

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Council President Nick Fazio called the meeting to order at 7:01pm in the council room located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. Mr. Fazio delivered the Sunshine notice and the safety awareness notices. The Flag salute followed.

Township Clerk Leo Selb took roll call vote. Councilmembers Donato, Longfellow, Pasqualone, Perry, Fazio were present. Township Solicitor Mr. Platt, Business Administrator Mr. Gonter and Mayor Gattinelli were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST:

Motion to amend the bill list adding the supplemental list. Mr. Longfellow motioned,. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes, Mr. Fazio abstained from anything Fazio.

Motion to approve the bill list Mr. Longfellow, seconded by Mr. Fazio. All yes, Mr. Fazio abstained from anything with Fazio name.

PRESENTATION

Chief Patrick Gurcsik presented to the Council and Mayor with a five year strategic plan for the police department. The plan will focus on several different areas of the Police Department, Policing, Student Safety, Community Safety, Community Outreach Programs, Organization Structure, Staffing, Facilities, Capital Improvements and Equipment. Chief Gurcsik stated that within the first 30 days they have reorganized the structure of the Police Department, started to address school safety and have assigned a new officer to the school and have reached out to the community using social media. Chief Gurcsik stated that we will have a new K9 Officer on board that will be going through extensive training. Chief stated that his number one priority is to make sure his officers are kept safe by training and No. 2 priority is making sure the residents are safe. Chief has met with union leaders, and the Township is willing to negotiate and get contract settled. Chief stated in April they will have their first department meeting with entire staff me focusing on community policing initiative for the town. Getting more involved with the community by changing roles of police to make officers more dynamic and progressive. Chief stated that expanding the Police force is a priority and they have already received over 70 applications. All officers will engage in the community and will be held accountable on a daily basis. Also, within the next 5 years capital improvements will be a priority, also would like to add additional special officers, along with a full technology upgrade. Mayor Gattinelli spoke and thanked Chief Gurcsik for the good work he has done so far on the 5 year plan and is looking forward to it all coming together.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Perry motioned, the January 25, 2017 minutes. Mr. Longfellow seconded the Motion. unanimously approved.

Ms. Pasqualone motioned, executive minutes from January 25, 2017. Mr. Longfellow seconded. unanimously approved.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 01-2017 ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON (Introduction Only)

Mr. Fazio made a motion to Introduce. No second. Ordinance Dies for lack of a second

ORDINANCE 02-2017 ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON (INTRODUCTION ONLY)

Ms. Donato motioned, seconded by Ms. Pasqualone to introduce. Council and administration debated this issue. Councilman Longfellow and Perry and Councilwoman Donato voted yes. Councilman Fazio and Councilwoman Pasqualone voted no. The Ordinance passed for introduction.

ORDINANCE 03-2017 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 285-11 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCING OFFICER (Introduction Only)

Motion to table Ordinance 3-2017 by Mr. Fazio, Second by Ms. Pasqualone. Councilman Longfellow and Perry and Councilwoman Donato voted no. Councilman Fazio and Councilwoman Pasqualone voted yes. The motion to table failed.

On the Ordinance to be introduced: Ms. Pasqualone motioned, seconded by Mr. Fazio. Councilman Longfellow and Perry and Councilwoman Donato voted no. Councilman Fazio and Councilwoman voted yes. This ordinance failed to be introduced.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 50-2017 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LABOR COUNSEL FOR TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON- Remained tabled due to incomplete contracts.

RESOLUTION 51-2017 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL CONFLICT COUNSEL FOR TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON-Remained Tabled due to incomplete contracts.

