



**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Council President Mr. Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., in the council room located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. Mr. Perry delivered the Sunshine Notice and the safety awareness notices. He asked all to stand for the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Ciallella, Township Clerk, took roll call. Councilmembers Mrs. Dougherty, Ms. Pasqualone, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Longfellow and Mr. Perry were present. Mayor Gattinelli and Business Administrator Mr. Gonter were present. Attorney Mr. Riso was present via telephone.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Mayor Gattinelli presented Lisa Collins with the September employee of the month.
- Nancy Mozzachio, Economic Development Consultant – The Township’s plan revolves around: **communication, collaboration and every day excellence**. We listened to brokers, developers, contractors and tenants who said Washington Twp wasn’t business friendly; that it took too long to bring projects through the process; that they had to spend money before showing a plan to anyone within the town; and that no one knew where to find data to help make good real estate decisions. We heard them and we went to work deciding which steps could be eliminated and endeavored to meet with developers, owners and brokers, at no cost to them, to discuss projects. The Mayor, Mr. Perry, various department heads and I met with countless groups through these last years to “walk through ideas”. We created programs for tenants and owners investing capital in projects and held roadshows and events to bring brokers to long vacated properties. The results are evident! We see shopping center owners investing capital in facades and signage; new development under construction; long abandoned properties purchased and retro fitted or plans to raise and build; land purchases and redevelopments in planning stages. Secondly, we stayed laser focused on vacancies within our three major corridors: The Black Horse Pike; Delsea Drive and Hurffville Cross Keys and Egg Harbor Roads. Again, we met with countless developers, owners and brokers; attended real estate networking events and worked as a team when businesses contemplated coming to our town. We have hundreds of businesses opened over 3 years and 30 either open or in the process during the pandemic. Although there is more work to be done, it’s a huge accomplishment in a short period of time. However, it’s not just about new businesses, an element of our strategic plan is to communicate with our existing businesses, hear their concerns and highlight their accomplishments. With over 1000 businesses in our town, we wanted to be sure we know they are here. We started a business video series where we interview businesses, one at a time. Please watch on our ONE app to see each unique story which makes you appreciate the hard work small businesses put in to serve our community. In addition, we are running our anniversary series again where we highlight 6-10 businesses per week based on years in business. It’s an honor to recognize all businesses including some over 60 years old! A strategic plan is important; however, it is the actionable steps that make the difference. While every vacancy isn’t occupied and

there's still a few high-profile businesses we would love to see operate in our town, we are well on our way to transforming the landscape of the Black Horse Pike, Delsea Drive, and Hurffville Cross Keys with the expansion of Jefferson, its surrounds and exciting new businesses on Egg Harbor Road such as Chipotle. These great results are due to 3 simple but profound directives: **communication, collaboration and every day excellence.**

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST FOR OCTOBER 28, 2020:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the October 28, 2020 bill list. Mrs. Williams motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mrs. Dougherty Ms. Pasqualone, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Longfellow and Mr. Perry voted yes.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 2020:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the October 14, 2020 minutes. Mrs. Dougherty motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mrs. Dougherty, Ms. Pasqualone, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Longfellow and Mr. Perry voted yes.

ORDINANCES:

0011-2020 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CHAPTER 80, ARTICLE I, FEES

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance 0011-2020. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mrs. Dougherty seconded the motion, which was approved.

No one wished to speak.

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Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 0011-2020. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. Mrs. Dougherty, Ms. Pasqualone, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Longfellow and Mr. Perry voted yes.

RESOLUTIONS:

R219-2020 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON

R220-2020 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR JAMES E. DAVIS, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 82.07, LOT 33, 85 ALTAIR DRIVE, EFFECTIVE 3/3/2020

R221-2020 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR TRACY SHERROD, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 222, LOT 1, 323 WILSON ROAD, EFFECTIVE 3/31/2020

R222-2020 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R223-2020 RESOLUTION APPROVING LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR WIGS AND WISHES BY MARTINO CARTIER

R224-2020 RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CRICKET LANE RESURFACING, PROJECT#08-18-T-391, TO PAVING PLUS LLC, P.O. BOX 508, FRANKLINVILLE, NJ 08322

R225-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FINAL FOR 2019 CDBG – CAPE COD DRIVE, PROJECT #08-18-T-394

R226-2020 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE 2020 BULLET PROOF VEST GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,184.00

R227-2020 RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING THE REPLACEMENT OF LETTER OF CREDIT FOR A PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND FOR PINNACLE LAND HOLDINGS, LLC, PHASE 1, PROJECT #08-18-P-363.1

R228-2020 RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING THE REPLACEMENT OF LETTER OF CREDIT FOR A PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND FOR PINNACLE LAND HOLDINGS, LLC, PHASE 2, PROJECT #08-18-P-363

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve Resolutions R219-2020 – R228-2020. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mrs. Williams seconded. There was no discussion. Mrs. Dougherty, Ms. Pasqualone, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Longfellow and Mr. Perry voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council members had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council members had nothing to report.

REPORTS:

- **Ms. Pasqualone** – Encouraged the residents to go out and vote and to stay safe.
- **Mrs. Dougherty** – Basketball has been postponed while a plan is worked on. Please check the Township’s website for updates.
- **Mrs. Williams** – Be safe and have an enjoyable Halloween!
- **Mayor Gattinelli** – The Veterans Day celebration will be virtual this year. Please check our website and social media for information. ♦ Please be sure to look out for our Veteran spotlight on social media.
- **Mr. Perry** – Vote by mail ballots have been mailed to all active registered voters in New Jersey for the General Election being held on Tuesday, November 3rd. If you did not receive your ballot, please contact the County Clerk at 856-853-3237. You may return the ballot by mail, to a secure drop box location, directly to the Board of Elections or on election day at the High School. Accommodations will be made for people with disabilities to use an accessible voting device. ♦ Children may trick or

treat from 3:00PM to 8:00PM on Halloween. Please be careful driving. ♦ The Township Shred Event will be held on Saturday November 7th from 9AM to Noon for Township residents. There is a limit of 4 bags/boxes per car. ♦ The Municipal Building is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. There is a drop box in the parking lot of the municipal building for those who would prefer to avoid direct contact. ♦ Please be sure to continue to maintain social distancing and wear a mask.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

- Rich Bennett, 11 Eclipse Avenue – Cars speed on Altair. The yield signs need to be changed to stop signs. Speeders need to be warned.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Ms. Pasqualone motioned, Mrs. Dougherty seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

- Mr. Longfellow responded to Mr. Bennett requesting he send an email to him and the Chief so they may look into the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion for Resolution R229-2020 Authorizing Executive Session for a Litigation Matter for approximately one hour. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mrs. Dougherty seconded. All voted yes.

Mr. Perry motioned to return from Executive Session at 8:18PM. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mrs. Williams seconded. All voted yes. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pasqualone motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M. The next Council meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC
Township Clerk

Joe Perry
Council President