TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 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 Vice 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 present via telephone until 6:14 PM. Mayor DellaPia and Attorney Mr. Rooney were present. Business Administrator Mr. Russo was absent.

PRESENTATIONS
- Olivia Broadbent, Matthew Robinson, Noah Elliot, Kiley McElroy and Layla Mungekar presented a musical performance.
- Council Vice President Brown presented the members of the Margaret E. Heggen Library staff with a Proclamation celebrating National Library Week. Library Director Sheila Mikkelson invited residents to utilize the little free library boxes around town. There is one at the municipal building and the park and one is coming to the police station.
- Director of Public Works Frank Altamuro gave an update on the new trash cart program.

As many of you may have already heard there are some changes coming to our trash, recycling, and yard debris collection coming this summer. Since the announcement, we have gotten lots of feedback and I would like to take a moment and clear some things up. ◈ This spring, you'll be receiving three brand-new 95-gallon wheeled carts delivered right to your home. A black cart for trash, a blue cart for recycling and a green cart for yard waste. No need to schedule an appointment or be home when they arrive. These carts will replace your current bins, and will be the only receptacle that can be used once the new collection goes into effect on June 30, 2025. ◈ Why the change? Unfortunately, rear loading trash collection has gotten too expensive for companies to continue doing. Washington Township was faced with a very difficult situation. If we attempted to stay with rear load collection, we were looking at our cost almost doubling and that was only IF we could get a company to bid on that service. We had to hire a consultant to help us find what our options were to have a fiscally responsible solution. That is why we had to agree to change over to automated collection. Eighteen of the twenty-four towns in Gloucester County already have automated collection. ◈ Collection and disposal of trash, recycling, and yard debris is extremely costly and not something that the Township takes lightly. Our MONTHLY cost for collection is just over $495,000.00 and then on top of that the cost to dispose or recycle all of that is around $200,000.00 (per month). That means the Township is paying out just under $700,000.00 every month for trash, recycling, and yard debris. This is a large part of our budget yet only 2.7% of your property taxes goes toward this collection. In an effort to prevent substantially raising taxes the Township had to make these changes. ◈ We have also heard from communities that have less area in front of their homes for cart placement and access. Suburban is aware of these areas and they are preparing to be able to collect as scheduled. We're really excited about these improvements and believe they'll make a positive difference for everyone in Washington Township. If you'd like to

learn more, please visit our website at: https://www.twp. washington.nj.us/departments/public works/faqs.php. Our website is the only place you will find up to date accurate information relevant to the upcoming changes. Or feel free to give our friendly team at the Department of Municipal Services a call at 856-589-0523. We're here to help!

- Cheryl Branco, 21 Green Acre Way, expressed her disappointment over the new trash cart program and feels the Township is cutting services. She has a large family and her trash won't fit in the new cans.
- Mr. Brown responded that rear loading trash trucks are going away. Trash companies are not able to retain staff and afford worker compensation claims. Retaining rear loading trash trucks would have resulted in an increased cost of 75-150%; however, the Township did their due diligence and kept the increase at 34%. Services are not cut, services are changed.
- Mr. Altamuro noted that residents may obtain an additional cart for a one-time up-front fee of $100 per can for 10 years. Residents who have a lawn service can go online in the coming weeks and opt out of yard waste pick up. Public Works will be picking up Christmas trees going forward. Yard debris pick up costs $115,00 per month. We are moving to once a month yard debris pick up. This is the most fiscally responsible decision to not raise taxes for trash collection.
- Robert Davis, 72 Saddlebrook Drive, recognized that many houses already have more than one container of trash, recycle and yard waste. The new containers equal 3 ¼ of the current trash cans. Two containers will fit in one of the new carts.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to approve the April 9, 2025 Bill List. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Harris 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 March 26, 2025. Mr. Bennett motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

ORDINANCES

O002-2025 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O002-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

No one wished to speak.

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to close to the public Ordinance O002-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O002-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

O003-2025 ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE WASHINGTON SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.) ("LRHL")

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O003-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

- Victoria Binetti, 50 Berkshire Drive, stated that amendments to the redevelopment plan will allow for automobile dealership and repair facilities. Those uses are prohibited in well head protection areas. There is potential for conflict and wants assurance that protection of the town's water supply supersedes allowance for uses in the redevelopment areas.
- Mr. Rooney noted that state and federal environmental laws trump municipalities.
- Mayor DellaPia replied there is a weekly Tuesday meeting that Planner Jay Petrongolo attends and he speaks about well head protection when discussing prospective businesses coming to town.

