

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

Council Vice President Joe Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Room Located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. The Flag salute followed. Mr. Perry delivered the Sunshine Notice and the Safety Awareness video and cell phone notices.

Township Clerk Mr. Selb took a roll call vote. Councilmembers Ms. Donato, Mr. Longfellow, Mr. Perry were present. Ms. Pasqualone and Mr. Fazzio were absent. Mayor Gattinelli, Township Solicitor Mr. Platt, and Business Administrator Mr. Gonter were present.

**RESOLUTION**

**R244-2017 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND PBA LOCAL 318 SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve Resolution R244-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. Ms. Donato, Mr. Perry and Mr. Fazzio voted yes via telephone connection. Mr. Longfellow recused himself. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

Upon conclusion of the vote Mr. Fazzio via phone left the meeting.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Gattinelli addressed the Township residents with STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP.

**MAYOR'S 6-MONTH STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP PRESENTATION**

**JULY 26, 2017**

I stand before Council and the residents of Washington Township at the 6-month juncture of this Administration's first year in office to present you with the state of Washington Township. During my campaign and following my election, I stressed that the goals and objectives of my Administration would be to bring back accountability to Washington Township government, promote business development and public safety and improve services to our residents while keeping the local tax rates stable. I am pleased to announce that with the help of those in my Administration, Council, the Township employees and our dedicated residents, we are well on our way to accomplishing many of these goals and we have great things in store for the community as we move forward. I want to acknowledge Council, all of our Department Heads, their supervisors, and the rank-and-file employees for all moving in the same direction with my vision to make Washington Township a great place in which to live, work and raise a family. I also want to acknowledge all of our residents who volunteer their time and effort to serve on various boards and committees that help support our goal of moving forward in the right direction.

**Budget and Taxes**

One of my most important goals, which we have already achieved was to tackle the 2017 Municipal Budget in a way which would stabilize our taxes without affecting services to our residents. This year, we were able to balance the budget with no tax increase whatsoever and

improve services to our residents at the same time. In addition, we were able to maintain a healthy surplus, which helps keep the Township's bond rating at the highest level

In keeping with our goal to be fiscally responsible, we bid and contracted for Township banking services to provide increased reliability and reduce fees and expenses. Most recently, we awarded a bid to an energy service provider, which will reduce costs and save taxpayers over

\$70,000 per year on municipal electricity costs. Also, this year, for the first time in history, we have established a Human Resources Department with a Human Resources Director, to better manage employee relationships, which we hope will improve customer service to our residents and business owners. We are also examining the current healthcare program for municipal employees in an effort to reduce costs and expenses and provide savings to our taxpayers.

Moreover, we are also evaluating and rethinking the way the Township buys and leases Township and Police vehicles and equipment. With proper fleet management, we believe we can provide appropriate vehicles and equipment necessary to deliver effective services to our residents while at the same time saving taxpayer monies

### **Washington Township Business**

For a number of years before I took office, there had been a decline in Washington Township business. Some of this is manifested by what appears to be empty stores and closed businesses in certain parts of town. While the Internet and Great Recession of 2008 are some of the reasons for this downturn, it is imperative for me to encourage and promote business in the Township. Attracting clean commercial ratables helps create jobs and reduce the tax burden on our residents. In order to promote business, my Administration and our dedicated volunteers on the Economic Development Committee have created a marketing strategy and informational guide about the Township and why businesses, developers and companies should locate or relocate their businesses to Washington Township. We also have added a "Business Directory" section for our website that categorizes and organizes the registered business we have in Washington Township. We currently have 703 businesses but are still working to make sure the list is inclusive of all businesses. I would like to thank our Township Clerk, Leo Selb, clerk Danielle Barrilla and Councilwoman Dana Pasqualone for leading this effort.

Another initiative I am happy to present is the new "Shop Washington Township" program that was created at no cost to the taxpayers. With this program, residents who shop and own local businesses are eligible for tax credits in their annual tax bill. I encourage our residents to shop local and to shop Washington Township. We also continue to have our professionals and Department Heads search and apply for grants to pay for Township goods and services.

Obtaining grants are a non-tax source of revenue that provides better services to our residents without increasing taxes.

### **Public Safety**

Another one of our priorities is enhancing public safety. This is a continuing process to make sure that all Washington Township residents and their children feel safe and are safe.

