

**Township of Greenwich  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Student/Youth in Government Night  
March 16, 2015**

**Student Mayor** Ava Hill called the meeting to order of the Greenwich Township Council for March 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

**Student Municipal Clerk** Mary Ellen Hallion read the required "Open Public Meetings Act Statement."

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mayor Shivery** welcomed everyone to this special Council meeting. He said it was his favorite meeting of the year. He then introduced all of the students who will be acting as various Twp. officials this evening.

**Roll Call:**

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

Absent – none

**Approval of Minutes** – February 17, 2015 Regular & Closed

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

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

**Reports**

**Councilman DiMenna/Sarah Schoch** reported on speaking with the Twp. auditor concerning our financial status and going over the numbers for the upcoming water project. We will be the first Municipality to eliminate the majority of contaminants in our water supply. There are two Resolutions on the agenda tonight for capital funding for projects, then the Bond Ord. for Introduction. It takes a lot of work to get the financing and all of the paperwork in order to be able to move the projects along. Everyone has worked hard to get everything in order for these projects and hopefully this will be the last big water project.

**Councilman Williams/Justin Michael** reported that the spring clean-up has begun at the Treatment Plant. The sludge pits have been cleaned and readied for the summer sludge. All waste water pumping stations have emergency back-up starters now. They are operated by natural gas and have warning systems that signal on-call personnel. Residents are reminded that check-valves should be installed on the out-flow pipe coming out of the house. The spring fire hydrant water flushing program will start within the next two weeks. Notices will be posted in the local newspapers and may be found on the Greenwich Twp. website. Our new electric water meters have been helpful to both the Twp. and the residents. If at any time they need to know their water consumption they may go to the Twp. office and receive a copy of the report and review the actual consumption reading.

**Councilman Giovannitti/Tre Sullivan** reported that the Historical Committee is continuing to work hard on gathering information and pictures that reflect Gibbstown's past. If anyone has something to donate they can contact Marge Copeland. They will make copies and make sure the originals are returned. They are planning a new display at the Gibbstown Library for the spring. The Cultural & Heritage Committee will display the seasonal flags and the American flags on the poles along Broad Street to display our patriotism and to help beautify the town from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Harry Rink, JIF Safety Coordinator, and Dave Strout, our Risk Manager continue to work hard to help improve the safety of our employees. Mayor & Council have attended their mandatory JIF training classes for credit for the Twp.

**Councilman Franklin/Austin Mooney** reported that the budget committee has been meeting and crunching the numbers that are needed to maintain the excellent services in town with rising costs. He wants to commend the various dept. heads for their hard work in making budget cuts and still making it work well. The Municipal Alliance Committee is working hard to get a lot of things done for the schools, seniors and youth organizations. They are now working on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation for Nehaunsey School students and will be involved in the High School After-Prom party and the Senior Citizen luncheon in May. Thank you to Suzanne Trainor, Chair for the Committee and all of the volunteers who are dedicated to help out.

**Clerk/Mary Ellen Hallion** read the Clerk's reports & minutes received in the month of February, 2015.

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to receive and file the report.

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

**Chief Finance Officer/Aubrey Innes** read the Treasurer's report for funds received in the Twp. for the month of February, 2015.

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

**Public Works Supervisor/Michael Sarmiento** reported that the P/W department collected the following in 2014: trash 2,004.78 tons, yard debris 896.68 tons and the recycling vendor collected 582.02 tons. The dept. used approx. 450 tons of salt to treat roadways, public building parking lots and sidewalks. The spring cleaning of all the parks and fields and readying them for the spring/summer activities will be starting soon. Chipping of brush has resumed. The chipping schedule is the first and third weeks of every month. All yard debris must be bagged and placed curb side for collection. Well #6 was repaired and placed back online March 9<sup>th</sup>. Well #5 has been put back into emergency status. Bids for the new carbon filtration systems at both water treatment plants have been received. Construction should be starting shortly on this project. In 2014 we pumped 218,248,000 gallons of water out of the ground of which 217,503,000 gallons was treated by us.

