

**Township of Greenwich
Regular Council Meeting
April 20, 2015 Minutes**

Mayor Shivery called the regular Council meeting to order of the Greenwich Township Council for April 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

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 6, 2015 Special Mtg. & Closed Session

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

Ordinance for Final Reading and Adoption - none

Ordinance for Introduction

#6-2015 Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and establish a Cap Bank per NJSA 40A:4-45.14

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

#7-2015 Ordinance amending section 9 of Chapter 675 of the Greenwich Twp. Code pertaining to Schedule of Rates

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

#8-2015 Ordinance granting renewed consent and permission to South Jersey Gas to use public streets to furnish gas in Greenwich Twp.

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

Resolutions (consent 70 – 82)

#70-2015 Resolution introducing the 2015 Budget

#71-2015 Resolution accepting funds for the 2014 Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Grant

#72-2015 Resolution promoting Patrolman Michael Robostello to the position of 1st Class Patrolman

#73-2015 Resolution authorizing execution of Shared Services agreement for stage rental from GCIA

#74-2015 Resolution approving a Craft Fair & Wine Tasting Event within the Twp. of Greenwich

#75-2015 Resolution recognizing April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month

#76-2015 Resolution authorizing release of final payment to Pierson Construction & accepting Main. Bond

#77-2015 Resolution appointing Shawn Moore a Volunteer Intern in the Police Dept. of Greenwich Twp.

#78-2015 Resolution recognizing the honorable service of law enforcement officials

#79-2015 Resolution authorizing the cancellation of 2nd Qtr. 2015 for Total Disabled Veteran (Dobies)

#80-2015 Resolution authorizing refund of real estate taxes in the Twp. of Greenwich (CoreLogic)

#81-2015 Resolution authorizing transfer of funds on real estate taxes in Greenwich Twp. for years 2010-2014

#82-2015 Resolution authorizing Closed Session for Redevelopment Land Acquisition Contract

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

Quotes – none

Payment of Bills – bill list \$717,080.28

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 5-0
Councilman Giovannitti abstained from voting on bill #1. Vote 4-1

Treasurer's Report for March, 2015

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to receive, file the report and place the monies in their proper accounts. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Minutes & Reports Received by the Clerk

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

Correspondence/Applications

a. Resignation letter from Dolores Johnson from her position as Court Recorder

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

b. Resignation letter from Michael Konnick from his position as SLEO II in the Greenwich Twp. Police Dept.

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

c. Resignation letter from James Grelli from his position as Clean Communities Coordinator

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

d. Letter and donation of \$1,000.00 to Police Chief Giordano for the quick action the police officers took in checking on his brother when a neighbor was concerned.

*Chief Giordano explained that because this gentleman has a condition, the police usually try to keep an eye out for him. His neighbor called to say that he hasn't seen him and when the police went to his house no one answered, so they went in to check on him. In the end, the gentleman was away visiting with someone.

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

Old Business – Mayor Shivery presented the Twp. Clerk with a Proclamation in recognition of the upcoming Clerk's week.

New Business – Mayor Shivery appointed AJ Corradetti as Clean Communities Coordinator

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

Audience Participation

Alexander Maldonado of 56 Casperson St. explained how he bought his house about a year ago and the purchase included a vacant piece of property next door to his house. He considered building on the vacant property, but was told by the Zoning Official that this property is protected wetlands and cannot be built on. Mr. Maldonado was not told this when he purchased it and thinks it is unfair. When it rains his property gets flooded and he would like to see if the Twp. can help him in this matter. Mayor Shivery said that he should to speak with the Construction Code Official, or the NJ DEP.

Stephanie Byrwa of 445 Democrat Rd. said that she was unaware of the Twp. Shred Event and the Twp. Tree Seedling Event. She said that when she went on the Twp. website to see if the notices were there she noticed that the website is not up-to-date and that it is a very poor website. She said the Police Dept. have a page on Facebook and they have a large number of followers, perhaps the Twp. could consider doing the same. She said that she is in the communications business and will volunteer to help with the Twp. website is needed. Mayor Shivery got her phone number from her and will discuss the matter with her.

Lee Lucas of 361 Democrat Rd. asked what the meaning of Resolution #78 is and the Mayor said the clerk will read it for the audience. Lee said that he likes the Resolution and supports the police. Lee asked if the police have body cameras and Mayor Shivery said that they are considering this purchase. Lee doesn't think the cameras are necessary.

Adjourn Open Session

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to adjourn the open meeting. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0 Time 7:37 p.m.

Closed Session Commences

Time 7:40 p.m.

Adjourn Closed Session

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams to adjourn the closed meeting. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0 Time 8:13 p.m.

Commence Open Session Immediately

Adjournment

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

Time 8:14 p.m.

Township of Greenwich

George W. Shivery, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Lori L. Biermann, Municipal Clerk