Along with our new Police Chief, Patrick Gurcsik, not only are we providing our Police Officers with the tools they need to provide safe and secure neighborhoods for everyone, but we are also engaging in many community outreach programs with our residents. First and foremost, we have hired additional Police Officers and Special Law Enforcement Officers to increase and

enhance public safety. The safety of our residents is always a priority and we work constantly to make sure that there are enough Police in our community to protect our residents, businesses and visitors alike. One of the first things I did in office was to add a second Police Officer at the high school for the first time in seven years. The Chief of Police and I are committed to keeping our students, teachers and schools as safe as possible. We have also revamped our Emergency Management Team with extensive training and new appointments. Throughout the town, we are conducting speed studies to make sure that our streets are safe, and we are working with the Police Department to establish "Drug Free Zones". As far as community outreach, the Chief of Police is holding a regular round-table meeting with members of the school district to continually assess safety in our schools. We have also established a number of programs with the Chief including "Fishing with a Cop", "Coffee with a Cop" and "Water Ice with a Cop". Community policing with the proper resources and tools will keep Washington Township and its residents as safe as possible.

### **Quality of Life**

When I was campaigning, many residents expressed to me that there were not enough services or Community Programs in the Township. It has been one of my main visions to enhance the quality of life for those living and working in Washington Township. We want to make sure that we have first-class facilities for all of our youth sports programs as well as continue to provide transportation and community services for our senior residents. We have also been paying particular attention to our public parks, have created a Safe-Zone exchange for children in difficult family situations and are working in conjunction with area hospitals to provide health and wellness offerings for our employees and residents alike. To honor our Veterans, we created Combat Wounded Warriors Family Support Parking spaces at the Police Station, the Municipal Building, and the Senior Center. For the first time in close to a decade, we brought back the July 4th Parade, which, along with the Fireworks Show, was a huge success. So many of our residents attended the festivities and it was wonderful to see our community getting together and celebrating America. We also continue to invest in our infrastructure. We have an ongoing 2017 Road Program and we are making renovations to the Township Municipal Building as well as the Police Administration Building, which are much in need of repairs. With respect to the Road Program, the following is a list of projects we are working on, which are being paid through grants and NOT funded by taxpayer dollars:

1. \$193,000 NJDOT Grant for Bethel Mill Road. Concrete work is complete and asphalt improvements are scheduled for next week.
2. \$170,047 NJDOT Grant for Phase I of Stagecoach Road. Concrete work is starting and asphalt improvements will follow starting at the Johnson Road end.
3. \$175,000 NJDOT Grant for Phase 2 of Stagecoach Road. This is in design and will be bid in August for construction this fall. This will hopefully carry the asphalt improvements through to Lillian.
4. CDBG Grant for improvements to Lantern Lane. This is in final design and will be bid in August for construction this fall.
5. SJ Gas Main renewal on a portion of Greenwood also incorporated roadway repaving of Greenwood from Greentree to Heather.
6. SJ Gas Main renewal up and coming in the Garfield section will be incorporating roadway repaving of McKinley Ave from Johnson to Cooper and Spruce Street from McKinley to Garfield.

Once again, whenever we spend money at the Township, we always ask how it will benefit the Township of Washington residents the most.

### **Transparency**

One of my main campaign platforms was to restore our residents' faith in local government. In my initial Mayor's Column, I made it very clear that transparency to our residents was a high priority. During the budget process, our Business Administrator implemented small group budget workshops and several open public budget hearings to provide information and get input from our residents about our Municipal Budget. In an effort to keep up with today's technology, we have worked hard to increase our social media presence by establishing Twitter and Instagram along with our existing Township website and Facebook page. I have also established the "Coffee with the Mayor" program, to meet with residents and business owners alike, to share information and discuss constructive ways to improve our Township and the services we deliver to our residents. Internally, I have established regular and consistent Department Head staff meetings and with the help of our new Human Resources Director, we are constantly evaluating our employees' performance and the ways in which we deliver services to our residents. I want to give a plug to the Washington Township Sun, which is carrying a weekly Mayor's column so I can report to our residents the goings on around the Township. We have received great positive feedback from our efforts to be transparent and accountable to our residents.

