

**Township of Washington  
Gloucester County  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 22, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

Council President Nick Fazio called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 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. Mayor Gattinelli and Township Solicitor Mr. Platt were present, Business Administrator Mr. Gonter was absent.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Gattinelli addressed everyone and thanked them for attending this very special night for the swearing in of newly appointed full time Police Officer Andrew Nichols. Mayor Gattinelli sworn in Andrew Nichols.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST:**

Mr. Longfellow motioned to approve the bill list. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes, Mr. Fazio abstained from anything Fazio. Ms. Donato and Mr. Perry abstained from any bill in reference to the Board of Education.

**ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE 02-2017 ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON-** Mr. Fazio motioned to table. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. Ms. Donato voted no. Mr. Longfellow voted no. Mr. Perry voted no. Ms. Pasqualone voted yes. Mr. Fazio voted yes.

**Open to the Public-**

Mr. Fazio motioned to open public portion. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All in favor.

**Public Comment on Ordinance 02-2017**

**Giancarlo D'Orazio**-Winchester Farms-talked about the Mayor determining salary minimums and maximums. Mr. D'Orazio became disruptive and meeting was called to recess. **Debby Blisik**- 86 Goodwin Parkway-spoke about how she thinks the Mayor should have hired someone in the Township instead of hiring outside. She also questioned the Business Administrators current salary. **Charles Donato**-4 Windy Acres expressed how upset he is with the conduct of the Council meeting. **Dr. Brian McBride**-86 Goodwin Parkway talked about how salaries are a sensitive issue and feels performance reviews should come into play after a year of service. Talked about violating title 7 with zoning officer and accused council members that they were sexist by hiring a male zoning officer in place of a women. Mr. Platt intervened and stated to Council President that we have an ordinance regarding public meeting and Mr. McBride's comment was out of line. **Matt Gorman**-feels the Mayor should have whoever she wants in her office that she feels would work best with her. **Susan Gallagher** -907 Livingston Court - talked about employees getting raises within 28 days of service and how she disagrees with the proposed salary ordinance. **Ernest -Barnsboro Rd**-thanked the first responders for doing their job... the rest of his discussion was inaudible. **Ralph Campana-Resident WT**- talked about how our ranges are determined, he questioned how our Township is going to get better by paying our employees more money. **Chet Neyowski-Heritage Valley**-talked about previous salary ordinance, and increasing salary limits and retables- **Harry Larzalare-11 Turnbridge Ct.**-stated

that people should get increases after one year of service. **Daniel Coughlin**-talked about vacant homes and stated that this is the time to discuss salaries and not during the budget process. **Jack Yerkes-Washington Township**-talked about how important residents should come to council meeting and express their concerns. Also expressed that the salary ordinance should be tabled. **Frank Cianci**-Twin Ponds- made clarifications regarding previous statements, zoning officer, salary ordinance is a guideline. Also talked about the Board of Education and what they are paying there administration. **Mary Behm**-Dew Court- questioned Business Administrators salary. **Giancarlo D’Orazio-Winchester Farms**-talked about the swearing in of the new police officer. **Pete Delborello**-Resident- states that an apology from the Business Administrator is a must and to please reconsider salary ordinance. Feel the Mayor has the power to turn this Township around. **Brian McBride**- 86 Goodwin Parkway-stated to focus on solutions and feels the salary ordinance should be tabled. **Mike -37** Goodwin Parkway- questioned Nick if he knew that the business administrator was hired \$110,000 per year. **Joe Fernicola**-Goodwin Parkway- embarrassed by the conduct at this meeting, talked about civil service as well as cutting spending. **Charles Donato**-4 Windy Acres-told Nick how to run his meeting and shame on council if they didn’t know what the business administrator was hired at **Gerry Keer**-talked about taxes and stressed to council to hire at the lowest point. **Pete Delborello**-expressed to Council members to think about the people that can’t go on vacation because of high taxes. **Christine Cozar**- why do we not have a salary cap.

