



**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2019
8:00 P.M.**

Council President Mr. Perry called the meeting to order at 8:00 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.

Ms. Ciallella, Township Clerk took roll call vote. Councilmembers Mrs. Dougherty, Mr. Longfellow, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Perry were present. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mayor Gattinelli, Mr. Platt, and Mr. Gonter were present.

MAYORIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Gattinelli presented a proclamation to Richard Nardiello and Girl Scout Troop 6235 proclaiming September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Gattinelli also presented Richard Nardiello with a proclamation recognizing his selfless giving for customizing cozy coupes for children battling cancer.

PRESENTATIONS:

Chief Gurcsik presented a Community Commitment Award to White Glove Car Wash and to Angelo's Pizza for their support to the Police Department and the community. Angelo's Pizza donated a check to the Police Department.

Ann Culkin from the Environmental Commission spoke about the upcoming Community Clean Up Day being held on October 12, 2019 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Rain date is October 13th. Participants are urged to sign up and each participant will receive community service hours. There will be a BBQ after the clean-up. Check the Township website for more information.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2019:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the September 11, 2019 bill list. Mrs. Dougherty motioned. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2019:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the August 21, 2019 minutes. Mr. Longfellow requested the minutes be tabled. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 0020-1019 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING CERTAIN MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL UPGRADES AND ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS POLICE EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS Mr. Perry asked for a motion to remove Ordinance 0020-2019 from the table. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mrs. Dougherty seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 0020-2019. Mrs. Dougherty motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

Ordinance 0021-2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 229, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ("TAXATION") Mr. Perry asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 0021-2019. Mrs. Williams motioned. Mrs. Dougherty seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Perry made a motion to table Resolution 213-2019. Mrs. Dougherty motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

R213-2019 RESOLUTION APPROVING LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR TONY SOPRANO'S PIZZERIA & RISTORANTE

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.

R209-2019 RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW CASE 621G XR EXTENDED REACH LOADER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

R210-2019 RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2019 NAVISTAR CV515 SFA INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK CHASSIS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

R211-2019 RESOLUTION APPROVING LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

R212-2019 RESOLUTION APPROVING A MASSAGE PARLOR LICENSE FOR 2019 FOR WEI'S DAY SPA AND MASSAGE 438 GANTTOWN ROAD, SUITE A-2 SEWELL, NJ 08080

R214-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR WEATHER COST CONTAINMENT INSURANCE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND SPECTRUM WEATHER AND SPECIALTY INSURANCE, INC.

R215-2019 RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE MEDIAN STRIP OPENING

R216-2019 GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL AUDIT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

R217-2019 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE 2019 BODY AMOUR GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,688.90

R218-2019 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR 2019 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,600.00

R219-2019 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE 2019 CLICK IT OR TICKET IT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,960.00

R220-2019 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R072-2019 AWARDED A BID TO TOP DOG MAINTENANCE INC. FOR PROPERTY SERVICES

R221-2019 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FOR RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve consent agenda for Resolutions R209-2019 through R212-2019 and R214-2019 through R221-2019. Mrs. Williams motioned. Mrs. Dougherty seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council members had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Perry announced that he recently attended a meeting regarding the upcoming U.S. Census. He stressed the importance of the census and reported that there are jobs available for this endeavor. Visit 2020Census.gov for more information. Mr. Perry also announced that the Senior Center is holding an indoor garage sale on September 28, 2019 from 8:30am-1:00pm. Check the Township's website for more information.

REPORTS:

