

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Council Meeting Minutes
December 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. Council President Nick Fazio delivered the Sunshine Notice and the Safety Awareness video and cell phone notices. The Flag salute followed.

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

Presentations

Township Clerk Leo Selb, Mayor Gattinelli and Councilwoman Donato presented the Winners of the 2018 Clean Communities Calendar Art Contest with Certificates and Gift cards to the following individuals: 5th Grade student Mya Knight -Hurffville School, 5th Grade Student Caroline Smith-Bells School, 4th Grade student Madison Fritsch-Hurffville School, 4th Grade Student Karen Cao-Birches School, 3rd Grade Student Lyla Messick-Wedgewood School, 2nd Grade Student Henry Cao-Birches School, 2nd Grade Student Ginger Carrasquillo-Hicks-Birches School, 2nd Grade Student Ariana Cuevas, Hurffville School, 1st Grade Student Julianna Janetti-Bells School, 1st Grade Student Reese Garr-Wedgewood School, Kindergarten Student Genesis Cassell-GTECC, Kindergarten student Elle Huston-GTECC and Honorable Mention 4th Grade Student Tamara Stewart-Thomas Jefferson and 5th Grade Student Keira Petro-Thomas Jefferson. Winners of the Poster Contest are 5th Grade Student Mya Knight-Hurffville School and 5th Grade Student Caroline Smith-Bells School.

Mayor Gattinelli presented a Proclamation to Officer Gary Egzi, for becoming "Santa Claus in Blue" for the "Shop with a Cop Program" he was able to secure funds just under \$7000 donated by Walmart and other businesses along with gather other donations from the help of private citizens. He contacted the six elementary school nurses and selected 12 children. 1 family and an ill child. On December 5th after a pizza party, with the help of his fellow elves, they went to Walmart and shopped for their families. All gifts were wrapped at Walmart.

Mayor Gattinelli recognized the following employees with "Employee of the Month" award. Employee of the Month "for October goes to Alyssa Arnold-Police Officer, "Employee of the Month" for November goes to Amy Falasca-Employee and "Employee of the Month" for December goes to Ernie D'Orazio-Public Works Director.

Approval of Bill List December 13, 2017

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion for the Bill list for December 13, 2017. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio voted yes however abstained from anything Fazio.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes October 11, 2017

Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to approve the regular minutes for October 11, 2017. Mr. Longfellow motion. Ms. Donato seconded. Ms. Donato, Mr. Longfellow, Ms. Pasqualone voted yes. Mr. Perry recused. Mr. Fazio abstained.

ORDINANCES**O35-2017 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR TAX ABATEMENT WITH TURNERSVILLE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC BLOCK 115 LOT 21**

Mr. Fazio stated that Ordinance O35-2017 is up for adoption and asked for a motion to open to the public. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. No one from the public wished to speak on Ordinance O35-2017. Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to close to the public. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. Mr. Fazio asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O28-2017. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. **Motion carries Ordinance O35-2017 is adopted.**

O36-2017 REINTRODUCING ORDINANCE AMENDING A CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CHAPTER 260- VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC-SALINA ROAD

Mr. Fazio stated that Ordinance O36-2017 is for introduction only and asked for a motion. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. Mr. Longfellow, Mr. Perry and Mr. Fazio voted yes. Ms. Donato and Ms. Pasqualone voted no.

O37-2017 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER 80, ARTICLE I, SECTION 80-13.1 FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTION FEES

Mr. Fazio stated that Ordinance O37-2017 is for introduction only and asked for a motion. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes.

O38-2017 ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMEDED EMPLOYEE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Fazio stated that Ordinance O38-2017 is for introduction only and asked for a motion. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Donato seconded. All voted yes.

O39-2017 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 80 ENTITLED "FEES" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Fazio stated that Ordinance O39-2017 is for introduction only and asked for a motion. Mr. Donato motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes.

O40-2017 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ("DEPARTMENT OF LAW")

Mr. Fazio stated that Ordinance O40-2017 is for introduction only and asked for a motion. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes.

