

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MAY 12, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER by Sean Longfellow, Council President**

- II. NOTICES by Sean Longfellow, Council President**
 - A. This is the Regular meeting of the Township of Washington. In accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Statutes regarding “Open Public Meetings”, notice of this meeting was legally advertised in the Courier Post and the South Jersey Times as well as posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.
 - B. Fire exits are located through the double doors to your left and your right. Please silence all mobile devices.
 - C. This meeting is being videotaped. Anyone who does not wish to be seen on television may be excused. This will be shown on Comcast Channel 9 every week; Sunday at 9PM, Wednesday at 7pm, Friday at 10pm and Saturday at 10pm and will continue until the next meeting.

- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Council President Sean Longfellow**

- IV. ROLL CALL:** Mr. DellaPia, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Dougherty, Mr. Longfellow, Mayor Gattinelli, Business Administrator Mr. Gonter, Township Solicitor Mr. Platt

- V. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED TO KARIN ECKERT-CARPENTER BY MAYOR GATTINELLI
 - B. RESOLUTION R136-2021 DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH – Requested by Mayor and Township Council
 - C. JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO LORI SAMILSON, ESQ. AND STEVEN BLOCHER OF CONGREGATION B’NAI TIKVAH BETH ISRAEL BY MAYOR GATTINELLI

- VI. BILL LIST**
 - A. APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST FOR MAY 12, 2021

VII. MINUTES

- A. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 2021

VIII. ORDINANCES

- A. 0009-2021 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – Requested by the Department of Finance

This ordinance is up for adoption after public hearing and permits the Township of Washington to expend funds for various capital projects for 2021

- B. 0010-2021 ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 285 ARTICLE XXXVIII (LOW-AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM) IN THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND REPLACING SAME WITH A CHAPTER ENTITLED “AFFORDABLE HOUSING REGULATIONS, “WHICH WILL ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS (UHAC) REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS – Requested by the Affordable Housing Counsel

This ordinance is up for adoption after public hearing

- C. 0011-2021 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 285 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED, “ZONING” TO CREATE ARTICLE XLIX ENTITLED, “CANNABIS, CANNABIS PRODUCTS AND CANNABIS RELATED BUSINESSES” – Requested by Township Council

This ordinance is up for introduction only

IX. RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions are by consent agenda and only require a vote for all listed. Each one must be read by title. If any member of the Council wishes to have one removed and heard separately, they need to indicate it prior to the reading of the titles.

- A. R126-2021 RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR PEDESTRIAN FLASHER IMPROVEMENTS AT HURFFVILLE-CROSS KEYS ROAD AND WESTBURY DRIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, PROJECT #08-18-T-398, TO GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PRODUCTS, INC., 301 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MILLVILLE, NJ 08332 – Requested by the Department of Engineering

- B. R127-2021 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A SAFETY AND STABILIZATION BOND AND ENGINEERING INSPECTION ESCROW FOR SIGNAGE FOR KENNEDY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, 435 HURFFVILLE-CROSS KEYS ROAD, SEWELL, NJ 08080, PROJECT #08-18-P-443, ESCROW #1994 – Requested by the Department of Engineering
- C. R128-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOE JUNFOLA – Requested by Conflicts Counsel
- D. R129-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS – Requested by the Tax Collector
- E. R130-2021 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR CHARLES THORP, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 55.17, LOT 14, 71 EAST HOLLY AVENUE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 28, 2021 – Requested by the Tax Collector
- F. R131-2021 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR VORLEA CHANEY, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 82.100, LOT 29, 53 DIS COURT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 28, 2021 – Requested by the Tax Collector
- G. R132-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND THE MASTER PLAN REGARDING CANNABIS, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28 – Requested by the Township Council
- H. R133-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS – Requested by the Department of Finance
- I. R134-2021 RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR WAYNE AND WOODLAWN PATCHING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, PROJECT #08-18-T-399, TO PIONEER PIPE CONTRACTORS, 2682 GLASSBORO CROSS KEYS ROAD, SEWELL, NJ 08080 - Requested by the Department of Engineering
- J. R135-2021 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$20,210,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS – Requested by Bond Counsel

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS R126-2021 TO R135-2021

- X. OLD BUSINESS
- XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. REPORTS

- A. THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS MAY 18TH FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION WHICH IS BEING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH.
- B. THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:00AM TO 5:00PM. THERE IS A DROPBOX IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR THOSE WHO WOULD PREFER TO AVOID DIRECT CONTACT. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK AND MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE.
- C. THE TAX OFFICE IS NOT ACCEPTING CASH PAYMENTS AT THIS TIME. CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Please follow the Public Decorum posted, which has also been attached to the Public agenda, and limit your comments to 5 minutes. Once you have completed your comments or questions, please take a seat then I will ask if any member of the Governing Body or their designee wishes to address your questions or comments.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Reminder: The deadline to file your
2020 tax return is May 17th.



THE RULES OF CONDUCT AND DECORUM FOR COUNCIL MEETING

The Rules of Conduct and Decorum for public participation during Council meetings for addressing Township Council during public hearings on ordinances or resolutions which require public hearings or during the public portion of the Council meetings are as follows:

1. All members attending Township Council Meetings must treat each other the Mayor, Council and Township employees with respect.
2. Shouting out from the audience without being recognized to speak is strictly prohibited.
3. No person shall, at any time, engage in any personally offensive or abusive remarks to the Mayor, Council, Township employee or any other member of the public.
4. No person shall engage in any express or implied speech that involves any other person's race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin or ethnicity.
5. The President of Council or Presiding Officer may restrict, limit or prohibit any speech, remarks or questions that are repetitive or not germane to any matter not within the jurisdiction of Township Council.
6. Persons making public comment may not yield their time to another speaker and each individual is limited to speaking once during a particular public comment period for a period of time not to exceed five (5) minutes.
7. The Chief of Police or such other member of the Police Department as he may designate, shall be designated as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Township Council meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the Presiding Officer of the Township Council meeting for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the Township Council meetings and enforcing these Rules.
8. The Township Solicitor shall be the Parliamentarian.
9. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with these Rules and Roberts Rules of Order for items not covered in these regulations.
10. Members of the public who make comments or ask questions that are germane to an ordinance or resolution that is under consideration or during the general public portion of the Council meeting for matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Township Council shall be allowed to do so in an uninterrupted manner unless the member is not adhering to these Rules of Conduct and Decorum.
11. The Mayor, Members of Council, the Mayor and Township employees reserve the right to answer questions and respond to comments.
12. All questions and comments shall be through the Council President or Presiding Officer unless waived.