

**Township of Greenwich
Closed Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2015**

Mayor Shivery called the closed meeting to order of the Greenwich Township Council for April 20, 2015 at 7:37 pm

Redevelopment/contract matters:

Jeff Lucas, the Twp. Redevelopment consultant, explained to Mayor, Council and Twp. Solicitor how he has met with the owner of Motel 6 several times and had discussions about selling the vacant property and putting a restaurant, or something else on the site. The owner of Motel 6 said that he is not interested in selling the motel, just the vacant land for which he would want four million dollars. The owner of the motel also said that he does not currently have a contract with the county to put up any parolees.

There was a brief discussion concerning the state of condition of the motel. It was suggested that maybe Council could take turns taking a tour of the motel to see things first hand. The motel is under the NJ Dept. of Community Affairs jurisdiction and after checking those inspection records it was determined that everything passed. Jeff will set up a time for two members of Council to tour the motel and speak with the owner.

Council discussed other ideas for what they would like to see in the area. Jeff said he did a demographic study and there is not a market for another motel/hotel off of this section of 295. He also said that we don't have the daytime population for another restaurant. He said the market is good for 55 and over communities.

Jeff said that there aren't many options available. The motel owner pays his property taxes and is entitled to Twp. services, even if there are complaints against him. Mayor and Council can make recommendations, or suggestions to the motel owner and discuss the true value of the property. A developer could create a plan which can be proposed to the motel owner at some point.

Adjournment

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

No action was taken during this meeting.

Twp. of Greenwich

George W. Shivery, Jr., Mayor

Attest

Lori L. Biermann, Municipal Clerk