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to close to the public Ordinance O003-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O003-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

O004-2025 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING CERTAIN EXCESS BOND PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $352,912.22 AND RE-APPROPRIATING $50,000.00 OF SAID EXCESS BOND PROCEEDS TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O004-2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Harris 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 April 23, 2025.

O005-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 258 OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES, ABANDONED"

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O005-2025. Mr. Bennett 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 April 23, 2025.

O006-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 76 OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "DUMPSTERS AND OTHER REFUSE CONTAINERS"

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O006-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Harris 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 April 23, 2025.

O007-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137 OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "LITTERING"

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O007-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Harris 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 April 23, 2025.

O008-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 213 OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "STORMWATER CONTROL"

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O008-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Harris 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 April 23, 2025.

2025 BUDGET

Mayor DellaPia delivered the 2025 Budget Address.

Good evening, Members of Council and residents of Washington Township.

It is an honor for me to stand here before you tonight, to present my first municipal budget, for the year 2025. This is the earliest the Municipal budget has been introduced since 2018; this is the standard we want to set forth for each year moving forward. This budget is the result of countless meetings, phone calls and conversations over the past 6 months between myself, my Business Administrator Joe Russo, our CFO Colette Bachich and the rest of our finance department. It was immediately after the election in November, that we started discussing our budget status as well as our strategy for this coming year. We as a group knew that we had our work cut out for us. We were finishing up one of our toughest years financially, one where we were handed a tax increase of the Municipal Tax of 7 cents. Our goal was to put together a budget in a timely matter that takes in to consideration the needs of the residents and the financial stability of the Township for this year and for many years to come.

There are many components that directly affects our budget. Here are some of these components and their current status.

Union Contracts – The Township currently operates with six separate collective bargaining units. The costs of all of these contracts escalate every year. 2024 saw successful completion of new contracts for both the PBA Rank and File and the PBA Sergeants Unions. These contracts are both valid through December 2027. The AFSCME Clerical Union contract expired at the end of 2024 and negations are currently underway for a new contract. The other 3 unions are:

- AFSCME Laborers (Public Works) who are under contract through the end of 2025
- AFSCME Supervisors (Public Works) who are under contract through the end of 2026
- Police Superiors (Lieutenants & Captains) who are under contract through the end of 2026

Health Care Costs – As a result of Washington Township joining the Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Health Insurance Fund, healthcare costs remained stable, with only a minor increase for 2025. We will continue to monitor the market to continue keeping the costs stable.

Trash Collection Contract – After a great deal of hard work from multiple departments within the Township, and with the help of a trash bid industry consultant, we secured a new contract and managed to keep our increase much lower than the 70 – 162% increase that other towns had incurred.

Cannabis Dispensaries Revenue – In the second quarter of 2024, the Township saw the opening of its first cannabis dispensary. The Township began to realize the revenue associated with this in July 2024. We received payments totaling to the amount of $31,267.00 in 2024. We are anticipating higher revenues this current year, with a full year of operation of this dispensary and with a second dispensary opening in Township along Delsea Drive sometime in 2025.

Fees and Revenues – In 2023, for the first time in many years, we updated our ordinances relating to the fees that the Township charges. We updated our fee schedule even further in 2024. The changes have produced an increase in fee revenue for 2024 and will likely lead to further increased revenue in 2025.

Bank/Investment Interest – Interest rates continue to remain favorable for the deposit of our idle funds. However, with the recent acquisition of Republic Bank by Fulton Bank, the finance department plans on taking steps to go out for a Banking RFP some time in 2025. This will allow the Township to explore the local retail banking market, and help us choose the best banking partner to service the needs of the Township moving forward.

Budget Stabilization and Reduction of Appropriations – Through the hard work of myself, the Business Administrator and the Finance Department, the introduced municipal budget for 2025 has a total general appropriations lower than the previous year's budget for the first time in over a decade. The reduction in overall costs was achieved through decreases in Salary and Wage and in Other Expenses line items. Salary reductions occurred through non replacement of retiring employees, the combination of duties and the streamlining of operations. Department heads were also asked to keep their department's other operating expenses to a necessary minimum. Additionally, we saw an increase in total collected revenues for 2024.