### **Close Public Portion**

Mr. Longfellow motioned to close public portion. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All in favor.

### **Motion to Adopt Ordinance 02-2017**

Mr. Longfellow motioned Ordinance 02-2017. Which was seconded by Ms. Donato. Council and administration debated this issue. Three yes votes. Ms. Pasqualone voted no. Mr. Fazio voted no.

Mr. Longfellow motioned for a five minute recess. Ms. Donato seconded. All in favor.

Meeting called back to Order

**ORDINANCE 04-2017-** ORDINANCE OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE SHARING WITH THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FORTY-FOUR PERCENT (44%) OF REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES INVOLVING THE WASHINGTON SQUARE PROJECT FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS (INTRO ONLY)-Mr. Platt stated that he had some changes and would like on the record.

Mr. Longfellow makes a motion to introduce as amended. Mr. Fazio seconded. Three yes votes. Ms. Donato and Mr. Perry recuse themselves.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION 50-2017 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LABOR COUNSEL FOR TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON- Mr. Fazio motioned to take Resolution 50-51 off the table. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes.

Mr. Fazio motioned resolution 50-51. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 51-2017 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL CONFLICT COUNSEL FOR TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON- Mr. Fazio motioned to take Resolution 50-51 off the table. Mr. Longfellow seconded.

Mr. Fazio motioned resolution 50-51. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 70-2017 RECONFIRMING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR COACH ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Fazzio moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Longfellow. All voted yes. Mr. Fazzio abstained

RESOLUTION 71-2017 RECONFIRMING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR WHITMAN SQUARE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Fazzio moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Longfellow. All voted yes. Mr. Fazzio abstained

RESOLUTION 72-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER 32 IN A CONTRACT FOR CRICKET LANE CDBG 2015 PROJECT

Ms. Fazzio moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Longfellow. All voted yes. Mr. Fazzio abstained

RESOLUTION 73-2017 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR CRICKET LANE CDBG 2015 PROJECT

Ms. Fazzio moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Longfellow. All voted yes. Mr. Fazzio abstained

RESOLUTION 74-2017 RESOLUTION APPROVING LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR HARBOR FREIGHT

Mr. Fazzio moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Longfellow. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 75-2017 RESOLUTION APPROVING LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION JMK EVENTS

Mr. Fazzio moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Longfellow. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 76-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEIN ON REAL PROPERTY FOR A REMEDIATION TREATMENT PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Ms. Pasqualone moved. Which was seconded by Ms. Donato. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 77-2017 RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR LONG MARMERO

Mr. Perry moved. Which was seconded by Ms. Pasqualone. All voted yes. Mr. Fazzio Abstained

RESOLUTION 78-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR A TONAGE REPORT

Ms. Pasqualone moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Perry. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 79-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO SUBMIT A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

Ms. Donato moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Perry. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 80-2017 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR GEORGE B HAWKINS III, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 109.09 LOT 6, 5 PENNSBURY PLACE., EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Ms. Longfellow moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Fazzio. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 81-2017 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR JUDITH A. KEENY, A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 235 LOT 2, 824 CANAL STREET, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 23, 2017

Ms. Longfellow moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Fazzio. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 82-2017 RESOLUTION TAXES FOR THOMAS KONEFUL, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 4.02 LOT 2, 4 HAMPSHIRE AVE., EFFECTIVE JANUARY 18, 2017

Ms. Longfellow moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Fazzio. All voted yes.

RESOLUTION 83-2017 RESOLUTION AMENDING AND ESTABLISHING A FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

## COMMITTEE FOR 2017

Ms. Pasqualone moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Perry. All voted yes.

## RESOLUTION 85-2017 RESOLUTION &amp; AMENDING CHANGE ORDER #1 IN A CONTRACT FOR FAIRMOUNT DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Pasqualone moved. Which was seconded by Mr. Perry. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio abstained.

## RESOLUTION 86-2017 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION

Ms. Pasqualone moved. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes.

