

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Council Meeting Minutes
March 8, 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 notice, which was followed by the Flag Salute

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

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to approve Resolution 105-2017-Authorizing Executive Session for Juliana V. Township of Washington. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes.

Mr. Fazio asked to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All voted. Yes. Entered at @7:03PM

Mr. Fazio asked for motion to enter back into public meeting. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. No action was taken Back in Public Session at @7:41PM

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to approve the Bill List. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion. All voted yes, Mr. Fazio abstained from anything Fazio.

Mr. Fazio asked for motion to approve the February 22, 2017 Minutes. Mr. Perry motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to approve the February 22, 2017 Executive Session Minutes. Mr. Perry motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes.

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion on **ORDINANCE 004-2017 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.**

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to open to the public. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All in favor. **Bob Abbott**-195 Fries Mill Rd- would like clarification of the Ordinance. **Jerry Keer** Whitman Square-can a senior get a property tax freeze in lieu of taxes? Asked for clarification if senior citizens in the new Washington Square Development Project. Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to close public participation. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Fazio motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. Mr. Longfellow, Ms. Pasqualone and Mr. Fazio voted yes. Ms. Donato and Mr. Perry recused themselves.

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion for **O05-2017 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 179 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND HOUSING STANDARDS"**. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded the motion. All voted yes.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to amend the Agenda adding Resolution 106-2017 and 107-2017. Mr. Perry moved. Mr. Fazio seconded. All 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 – Remained Tabled.

R091-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

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

R092-2017 AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN LITIGATION INVOLVING JULIANA V. TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00.

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

R093-2017 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMUSEMENT GAME LICENSE FOR 2017 FOR NIFTY FIFTY'S LOCATED AT 467-Tabled All voted yes.

R094-2017 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LICENSING OF WEI'S MASSAGE PARLOR

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

R095-2017 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE 2014 ROAD PROJECT, PHASE II

Mr. Perry motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio abstained.

R096-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 IN A CONTRACT FOR 2013 ROAD PROGRAM (RE-BID)

Mr. Perry motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio abstained

R097-2017 APPROVING REDUCTION OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR HOLMAN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP – PHASE 2

Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes.

R098-2017 APPROVING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR 7 ENTERPRISE COURT

Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All yes.

R099-2017 AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE LEASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, KNOWN AS 339 SALINA ROAD, SEWELL, N.J. 08080, BLOCK 20 LOT 3

Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes.

R100-2017 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF \$13,410,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes.

R101-2017 RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BRIAN MCCAFFERY TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Fazio motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes.

R102-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ENTER INTO A TRI-PARTIE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes.

R103-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF A FEE FOR USE OF COMMUNITY GARDEN

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

R0104-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR 2013 ROAD PROJECT

Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio abstained.

R0106 -2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KENNEDY HOSPITAL, INC.

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

R107-2017 RESOLUTION 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. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmembers had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember had nothing to report.

REPORTS

Mr. Longfellow-reports the Environmental Commission and Open Space there is lecture Monday March 20th at 7pm at the Municipal Building- Garden Basics 101 given by the Gloucester County Certified Gardeners. Also, the Environmental Commission is joining with the district art night at the Washington Township High School on Tuesday March 21st, 6:30p to 8:30p the theme is Earth which is part Earth Day festivities. Grand opening of the Community Garden is Saturday April 1st 11:00am at Washington Lake Park. There is a Rainbow workshop on Saturday April 8th at 10am, the location will be determined once available it will be posted on our website. Lecture on how to create backyard habitat for birds and butterflies at the Library Wednesday, April 26th at 7pm. Also a Lecture on Hunters of the night skies Sunday, April 30th at 1:30 at the Library. **Ms. Pasqualone** reports Ms. Pasqualone reports The Board of Education board voted to approve the Kids Choice Summer Camp Rental they also voted to approve an independent financial audit of the district. Economic Development had a great meeting and is moving in the right direction. **Mr. Perry** had nothing to report. **Mr. Fazio** had nothing to report. **Ms. Donato** Saturday, March 11th 11am-3pm Mothers Matters Open House at 3 McClure to celebrate their 17th year. Also, Lucky 5k run is Sunday March 12th at Washington Lake Park.

Mr. Fazio asked Administration if they had any reports. Mayor Gattinelli said yes and authorized Mr. Platt to speak on her behalf. Mr. Platt advised the Township Council of a former employee's actions regarding payroll and requested a resolution giving him authorization to continue to look into the matter.

R108-2017 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR TO TAKE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO RECOVER MONEY IMPROPERLY PAID

Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. Four voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone voted no.

Report

Robin Sarlo Township Tax Collector presented Council with 2016 Annual Tax Collectors Report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mr. Fazio asked for a motion for public participation. Mr. Longfellow Seconded. All in favor.

Chet Nawoyski- Sewell Resident-Asked if the most current agenda could be available to the public. Are billable hours for collection of the \$17,000.00, from previous employee? What type of car does the current Business Administrator Drive? **David Wilson-**19 Goodwin Parkway-Thanked Council and the Mayor for their public service. Asked if resolutions could be posted on our webpage. Also asked if the recording of the meeting could also be put on the webpage as well. Why is there not a standard hiring procedure? Asked who authorized payment to previous business administrator. **Kelly Graysbury-** Whitman Square resident-Asked if the police would be patrolling the new Washington square development. **Frank Cianci-** 22 Twin Ponds-He commented on how disturbing that Ms. Pasqualone voted no to recover \$17,000 from previous Business Administrator. Frank also addressed the painting of the water tower, the current council or previous council had nothing to do with painting of the water tower, it was the MUA Board that decided to take off "Premier Community", they wanted to honor the Veterans. **Ralph Campanna Sewell resident-** Questioned Resolution #106-2017, how long is the lease for Kennedy Parking Lot? How much is the lease? How big is the land? **Maxine D'Angelo-**Whitman Square questioned how could the business administrator come in after hours and who authorized him to cut himself a check. **Brian McBride-**87 Goodwin Parkway-talked about civility and apologized to councilmember Donato and Longfellow for performing a sociology experiment on them on social media. He played a recorded tape to the council, which ended in a debate with council and solicitor. **Bill McMurch 54 Cricket lane-** 52 Cricket Lane has been abandoned for four years would like someone to look into the issue. Also asked when is Cricket Lane schedule to be repaved. **Joe Fernicola -**14 Goodwin Parkway-Wanted to thank Robin for doing a great job with taxes and asked about commercial properties. He also talked about Washington Township becoming a Civil Service Town he thinks it would control lawsuits. **Debbie Blissick-**86 Goodwin Parkway-can we have job descriptions available to the public, feels performance reviews would be beneficial in determining salary increases. Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to close public portion. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Perry commented that Atlantic City Electric is offering free trees to residential customers on a first come first serve basis by visiting www.arborday.org/ace or by calling 855-670-2773, they will deliver to your residence.

Mr. Longfellow motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Donato second the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.