

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Council Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Council President Nick Fazio called the meeting to order at 7:01P.M. in the Council Room located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. The Flag Salute followed. Mr. Fazio delivered the Sunshine Notice and the Safety Awareness, video and cell phone notices.

Township Deputy Clerk Chrissy Ciallella took a roll call vote. Councilmembers Donato, Longfellow, Pasqualone, Perry, and Fazio were present. Township Solicitor Mr. Platt, Mayor Gattinelli, and Business Administrator Mr. Gontar were present.

Mayor Gattinelli presented a PROCLAMATION to The Williams Syndrome Association, a non-profit organization, making the month of May 2017 as Williams Syndrome awareness month.

Approval of the Bill List

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to approve the April 26, 2017 bill list. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio abstained from anything Fazio.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to approve the April 12, 2017 minutes. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes.

Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to approve the April 12, 2017 Executive Session Minutes. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded.

ORDINANCES

O10-2017 ORDINANCE AMENDING A CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CHAPTER 260- VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC-STAGE COACH RD- INTRO ONLY

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

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to amend the agenda adding O11-2017 and Resolution 140-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes.

O11-2017 ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 117, LOT 1.03 FROM ITS CURRENT RURAL ZONING TO INS-INSTITUTIONAL

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

RESOLUTIONS

R132-2017 APPROVING RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, 122 JRD, LLC, JOHNSON ROAD, BLOCK 167, LOTS 2.30, 4 & 5

MS. DONATO MOTIONED. MR. LONGFELLOW SECONDED. ALL VOTED YES.

R133-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

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

R134-2017 ACCEPTING A PERFORMANCE BOND AND ESCROW FOR ALDI, INC. #1985
Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes.

R135-2017 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TOWNSHIP POLICY FOR WASHINGTON SENIOR BUS PROGRAM ASSISTANCE FOR RIDERS
Mr. Fazio motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes.

R136-2017 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SEAT BELT POLICY AND MOBILITY DEVICE SECUREMENT POLICY TO ASSURE MAXIMUM OPERATOR AND PASSENGER SAFETY
Mr. Fazio motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes.

R137-2017 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE LEASE OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOME KNOWN AS 220 FISH POND ROAD, SEWELL, NJ
Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes.

R138-2017 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE LEASE OF LAND KNOWN AS 220 FISH POND RD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES
Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes.

R139-2017 RESOLUTION RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND WAIVING A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR ALDI, INC. #1874
Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes.

R140-2017 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2017 FIREWORKS
Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmembers had nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Donato, the 4th of July is finally coming back, and is very excited and it will be held on Tuesday, July 4th, the theme will be "Through the Years". If anyone is interested forms are online and also in the Clerk's Office at the Municipal building, sponsorships are available.

REPORTS

Tax Collector reported no uncollected taxes. Mr. Longfellow reports Earth Day was a success. **Mr. Perry** had nothing to report. **Ms. Pasqualone** reported that the Board of Education teacher of the year was presented, they are working on ways to increase revenue at the performing arts center. **Mr. Perry** reports there will be an MS Walk in Washington Lake Park, Sunday April 30th at 10 A.M. also thanked the Scouts for coming out and helping the Old Stone Village clean-up for the Car Show. **Mr. Fazio** had nothing to report. **Ms. Donato** reported May 8, Family Community Services will be meeting, Cystic Fibrosis walk is May 7th, Super Saturday is May 18th, rain date is May 20th also reported the Grand Opening of Stios Water Ice on Fries Mill Road was on April 20th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to open to the public. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All in favor. **Jerry Keer**-Whitman Square Resident, Asked if the speed changes on Stage Coach Road will that happen after the road repairs? Annina Hogan, Township Engineer stated that the reduction in speed will happen now. **Keith Ludwig**-Hidden Lakes Resident, he expressed his concern with traffic at the baseball fields on Hurffville-Grenloch Rd. He states people are driving way to fast and our children are at risk. He asked if it was possible if a speed study could be conducted or a police car be parked as a deterrent for speeding drivers. Asked if our engineers could be in contact with the County to find solutions. He presented

council with a handout with photos of the area. He stated if it is also possible to work with our public works department and police department to place a dummy police car near the fields, add more signs, trim back trees, and maybe add reflective tape. Ask the question, could that be possible. Annina Hogan stated that she made a request to the County already, and will work closely with the County to put flashers in place. Police Chief stated that he can make arrangement for a dummy police car in place and also a speed study will be conducted to control traffic. **Ralph Campana**-Sewell Resident-thanked the Mayor for the Safe Zone that was put in place. Asked the question, why is there so much excess in the surplus? CFO, James D'Auria states that we use just enough for the Township to operate and we will only use surplus that will be regenerated and stated that we also try to budget in a realistic fashion and this is where the surplus remains. Stated that we are always looking at ways to generate revenue and reduce appropriations. Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to close to the public. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor.

Announcement

Mr. Fazzio announced that there will be a special budget meeting on Thursday, April 27th @ 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.