RESOLUTIONS

The Following Resolutions are by consent agenda

R334-2017 APPOINTING ELIZABETH MOORE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**R335-2017 RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR VARIOUS STORM SEWER PIPE REPAIRS #08-18-T-353****R336-2017 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER TO UTILIZE CDBG FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON SENIOR CENTER**

- R337-2017 REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER 13, 2017**
- R338-2017 CANCEL ANY TAX REFUNDS OR DELINQUENCIES OF LESS THAN TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS FOR 2017**
- R339-2017 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**
- R340-2017 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**
- R341-2017 RELEASING AND RETURN OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND CASH BOND FOR ROAD OPENING PERMIT FOR 308 COPPER STREET SHERWOOD FOREST HOMES LLC**
- R342-2017 RELEASING MAINTENANCE BOND FOR HOLMAN FORD LINCOLN TURNERSVILLE**
- R343-2017 APPOINTING TEMPORARY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**
- R344-2017 APPOINTING TEMPORARY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AS PETTY CASH CUSTODIAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2017**
- R345-2017 DESIGNATING COLETTE BACHICH SUPERVISOR OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR PENSION FUNDS**
- R346-2017 DESIGNATING COLETTE BACHICH AS FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**
- R347-2017 RESOLUTION RELEASING MAINTENANCE BOND FOR STREET OPENING PERMIT 2011-09**
- R348-2017 AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS**
- R349-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**
- R350-2017 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON PLANNING BOARD UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPOSED STUDY AREA TO BE DELINEATED AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT.**
- R351-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH DELCO DEVELOPMENT, LLC ("DELCO")**
- R352-2017 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT BATHROOM RENOVATIONS**
- R353-2017 AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TO SUBMIT A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR CYCLE JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019**
- R354-2017 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR WEATHER COST CONTAINMENT INSURANCE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND SPECTRUM WEATHER AND SPECIALTY INSURANCE, INC.**
- R355-2017 AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF A DEICER STORAGE FACILITY AND DEICER MATERIAL**
- R356-2017 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF AN OIL AND WATER SEPARATOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to approve consent agenda. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes to all. Mr. Fazzio abstained on Resolutions R335-2017, R348-2017 and R352-2017 due to conflict.

Mr. Gonter and Mayor Gattinelli congratulated Colette Bachich on her appointment.

OLD BUSINESS

Council had nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS/REPORTS

Ms. Donato reports- The Day before Thanksgiving she and administration participated in Thanksgiving Food Drive, over 300 families were able to have Thanksgiving Dinner due to the generosity of the Community and the School Staff, they received a very special thank you from the Cow project. Currently the WTPD is selling K9 calendars, the sale is going on now, benefits K9's, they are \$15 and you may purchase at the Washington Township Police Department and at the Municipal Building, this is fully funded by community. Bells School and other schools are participating in Stocking for Soldiers, with the help provided by Egizi Funeral, stockings will be stuffed on Friday at 3:30 at Bells School. The Schools are participating in The Cow project and Clubs are participating in the power of giving, there will be the Giving Tree starting Monday December 4th, the Giving tree with names and ages of the children were placed in each school's main office and in the Municipal Building foyer, the collecting unwrapped gifts in the municipal building or at the schools. **Mr. Longfellow** had nothing to report at this time. **Mr. Fazzio** had nothing to report at this time. **Ms. Pasqualone** had nothing at this time. **Mr. Gonter reports** that earlier this year per the direction of the Mayor an RFP for banking services we were with TD Bank, just wanted to report that Colette and I went out to research and based on last year's figures and last year's interest rates, YTD \$28,640.73, this year we had an increase to \$78,355.68 which is a \$49,740.95 gain or a 174% increase. **Mayor Gattinelli reports** - On November 28 she was invited to Wedgwood Country Club for "The Best of Best" through the Chamber, about 40 business that were honored from our community. On December 1 she was honored to be a part of the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony over 600 people attended and thanked public works, event coordinator Lisa Collins and thanked everyone involved was huge success also a special thanks goes out to Dana's party rental for heated tent and to Licsio's Bakery for donating cookies for the event. On December 16th at the Washington Township Senior Center, from 9am-12am, they will be hosting their 1st Annual Breakfast with Santa, tickets are limited in the Parks and Recs Department, and Verchio's will be donating fruit. **Mr. Perry reports-** nothing to report at this time. 2/9/18 Calvary Chapel Church of Gloucester County will be hosting a "Night to Shine Prom", for young adults 14 and older with special needs, this is a Tim Tebow Foundation and they are looking for donations, more information can be obtained on their website.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to open public portion. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All in favor. **Bob Alvarez-Healy Development** talked about the pending bill regarding legalizing marijuana and where does the council stand regarding this. Mr. Longfellow commented that a lot of things are undetermined at this time. Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to close public portion. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor.

ADJOURN

Mr. Fazzio asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Fazzio announced that Reorganization is scheduled for January 3, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m