

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
March 14, 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. Mr. Perry 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 and Perry were present. Mr. Fazio was absent. Township Solicitor Mr. Platt, Business Administrator Mr. Gonter and Mayor Gattinelli were present.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Mayor Gattinelli presented Gold Metal Employees with Certificates of Recognition to Rob Ritz-Supervisor, and Employees Rashaad Fleming and George Warrington.

MAYORAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Gattinelli presented Ken DePrince with Employee of the Month for March 2018. Mr. Gonter thanked Ken.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the March 14, 2018 bill list. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the February 28, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone abstained. Mr. Fazio was absent.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the February 28, 2018 Executive Meeting Minutes. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone abstained. Mr. Fazio was absent.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance O04-2018 **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 260-25 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED STOP INTERSECTION.**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open to the public on Ordinance O04-2018. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazio was absent. **Ralph Campana** -2 Pear tree Place- commented that this Ordinance is a good thing and hopes it passes. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close the public meeting. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded and all voted yes. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 004-2018. Ms. Donato made the motion. Mr. Longfellow seconded. There was no discussion. Ms. Donato voted yes, Mr. Longfellow voted yes, Mr. Perry voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone voted yes. Mr. Fazio was absent.

Ordinance O05-2018 **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:14-15F**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open to the public on Ordinance O05-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazio was absent. No one from the public wished to speak on Ordinance O05-2018. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close the public meeting. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato

seconded and all voted yes. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 005-2018. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. There was no discussion. Ms. Donato voted yes, Mr. Longfellow voted yes, Mr. Perry voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone voted yes. Mr. Fazzio was absent.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Perry stated this is a consent agenda.

R065-2018 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PERFORMANCE BOND AND ESCROW FOR KENNEDY HOSPITAL PROJECT 08-18-P-443 PHASE 1B

R066-2018 APPROVING RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR SCAFASI 342 JOHNSON ROAD PROJECT 08-18-I-109

R067-2018 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR E-WASTE RECYCLING SERVICES BETWEEN ELECTRONIC RECYCLERS INTERNATIONAL, INC. THROUGH ITS SUBCONTRACTOR THANKS FOR BEING GREEN, LLC, D/B/A MAGNUM COMPUTER RECYCLING AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR E-WASTE RECYCLING SERVICES

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

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Councilmembers had nothing to report at this time. Mr. Selb mentioned last meeting one of the residents brought up about including changes of the past Ordinances that were removing items out as well as coping the law that we are referencing. I checked neighboring communities and no one else does that, the problem is that it is just not cost effective to include that. Stated that the copies are available on the website and in the clerk's office before the meeting.

REPORTS

Ms. Donato-PJ Whelihan's is doing the "Change the luck of a child", to purchase a Shamrock or a Pot of Gold, you can go to the restaurant to show your support for local families through the Ronald McDonald House, please tune in on Channel 3 on Tuesday March 27th between 6am and 8 pm to watch your donation make a difference when PJ Whelihan's announces its totals, you can make \$1, \$3 or \$5 donation or the Pot of Gold Donation is \$25 or more. **Mr. Longfellow**- Community Garden applications are available online. Open Space Plan was released and is available online, comments period will be available up until May 16, 2018. Environmental Commission and Open Space Committee -Earth day events are in planning stages information will be provided at the next upcoming meetings. **Mr. Fazzio**-was absent. **Ms. Pasqualone**-Advisory Board of Economic Development, we are in the process of reviewing application from the RFP, hoping to come to a decision this week. Board of Education, Budget Presentation is scheduled for March 23rd @ 7:30, there will be open public comment portion. **Mr. Perry** - Senior Citizen Advisory Board is having an indoor Garage Sale on Saturday, May 5th 9am to 1 pm, cost for a table is \$10. If interested please sign up at the senior center between 10am-1pm and see Carol Albert. **Mayor Gattinelli**- We had a well-attended press conference was today, for the launch of our new "Save Lives Program" this program will give a free Uber ride for any Washington Township Residents from any Participating Bar or Restaurant to their home. The goal of this program is to reduce drunk driving accidents and fatalities by giving residents alternative options to get home safely. This program will be funded by a not for profit entity and no tax payer funds are being used. She thanked everyone involved Tom Fletcher from Post-Net for donating the signs for the participating business and the following businesses, PJ Whelihan's, The Village Pub, and Jefferson Health systems on behalf of Joe Devine, for jump starting the program with generous donations. Also, the link to the press conference will be on our Township website. Mayor Gattinelli gave an update to the Shop Washington Township Program which is going strong, 31 businesses currently and continues to grow and thanked all the business that are participating in

the program. Human Resources update, the department is continuing to make strides to protect the Township, continue to train employees and increase morale and productivity within the Township. Mayor Gattinelli gave an update on the Budget regarding fund balance. Mayor Gattinelli gave an update on the 2018 Municipal Budget, which is in the final stages. The budget will be finalized by the end of this week in order to complete for introduction.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open Public Participation. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazio was absent. **Joe Fericola**-Goodwin Parkway-Asking for quarterly cash flow analysis showing receipts of disbursement by the CFO to determine where we are financially? **Ralph Campana**-2 Pear tree Place-Thanked the Mayor and everyone involved with Save Lives Program, such a great idea. He asked four (4) local business owners, what is the hardest thing of doing business with Washington Township? And their response was- What it costs to get something approved, permits, fees, just to go through the process time wise and money wise? **Peter Capolla**-13 Mufferson Road-Asked the Mayor If you hire or look to make sure that people from Township are more qualified than those in the outside source? **Mayor Gattinelli responded**, that its equal opportunity as far as the application process. We put the offer out there, anyone bring in an out an application, we call them they go through the process and then we hire the best candidate, and I appreciate you asking the question. Obviously, we would love to see those who live in the Township and sometimes it works that they are in Town or not, however we do look for the best candidate. **Susan Pastewick**-2 Buena Court-Agreed with Ralph on the Saves Lives Program, feels it is great, and will benefit this town. Thanked Council for addressing her suggestion from the last council meeting bringing up the laws and the codes within the document. In regards to the \$8.5 million surplus I wanted to know if you would be willing entertain an idea in terms of taking maybe a million or two million of that surplus and giving it back to the seniors of this township that no longer have children within the school district? **Mr. Gonter responded** that they take everything into consideration and will speak to the CFO. Mr. Perry motioned to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazio was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perry asked how long it will take and Mr. Stuart announced that executive session would last approximately 30 minutes for litigation, services, Investigation of Personnel Matter-David Dweese-TRICO JIF. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to enter into executive session R068-2018. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazio was absent. Executive session as entered into at 7:44 pm. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to return from executive session. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All in favor. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Executive session was closed and the meeting reopened to the public at 8:26pm

ADJOURN

The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2018 at 7:00p.m. Mr. Longfellow motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Donato seconded. All in favor. Mr. Fazio was absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.