

**Township of Washington  
Gloucester County  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 28, 2016  
5:00 P.M.**

Council President Sean Longfellow called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. in the Council Room located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. Mr. Longfellow delivered the Sunshine notice and the safety awareness notices. The flag salute followed.

Township Clerk Jill McCrea took a roll call vote. Councilmembers Newman, Fazio, Martin, Donato, and Longfellow were present. Township Attorney Joe Alacqua, Business Administrator Bob Smith, and Mayor Barbara Wallace were also present.

**PRESENTATION:** Bob Abbott, on behalf of the Veteran's Advisory Board, thanked Mayor Barbara Wallace for her five (5) years of guidance, leadership, and love. He added that new benches were being purchased for Veteran's Park and one will be dedicated to Barbara Wallace.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:**

Ms. Donato motioned to approve the December 28, 2016 bill list and addendum. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion. All other bills were unanimously approved, with the exception of Mr. Fazio on Fazio bills and Mrs. Martin on Capehart & Scatchard.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Fazio moved the December 14, 2016 meeting and closed session minutes. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved, with the exception of Mrs. Martin (Superior Officers & Sergeants PBA 318) and Mr. Newman (Municipal Clerks Local 3303S) for sections of the closed session hearing.

**ORDINANCES:**

O28: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR TAX ABATEMENT WITH GREEN MEADOWS-SEWELL, LLC, LANDLORD FOR D & W DIESEL, INC. FOR A PROJECT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 157 DELSEA DRIVE AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 15, LOT 14

Mr. Newman motioned to open the public hearing for Ordinance 28 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion. Attorney Bob Mintz explained the site is on Delsea Drive within an existing facility that the owners would like to expand. It had been zoned highway commercial, but was rezoned redevelopment. As a result, their use was not permitted in a redevelopment zone. The applicant applied for a use variance for a warehouse facility. The variance and subsequent expansion application were both approved by the Zoning Board. Additionally, Council had amended the tax abatement ordinance when the redevelopment zone was created. Mr. Mintz stated he had recently met with the Advisory Board of Economic Development and that they recommended abatement. He added the enhancements will increase the number of employees by 10% within the first year. He thanked Council for their consideration. Mr. Newman motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion. Mrs. Martin moved Ordinance 28 – 2016. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

R192: RESOLUTION RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR 461 ROUTE 168, LLC

Mr. Fazio moved Resolution 192 – 2016. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R193: RESOLUTION RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR WASHINGTON HEALTH CENTER CONTROL MOMUMENTS

Mr. Fazio moved Resolution 193 – 2016. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R194: RESOLUTION TO CLOSE OUT THE MUNICIPAL CLERK PETTY CASH FUND OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2016

R195: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

R196: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Newman moved Resolutions 194 through 196 – 2016. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R197: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE LAW OFFICES OF CAPEHART AND SCATCHARD, PA TO PROVIDE CONTINUING LEGAL SERVICES

Mr. Fazio moved Resolution 197 – 2016. The motion carried with four (4) yes votes. Mrs. Martin abstained.

R198: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE LAW OFFICES OF LONG, MARMERO & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO PROVIDE CONTINUING LEGAL SERVICES

Mr. Fazio moved Resolution 198 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**MESSAGE LICENSE APPROVAL:** The Council unanimously approved a massage license for Mei Xing Ling located at 5501 Rt. 42, Store #3.

**OLD BUSINESS /NEW BUSINESS:** None

## **REPORTS:**

- Mr. Longfellow thanked retiring Chief of Police Rafael Muniz and the Mayor's administration for their service. He presented plaques to Mayor Wallace, Councilwoman Martin, and Councilman Newman. He said he looked forward to working with the new Mayor and Council.
- Mr. Newman thanked the residents, the ten councilmembers and four mayors he has the pleasure of working with the last eight years.
- Mr. Fazio thanked Mayor Wallace, Councilwoman Martin, and Councilman Newman for their service.
- Mrs. Martin thanked the residents for electing her four times. She said she had a lot of help along the way and would be happy to assist the current and new councilmembers in the future.
- Ms. Donato thanked Mayor Wallace, Councilwoman Martin, and Councilman Newman for their service and wished them luck.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Fazzio motioned to open the meeting for public participation. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Loretta Winters, President of the Camden County NAACP said by losing Barbara Wallace as Mayor, the Township was losing its most valuable asset. Wilfredo Rojas, Stephanie Fisher, You, Gwen DeVera, Kimberly Webster, Frances Harwell, and Darlene Walker joined Ms. Winters as she presented a proclamation to Mayor Wallace. The group also commended retiring Police Chief Muniz for his contribution to the community. Chief Muniz thanked the Mayor, Council, Township Solicitor Joe Alacqua, Administrator Bob Smith, the support staff, residents, and the men and women on the force for enabling him to do his job effectively. Ms. Donato motioned to close the public portion. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Ms. Donato motioned to adjourn. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill S. McCrea  
Township Clerk