



**Township of Washington  
Gloucester County  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2019  
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.

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

**MAYORIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Gattinelli presented Jim Walker with Employee of the Month for September. Mayor Gattinelli presented a proclamation to the American Legion declaring September 25, 2019 "American Legion Centennial Day" to celebrate their 100-year anniversary. Members of Post 521 were present to proudly accept the proclamation.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Brian McCaffery gave an overview of Public Works' plan for the upcoming community leaf collection. The leaf collection program will begin on Monday, October 21, 2019 and will be scheduled on the day after regular trash pickup. The department's goal is biweekly pickup dependent upon weather, equipment and manpower. Please check the Township's website or contact Public Works with any questions.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2019:**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the September 25, 2019 bill list. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2019:**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the August 21, 2019 minutes. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Longfellow second. Mrs. Williams and Mr. Perry abstained. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2019:**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the September 11, 2019 minutes. Mrs. Williams motioned. Mr. Perry second. Ms. Pasqualone abstained. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance O020-1019 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 open to the public on Ordinance O020-2019. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All was in favor. No one from the public wished to speak on Ordinance O020-2019. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close to the public on Ordinance O020-

2019. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O020-2019. Mrs. Williams motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries.

**Ordinance O021-2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 229, ARTICLE 1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ("TAXATION")**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open to the public on Ordinance O021-2019. Mrs. Williams motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All was in favor. No one from the public wished to speak on Ordinance O021-2019. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close to the public on Ordinance O021-2019. Mrs. Williams motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All in favor. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O021-2019. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mrs. Williams seconded. All voted yes. Motion carries.

**Ordinance O022-2019 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR TAX ABATEMENT WITH J TRAIL HOLDING CO. LLC, FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 194.13, LOT 6.03**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O022-2019. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mrs. Williams seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Mr. Perry stated the Public Hearing will take place on October 23, 2019.

**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.**

**R222-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**R223-2019 RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION #202-2019 TO CANCEL TAXES FOR JAMES U. MCBRIDE, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 243, LOT 17, 519 QUINCY DR., TO INCLUDE A PORTION OF THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2019 EFFECTIVE MAY 23, 2019**

**R224-2019 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED FOR THE TOWNSHP OF WASHINGTON.**

**R225-2019 RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES FOR JOSEPH FIGUEROA, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 117.08, LOT 1, 1755 CONGRESS DRIVE, EFFECTIVE JULY 6, 2019**

**R226-2019 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR SCOTT PELLEGRIN, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 198.03, LOT 15, 110 GOODWIN PARKWAY, EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2019**

**R227-2019 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R196-2019 FOR PAYMENT TO TOP DOG MAINTENANCE INC FOR PROPERTY SERVICES**

**R228-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN FLASTER/GREENBERG P.C. AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**R229-2019 RESOLUTION RELEASING A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND WAIVING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR DANJEN PROPERTIES, LLC/PRISCILLA PLACE, BLOCK 85.10, LOT 1, ESCROW #755**

**R230-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TO SUBMIT A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR CYCLE JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021**

**R231-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT SALLYPORT**

**R232-2019 RESOLUTION RELEASING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR ALBERT DICICCO (REVELATIONS SALON) PROJECT #08-18-Z-235.1**

**R233-2019 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE SOUTH JERSEY CULTURAL ALLIANCE ARTS TANK PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5000.00**

**R234-2019 RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**R235-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2200 GLASSBORO-CROSS KEYS ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 86.15 LOT ON THE OFFICIAL WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TAX MAP**

**R236-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**R237-2019 RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON CAC BUILDING RUBBERIZED FLOORING ABATEMENT & REPLACEMENT PROJECT #08-18-T-380 TO NORTH EASTERN HARDWOOD FLOORS INC.**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve consent agenda for Resolutions R222-2019 through R237-2019. Mrs. Williams motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Dougherty was absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council members had nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council members had nothing to report.

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor Gattinelli - WTPD K-9 Benefit Car Show**-I am proud to announce the Washington Township Police Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit Car Show will take place on Saturday, October 12, from 10am - 2pm (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. As well as food and music. I would like to thank South Jersey Pontiac Club for hosting this event for our Police K-9 Unit. **Mother's Matter 5K**-Please join us on October 20<sup>th</sup>, for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual walk/run in the park to help a mother in need! "Mothers Matter" is a tribute to Lauren and a mother's love. Their mission is to encourage mothers to achieve economically and educationally, as well as to seek brighter futures for themselves and their families. This reflects

