin** said that as a township resident we need to find out what the problem is and fix it.

**Mark Smith** of Willow Dr. said that sewer backed up into his house during the storms. He said it seems like his area was the worst hit with these kinds of problems. Bob Schoch said that the pumping station near that area has been upgraded, but people are tying into the sewer system that shouldn't be. Mayor Shivery said that we are putting in new gas run back-up generators in the pumping stations in case they lose electricity. We are looking into how we can alleviate these kinds of problems. We are getting everyone else's water and are seeing how the county can help us.

**Mayor Shivery** said that we will let the residents know when and if there will be a public meeting on the sluice gate issue.

County Representative, Charles Rose, is in attendance tonight.

#### **Adjourn Public session**

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to adjourn the public portion of the meeting. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Time 8:11 p.m.

**Closed Session**

Time 8:18 p.m.

**Adjourn Closed Session**

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to adjourn the meeting.

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

Time 8:41 p.m.

**Re-open Public Session**

Time 8:42 p.m.

**Resolution #155-2011** Resolution continuing paid suspension for Municipal Court Administrator of the Twp. of Greenwich

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

**Adjournment**

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

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

Time 8:44 p.m.

**Attest**

**Township of Greenwich**

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Lori L. Biermann, Municipal Clerk

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George W. Shivery, Jr., Mayor