

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Council Meeting Agenda
September 13, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Council President Nick Fazio 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. Fazio delivered the Sunshine Notice and the Safety Awareness video and cell phone notices.

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

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to approve the September 13, 2017 bill list. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio abstained from any Fazio bills.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to approve the regular minutes of August 23, 2017. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes.

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to approve the regular minutes of August 23, 2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone recused.

ORDINANCES

O14-2017 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 285 BILLBOARDS

Mr. Fazio stated that this ordinance was up for adoption, and asked for a motion to open to the public on Ordinance O14-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All in favor. No one from the public wished to speak. Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to close public portion. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O14-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes.

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

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to un-table Ordinance O23-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to open public participation on Ordinance O23-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor.

Vicky Binetti-Berkshire Drive-member of the Environmental Commission-stated that copy of presentation and the well head map was handed out to council. It will recorded as exhibit P1 and P2. Vicki expressed objections and concerns of the Environmental Commission in respect to the zoning change, which, are deep concerns for the health and wellness of the residents and to have a safe water supply. Vicki states that due to previous accidents and don't see that is prudent to present additional threats. Well heads #18 & #19 are directly impacted with development on this parcel in question.

Steve Altamuro-41 Jones Lane-Attorney for Zoning Board-Attorney for the zoning board-He congratulated Joe and Dana for winning Council this year. He states that there is currently a law suit against the zoning board by Riggins Gas Station. He stated that the zoning board did research in determining the zone change. He also stated that no applications have been submitted to the zoning or planning board at this time and that this decision is for a zone change at this time. Also state that the master plan is incorrect in the drawings.

Daniel Coughlin-River birch Rd-agrees that this town should be business friendly, however feels this area needs to be protected, and feels that petroleum and gas tanks should not be built on top of our well heads and water supply. Stated that we should be helping find another site to build that is safe.

Rich Silvestri WTMUA-stated that about a year ago the Environmental Commission came to the MUA to ask if they would support them because they heard that this site may be developed. The MUA decided to turn this over to their Engineer. The Engineer did a study about the viability of putting a gas station in that location. They decided that it would not be a problem due to modern technology.

Rick Eckert-25 Wrenfield Dr.-talked about petroleum spills, feels accidents happen and CI zoning does not belong next to Residential Zoning.

Maureen Blessy-16 Hawthorne Court- She read an email from Ray Rapposelli, sent to Nick Fazio dated September 5, 2017. Dear President Fazio, I have tried to keep up with the discussion regarding the zoning on Hurffville Crosskeys and Fries Mill Roads. I served on township council when we passed the amended Master Plan into law. As I recall, the reasons we wanted to preserve rural zoning atop the aquifer were quite clear. There had been an underground gasoline spill beneath Riggins which resulted in a "plume" of pollutants which was being monitored by the DEP. I believe the monitoring well may still be operational. We had approved a massive commercial development on Watson Drive, less than a mile from the intersection. We knew that the owners of the property bordering the By-pass were going to file a COAH builders' remedy lawsuit, which would result in more demand for water and more pressure on our resources. We felt the rural zone would help the town to preserve the integrity of the aquifer. The construction of a gas station on that site would be in direct contravention of the intent of the Master Plan. If our water supply is further contaminated the health costs will be incalculable. We already have cancer clusters in our town and nearby towns. The tax rebates generated by this applicant are meaningless if fuel contaminants ruin the aquifer. It should be noted that we used professional consultants while redrawing the master plan and our engineers as well as the County farmland preservation officer, Jim Yates, all agreed that commercial/industrial zoning west of Riggins, was a bad idea given the leak we already suffered. In any event, the rural zoning is not a mistake. The applicant has no right to build there pursuant to our existing plan, without seeking a variance which should never be granted. I will try to attend the informational meeting, however, you are welcome to read this communication into the record at your convenience. Please contact me if you want to discuss this further. Thank you, Ray. Mr. Platt stated to mark this email as exhibit P3.

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to close public participation on Ordinance O23-2017. Ms. Perry motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O23-2017. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. Mr. Fazio spoke thanked Vicky Binetti and Rick Eckert for explaining and educating him on this Ordinance. Stated his opinion that he is for this Ordinance due to the developing of the surrounding properties.

Ms. Donato voted no. Mr. Longfellow voted no, due to the zoning board issues. Ms. Pasqualone voted no. Mr. Perry voted yes. Mr. Fazio voted yes. The motion failed..