Lauren's legacy of helping others lead better lives. The 5K course runs through Washington Lake Park, our beautiful 400-acre park complex in Washington Twp. This 5K has something for everyone. For the serious runner, there is a challenging chip-timed course. The scenic trails offer a perfect setting for a brisk or leisurely walk in the park for non-runners. A DJ will provide on-going entertainment, along with our traditional opening flag ceremony, face-painting, a photo booth, refreshments and again this year there will be fabulous basket auction. And like last year, each registrant will receive a free raffle ticket upon check-in, along with the opportunity to purchase more raffle tickets. This is a rain or shine event. More information can be found at <https://www.laurenlegacy.org/event/9th-annual-mothers-matter-5k-run-walk/>. **Fish Pond Rd.** Several years ago the municipality acquired a vacant and overgrown pole building at the Old Smith Orchards located on Fishpond Rd. Constructed in 1984 the building was in disrepair and sat vacant for 10 years. Our public works department rehabilitated the building, which included repairing the leaking roof, downspouts and restoring electric. In addition the building was painted, parking lot was re-paved and fenced for security purposes. The facility will now be used to store police equipment and community outreach supplies. Our public works will also utilize a portion of the building for equipment storage. It is a top priority for the Admiration and I to give the directive to care for and maintain public works and police equipment funded with tax payers money. **Road Work information from our Township Engineer-** I would like to mention the Gloucester County construction of the bike path continues throughout the Township. This will link Atkinson and Washington Lake Park Bike paths and the remaining County system and make some critical other improvements along the way. Our **emergency generators project** continue with the municipal building generator arriving for installation this past Monday. The additional generators for the Senior Center and Public Works are expected to arrive later this week. We have recently issued a **bid for improvements of ADA curb ramps** in town as well as pedestrian safety improvements by the Whitman School Academy crosswalk. We anticipate receipt of bids and award of this project in October. **Mr. Longfellow** spoke about the **Chamber of Commerce Block Party** on September 28, 2019 from 1:00p.m.-7:00p.m. at the high school. There will be food trucks, music, vendors and kids activities. He also reminded residents of the **Community Clean Up Day** being held on October 12, 2019 from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Rain date is October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Environmental Commission is looking for participants. There will be a BBQ after the clean-up. Check the Township website for more information. **Mr. Perry** noted that he and Mayor Gattinelli attended the **Bear Paddle Swim School's** grand opening and welcomed them to the community. Mr. Everson from Bear Paddle thanked Mayor Gattinelli and Mr. Perry for attending their opening.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

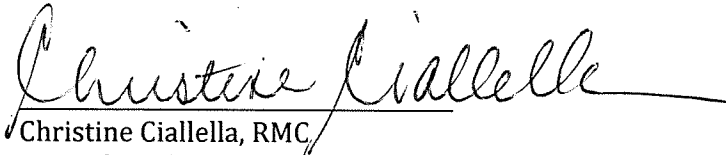
Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. Mrs. Dougherty was absent. Motion was approved. **Richard Bennett-11 Eclipse Ave**-spoke about the "Drive Like You Live Here" campaign and the need to patrol and ticket speeders. He also expressed his dislike for the Plexiglas installed at the municipal building. He does not feel it is very friendly to residents and inquired about the funding. In addition, he questioned the need for a full-time police officer at the municipal building. **Vicki Binetti** from Washington Township Green Team spoke about their projects. They have chosen a winner for their Chalk Challenge. Upcoming events include Fun Food Challenge, Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Washington Township Paints the Town. She also thanked Bottino's Shoprite for their support. **Brian McCaffrey** invited residents to the Colette Bleistine Golf Outing at Wedgwood Golf Course on October 5, 2019. Proceeds go to the Colette Bleistine Paying It Forward Foundation which provides financial support to families facing illness and other difficult circumstances. **Captain Ken Kennedy** addressed Richard Bennett's concerns regarding safety measures at the municipal building. After a security assessment of the building, he offered recommendations which included Plexiglas and

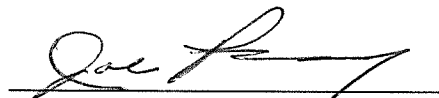
closing off areas that were once open leaving people to roam the area. These security measures are in line with other towns to ensure the safety and security of employees. He noted there was police presence during the influx for tax collection; however, there is not full-time security at the municipal building. An officer does periodically patrol the area. **Mr. Platt** noted that the safety improvements were funded with appropriations that were surplus for capital bonds. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mrs. Williams seconded. Mrs. Dougherty was absent

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pasqualone motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Longfellow seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Mrs. Dougherty was absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m. The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2019 at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Christine Ciallella, RMC  
Township Clerk

  
Joe Perry  
Council President