## RESOLUTION 87-2017 RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL FOR-SALE 138-UNIT PROJECT WITH INCLUSIONARY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON OR OFF-SITE

Mr. Fazio made a motion to table. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All yes

## RESOLUTION 88-2017 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR FAIRMOUNT DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Fazio moved. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All yes. Mr. Fazio abstained.

## RESOLUTION 89-2017 RESOLUTION APPROVING REDUCTION OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR GANTOWN EQUITIES, LLC-PHASE 1

Mr. Fazio moved. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All yes

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Donato, Mr. Longfellow, Ms. Pasqualone and Mr. Perry had no old business to report. Nick Fazio read Media Policy and asked for clarification on the policy from the solicitor. Mr. Platt explained his intentions regarding the Media Policy is the make sure Council, Mayor, Washington Township and everyone is protected. Mr. Platt stated that if anyone had any questions he is available anytime.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Donato, Mr. Longfellow, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Perry and Mr. Fazio had no new business to report

**REPORTS**

**Mr. Longfellow-** Police & Fire Federal Credit Union is having an open house at the Municipal Building on March 7, 2017. Open Space Advisory Committee, their community garden will be opening on or about April 1, 2017, the committee is also receiving two separate proposals to update their open space plan that goes hand in hand with Green Team initiatives. Environmental Commission initiated an update of the Township environmental inventory and finalizing plans for Earth Day and Arbor Day. The School Board Committee and the Township administration met and talked about a number of ways to improve the Township. **Ms. Pasqualone** reported that the Economic Development Board will be meeting March 8, 2017 @ 5pm. **Ms. Donato** reported on February 23, 2017 from 1:00pm-7:00pm in the WT High School parking lot they are having Stuff the bus for Mothers Cupboard, also donations will be accepted at Bottino's Shop Rite from 1-7. February 21, 22, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, from 4-10 pm Carrabba's Restaurant in Turnersville is hosting a fund raiser for the American legion Post 521. The Veteran's is still looking for nominees for the Military Hall of Honor on May 23, 2017. Mothers Matter's open house will be March 11, 2017. At the Washington Lake Park on March 12, 2017 they are having the Lucky 5k Run. **Mr. Perry** and **Mr. Fazio** had no reports.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

**Mr. Longfellow** motions to open which was seconded by Ms. Donato. All in favor

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Ginny Murphy**-President BOE-thanking to present council to the commitment to school District. **Jack Yerkes**-commended the Township for keeping the spirit 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Was very disappointed in the conduct of the Business Administrator the how the meeting are being conducted, feels professionalism must be displayed during Council meetings **Anthony Panto**-questioned why the liaison to the Economic Development Commission was changed and Angela Donato was removed. Expressed that this is an important board. David Rimby- East holly Avenue-questioned the budget process and feels Economic Development should be the number one priority of the Town. Ralph Campana-stated we need more retables in this town. **Giancarlo D'Orazio** Winchester Farms-talked about employees living outside of the Township. **George Frazier**-Heritage Valley-Talked in behalf of the residents in heritage valley upset over how the new project going in at the front of the development was handled by the Zoning Board. **June Yerkes**-Turnersville, Congratulated the Mayor and Solicitor on how they helped the council out during the meeting. Disappointed on recusing yourself on the zoning officer issue, feels it showed poor judgement. Very disappointed in the behavior of the Business Administrator. Disapproves of the recommendation of suggesting hiring a professional to help with Economic Development Expert. **Charles Donato**-4 Windy Acres- asked for clarification regarding the zoning officer.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Longfellow motioned to open to the public. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 10:55PM**RESOLUTION 68-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION**

Mr. Longfellow motioned. Which was seconded by Mr. Fazzio. Which was unanimously approved.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION 11:53PM

Ms. Donato motioned to return from executive session which no action was taken. Which was seconded by Mr. Perry. All in favor.

ADJOURN

Mr. Perry motion to adjourn. Which was seconded by Ms. Donato. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:53pm.