### **Closing**

In closing, I once again want to thank all of our residents who have supported me and this Administration and have given us the opportunity to make positive changes for our community. We are constantly looking for ways to improve services, promote economic development, generate non-tax revenues and cut costs. I am grateful to have a team of talented and dedicated Department Heads, who along with their supervisors and all the Township employees are dedicated to providing the quality of life that Washington Township's residents expect and deserve. I also want to thank all of the Council members who have worked tirelessly to do the right thing for Washington Township. Finally, I want to thank my husband and two sons for giving me their support and allowing me the time necessary to fulfill my duties as Mayor of Washington Township.

### **APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the July 26, 2017 bill list. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the regular minutes of July 12, 2017 and executive meeting minutes from July 12, 2017. Mr. Longfellow asked for both meeting minutes to be tabled until August 23, 2017. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

### **ORDINANCES**

**0015-2017 ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 196.05, LOT 10 FROM ITS CURRENT PLANNED RESIDENTIAL –ONE ZONING TO COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL**-this Ordinance is up for adoption.

Mr. Perry asked for motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 0015-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All in favor. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent. **Bob Alvarez-Resident** - Is this property owned by Washington Township. Why is this being rezoned to commercial industrial? Is it

the Townships intention to sell this property and is there a potential buyer for this property? Mr. Platt stated that this property is owned by the Washington Township MUA. There is no intent to sell this property and that is only to rezone the property recommended by the MUA.

Mr. Perry asked for motion to close public hearing on Ordinance O015-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All in favor. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O015-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

**O19-2017 ORDINANCE AMENDING A CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CHAPTER 260 - VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC-SALINA ROAD**-this Ordinance is up for Adoption.

Mr. Perry asked for motion to open public hearing on Ordinance O019-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All in favor. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

**Bob Alvarez**-Resident- is the repaving on Salina started yet? Annina Hogan-Township Engineer stated that the paving of the roads does not factor into this Ordinance.

Mr. Perry asked for motion to close public hearing on Ordinance O019-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O019-2017. Ms. Longfellow asked to table this Ordinance to August 23, 2017. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

**O20-2017 AMENDING CHAPTER 80 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "FEES – UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE"**- this Ordinance is up for adoption

Mr. Perry asked for motion to open public hearing on Ordinance O020-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Mr. Perry asked for motion to close public hearing on Ordinance O020-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O020-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

**O21-2017 AMENDING SECTION CHAPTER 59 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED CONTRACTORS - LICENSING OF**-this Ordinance is up for adoption.

Mr. Perry asked for motion to open public hearing on Ordinance O021-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Mr. Perry asked for motion to close public hearing on Ordinance O021-2017. Mr. Perry motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O021-2017. Mr. Perry motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

**O22-2017 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON PROVIDING THE AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH THIRD-PARTY PAYROLL SERVICES INCLUDING ELECTRONIC DISBURSEMENT CONTROL-**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O022-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

**O23-2017 ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL ZONING DESIGNATION TO ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 86, LOT 1.02**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O023-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

**O24-2017 ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 117, LOT 1.03 FROM ITS CURRENT RURAL ZONING TO INS-INSTITUTIONAL –this Ordinance is up for introduction.**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O024-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **R241-2017 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PERFORMANCE BOND FOR WASHINGTON SQUARE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC PROJECT 08-18-P-428 PHASE 1 – ASSISTED LIVING**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to move Resolution R241-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

#### **R242-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PROPRIETARY COMPUTER SOFTWARE**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to move Resolution R242-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

#### **R243-2017 RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW CAMEL 1200 SEWER AND CATCH BASIN CLEANER**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to move Resolution R243-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

#### **R245-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to move Resolution R245-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

#### **R246-2017 RELEASING A PERFORMANCE LETTER OF CREDIT AND ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE LETTER OF CREDIT AND ESCROW FOR TURNERSVILLE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES LLC**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to move Resolution R246-2017. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

#### **R247-2016 CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 194.25 LOT 26, 51 NORWICH RD**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to move Resolution R247-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

#### **R248-2017 CANCELLING RESOLUTION 234-2017 AND REAWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF NINE (9) PANASONIC VEHICLE DOCKING STATIONS WITH ACCESSORIES**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to move Resolution R248-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

#### **R249-2017 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL AND RESCIND AUTHORIZATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to move Resolution R249-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

#### **R250-2017 AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTAND AGREEMENT WITH ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC, WASHINGTON SQUARE URBAN RENEWAL LLC, AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to move Resolution R250-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

#### **R251-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to move Resolution R251-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

## **R252-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to move Resolution R252-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Longfellow asked the Business Administrator, what is the status on the RFP is for Economic Development. Mr. Gonter stated that it is the works and will be ready in about 2-3 weeks.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmembers had nothing to report at this time.