**Police Chief/Marco Nastasi** read the monthly Police Dept. report for February giving the number and types of calls made, vehicle stops, accidents and burglaries. He reported on mandatory training and testing of all police officers. Some officers have completed a two day street survival training in Atlantic City, while others attended a two day firearms instructor course in Egg Harbor Twp. Exxon Mobil presented a one day course on school security and terrorism for Detectives and Patrol Officers. They also attended a one day course on terrorist threats at FBI Headquarters in Philadelphia. Ptl. Robostello has conducted DARE classes at Nehaunsey School. The police dept. held an examination for a Patrol Sergeants promotion. Ptl. Jason Ray scored the highest and will be promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant.

**Resolutions (#'s 52 & 53 must be approved prior to Bond Ordinance Introduction)**

**#52-2015** Temporary Capital Budget (2)

**#53-2015** Emergency Temporary Budget (for Capital Improvements)

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

### **Ordinance for Adoption**

**#2-2015** An Ordinance authorizing capital expenses for Fire Dept. for LED safety lights

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

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti 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

**#3-2015** Ordinance amending Chapter 200 ~ Alcohol in Public Places/Special permission from Mayor & Council

Councilman Giovannitti 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 Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti 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

**#4-2015** Ordinance amending Chapter 127 ~ Discovery and Records Clerk/Police Dept.

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams 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 Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti 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**

**#5-2015** Bond Ordinance authorizing various water utility improvements in and for the Twp. of Greenwich; appropriating the sum of \$1,520,000.therefore; authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds or BAN's

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

## **Resolutions (consent 54- 65)**

**#54-2015** Resolution authorizing the promotion of Patrolman Ray to Sgt.

**#55-2015** Resolution appointing Jeff Godfrey to the position of Deputy Registrar

**#56-2015** Resolution authorizing the promotion of Patrolman Christopher McStay to 4<sup>th</sup> Class

**#57-2015** Resolution authorizing Emergency Temporary Budget per NJSA 40A:4-20

**#58-2015** Resolution awarding and confirming emergency contract for well #6 motor replacement

**#59-2015** Resolution approving Reauthorization of the State Transportation Trust Fund

**#60-2015** Resolution approving tax payment reduction for Burzichelli & Ward property

**#61-2015** Resolution authorizing submission of the 2014 Recycling Tax Identification Statement

**#62-2015** Resolution approving contract with Pam Brodowski/Tax Specialist

**#63-2015** Resolution approving contract with Kleinschmidt/Tax Specialist

**#64-2015** Resolution approving contract with Turner Mason/Tax Specialist

**#65-2015** Resolution amending Resolution #23-2015 for H. Haushalter

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Franklin to **table** Resolutions 62-65. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Councilman DiMenna motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve Resolutions 54-61. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

**Mayor Shivery** swore in newly appointed Sergeant Jason Ray and handed out Proclamations to the 2015 Gibbstown Girls Basketball Champions.

**Quotes** - none

## **Payment of Bills** - \$1,251,299.53

Mayor Shivery motioned, seconded by Councilman DiMenna 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 approving bill no. 1. Vote: 4 aye, 1 abstain (bill no. 1)

## **Correspondence/Applications**

**a.** Jr. Fire Fighter application for Matthew Calce, 107 DuPont Ave., Gibbstown

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

**b.** Thank you card from Barbara Hoffmann

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

**c.** Letter from Gloucester, Salem Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Ins. Fund

**d.** Letter from State Emergency Management Agency informing OEM of grant eligibility

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

**e.** Letter of appreciation for Patrolman Bates

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

**f. Letter to commend Patrolman Gurick**

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

**g. Letter from Doris Rink concerning water usage at vacant property**

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

**Old Business** – Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman DiMenna to reimburse Barbara Hoffmann for her February Medicare payment since she stayed on as Tax Collector for an extra month. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

**New Business** – none

**Audience Participation** – none

**Mayor Shivery** thanked the students for a great job and thanked everyone for coming out. He and student Mayor Ava Hill handed out awards to the students and Mr. Bomze, the teacher who organized the students for tonight. Mayor Shivery thanked Mr. Bomze for his work with the students.

Everyone was invited to stay after the meeting for refreshments downstairs.

**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 7:38 p.m.

Township of Greenwich

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George W. Shivery, Jr., Mayor

Attest

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Lori L. Biermann, Municipal Clerk