TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Council President Mr. Del Borrello called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the council room located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. Mr. Del Borrello delivered the Sunshine Notice and safety awareness notices.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS
- Members of Council presented the Washington Township Teachers of the Year, Professionals and Administrative Assistant with certificates of recognition.

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR:
Melissa Hermley - Bells Elementary School
Sandy Fitzpatrick - Birches Elementary School
Kaitlin Drueke - Hurffville Elementary School
Meghan Pfizenmayer - Grenloch Terrace Early Childhood Ctr.
Casey Bish - Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
Kim Amendt - Wedgwood Elementary School
Jennifer Campbell - Whitman Elementary School
Nick Guerrier - Bunker Hill Middle School
Laura Consiglio - Chestnut Ridge Middle School
Shera Jahn - Washington Twp. High School
Shannon Molloy - Washington Twp. High School

PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR:
Jeffrey Bevan, Therapist - Grenloch and Birches
Dan Jedwabny, School Counselor - Orchard Valley
Kathleen Luckiewicz, School Nurse - Washington Twp. High School

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR:
Sandy Pfizenmayer, Athletics

- Mike D'Ostilio, Director of Registration, Data Technology, and School Community Outreach for Washington Township Schools, praised the educators and thanked Council for recognizing everyone.
- Members of Council recognized the Williams Family. Ron, Flo, Mike and Sean Williams have retired after serving as Directors of the Township's Challenger Sports Leagues for 25 years. The League was established for children with special needs who wish to participate in sports.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2025
Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the February 26, 2025 Bill List. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2025. Mr. Brown motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

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. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O001-2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

No one wished to speak

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to close to the public Ordinance O001-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O001-2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

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.

R074-2025 RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION R067-2025 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1

R075-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

R076-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FROM R. MOSLOWSKI EXCAVATING, INC. FOR LEBANON STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT #08-18-T-430

R077-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FROM DUTCHMAN CONTRACTING, LLC. FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE POLE BARN, PROJECT #08-18-T-453

R078-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FROM ARAWAK PAVING CO. FOR 2023 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ROAD PROGRAM - PHASE I, PROJECT #08-18-T-440

R079-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRASH RECEPTACLES FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP THROUGH HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #RC01-21

R080-2025 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALFRED MORGAN AS FULL-TIME ZONING OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R081-2025 RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

R082-2025 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R030-2025 RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER KOUTSOURIS, ESQUIRE OF KG LAW GROUP AS PROSECUTOR AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve Resolution R074-2025 through R082-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

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! ◈ From the Sports Advisory Board – spring baseball and softball sign-ups has begun. Please check the website for details. ◈ Our schools have some great musicals coming up. Shrek will be performed at the High School from March 13-15. Legally Blonde will be performed at Bunker Hill Middle School from March 20-22. Beetlejuice will be performed at Orchard Valley Middle School from March 20-22. Sister Act will be performed at Chestnut Ridge from April 3-5.
- **Mr. Harris** – He had a productive meeting with Mike D'Ostilio and Superintendent Dr. Hibbs to connect business owners with students who are computer savvy to intern for these companies.
- **Mike D'Ostilio, School Director of Registration, Data Technology, and School Community Outreach for** – The program is in the talking points stage and we are looking forward to this partnership. He thanked Councilman Harris for presenting this idea and working together.
- **Mr. Rooney** – Hopes Mayor DellaPia feels better.
- **Mr. Yerkes** – Wished long time MUA member Harry Adams all the best in his retirement. ◈ He has spoken to the Chief regarding recent car thefts. Please do not leave your keys in your car and lock your car doors! ◈ Five students from our schools recently serenaded residents of All American Assisted Living. Some have been playing their instruments since they were 4 years old! We hope to have them play at a future Council meeting.
- **Mr. Brown** – The Library has a Stay and Play event on Friday, February 28th for children age 5 and under. There will be a Bagpipe Demonstration on Saturday, March 15th at noon. Priority is given to Heggan cardholders. ◈ Please sign up for the Everbridge app to receive notifications and alerts.
- **Mr. Del Borrello** – Planning and Zoning have been busy with good things to come. ◈ His son told him that the 2 most important people in the town are Santa Claus and Chief Gurcsik. Thank you Chief for leaving a positive impression on the children of our town. ◈ Congratulations to the teachers who were recognized. We have a lot of great talent in our school system. Thank you to Mike D'Ostilio for all you do. ◈ 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. ◈ Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9th. Please be sure to set your clock ahead one hour and change the battery in your smoke detector.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the members present.

- **Robert Davis, 72 Saddlebrook Drive** – He is a fan of STEM and inquired about AI training in schools.
- **Mike D'Ostilio** relayed that the school district's AI policy is being reviewed by the staff attorney and that Dr. Hibbs has spoken to the staff. They are working on it.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes 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. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC
Township Clerk

Peter Del Borrello, III
Council President