

**Township of Washington  
Gloucester County  
Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 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 Fazzio, Longfellow, Pasqualone was present via telephone and Perry were present. Ms. Donato was absent due to an approved vacation. Township Solicitor Mr. Platt, Business Administrator and Mayor Gattinelli were present. Mr. Gonter was absent due to a prior engagement.

**MAYORAL PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Gattinelli and Chief Gurcsik presented Eagle Scout Brandon Searles with a Proclamation. Mayor Gattinelli presented Eagle Scout Joshua Vincent Ticcino with a Proclamation.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the March 14, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Mr. Fazzio abstained. Ms. Donato was absent.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the March 14, 2018 Executive Meeting Minutes. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Mr. Fazzio abstained. Ms. Donato was absent.

**ORDINANCES**

Ordinance O07-2018 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 260 ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED “STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING”**

Mr. Perry stated that this Ordinance is being introduced and asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O07-2018. Mr. Fazzio motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. There was no discussion. All in favor. Ms. Donato was absent.

Ordinance O08-2018 **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED “ANIMALS”**

Mr. Perry stated that this Ordinance is being introduced and asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O08-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. There was no discussion. All in favor. Ms. Donato was absent.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**R069-2018 GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve R069-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Donato was absent.

### **MAYOR'S 2018 BUDGET MESSAGE**

Mayor Gattinelli addressed the residents of Washington Township with the 2018 Budget process and how much time and effort was put into the budget by Administration and commented that there will be no property tax increase.

### **R070-2018 RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2018 TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve R070-2018. Mr. Fazzio motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Ms. Donato was absent. Mr. Perry stated that the 2018 Budget hearing is scheduled for May 9, 2018.

**Mr. Perry stated that the following Resolutions are by consent agenda**

### **R071-2018 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REJECT BIDS AND SOLICIT REBIDS FOR LAWN SERVICES**

### **R072-2018 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 110, LOT 2.06, 25 JONES LANE**

### **R073-2018 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 7.01, LOT 18, 29 CHEW LANE**

### **R074-2018 RESOLUTION RETURNING APPLICATION FEE FOR PEDDLERS LICENSE**

### **R075-2018 APPROVING REDUCTION OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND CROSS-DEVELOPMENT, LLC-CALIBER COLLISION PROJECT #08-18-Z-221.1**

### **R076-2018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL FOR 2016 NJDOT**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmembers had nothing to report at this time. Mr. Selb mentioned at our 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. Mr. Selb stated that he 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. He however did advise that he did place them on the website as requested for a trial. It just takes more time.

### **REPORTS**

**Ms. Donato**-was absent. **Mr. Fazzio**-had nothing to report. **Mr. Longfellow**- Environmental Commission open space ANJAC stewardship project is \$1500 see Sean for details. Earth day and Arbor day is coming up and there will be a variety of events at the Margaret E. Heggan Library and events throughout the Township On April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Library is Amazon Expedition, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Washington Lake Park is Rainbow Workshop and Tote Bag Painting, April 11 at the Library is Education on Blue Birds and on April 22 @ 12:30 at Washington Lake Park Community Garden opens, plots are 10 x 10, they are \$10 before April 15<sup>th</sup> and \$20 after. Also thanked the DPW for the excellent Storm service and tree pick up. **Ms. Pasqualone**-Advisory Board of Economic Development, fourth time we are going out for RFP, anyone interested please submit your application. Board of Education-the tentative budget was reviewed however, it will not officially be voted on until May, and this year they received 1 million

