

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
JANUARY 24, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayoral Presentations

Mayor Gattinelli presented Gary Egizi with Employee of the Month for January 2018.

Mayor Gattinelli presented Eagle Scout Josh Dicks with a Proclamation.

Mayor Gattinelli presented the Township Address.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the January 24, 2018 bill list. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the January 3, 2018 meeting minutes. Ms. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 001-2018 AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE IX OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Selb stated that before this Ordinance moves forward, two sections need to be amended, Section 2- 1b- to read **Captain of the Police not to exceed one**, and Section 1E to read **Police officers which may include Patrol Officers of First class not to exceed 66**. Mr. Longfellow motioned to amend. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazzio motioned to introduce. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

Ordinance 002-2018 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2018

Ms. Donato motioned to introduce. Mr. Perry seconded, which was unanimously approved. Ms. Pasqualone was absent

RESOLUTIONS

The Following Resolutions are by consent agenda.

Mr. Platt asked for Resolution R040-2018 to be tabled. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All was in favor. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

R029-2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING RELEASE OF A BOND TO HARBOR

R030-2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING RELEASE OF A BOND TO THE DUMP

R031 -2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING RELEASE OF A BOND TO ALL THAT JAZZ STUDIO

R032-2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING RELEASE OF A BOND TO TONY SOPRANOS PIZZERIA AND RISTORANTE

R033-2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR MAINTENANCE WORK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R034-2018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH RJC CORPORATION

R035-2018 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 117.12 LOT 3.03, 146 BELLS LAKE RD., EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2017

R036-2018 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 82.16 LOT 19, 18 CORVAS CT., EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 13, 2017

R040-2018 RESOLUTION APPOINTING REMINGTON & VERNICK AS TOWNSHIP PLANNER FROM 1-1-18 TO 12-31-18

Mr. Longfellow motioned to approve consent agenda. Mr. Fazzio seconded, which was unanimously approved. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

Mr. Selb stated that Resolutions R042-2018 thru R046-2018 that have been advertised as draft to the public need to be pulled off agenda. Mr. Longfellow motioned to table. Mr. Perry seconded. All in favor. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

R028-2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND FOP #86 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

Chief Gurcsik stated that this Resolution eliminates one lieutenant position and two sergeant's positions with the hopes that later in year they could hire additional patrolmen. Mr. Longfellow asked the Chief if they could effectively run the department with the numbers. Chief stated he could. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. Ms. Donato voted yes. Mr. Fazzio voted yes. Mr. Perry voted yes. Mr. Longfellow recused. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

R037-2018 AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR COORDINATOR OR DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Donato motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

R038-2018 RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH MICUCCI AS FULL-TIME ZONING OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Perry seconded, which was unanimously approved. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

R039-2018 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COLETTE BACHICH CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded, which was unanimously approved. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

R041-2018 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL DEPUTY CLERK

Mr. Longfellow made a motion to appoint **Christine Ciallella**. Mr. Fazzio seconded, which was unanimously approved. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Councilmembers has nothing to report at this time.

REPORTS

Ms. Donato-Super bowl Sunday, February 4, 2018, 23rd Annual Hoagie Sale. Police department is collecting hats, gloves and undergarments for Unforgotten Haven, which is a program for the homeless, boxes are located in the municipal building and Police Department. **Mr. Fazzio**-had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Longfellow- MUA, Open Space, Environmental Commission boards all have reorganized. **Ms. Pasqualone**-was absent. **Mr. Perry**- American Legion Post 521, Sunday, February 18, 2018 is having a Pancake Breakfast 8:30am to 12:30pm at the Senior Center. February 9, 2018 at 6:30pm, Calvary Chapel of Gloucester County, will host Night to Shine Prom-Tim Tebow Foundation for special needs. Thanked Public Works for the great job on snow removal. Walmart/Sam's Club is going nationwide with a Drug Drop off Program at all there Pharmacy locations. **Mayor Gattinelli**- Saturday February 3, 2018 from 10am-12pm at Republic Bank, Kick off Shop Washington Township Program. **Mr. Selb**- Free Rabies Clinic Saturday, February 17, 2018, 9am-11am at the Public Works Garage. 1 McClure Dr.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Longfellow motioned to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor. **Bob Alvarez**- Commented that the main focus for Administration needs to be on the 2018 Budget and property taxes. Talked about economic development, foreclosures and abandoned homes. **Peter Capolla**-student at WTHS- he is starting a Political Science Group in high school, wants to bring awareness to students, and feels the topic of politics is important. States his goal is to bring students together and educate them on government, he asked in anyone from council would be a guest speaker during a meeting to explain who they are and what roles they have within the Township. **Ralph Campana**-Concerned with empty homes, foreclosures, needs movement now. Empty shopping centers are a concern and this town needs big businesses. Asked about Resolution 033-2018, if it could be explained. **Susan Pastewick**-2 Buena Court-questioned Ordinance 001-2018, will that increase the amount of money that goes towards the police department to pay the additional police officers or will the elimination of the current positions balance it out. Mr. Gonter stated that they are working this out now will have updates at a later time. Susan compared police officers salary and property taxes to other towns. Mr. Longfellow currently we are taking a bite out of high paid officers and the intent is not to increase the municipal budget. Mr. Perry stated that we have made decreases by restructuring the department. Mr. Platt stated that the goal is to reduce the number of high level, highly paid officers and putting more officers on the street and public safety is our number one priority. **Joe Fericola**-14 Goodwin Parkway- Is concerned about possibly legalizing marijuana, abandoned homes, foreclosures, empty store fronts and increase of property taxes. Mr. Fazzio motioned to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Ms. Pasqualone was absent.

ADJOURN

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2018 at 7:00p.m. Mr. Longfellow motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:01p.m.