TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Council Vice President Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. in the council room located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. Mr. Brown delivered the Sunshine Notice and safety awareness notices.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Council President Mr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Township Clerk Ms. Ciallella took roll call. Councilmembers Mr. Bennett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Harris and Mr. Yerkes were present. Mr. Del Borrello was absent. Mayor DellaPia, Business Administrator Mr. Russo and Attorney Mr. Rooney were present.

PRESENTATIONS
- Mayor DellaPia and Council presented Judge Jason Witcher with a Proclamation for Black History Month. Judge Witcher noted we are here because of the blood, sweat, tears, broken bones, broken dreams and sacrifice of those who came before us.
- Mayor DellaPia and Council recognized Zach Barnes for achieving Eagle Scout.
- Mayor DellaPia and Council recognized Lou Polino from Lifestyles for outfitting the attendees of A Night to Shine.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2025
Mr. Brown asked for a motion to approve the February 12, 2025 bill list. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Mr. Brown asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2025 and the Executive Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

ORDINANCES
O001-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING PERMITTED USES WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AND HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS CHAPTER, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "ZONING"
Mr. Brown asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O001-2025. Mr. Harris motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent. Public Hearing and Adoption will take place on February 26, 2025.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were part of the consent agenda and only required a vote for all listed. Township Clerk Ciallella read each one by title.

R057-2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY GUARANTEE FROM RAISING CANE'S RESTAURANT, LLC, ROUTE 42 & GANTTOWN ROAD, TURNERSVILLE, NJ BLOCK 111.09 LOT 7.01, ESCROW #0117I, BOND #8250, PROJECT #08-18-I-001

R058-2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LANDSCAPE BUFFER PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND SAFETY AND STABILIZATION BOND FROM 346 EHR, LLC, 336 EGG HARBOR ROAD, SEWELL, NJ, BLOCK 194.10, LOTS 3, ESCROW #0170, PROJECT #08-18-P-553

R059-2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LANDSCAPE PERIMETER BUFFER GUARANTEE, SAFETY AND STABILIZATION BOND AND INSPECTION ESCROW FROM G7B II, LLC DBA 7 BREW COFFEE, 5200 ROUTE 42, TURNERSVILLE, NJ, BLOCK 196.01, LOTS 1, ESCROW #0197, PROJECT #08-18-Z-037

R060-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING TITLE 39 MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UPON REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 196.01 LOT 1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUEST OF THE PROPERTY OWNER

R061-2025 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

R062-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2025

R063-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

R064-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

R065-2025 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R045-2025 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

R066-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

R067-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1

R068-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR DAVID SANDERSON A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 7.03 LOT 35, 7 COPELAND CT., EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 27, 2024

R069-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR DAYNE R. SMITH A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 82.85, LOT 10, 5 S. MARS DR., EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 29, 2024

R070-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR RAYMOND B. ROJAS A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 82.90 LOT 2, 11 PLUTO DR., EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2024

R071-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR EILEEN CAMARENA A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 85 LOT 3, 431 ATLANTA CT., EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2025

R072-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY – SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES 2025 PROGRAM

R073-2025 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to approve Resolution R057-2025 through R073-2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Bennett seconded. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Council members had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Council members had nothing to report.

REPORTS

- **Mr. Bennett** – The Olde Stone House Village 17th Annual Car Show will be held Saturday, April 26th. Proceeds from this event go toward maintaining the Olde Stone House Village and the Morgan House. It's a great event with 175-200 cars participating! ◈ The Environmental Commission has some spring events that he will have more information on. ◈ Reminded residents to slow down! The Police Department is ticketing speeders. ◈ Hurffville held an Eagles Pep Rally. It was high energy! The students were loud!
- **Mr. Harris** – A Night to Shine was a beautiful event! He is an advocate for these events and this one has grown to 250 people. They will need a larger space.
- **Mr. Yerkes** – The MUA held their Reorganization Meeting. Congratulations to new members Keith Ludwig and Mike Good. Congratulations Scott Behm for the position of Chairman, Joe Mesi for Vice Chair and Keith Ludwig for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. ◈ January 27th marked the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.
- **Mr. Rooney** – Be careful in the bad weather. Happy Valentine's Day! Congratulations Eagles!
- **Mayor DellaPia** – Thank you to Public Works for their hard work during the snow storm. ◈ A Night to Shine is a prom for those with special needs. Those who participate ride in a limo, walk the red carpet and enjoy dinner and dancing. Thank you to all the sponsors including Lifestyles, Dayna's Party Rental and Calvary Church. ◈ Raising Cane's is open on the Black Horse Pike at Ganttown Road. ◈ The Catalyst sign on the Black Horse Pike at Whitman Drive is lit up! ◈7 Brew is coming to where Harbor Freight is. ◈ The high school hoagie sale was very successful! It was fun to see everyone working together. Washington Township has a lot of great events! ◈ Don't forget Valentine's Day! ◈ Congratulations to our Superbowl Champion Eagles!
- **Mr. Brown** – He is proud to participate in A Night to Shine event. ◈ Check the Library's website for the children's program they offer. Dr. Daisy Century will portray Harried Tubman on Saturday, February 22nd. Learn about Tubman's life and her service during the Civil War. In addition, they are having Open Mic Night on February 20th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. You must sign up. ◈ Thank you to all the first responders and Public Works for their efforts during the storms. ◈ Please sign up for the Everbridge app to receive alerts. ◈ Congratulations to Clerk Ciallella on her first grandbaby! ◈ All

dogs in the Township are required to be registered and vaccinated. Please stop in the Clerk's Office to register your dog for 2025. We will be holding a free rabies clinic on Saturday, March 1st from 10:00 AM-11:30 AM at the Public Works Garage located at 2 McClure Drive. ◈ The Municipal Complex will be closed in observance of President's Day on Monday, February 19th. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 20th at 8:30 AM. ◈ February is Black History Month and American Heart Month. ◈ Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the members present.
No one wished to speak
Mr. Brown asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the members present.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Brown asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC
Township Clerk

Donald C. Brown, Jr.
Council Vice President