dollars from the State. **Mr. Perry** –Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Save the Animal Foundation, will hold 16<sup>th</sup> annual bucket auction at the WTHS, admission is \$10 and will post on Township website. Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 10am to 1pm, the Washington Township Senior Center will have an indoor garage sale, benefits will go towards the Senior Citizens, anyone interested tables are \$10 and you do not have to be a member. **Ms. Pasqualone left the meeting via telephone @ 7:25pm.** **Mr. Platt** commented that through the budget process, Mr. Gonter has worked tirelessly for the past several months to get everything put together and really went over and beyond to get this done. **Chief Gurcsik** explained to the residents regarding the Police Department, Public Safety is number one priority and the need to increase the force, due to the Township being understaffed, crime rates and new neighborhoods. Also, April is distracted driving awareness month and for the month of April, the Police Department is participating in a “You Text, You Drive, You Pay” Campaign, which is safety enforcement program. **Robin Sarlo**-tax collector responded to a resident commenting a recent Council meeting regarding, her suggestion was if we could allocate approximately 1 million dollars of surplus as tax refunds to seniors. The Municipality must comply with State Statutes and can’t legally act alone. There are many state programs offered to Senior Citizens and Disable Veterans, Senior Freeze, Homestead Benefit rebate and they receive \$250 tax deductions. **Mayor Gattinelli** commented on our hiring process, we post an opportunity for employment and applications come through and it’s an 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, 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. Also, we conducted research and 63% of our employees are Township Residents. In 2017, the 11 highest paid township employees are township residents. Mayor also commented that Mr. Platt and Mr. Gonter are here for the residents and work tirelessly and is happy they are a part of this team. In the very near future we will be launching a new Washington App which will be interactive for residents, this is a first and all residents will be able to download the app on their iPhone or android devices. Report the Shop Washington Township Program we are looking into having Business Mixer for all participating business owners as well as potential merchants of the program, as a way to increase participation over the next upcoming months.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open Public Participation. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor. Ms. Donato was absent. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. **Maureen Coplw**-Deptford Resident-commented how much she loves our Town and thanked every for considering the Ordinance O08-2018 regarding TNR, stops the problem of over population. **Andrea Hune**-797 Richmond Drive-Congratulated Eagle Scouts for their Proclamations. Commented that Ordinance O08-2018 is a good thing-it is human way to cut down the problem of over population and thanked everyone for considering the Ordinance. **Keith Ludwig**-Auriga Lane-Commented that he is happy to see newly installed flashing lights at the baseball field to provide safety for our children. Is there a possibility that MUA bylaws to see if there is a line item for municipal appropriations, if possible could it be designated to go towards school security? Mr. Longfellow commented that they do have 5% of their budget to allocate to the municipality, however definitely something to take into consideration and discuss with the MUA. **Robert Davis**-Saddlebrook Drive- Public works did an outstanding job of the operators of the snow plows with the snowstorm. Can signs be posted to make residents aware of that Saddlebrook Drive it is a snow emergency route? Mr. Perry answered that he would look into this with public works. **Ralph Campana**-2 Pear tree Place-talked about the congestion problem on route 42 during rush hour, maybe open up the shoulder as a lane, is anything being done regarding this? Also commented that sometimes the video does not work-can someone look into this problem. He would like to see during Public participation that Council participate and respond to ideas and questions residents may have. After hearing Chief Gurcsik’s report he supports the Police Department’s need to increase the Force due to the multi units coming into the Township and the amount of crime we have here. Mr. Perry commented that the County is working on the congestion issue currently, does not have an update at this time. **Susan Pacewick**-2 Buena Court-Commented that she loves the Washington Township App idea. Asked if the agenda could be posted on the website 3-4 days prior to the meeting. Mr. Selb stated that with last minutes changes causes delay, however we make every effort to have in on the website by Monday. Mr. Perry asked for

a motion to close Public Participation. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Ms. Donato was absent. Ms. Pasqualone 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 for Legacy Assets-Washington Township Property. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to enter into executive session R078-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All in favor. Ms. Donato was absent. Executive session as entered into at 7:59 pm. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to return from executive session. Mr. Perry motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All in favor. Ms. Donato was absent. Ms. Pasqualone was absent Executive session was closed and the meeting reopened to the public at 8:13pm

### **ADJOURN**

The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2018 at 7:00p.m. Mr. Fazio motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Ms. Donato was absent. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:13p.m.