

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 25, 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, Fazio, Longfellow, Pasqualone and Perry were present. Township Solicitor Mr. Platt, Business Administrator, Mr. Gonter and Mayor Gattinelli were present.

MAYORAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Gattinelli presented Brian McCaffery with Employee of the Month for April 2018.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the April 25, 2018 bill list. Mr. Fazio motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio abstained from anything Fazio.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the April 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Fazio motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone recused.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the April 11, 2018 Executive Meeting Minutes. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone recused.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance O10-2018 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 285 OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ZONING"**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to Introduce Ordinance O10-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes. There was no discussion.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to amend the consent agenda to include R104-2018-2018 and R105-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes.

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

R089-2018 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO APPLY FOR A TONNAGE GRANT

R090-2018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

R091-2018 2018 FIREWORKS DISPLAY AWARDING CONTRACT TO SCHAEFER PYROTECHNICS

R092-2018 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO FACILITY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC., FOR LIGHT UPGRADES FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

R093-2018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 WHITMAN DRIVE CULVERT HEADWALL IMPROVEMENT ROAD PROJECT #08-19-T-349

R094-2018 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN 607 BRIARWOOD COURT

R095-2018 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN 26 SWEETBRIAR DRIVE

R096-2018 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN 90 WENDEE WAY

R097-2018 RESOLUTION FOR 2017 LAWN SERVICES FOR ABANDONED PROPERTY

R098-2018 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION {BOE} REGARDING THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE NON-STADIUM TURF FIELD

R099-2018 RESOLUTION REGARDING USE AND MAINTENANCE OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION {BOE} PROPERTY/FACILITIES

R100-2018 RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICER JASON SIMS AS THE MUNICIPAL HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER {"MHLEO"}

R101-2018 RESOLUTION RETURNING APPLICATION FEE FOR PEDDLERS LICENSE TO SIDDIQ MUMIN

R102-2018 RESOLUTION RETURNING \$200 CASH SECURITY BOND FOR PEDDLERS LICENSE TO THE BONDING AGENT ISMAEL BANKS

R103-2018 RESOLUTION RETURNING \$200 CASH SECURITY BOND FOR PEDDLERS LICENSE TO THE BONDING AGENT JOLANDA BONILLA

R104-2018 AUTHORIZING OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST FUND

R105-2018 AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF THE CONCESSION STAND AT WASHINGTON LAKE PARK

Ms. Donato motioned to approve consent agenda for Resolutions R89-2018 to R105-2018. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmembers had nothing to report at this time. Ms. Donato commented that the RFP for Economic Development Consultant closes tomorrow at 10 am and urges anyone interested to apply, if you previously applied you must apply again. Mr. Platt referenced Shared services with BOE and explained Resolution 98-2018 and 99-2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Longfellow-commented that the Softball fields are now open, and to please slow down when driving through the complex. The Community Garden in Washington Lake Park is officially opened and thanked everyone involved.

