

**Township of Washington  
Gloucester County  
Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 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, Longfellow, Pasqualone and Perry were present. Mr. Fazzio was absent. Township Solicitor Mr. Platt, Business Administrator Mr. Gonter and Mayor Gattinelli were present.

**Mayoral Presentations**

**Mayor Gattinelli** presented Danielle Barrila with Employee of the Month for February 2018.

**Mayor Gattinelli** presented Eagle Scout Robert Troy Young with a Proclamation.

**Chief Gurcsik** presented the State of the Police Department Township Address. Chief Gurcsik thanked the Mayor and Business Administrator for believing in him. Chief Gurcsik state that crime in Washington Township is at an all-time low which is one of the reason why Washington Township is a desirable place to live in. There is Police presence in our school systems and continued focus on community caretaking through community outreach programs, we have gained the trust of our residents. Through the use of Social media is a main focus is to communicate with our residents and have gained over 3000 followers in the past year. Overall moral in the Police Department has improved. In 2018 the residents will see us working tirelessly towards our goals. Mayor Gattinelli spoke about the Chief Gurcsik and stated how excited she is to have him as Chief of Police. Mayor Gattinelli presented Chief Gurcsik with.

**Brian McCaffery-Municipal services** presented Snow Clearing an Advisory Update and gave a brief synopsis of the procedures that are followed during these events.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the February 7, 2018 bill list. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone abstained. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

**ORDINANCES**

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

Mr. Perry stated that Ordinance 001-2018 is up for adoption and asked for a motion to open to the public. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazzio was absent. Giancarlo D’Orazio 11 Buckingham Sewell-states that he fully supports this Ordinance. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close to the public. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazzio was absent. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 001-2018. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. There was no discussion. Ms. Donato, Mr. Longfellow, Mr. Perry and Ms. Pasqualone voted yes. Mr. Fazzio was absent. **Motion carries Ordinance 001-2018 is adopted.**

**Ordinance 002-2018 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2018**

Mr. Perry stated that Ordinance 002-2018 is up for adoption and asked for a motion to open to the public. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazio was absent. Giancarlo D’Orazio 11 Buckingham, Sewell-suggests that you reconsider this Ordinance, and not rush into this Ordinance. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazio was absent. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 002-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. There was no discussion. Ms. Donato, Mr. Longfellow, Mr. Perry voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone voted no. Mr. Fazio was absent. **Motion carries Ordinance 002-2018 is adopted.**

**Ordinance 003-2018 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 003-2018. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. There was no discussion. There was a discussion among council. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio was absent.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Perry stated that Resolutions R042-2018 thru R046-2018 were tabled at the January 24, 2018 meeting and a motion is needed to remove them from the table and allow them back in the consent agenda. Ms. Donato motioned to table. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazio was absent.

The Following Resolutions are by consent agenda.

**R042-2018 APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING COUNSEL**

**R043-2018 APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT**

**R044-2018 APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR LABOR COUNSEL**

**R045-2018 APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL CONFLCT COUNSEL**

**R046-3018 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR BOND COUNSEL**

**R047-2018 APPOINTING CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER AS PETTY CASH CUSTODIAN FOR 2018**

**R048-2018 APPROVING REDUCTION OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR CIEMNY 400 DELSEA DRIVE PROJECT 08 18 P 380.1 TWP1933**

**R049-2018 APPROVING REDUCTION OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR REPUBLIC BANK 401 GANTTOWN RD-EGG HARBOR ROAD PROJECT 08 18 Z 193.I**

**RO50-2018 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**R051-2018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUING OPERATION OF THE GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**R052-2018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF A FEE FOR USE OF COMMUNITY GARDEN**

**R053-2018 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FINCREDIT INC. AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**R054-2018 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PERFORMANCE BOND AND ESCROW FOR KENNEDY HOSPITAL PROJECT 08 18 P 443 PHASE 1A**

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

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmembers had nothing to report at this time.

**REPORTS**

**Ms. Donato-** Hoagie sale raised over \$50,000. Free Rabies Clinic Saturday, February 17, 2018, 9am-11am at the Public Works Garage. 1 McClure Dr. **Mr. Longfellow-** nothing at this time. **Ms. Pasqualone-** Economic Development Officer RFP closes on February 15, 2018. **Mr. Perry-** Fire Election is Saturday February 17, 2018, 2pm to 9 pm. American Legion Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, February 18, 2018 at the Washington Township Senior Center from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. **Mayor Gattinelli-** Gloucester County has a program for Senior Citizens 60+ who are residents of Gloucester County, a nutrition program that offers 6 different locations that serves hot nutritious meals Monday through Friday along with activities. Seniors are asked to donate a \$1.25 per meal, however this is voluntary, donation will go towards broaden the services of the program. Gloucester County also offers free simple "Last Will and Testament" for Senior Citizens 60+ who live in the county, please call 856-384-6900 for more information. Program for Veterans who are honorable discharged, you and your spouse may be eligible for an extra \$3000 tax exemption on your tax return. [www.townshipnj.com](http://www.townshipnj.com) for more information. 2018 budget workshop meetings are February 21 at 12 pm, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, March 7 at 8 am, March 14 at 6pm, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 12pm, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm and April 4 at 12 pm, April 11 at 6pm, April 18 at 8 am, April 28 at 6 pm. Mayor Gattinelli, introduced Colette Bachich as the new CFO of Washington Township. Happy 182<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to Washington Township on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Mr. Gonter congratulated Dana Pasqualone on her journey with the Eagles and the Super Bowl Win.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Pasqualone motioned to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

**Bob Abbott-**Vice President of the Board of Education-commented on how appreciative the Board of Education is for Chief Gurcsik for putting extra services of the Police Department in our schools. Congratulated Dana on the Eagles Win.

**John Scerpaci-**516 Whitman Drive-thanked the administration for the bridge repair on Whitman Drive. He commented on traffic congestion during rush hours where the Old Black Horse Pike meets Route 42, asked if a study could be conducted to decrease congestion and accidents. He proposes a third lane and do away with the shoulder.

**Ralph Campanna-**Resident-agrees with the traffic congestion on Route 42 and the proposal of Mr. Scerpaci. Has concerns with empty businesses on Route 42, Resolutions is that for housing or for businesses. What exactly are the resolutions for? Mr. Platt states that it has to do with housing only, Resolutions this evening are for contracts for the special affordable housing attorneys and Triad Advisory Associates is a company that implements all affordable housing regulations. Ms. Pasqualone states that the RFP for Economic Development Officer that will report to the Economic Advisory Committee to help maintain current

relationships with existing businesses and attract new businesses.

**Robert Davis-Colts Neck Resident-** commented that if anyone wanted to know more about Washington Township, they can visit either Wikipedia or Next Door.

**Peter Capolla-** High School Student Washington Township-comments that having Police presence in the High School is great. Is there a way to view Council meetings online? And can a timer be put up to see exactly how much time they have to speak. Council agreed that a timer may be beneficial and Council President Joe Perry said he would investigate.

Ms. Donato motioned to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

### **ADJOURN**

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2018 at 7:00p.m. Ms. Donato motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazzio was absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:08p.m.