RESOLUTION 56-2017 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT WITH NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF STAGECOACH ROAD

Ms. Pasqualone motioned, second by Mr. Longfellow. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 57-2017 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT WITH NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RESURFACING OF HURFFVILLE ROAD

Ms. Donato motioned, seconded by Mr. Perry. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 58-2017 ACCEPTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

Ms. Pasqualone motioned, seconded by Mr. Fazio. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 59-2017 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING AND CONGRATULATING THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND ON 25 YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS

Ms. Pasqualone motioned, seconded by Mr. Perry. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 60-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BANKING SERVICES

Mr. Perry motioned, seconded by Mr. Longfellow. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 61-2017 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PERFORMANCE BOND AND ESCROW FOR MCDONALD'S USA, LLC

Mr. Perry motioned, seconded by Mr. Fazio. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 62-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 IN A CONTRACT FOR FAIRMOUNT DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Pasqualone motioned, seconded by Mr. Perry. Councilman Longfellow and Perry and Councilwoman Donato and Pasqualone voted yes. Mr. Fazio Abstained

RESOLUTION 63-2017 RESOLUTION RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR P&A CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Perry motioned, seconded by Ms. Pasqualone. Councilman Longfellow and Perry and Councilwoman Donato and Pasqualone voted yes. Mr. Fazio Abstained

RESOLUTION 64-2017 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE COPS IN SHOPS GRANT FROM NEW JESREY ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL

Ms. Donato motioned, seconded by Ms. Pasqualone. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 65-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN 2016 APPROPRIATIONS RESERVES

Mr. Perry motioned, seconded by Mr. Longfellow. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 66-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Ms. Pasqualone motioned, seconded by Mr. Longfellow. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 67-2017 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH MICUCCI AS FULL-TIME ZONING OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Ms. Donato motioned, seconded by Mr. Longfellow. Councilman Longfellow and Perry and Councilwoman Donato voted yes. Councilwoman Pasqualone voted no. Councilman Fazio recused himself.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Longfellow made a motion for the QPA to put out an RFP for an Economic Development Advisor, this will be Resolution 69-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion. All voted yes. No other Councilmembers had old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Perry was involved with the hoagie sale wanted to compliment the township for the great job they did. Teachers, parents and School children. Councilmembers had nothing to report at this time. Ms. Donato stated that the hoagie sales raised over \$50,000. No other Councilmembers had old business to report.

REPORTS

Mr. Longfellow- reported upcoming Cupid Chase 5k run 10 at Washington Lake Park Feb. 11. **Ms. Pasqualone** reported that she attended Sports Advisory Board meeting 14th Annual Soccer Tournament is April 14th and 15th sign up deadline is March 21st. Spring sport sign ups is going on now at the municipal building. **Mr. Perry** reported that he was at the MUA reorganization meeting and had the pleasure of swearing in Jack Yerkes. **Mr. Fazio** has nothing to report. **Ms. Donato** reported that Veterans Advisory Board had their reorganization meeting on February 6th, they are getting ready for Memorial Day and Military Hall of honor is taking applications if you are a graduate of WTHS they are accepting applications and a formal introduction ceremony more information to follow.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Pasqualone motioned to open the floor for public comment, seconded by Mr. Perry. All were in favor. Several residents spoke-Resident- 236 Salina Rd, Joe Fernicola-14 Goodwin Parkway, Bob Alvarez-11 Banbridge Lane, David Rimby, Sal Capolla-8 Stima Lane , Ginny Murphy- 53 Goodwin Parkway, Ruth Weiss-36 bridge Drive, Bruce Weiss-36 Bridge Drive, concerned about taxes being raised and taxes being too high which is pushing small business and residents out of the Township, would like to see more businesses come to Washington Township, salary increases, questioned zoning officer appointment, empty space within businesses, transparency of our administration. Ms. Pasqualone motioned to close the public session, seconded by Mr. Longfellow, unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 68-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION

Mr. Longfellow motioned, seconded by Mr. Fazzio. It was unanimously approved. Executive Session began at 8:41pm

Mr. Longfellow motioned to return, seconded by Ms. Donato, all in favor. Return from executive session was at 9:10PM and no action was taken.

Public Participation

Ms. Fazzio motioned to open to the public. Ms. Pasqualone seconded the motion, unanimously approved. Resident stated is it possible make the public participation before council votes on agenda items. Mr. Longfellow motioned to close public participation. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All were in favor.

ADJOURN

Mr. Longfellow motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Fazzio. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.