

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

PRESENTATION

Chief Pat Gurcsik gave brief synopsis on some initiatives that are taking place in the Police Department. Currently the operating budget is 12% less than 2017 budget and to date only 51% has been expended. Police overtime is being managed by Captain Kennedy and to date only 20% of overtime budget line item has been expended. The treasurer's office received a Safe and Secure Grant check in the amount of \$60,000 from the office of the Attorney General from funding year 2015. We have created the following-Narcotics task force, Surveillance Camera Registry Program-this is a voluntary program and more information is on the WTPD website, Officer of the Year Award-for Police and Excellence, Operation Freeze-awards kids with free coupons to Rita's Water Ice if they are witnessed doing something good and the Junior Police Academy is starting next week. National Night Out is August 7th at Washington Lake Park, which is our largest event and is free to all residents. \$3400 has been raised for this event. The K9 fund raiser at McDonald's raised \$1900. Ryan VanLeyes, is a Township Resident from Wrenfield Development donated a check for \$1000 for National Night Out.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to take from the table the Minutes for May 23, 2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All voted yes. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the May 23, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Mr. Fazzio abstained.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the June 27, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Fazzio motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Donato abstained. Ms. Pasqualone abstained.

ORDINANCES

O13-2018 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR TAX ABATEMENT WITH 4601 ROUTE 42 ASSOCIATES LLC FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 109, LOT 12.03

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open to the public on Ordinance O13-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes. **Robert Mintz**-on behalf of the Applicant-4601 Rt. 42 LLC, Kia Dealership-this is for an expansion of their repair facility by 4500 sq. ft., which is consistent with the Township Ordinance encouraging business to stay and expand. **Ralph Campanna**- 2 Pear tree Place- asked if other businesses wanted to do similar expansions can they do the same thing. Mr. Perry commented yes they would have to submit an application and go through the process. Mr. Platt also commented that there is an application process that needs to happen in order for this to be approved. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close to the public on

Ordinance O13-2018. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All voted yes. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O13-2018. Mr. Fazzio motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance passed.

O15-2018 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR 2018

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open to the public on Ordinance O15-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All voted yes. No one from the public wished to speak. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close to the public on Ordinance O15-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. All voted yes. There was no discussion. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O15-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ordinance passed.

016-2018 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 260 ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING"

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O16-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Mr. Perry stated that public hearing an adoption will be on August 22, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to take from the table Resolution R145-2018 and R146-2018. Ms. Donato motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

The following Resolutions are by consent agenda and only require a vote for all listed.

Mr. Platt asked Council President to table Resolution R193-2018. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to table R193-2018. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

R145-2018 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR LIPIZZAN EROSION STABILIZATION (RE-BID) TO DELPHI CONTRACTING, INC.

R146-2018 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR COUNTY HOUSE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION TO SOUTH STATE, INC.

R185-2018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSON TO PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FROM RUBY TUESDAY INC. TO HIA MANAGEMENT, LLC

R186-2018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KENNEDY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, INC.

R187-2018 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT SALLYPORT TO ALAINO BROTHERS GENERAL CONTRACTOR, INC.

R188-2018 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R189-2018 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR EAST HOLLY FIELDS COMPLEX PARKING RENOVATIONS TO SOUTH STATE, INC.

R190-2018 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE JULY 1, 2018 JUNE 30, 2019 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,880.00

R191-2018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

R192-2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN NJ TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP AND GLOUCESTER COUNTY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUS SHELTERS ON COUNTY ROADS

R193-2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE PATRICK GURCSIK-This Resolution was tabled.

194-2018 RESOLUTION AMENDING INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICES-Mr. Platt commented that this will amend the school resource officer program and add additional police officers to the middle schools, elementary schools and early learning center. The Board of Education did adopt a resolution.

R195-2018 AWARDING OF A CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE WATSONS TURKEY PRODUCTS BUILDING PROJECT #08-18-T-375

R196-2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO DISTRICT COUNCIL 71, LOCAL 3303L-Mr. Platt commented that they have been informed that that particular clerks union did ratify the agreement so we are able to act on this resolution tonight.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve consent agenda for Resolutions R145-2018 and R146-2018 and Resolutions R185-2018 to 192-2018 and R194-2018 to R196-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Mr. Fazzio recused from Resolutions R145-2018, R146-2018, R187-2018, R189-2018 and R194-2018.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmembers had nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmembers had nothing to report at this time. **Mr. Longfellow** commented that the Solicitation Ordinance is still being worked on.

