



**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
GLOUCESTER COUNTY  
PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 22, 2021  
5:00 P.M.**

Council President Sean Longfellow called the meeting to order at 4:58 PM in the Council Room located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. Mr. Longfellow delivered the Sunshine Notice and the Safety Awareness notices. All rose for the flag salute.

Township Clerk Chrissy Ciallella took roll call. Councilmembers Longfellow, Williams, DellaPia and Bennett were present. Mrs. Dougherty was absent. Business Administrator Jason Gonter, CFO Colette Bachich and Assistant CFO Jim Walker were present. Mayor Gattinelli was absent.

Department Heads from each department were present. Township Engineer Annina Hogan for Remington & Vernick, Vicky Binetti for the Environmental Commission, Leon Lakritz for the Open Space Committee, Sheila Garrison for the Tax Department, Janine Smiley for Human Resources, John DiStefano for the Construction Department, Lisa Collins for Public Events and Ryan VanLaey for Information Technology.

#### **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Each Department Head presented Council with a brief synopsis of their budget.

- Annina Hogan of Remington & Vernick spoke on behalf of the Department of Engineering from 5:00 PM to 5:07 PM.
- Sheila Garrison spoke on behalf of the Tax Department from 5:07 PM to 5:09 PM.
- Vicky Binetti spoke on behalf of the Environment Commission from 5:10 PM to 5:19 PM.
- Leon Lakritz spoke on behalf of the Open Space Committee from 5:20 PM to 5:28 PM.
- John DiStefano spoke on behalf of the Construction Department from 5:28 PM to 5:34 PM.
- Ryan VanLaey spoke on behalf of Information Technology from 5:37 PM to 5:42 PM.
- Janine Smiley spoke on behalf of Human Resources from 5:43 PM to 6:00 PM.
- Lisa Collins spoke on behalf of Public Events from 6:01 PM to 6:13 PM.
- CFO Colette Bachich spoke about additional budget items including utilities, insurance premiums, health insurance opt-out incentive, accumulated leave and funds we receive from the State of New Jersey.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Longfellow asked for a motion to open the meeting to Public Participation. Mrs. Williams motioned. Mr. Bennett seconded. All in favor. No one from the public wished to speak. Mr. Longfellow asked for a motion to close Public Participation. Mr. DellaPia motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor.

#### **ADJOURN**

Mr. Longfellow asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. DellaPia motioned. Mrs. Williams seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC  
Township Clerk

Sean Longfellow  
Council President