REPORTS

Ms. Donato-reports that WTPD and the WTFD have decided to do a “Battle of the Badges” by giving blood and they are donating to American Red Cross Blood drive on Tuesday, May 1st at the Municipal Building from 10am to 8pm. On Saturday May 5th at Aversa’s Bakery, have Cannoli with a Cop. **Mr. Fazzio**-had nothing to report at this time. **Mr. Longfellow**- had nothing to report at this time. **Ms. Pasqualone**-reports BOE honored all the businesses that supported the hoagie sale and over \$51,000 was raised. Anne Moore Executive Principal retired and congratulated her on her retirement. Ms. Pasqualone reports that the BOE budget passed and was increased by 1%. **Mr. Perry** – Olde Stone House Village will be hosting their 9th Annual Car Show will be on Saturday, April 28th from 10am to 2 pm. Sunday April 29th there will be an MS Walk at the Washington Lake Park, sign up starts at 9am and the walk begins at 10. On Saturday May 5th the Senior Center will be hosting an indoor garage sale from 9 am to 1 pm. Mr. Perry congratulated Ms. Pasqualone for making the Philadelphia Eagles Cheerleading Squad. **Mayor Gattinelli**-gave an update on the Washington Township App., it will be ready for download by Monday 4/30, on your android device or iPhone, there will be 6 icons. Residents will be able to app to report any issues in the town. Mayor Gattinelli reports that the “Save Lives Program” has been utilized and our statistics have gone down over 800 rides have been utilized and DUI are down 52%. The Shop Washington Township is going strong and we are up to 32 participating businesses and two more have just signed up, this is a program that is going to work. Please call the Mayor’s office for any further information. **Captain Kennedy** reports- how the WTPD can acquire decommissioned military equipment at no cost to the tax payer in addition he advised any training regarding the equipment would also be no cost to the tax payer as they have personnel already trained to operate them.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open Public Participation. Mr. Fazzio motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. **Maxine Cangelose**- 911 Whitman Drive-39 year resident of WT, very concerned with the condition of the Black Horse Pike and would like to know if anything is being done to get new businesses. Mr. Platt stated that there are areas on the Black Horse Pike are being looked at for redevelopment and we also have an RFP out for an Economic Development Consultant to assist in business growth in the Township. Questioned property next Vercchio’s. Mr. Platt commented that there is an Ordinance is to extend boundary lines on a property. **Jim Connor**-EMT- Thanked Administration for support of the Ambulance Association and for the donated vehicle. **Ralph Campana**-2 Peartree Place-What can we do about the empty businesses in this Township? Very concerned with the zoning change in Ordinance 09-2018. Mr. Platt commented that Ordinance 09-2018 is going in front of the Planning Board and public meeting is May 9. **Robert Davis**-Is there any consideration for upgrading the sports field to protect the kids on Hurffville Road? Mr. Longfellow stated that this is in the talks at this time. Ms. Donato stated that flashers have been installed and a police car is parked to help slow down the traffic flow. **Mr. Longfellow left the meeting at 7:37pm.** **Daniel Coughlin**-asked for clarification on Ordinance 09-2018? Very concerned with petroleum tanks on top of well heads and feels the land should be acquired by the Township. Very concerned with Economic Development in this Township. **Rich Silvestri**-WTMUA-commented on the rumors about a project that might be happening. Come to the MUA to get the correct facts regarding Well head #9, before incorrect information gets out to the public. **Ms. Donato made a motion to allow a resident to speak more than once. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All voted yes. Mr. Perry voted no.** The following Residents from Heritage Valley voiced their concerns and frustrations with the construction of the Assisted Living Facility on Heritage Valley Drive and Greentree Road. **Bruce Frasier**-4 Drake Terrace, **Adrienne Wilson**-13 Heritage Valley Drive, **Joe Talvacchio**- 1 Heritage Valley Drive, **Resident ?- David Rimby**-47 East Holly Ave., **Jim Cinelli** -Freedom Road- All the named residents are very concerned with the personal damage of their homes from the vibration of the machines, cracking of driveways, dust, pictures falling off walls etc. , the lack of communication from the developer and the township to the residents of Heritage Valley, will there be enough parking and the traffic patterns in and out of the facility. Ms. Pasqualone and Ms. Donato stated that they both would personally stop by and visit their homes and talk with them. Mr. Fazzio commented that not everything in Township is a problem. He has been in contact with the residents over the last year. Mr. Platt responded that we only have jurisdiction with the Township to

enforce the construction code, uniform construction code and the Planning/Zoning Board approvals however, will continue to monitor the project. Mr. Platt stated that this Council did not approve this project, the Zoning Board did. The Township has talked with the developer with the issues and interface and facilitate as far as we can under the law and will continue to do so. Mr. Platt commented that with the approval of everyone he would like to evaluate the minutes from the Zoning Board meetings and approving Resolutions along with the application and plans to make sure the conditions are being met by the developer and have discussions with the appropriate people and hold another review.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close Public Participation. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perry asked how long it will take and Mr. Stuart announced that executive session would last approximately 30 minutes for litigation-Involving Township Employees and/or Officials-Carmen Saginario. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to enter into executive session R106-2018. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All in favor. Executive session as entered into at 8:20 pm. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to return from executive session. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. Ms. Pasqualone was absent. Executive session was closed and the meeting reopened to the public at 9:07pm

ADJOURN

The next Council meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2018 at 7:00p.m. Mr. Fazio motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:08p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leo Selb, Jr
Township Clerk