Some of the differences between this year's budget compared to last year's budget are:

- We did not have any American rescue funds remaining to use this current year. Last year we used the remaining $368,954.00
- We reduced the fund balance needed to balance the budget by 41.85%.
- Salary and wages were reduced a total of $284,195.32. A decrease of 1.66%. Even after all the contractual increases we incur on a year to year basis, through our efforts we were still able to reduce our overall salary and wages
- Other Expenses was also reduced by a total of $171,233.82. A decrease of .73%.
- This year's municipal tax increase is 2.2 cents compared to 7 cents from last year.

I know a lot of people are thinking, ok, so what does a 2.2 cent increase mean to me? The average assessed home value in Washington Township is $233,101.00. This is not the market value of your home; this is the assessed value. Therefore, if your house were assessed at $233,101.00, your annual property taxes would be $8,936.58. Only 19% of that $8,936.58, $1,698.47, would be the portion we control and operate the Township with. Using this scenario, your taxes will be increased by a total of $50.45 for the year. That breaks down to about $4.20 a month.

Closing – In a perfect world, we would be announcing that we are reducing the tax rate and increasing all services. Unfortunately, that world does not exist. We feel this budget is the first step of many to getting our Township back to financial strength and stability. We will continue to work hard monitoring all spending within the Township and searching for new businesses to come to town. We will continue to work with other government agencies and officials and pursue new initiatives and grants for our community. Our goal is to continue to move our township forward and to regain Washington Township's financial stability while continuing to sustain the services that Washington Township residents and taxpayers have come to know and deserve.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who help our Township all year long, especially Mother's Cupboard for all their hard work, day in and day out, especially in this ever-changing economy.

I would like to thank our dedicated Washington Township employees for their efforts serving our community throughout the year. You are appreciated for all the work that you do.

Thank you to all my department heads for working with me and tightening up each of your department's budget. Your efforts were integral in getting this budget to where it is today.

Thank you to the Township Council for working with me. I appreciate all of your collaborated efforts. I am looking forward to continue working together with you for the betterment of the Township.

I want to personally thank my BA Joe Russo, my CFO Collette Bachich, my Assistant CFO Jim Walker and the rest of the Finance department. Your efforts, advice and hard work have made it possible to not just produce this budget, but to introduce it so early in the year. You are truly the best and I appreciate all of your efforts. I am grateful to have such a great staff to work alongside every day. Together, we will be extraordinary.

Finally, I would like to end by saying thank you to all Washington Township residents for putting your trust and faith in me to lead our Township in to the future. Thank you for your continued support as my Administration and I continue to work extremely hard every day to make Washington Township a better place for all to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you for your time tonight and have good night!

R102-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCED 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to approve Resolution R102-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

R103-2025 RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2025 TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to introduce Resolution R103-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

R104-2025 RESOLUTION FOR SELF EXAMINATION OF 2025 BUDGET

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to introduce Resolution R104-2025. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Del Borrello was absent.

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.

R105-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR GEESE CLEARING SERVICES AT WASHINGTON LAKE PARK FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM

R106-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID TO RJS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR 2025 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SERVICES

R107-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

R108-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR THADDEUS B. BRADSHAW TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 222 LOT 1, 323 WILSON RD., EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 24, 2025

R109-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR ISAGANI T. RONSAYRO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 7.02 LOT 6, 14 PLEASANT VALLEY DR., EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 26, 2025

R110-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR BOBBY HUGGINS TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 86.09 LOT 4, 7 ETON DR., EFFECTIVE MARCH 6, 2025

R111-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR SEAN M. WOJCIECHOWSKI A 50% TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 54.21 LOT 4, 43 SPRING MILL DR., EFFECTIVE MARCH 10, 2025

R112-2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ESCROW FROM DANIEL WINTER II, 2735 NJ ROUTE 42, TURNERSVILLE, NJ, BLOCK 87 LOT 3.04 AND BLOCK 115.05 LOT 22, ESCROW #0181, PROJECT #08-18-Z-029