REPORTS

Ms. Donato- had nothing to report at this time. **Mr. Fazzio-** had nothing to report at this time. **Mr. Longfellow-** The Green Team has been working on putting together a water conservation guide that was funded from grant money. The Open Space and Recreation Plan was adopted at our last Planning Board meeting and thanked everyone who worked on the project. **Ms. Pasqualone-** had nothing to report. **Mr. Perry** – Blue Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at the Municipal Building-National Night Out is August 7th in Washington Lake Park from 6-9pm. **Mayor Gattinelli-** the Shop Washington Township has added a few new businesses, if you haven't sign up with your card, please do so. Please keep an eye out for the events in the Township, lots of great things to do. Mayor thanked everyone involved and the residents for participating in the July 4th Parade, it was a success. Mayor commented on the Clerical contract, very happy to report that we have finished our negotiation and have reached an agreement which we believe is fair that will take us to 2020. We have 29 employees in the

Clerical unit and we are very proud that they are part of our team. Administration, along with Nancy Mozzachio, EDC Consultant, developed a Guide for opening a new business, in Washington Township, that will be available in our Construction office. **Nancy Mozzachio**-Economic Development Consultant-We have developed a tri-fold pamphlet for opening a business that will be on our website to provide ease in opening a business in our Town. We have updated our Washington Township website and have added a few new addition on the Economic development tab. I have reached out to approximately 70% of our landlords in Washington Township, to discuss issues and needs to help bridge the gap in businesses that come to our town. The POP-UP Shop Program is underway and have a few business that have expressed interest that have been paired up with landlords, with the hope to get new business in our town.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open Public Participation. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor.

Joe Fernicola-Goodwin Parkway-talked about Watson's Turkey Farm. What are we owed in commercial sewer taxes and back taxes? How does the bidding process work, Delphi seems very low in the bidding process compared to other bidders? What is going to be done with this property after it is demolition? Mr. Platt responded \$400,000 in back taxes and \$200,000 in sewer. The building needs to come down for public safety and redeveloped. The demolition expenses becomes a lean on the property. There have been some interest with buyers of the property. There was a discussion amongst Council and Administration regarding this property, this is a major plus for the Township to get new development in that area. **Mike Angelastro**-Remington and Vernick commented on Delphi and that based on their evaluation they are qualified to do the work. **Bob Abbott-Fries Mill Rd- Vice President for the Board of Education**-talked about Sleo's and thanked everyone for voting and passing this resolution and making our schools safe. **Susan Wayne**-825 Richmond Dr. – Commented there is a squatter living at 823 Richmond Drive. What help can the Township do to get her removed? **Scott Grant**-Realtor for Century 21 and local representative for Fanny May-What can we do to help the neighbors get her removed. There was a discussion among Administration and Council, the Township is aware of the squatter issue at 823 Richmond Drive, we do not have the authority or legal standings to evict the squatter because we do not own the property, however we have been putting a lot of pressure on this issue, and the legal process has to be followed. **Joe Micucci**- Zoning Officer/Code enforcement- I am currently working with Fanny May and they are in court proceedings. We are at a standstill and are waiting for a court order from Fanny May. **Captain Kennedy**- The Police Department has been out there, however they will not answer the door, and it has to go through the court system. **Robert Davis**-72 Saddlebrook Drive-commented he is against Renewable Energy and read an article we do not want to do this if it is going to kill the bird population. **Ralph Campana**-2 Pear tree Place- talked about vacant properties and abandoned vehicles specifically at 6 Cider Press Lane. Why is the Township not pursuing N.J.S.A. 39:10-A-1? There was a discussion between Council and Administration, unfortunately we are unable to remove the vehicles because they are on the property and we have to follow the legal system.

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

ADJOURN

The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2018 at 7:00p.m. Mr. Fazzio motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Longfellow seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:01p.m.