

**Township of Washington  
Gloucester County  
Reorganization Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

Township Clerk Leo Selb called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., in the council room located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. Mr. Selb delivered the Sunshine Notice and the safety awareness notices. Washington Township Honor Guard Presentation of Colors followed. He asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by Amanda Peacock singing the National Anthem.

The Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney, New Jersey State Senate President swore in newly elected councilman Sean Longfellow.

The Honorable Gloucester County Freeholder Daniel Christy swore in newly elected councilwoman Andra Pasquarella-Williams.

The Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney, New Jersey State Senate President swore in newly elected councilwoman Andra Dougherty.

Mr. Selb took roll call vote. Councilmembers Mrs. Williams, Ms. Pasqualone, Mrs. Dougherty Mr. Longfellow, and Mr. Perry. Mayor Gattinelli, Mr. Platt and Mr. Gonter all were present.

Mr. Selb took nominations for Council President, Mr. Longfellow nominated Mr. Perry, which was seconded by Mrs. Dougherty. There were no other nominations. The motion carried with five (5) yes votes. The Honorable Stephen Sweeney, New Jersey State Senate President sworn in Joe Perry as Council President.

Mr. Perry asked for nominations for Council Vice-President. Mr. Perry nominated Mr. Longfellow, which was seconded by Mrs. Williams. There were no other nominations. The motion carried with five (5) yes votes. The Honorable Gloucester County Freeholder Daniel Christy swore in Sean Longfellow as Council Vice-President.

**Mayor Gattinelli** addressed everyone and thanked them for attending this very special night. Happy New Year. This year starts off on a positive note. **Andra Pasquarella-Williams**-thanked Senator Sweeney and Freeholder Dan Christy for attending this evening. Thanked Mayor Gattinelli for her leadership and support. Thanked Sean and Angela Donato for their help and support. Thanked the residents for voting for her and giving her the opportunity to serve as councilwoman. Thanked her friends and family for their love and support. Thank her husband and children for their never ending love and support. Is looking forward to the New Year and working with everyone.

**Dana Pasqualone**-Thanked everyone for being here and is looking forward to the New Year 2019 and working with everyone. **Sean Longfellow**-Thanked everyone for the support in his 1<sup>st</sup> term and is looking forward to my second term. Thanked everyone for their love and support. **Andrea Dougherty**-Thanked the community for their support and faith in her to serve as councilwoman. Thanked her friends and family for their love and support. Honored to join council and is looking forward to the New Year and working with everyone. **Joe Perry**-thanked council for electing him to Council President for a second term. Thanked his family for support. Hope to make 2019 a better year than 2018.

**Council President Joe Perry announced Township Council Liaison positions** as follows: **Andra Pasquarella-Williams**-Family & Community Services/Municipal Alliance Commission and Historic

Preservation Commission and MUA. **Andrea Dougherty**-4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee, Sports Advisory Board, Veteran's Affairs Advisory Board. **Sean Longfellow**- Advisory Board of Economic Development, Environmental Commission, Green Team (Sustainable) Committee, Open Space Committee. **Dana Pasqualone**-Library Board of Trustees, Rent Leveling Board, School Board. **Joseph Perry**-Local Emergency Planning Committee, Planning Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Board, Zoning Board.

**MAYORIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Gattinelli presented the following students with certificates and awards for the Washington Township Calendar Contest, the Winners for 2019 are:

**Madison Fritsch**-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Hurffville School  
**Sandra Levin**- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Thomas Jefferson  
**Alexa Steinbeck**-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Thomas Jefferson  
**Carina Azzara**-Kindergarten  
**Marissa Stavola**- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Birches Elementary  
**Alexis DiTanno**- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bells School  
**Lyla Messick**-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Wedgwood Elementary  
**Avery Breen**-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Whitman School  
**Oliver Shields**- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bells School  
**Joseph VanMeter**-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wedgwood Elementary  
**Elliana Longo**-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Whitman School  
**Shane Robertson**-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bells School

Mayor Gattinelli also recognized the Elementary Art Teachers and presented with them with certificates- Renee Stracciolini-GTECC, Richard Hertzog-Bells Elementary, Lisa Campiglia-Birches Elementary, Sharon Stewart –Hurffville School, Amy Colella-Thomas Jefferson, Richard Wolfe, and Courtney Strumpf-Whitman School

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Jill Ostrem, Chief Operating Officer at Jefferson Health of New Jersey, presented a \$20,000 check to Washington Township to help support the Mayors Wellness program. The "Bike Share Program" helps to promote wellness in the community, bikes will be available for 4 hours to residents in the park that want to see the beautiful park. Mayor Gattinelli thanked Jefferson Hospital for investing in our town.