### **REPORTS**

**Sean Longfellow** had nothing to report. - **Mayor Gattinelli** reports on behalf of **Ms. Pasqualone**, Board of Education-signed a 1-year contract with source for Teachers and the Board will re-evaluate the renewal of the contract next year. George Passante was promoted to Assistant Principal of the High School. Sports Advisory Board- Washington Twp Parks and Rec. Department is hosting another Rutgers Coaches Clinic on Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm in Room A. The clinic is free to all Washington Twp Sports Coaches, outside coaches are able to participate, but there is a fee of \$30 associated with the program. Anyone who wishes to attend must be present for the entire session. Economic Development Board- RFP is currently being drafted, Business Directory-all businesses have been added to the directory. The Clerk's office is actively reaching out to businesses to register (if they have not done so already). Existing and closed businesses are being cross referenced to provide the most accurate record keeping for the business directory. **Angela Donato** reports- National Night Out is August 1, 6-9pm at Washington Lake Park. **Mr. Perry** reports that he was invited to attend the graduation of the First Citizens Police Academy and he complimented the officers that ran the event and is looking to attend more in the future.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open public participation. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

**Vicki Benetti**- questioned Resolutions R245-2017 and R251-2017, what is the difference between the two since the titles are the same. Would be helpful to post the resolutions and ordinances posted in advance before the meetings in order for residents to prepare questions for the meetings. What is caused the initiation of the proposed zone change for Block 86, Lot 1.02? Mr. Platt explained that resolutions R245-2017 and R251-2017 is not for the sale of real estate, its online sales of police vehicles. That is a split lot zone, way to allow the property to have one zone.

**Julie Yankanich Heritage Valley** -wanted to publicly thank the following people for helping make Addiction and Recovery Awareness vigil held on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 a huge success, speakers Amanda Vodka, Mike Campasio and Lindsey Parke graduates of the High School, Brooke Parker and Angela Donato, Lisa Collins and Alicia Rotella from the Mayor's office, also Mayor Gattinelli and Township Solicitor Stuart Platt. Chief Gurscik, Superintendent Joe Bollendorf, Freeholder Dan Christy, County Prosecutor Sean Dalton and Shannon Eden. Dr. Beard from Kennedy Hospital, singers Madeline Yerkes, Marcus Santos, Amanda Peacock and Antonia Brunetti, all high school students, Kevin Lindsedt, Bubba Mckie Ron and Eileen Lukareni, children of the cow project, Steve Magnata- photographer, Councilman Longfellow, and Councilman Perry. Julie asked this administration could look into SOBER sports.

**Chet Nawoyski-resident**-wanted to comment on the First Citizens Police Academy this is a great program, thank Chief Gurscik for his outreach to the community and commended the police department.

**Ralph Campanna-Resident**-thanked the Mayor for making an effort to make the proper changes that this Township needs. Is it state or County? Why do we have Ordinance 179-8? Questioned sidewalk Ordinance, can we work with the County to maintain? What is the status of the police car auction? Frank Altamuro-Supervisor Public Works-stated that county roads we do not have jurisdiction, however when necessary we will reach out for help. Frank stated that \$15,000 was collected from the auction and the money goes to miscellaneous/unanticipated line item to fund the police department.

**Bob Alvarez-Resident**-How many addition Union contracts are in negotiations? Stated that cancelling taxes

for disabled Veterans is something we should continue to do. Would like to thank the Mayor for continuing to make progress for the community. Would like to see more specifics in the Sun Newspaper. Asked what software the Township is using? And would like more specifics on buy Washington Township? Mr. Platt stated that there are 6 union contracts, there are 3 union contracts left.

**Joe Fericola**-Goodwin Parkway-is it possible to use the website for tax information purposes. Could a speed study be done on Goodwin Parkway due to fast drivers? Mr. Platt stated that the tax assessor is run by the county and not by the current administration.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close public participation. Mr. Perry motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All in Favor. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

#### **ADJOURN**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.