Mayor Gattinelli - "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" -The safety of our residents is a top priority for my Administration and our Police Department. You may have seen the "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" signs in several developments and on some major roadways here in town. Recently, my office and the Police Department have been receiving many speeding complaints in various neighborhoods throughout the Township. My Administration, together with the Police Department, decided to enforce speed awareness with signs. Several large signs were purchased through grant money and other trusts. We will be purchasing several more of these large signs to be placed by our schools and one at Micucci Football Field. Through National Highway Traffic Safety funds (no cost to taxpayers) the police department was able to purchase over 500 lawn signs which were free to residents. I was pleased to see these signs all over town, being utilized. We are looking into purchasing more signs in the future. Recent Township Improvements-I am happy to announce that work is underway at the Washington Lake Park tennis courts and hockey rink. We will be getting new tennis courts installed, along with a new hockey rink, and two highly anticipated pickleball courts. Construction will continue through the fall months. You may also see some work being completed near our concession stand, specifically on the playground. We will be installing two ADA compliant swings so that all of our young residents and visitors may have the opportunity to swing. Construction is anticipated by the end of Spring 2020, weather permitting. Road Improvements-We have also completed some critical local road improvements over the summer and I know that there are many more roads to go in future years, but we are making great progress. I want to highlight Mount Pleasant Road which has been a long-standing concern; this has been repaved with NJDOT grant funding. Bike Path-Gloucester County construction is underway with bike path additions throughout the Township that will link Atkinson and Washington Lake Park bike paths and the remaining County system. For those of you who are avid cyclists or want to start, the final bike path map is available on the County website. Emergency Generators -Our emergency generators will be

coming online over the next several weeks starting with the Senior Center giving us shelter use capability in the event of a power failure emergency. Other Improvements-Lastly, you may have noticed the recent ADA accessibility improvements and Municipal Building sign recently installed. Having this additional notification board will be a great tool for communication with all of our residents. WTPD K-9 Benefit Car Show-Mayor Gattinelli and Chief Patrick Gurcsik are pleased to report the Washington Township Police Department's 2nd Annual K-9 Benefit Car Show will take place on Saturday, October 12, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Registration until 12:00 PM that day) at Washington Lake Park. The entry fee is \$20.00 the day of show; there is no preregistration. There will be over 150 trophies given for various classes of cars. This is a professionally judged car show. All proceeds will go directly to the Washington Township Police Department K-9 Unit. There will also be a K-9 demonstration for all to view and enjoy. I would like to thank South Jersey Pontiac Club for hosting this event for our Police K-9 Unit. WT Golf Course-I would like to remind residents that the Washington Township Golf Course is open year-round and is ready for play. The course can be found behind the Birches Apartments on Fries Mill Road. The three-par 9-hole course is for all ages and playing levels. The course is open to the public year-round from dawn to dusk (weather permitting). Please contact the Department of Public Works with any questions at 856-589-0523, or you may call the golf course directly at 856-227-1435. **Ms. Dougherty** shared information regarding the upcoming Veterans Picnic being held in Mullica Hill on September 14, 2019 from 12:00pm-4:00pm. The Veterans are looking for children to participate in the Veterans Day Celebration being held on November 11, 2019. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting their 2nd Annual Best of Block Party on September 28, 2019 from 1:00pm-7:00pm in the high school parking lot. **Mr. Longfellow** spoke about Sustainable Jersey, who finished their calendar year to be re-certified as a Bronze and are very close to becoming Silver certified. **Ms. Williams** spoke about Harvest Fest being held on September 14-15, 2019 at Olde Stone House Village. Admission is free and there will be a lot of fun things for families to enjoy.

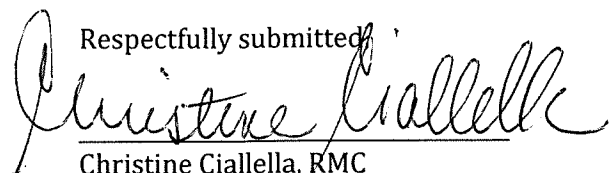
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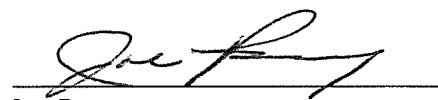
Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mrs. Williams motioned. Ms. Dougherty seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. **David Allen**-4 Aldeberan Ct.-has concerns about code violation pertaining to his property. **Bob Maloney**-458 Greentree Rd.-thanked Mayor and Council for their efforts on the Veteran's Wall and commended the work that has been done thus far. **Kathy Goehringer**-1736 Congress Dr.-spoke about the road repaving that was completed at the entrance to the development and asked when the streets within the development will be repaved. **Patricia Wilkinson**-1742Paine Ct.-expressed concern about the weeds that are growing in the street and the bump at the lip of her driveway. **Mr. Platt** commented to Mr. Allen that Council cannot comment on court matters and stated his allegations against the Zoning Officer violate public decorum. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mrs. Dougherty motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Longfellow motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Dougherty seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:51p.m. The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2019 at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Christine Ciallella, RMC
Township Clerk


Joe Perry
Council President