

**Township of Greenwich
Regular Council Meeting
January 5, 2015 Minutes**

Mayor Shivery called the regular Council meeting to order of the Greenwich Township Council for January 5, 2015 at 7:15 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Absent – Councilman Franklin

Approval of Minutes – December 29, 2014 regular & closed (Councilman Giovannitti absent)

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the minutes.

Roll call was as follows: 3 aye, 1 abstain Vote: 3-1

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Payment of Bills – bill list \$170,706.65

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

Ordinance for Final Reading and Adoption - none

Ordinance for Introduction - none

Resolution

#35-2014 Resolution authorizing the filing of the Township of Greenwich Recycling Tonnage Grant Report for the Year 2014

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

Quotes – none

Correspondence/Applications – none

Reports/Comments

Councilman DiMenna wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for coming out. He congratulated Mayor Shivery on his re-election. We all don't always agree, but we keep working together to do what's right. He will keep scrutinizing all of the vouchers until he gets answers to his questions. Councilman Franklin has the flu and bronchitis, but he sends his best wishes for a Happy New Year! He is excited about the redevelopment of the DuPont property, hopefully all goes well. We have one refinery in town that is about 47% of our ratables. That is a very scary situation. The tax appeals are on-going. He hopes we can get more ratables from new businesses. The revenues are tight, but we are doing a good job to keep our services. We will continue to work together. We just need to have more communication. Have a Happy, Healthy, & Prosperous New Year!

Councilman Williams wished everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year! He congratulated Mayor Shivery on his re-election. He said that Mayor Shivery is now the longest running Mayor of the town. He congratulated Councilman DiMenna on his re-election as President of Council. We have our different opinions on Council, but we try to have a meeting of the minds to get things done. If things are always done automatically people would begin to question. Everyone has their job to do. He really enjoys the departments that he is assigned to oversee along with the various committees. He takes a regular "10 cent" tour around town to see how everything's going. He hears praise from the residents for our Police & Fire departments. Our volunteers are outstanding. So many parents and grandparents help out with the little league teams. Thanks to my lovely wife Peggy for putting up with me. He enjoys what he's doing and if anyone has a question, or needs help with something, just give him a call. Happy New Year and God Bless!

Councilman Giovannitti welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out. He congratulated the Mayor on his re-election and said that he looks forward to working with you all. He can't believe that Councilman Franklin has laryngitis. He said it must be a late Christmas gift to his wife. He said it is an honor and pleasure to serve the residents for another year. He is glad that he has the trust and confidence of the voters. He works to give the best he can to the residents of Gibbstown, not for the money. When Mayor & Council vote on projects they are agreeing to do what's in the best interest of Gibbstown, even though they don't always agree with each other. The sale of the DuPont property is exciting news, looking forward to calling it by a new name and to the future of Gibbstown. We do have great employees and volunteers. Happy New Year, God Bless, stay safe and healthy!

Mayor Shivery thanked everyone for their support for the last 12 years. The people that he shares information with at meetings, etc... wonder how we get the things done that we do in town. He tells them it's because it's "we" not "I". We don't always agree, but we work to do what's right. His wife is home sick, but sends her best. She is busy taking care of their grandson. This job is not part-time; it requires that you're on-call 24 hours a day. It's gratifying though since the congratulations he hears outnumber the complaints. He would like to thank all the employees and volunteers again for their hard work. Thank you all for coming out and Happy New Year!

Audience Participation – none

Adjournment

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0
Time 7:31 p.m.

Township of Greenwich

George W. Shivery, Jr.,
Mayor

Attest

Lori L. Biermann
Municipal Clerk