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Mayor Gattinelli presented Faith Wahl, Grace Wahl and Andy Wahl with proclamations.

Mr. Fazio called for a 5 minute recess. All in favor.

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to return from recess. Mr. Fazio motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All in favor.

025-2017 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 260-VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Mr. Fazio stated that this ordinance was up for adoption, and asked for a motion to open to the public on Ordinance O25-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. No one from the public wished to speak. Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to close public portion. Mr. Perry motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 25-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes. The Motion passed.

026-2017 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE 15 SECTION 2-61D REGARDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

Mr. Fazio stated that Ordinance O26-2017 is up for adoption. Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to open to the public on Ordinance O26-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow motioned. All in favor. Vicky Binetti – 50 Berkshire Dr-resident stated that she appreciates the support for the Sustainable Jersey Grant. Stated that the Ordinance presented to council is to assure that the Environmental resource inventory is reviewed amended as necessary a systematic process is put into place Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to close to the

public on Ordinance O26-2017. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O26-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All voted yes. The Motion passed.

O27-2017 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 260-VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC NO PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS

Mr. Fazzio stated that Ordinance O27-2017 is up for adoption. Mr. asked for a motion to open to the public on Ordinance O27-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. No one from the public wished to speak. Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to close to the public. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to adopt O27-2017. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All voted yes. The Motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Township Clerk Leo Selb asked Nick Fazzio to amend the agenda and add Resolution 279-2017 and Resolution 280-2017. Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to add R279-2017 and R280-2017 to the agenda. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All voted yes.

R273-2017 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPERTY TAX REWARDS PROGRAM FOR BUY TWP OF WASHINGTON SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN

Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to move R273-2017. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. Mayor Gattinelli stated that on September 21st, local businesses have been invited to come out for the launch of this program. She stated this is a great program and businesses should be excited this tax rebate program. All voted yes.

Mr. Fazzio made a motion to move Resolution R274-2017 through R280-2017. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Perry motioned. All voted yes.

R274-2017 RESOLUTION UPDATING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT BOOK FOR 2017 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON- this resolution is adding two new additional members. Greg Bianchi-resident and Joseph Bollendorf, Superintendent of Schools. Dana stated that the description needs to be changed from Environmental Commission to Economic Development Board.

R275-2017 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R276-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

R277-2017 RESOLUTION RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR TURNERSVILLE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, ESCROW 1980

R278-2017 RESOLUTION AMENDING INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICES

R279-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

R280-2017 RESOLUTION WAIVING A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR WACHOVIA BANK

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmembers had nothing to report at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fazzio reports that he will not be at the next council meeting September 27th. **Angela Donato** reports

that RFP's for Economic Development Director/Consultant are due September 20, 2017.

Township Clerk Leo Selb reported that NJ League Conference and Training courses is coming up and deadline for registration is September 25th.

REPORTS

Mr. Fazzio had nothing to report at this time. **Mr. Longfellow** reports for the Economic Commission, October 14, 2017, registration forms can be found on Townshipnj.com, last day to register is September 30, more information can be found WTCE.washington.nj.us. or email Sean Longfellow. **Ms. Pasqualone**-had nothing to report. **Angela Donato** reports on Friday September 15 at Noon, two new dare officers will be sworn in as part of the 5th grade program at Bells School. On Saturday, September 16th at Washington Lake Park, Toni and Baby RJ 5k run/1 mile walk, cost \$25.00, registration ends September 14th. Economic Development Board-welcomes new business the Craft Room across from the high school. **Mr. Perry** had nothing to report. **Mayor Gattinelli** reports that our new HR department had a Seminar on Tuesday September 12 for Communications and Sexual harassment for our employees, which was successful, she stated that more training processes and seminars will be held in the future. Residents will be seeing more concerts in the park. Jersey Boys was on Friday September 8th. Shred Event will be On October 21st from 2-5 in the Municipal building parking.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to open public participation. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor.

Rick Eckert- 25 Wrenfield Dr. Stated that he spoke to the County and they are looking for a response to the review map that was sent to someone in the building. Mr. Fazzio asked for Mr. Eckert to have the County resend the information to the Clerk and he will see it gets taken care of. **Daniel Coughlin**- River Birch Road-commented is there a way to explain Ordinances to the residents for better understanding as to what action is going to be taken.

Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to close public participation. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes.

ADJOURN

Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:22P.M. The next council meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.