Council President Joe Perry thanked Senator Fred Madden, Assemblywoman Gabriella Mascara, Assemblymen Paul Moriarty, Freeholder Dan Christy, Frank DeMarco and Joe Chila for attending this evenings meeting.

Chief Gurcsik presented Denny McGrail with Police Officer of the Year Award recognized for his outstanding hard work, high level of professionalism, work ethic, motivation, dedication, integrity and commitment to community care taking. Mayor Gattinelli congratulated Officer Denny McGrail.

Mayor Gattinelli thanked Chief Gurcsik for his hard work, commitment to the residents and dedication. And thanked all of the men and woman to the police department.

Mayor Gattinelli presented the **2018 Membership Recognition Award** to Lieutenant William Lee for his commitment to helping others and mentoring others.

Mayor Gattinelli presented the **2018 Commitment to Leadership Award** to Joe Perry for dedication every day.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST FOR JANUARY 3, 2019**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the January 3, 2019 bill list. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mrs. Dougherty seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 19, 2018**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the December 19, 2018 minutes. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. Mr. Longfellow and Mr. Perry voted yes. Mrs. Dougherty abstained. Mrs. Pasqualone recused. Mrs. Williams abstained.

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

**R001-2019 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING DATES, AND OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**002-2019 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**R003-2019 RESOLUTION FIXING RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES**

**R004-2019 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**R005-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF IDLE FUNDS AND FUND TRANSFERS**

**R006-2019 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A CERTIFYING OFFICER AND SUPERVISOR OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR PENSION FUNDS**

**R007-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP CLERK PETTY CASH FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FOR 2019**

**R008-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHECK AUTHORIZATION PRIOR TO BILL LIST APPROVAL**

**R009-2019 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COLETTE BACHICH AS FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

**R010-2019 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND POLICIES FOR THE YEAR 2019**

**R011-2019 RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

**R012-2019 RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO PUBLIC PORTIONS AT WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**

**R013-2019 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT BOOK 2019 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**R014-2019 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SLEO's III, SLEO II's, AND SLEO I's FOR A ONE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019**

**R015-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUING OPERATION OF THE GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to Approve R001 to R015. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes.

**R016-2019 RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Perry commented that this appointment is Connor Strong and asked for a motion to approve Resolution R016-2019. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mrs. Williams seconded. All voted yes.

**R017-2019 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP AUDITOR FOR TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Perry commented that the auditor appointment is Bowman and Company and asked for a motion to approve Resolution R017-2019. Mr. Longfellow motioned not to exceed \$66,500. Mr. Perry seconded. All voted yes.

**R018-2019 RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL FOR TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Perry commented that this is for Capehart & Scatchard and asked for a motion to approve Resolution R018-2019. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. Ms. Pasqualone questioned the hourly rate and what was the basis to choose them. All voted yes. Ms. Pasqualone voted no.

**R019-2019 RESOLUTION APPOINTING LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Perry commented that this is for Capehart & Scatchard and asked for a motion to approve Resolution R019-2019. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mrs. Dougherty seconded. All voted yes.

**R020-2019 RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Perry commented that the appointment is for Triad and Associates and asked for a motion to approve Resolution R020-2019. Mr. Longfellow motioned. There was no discussion. Mrs. Dougherty seconded. All voted yes.

**R021-2019 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL CONFLICT COUNSEL FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Perry commented that this appointment is for Capehart & Scatchard and asked for a motion to approve Resolution R021-2019. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mrs. Dougherty seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

**R022-2019 RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Perry commented that this appointment is for Jeffery Surenian and asked for a motion to approve Resolution R022-2019. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

**R023-2019 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP PLANNER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Mr. Perry commented that this appointment is for Remington & Vernick, Joseph Petrongolo and asked for a motion to approve Resolution R023-2019. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mrs. Dougherty seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

**R024-2019 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve Resolution R024-2019. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mrs. Dougherty seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Council members have nothing to report.

**REPORTS**

Council and Administration had nothing to report.

**Public Participation:**

Mr. Longfellow motioned to open the meeting to the public. Ms. Pasqualone seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. **Robert Davis**-Saddlebrook Drive, Sewell, NJ-commented regarding empty store fronts, could wallpaper in vacant windows to look more appealing. Mr. Longfellow commented that they would look into it. Mr. Perry motioned to close public participation. Mr. Longfellow seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**ADJOURMENT**

Mr. Longfellow motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pasqualone seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M. The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Selb  
Township Clerk

Mayor Gattinelli