R113-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NUMBER 11-00262 TO ARCR HOME BUILDERS

R114-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NUMBER 11-00263 TO ARCR HOME BUILDERS

R115-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF PITMAN FOR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SERVICES

R116-2025 STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM ENABLING RESOLUTION

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to approve Resolution R105-2025 through R116-2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Harris 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. Harris** – On April 27th from 9:00 AM to noon there is a milk weed and marigold giveaway in Washington Lake Park. On May 3rd from 9:00 AM to noon there is a tree seedling giveaway also in the park. ◈ Thank you to the students for a great performance tonight. One of the songs they performed was Colors of the Wind from the Pocahontas movie. ◈ Thank you Frank Altamuro for the update on the trash carts.
- **Mr. Bennett** – Furs and Feathers this past Sunday was a great success! ◈ 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! We need volunteers to help with the parking lot. ◈ There is a community clean up day on April 13th. Anyone who needs service hours, please reach out. ◈ It is distracted driving month. Please do not text and drive. Slow down! Kids are outside so watch your speed.

▪ **Mr. Yerkes** – Congratulations and thank you to tonight's performers! ◈ The Veterans Advisory Board will have a booth at Super Saturday. ◈ We will be paying tribute to our fallen soldiers on Memorial Day, May 26th at 11:00 AM. ◈ Congratulations Mayor DellaPia and everyone who helped with the budget. Only a 2.2¢ increase is outstanding! ◈ Thank you Council Vice President Brown for filling in for Pete.
▪ **Mr. Rooney** – Happy Easter and Happy Passover!
▪ **Mayor DellaPia** – Nothing gets done with only 1 person. We have a great team! ◈ Thank you to the music ensemble for their performance tonight. ◈ Please watch your speed especially with baseball and softball's opening day coming up on Saturday. ◈ EcoSpin Laundry Mat is now open. 7 Brew will be opening at the end of the month. ◈ The Uber Saves Lives Program is funded by local businesses and donations. Please do not drink and drive. Take a free uber ride. ◈ Happy Easter!
▪ **Mr. Brown** – Thank you Mayor, Finance, Administration and Department Heads for your work on the budget and dedication to the Township. Thank you to the Clerk's Office for getting things in order, sometimes last minute. Thank you Sheila and the Library staff for doing a great job. ◈ Please sign up for Everbridge to receive alerts. If you need assistance setting it up, please reach out. ◈ All dogs in the Township are required to be registered and vaccinated. Please stop in the Clerk's Office to register our dog for 2025. ◈ Please check our website for information on Earth Day activities! This includes bird walks and exhibits, poetry walks, recycling lessons, milkweed, marigold and tree seedling giveaways! ◈ The Annual Red Cross Battle of the Badges Blood Drive is on Tuesday, April 29th from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM at the Municipal Building. Please respond to the call and support our Fire Department and Police Department and give the gift of life. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS to schedule an appointment. ◈ The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 10th. You may only vote the party you are registered to during the primary. The deadline to change your party affiliation is April 16th. The deadline to register to vote is May 20th. Forms can be obtained online or in the Clerk's Office. ◈ The Municipal Complex will be closed on Friday, April 18th in observance of Good Friday. Offices will reopen on Monday, April 21st. ◈ Happy Passover! Happy Easter!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the members present.
▪ Lorraine Hilgen, 6 Grove Road – There are 12 homes on Ward Lake and she has been fighting for 30 years since the MUA put in a sewer line where there was a natural dam. Since then the lake is leaking and not able to hold water. Work was done that did not fix it and last summer there was no water. The Township was awarded a grant for $880,000 but it is being used to fix the spillway and the upper lake but not the dam.
▪ Frank Altamuro – the spillway is in the process of being repaired, the permits are still under review by the DEP. The Township owns Spring Lake and the grant money is being used for the siltation removal, not on Ward Lake which is a private lake.
▪ Lorraine Hilgen was assured the grant was for her lake. The grant stated it was for stormwater management which got the grant. She was promised that the town was taking responsibility and fixing the dam.
▪ Mr. Brown – The Township will look into it.
Mr. Brown asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the members present.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Brown asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bennett motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC
Township Clerk

Donald C. Brown, Jr.
Council Vice President