TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Councilman 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
Councilman Mr. Del Borrello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENTATIONS
- Mayor DellaPia and Council recognized the Unlimited Cheerleaders for winning the Grand Championship!
- Mayor DellaPia and Council recognized members of an Itch in Time Mangy Fox Rescue for rescuing Bingo, the distressed fox in the area of the Senior Center.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST
Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the June 11, 2025 Bill List. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, 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 May 28, 2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

ORDINANCES

O010-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "BUSINESS LICENSING"
Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O010-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, 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 O010-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.
Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O010-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

O011-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 285-226 PROHIBITED SIGNS WITHIN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "ZONING"

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O011-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, 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 O011-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O011-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

O0012-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 80 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "FEES"

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O012-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, 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 O012-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O012-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

O013-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 212 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING"

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O013-2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, 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 O013-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O013-2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

O014-2025 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $535,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $508,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O014-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Public Hearing and Adoption will take place on June 25, 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.

R142-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TORO GRANDMASTER 4000-D FOR THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC GOLF COURSE THROUGH SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

R143-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TORO MULTI PRO 5800 AND TORO MULTI PRO 5800-D CAB WITH AC FOR THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC GOLF COURSE THROUGH SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

R144-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE release OF A LANDSCAPE BUFFER PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND SAFETY AND STABILIZATION BOND FOR SEWELL DG, llc LOCATED AT 279 FISH POND ROAD, SEWELL, NJ 08080, BLOCK 82.83 LOT 8.02, PROJECT #08-18-Z-284.I, ESCROW #0064Z

R145-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE 2025 CLICK IT OR TICKET GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,920.00

R146-2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ENGINEERING INSPECTION ESCROW AND SAFETY AND STABILIZATION BOND FROM JOSEPH FAZZIO, INC., 2760 GLASSBORO-CROSS KEYS ROAD, GLASSBORO, NJ, BLOCK 84.14, LOTS 2, 2.05, 2.06, 2.07 & 2.08, ESCROW #0188, PROJECT #08-18-P-554

R147-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF GOLF COURSE ASSOCIATES, INC (DIVOTS AT WEDGWOOD COUNTRY CLUB) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-003-005

R148-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF AJP ENTERPRISES, LLC (PJ WHELIHAN'S) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-004-012

R149-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF ITALIAN BISTRO OF WASHINGTON TWP, INC (TERRA NOVA) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-010-004

R150-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF PHILLY FUDD CORP. (HOUSE OF BREWS) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-013-003

R151-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF LEISERV LLC (BOWLERO TURNERSVILLE) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-014-002

R152-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF NUOVA, INC (LUNA ROSSA) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-017-008

R153-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF OUTBACK -CARRABBA'S PARTNERSHIP (OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE & CARRABBA'S) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-018-001

R154-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF BRICK PUBS, INC. (T.G.I..FRIDAYS RESTAURANT) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-019-004

R155-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF APPLE NEW JERSEY, LLC (APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR) LIQUOR LICENSE-0818-33-021-002

R156-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF RY DI, LLC (OTT'S ON THE GREEN) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-001-009

R157-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF VCI SEWELL NJ LLC (THE VILLAGE PUB) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-022-008

R158-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF DELSEA CORNER BEVERAGE CO., LLC (YOSHIMOTO) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-023-008

R159-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF HIA MANAGEMENT, LLC. (HOLLY DELL ICE ARENA) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-024-002

R160-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF RUSSCO, INC (TOWNSHIP LIQUORS) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-44-002-003

R161-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF TOMAR ASSOCIATES, INC (TOMAR'S DISCOUNT LIQUORS) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-44-005-005

R162-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF JMJJ, INC (SALINA WINE & LIQUOR) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-44-016-002

R163-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF ZALAK, LLC (LIQUOR HUT) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-44-025-003

R164-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF SHOPRITE LIQUORS OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, LLC (SHOPRITE LIQUORS) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-44-026-001

R165-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF NANI EKTA, LLC (MR. LIQUOR) LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-44-027-002

R166-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOME ASSOCIATION LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-31-007-001

R167-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF WHITMAN SQUARE MEN'S CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-31-008-002

R168-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF GREENWOOD PARK BELLS LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-31-012-001

R169-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON DENYING LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR MASSAGE PARLOR

R170-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE THIRD ROUND JUDGEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND REPOSE THEREBY MEETING THE TOWNSHIP'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve Resolution R141-2025 through R170-2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, 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. Harris** – He attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon, along with Mayor Della Pia, Council President Del Borrello, Councilman Yerkes and Economic Development Consultant Nancy Mozzachio, where business and real estate information was shared with the attendees. Thank you Nicole Lannutti for the invitation. ◈ Local resident, Kevin Cox, has been posting on social media bringing humor to the new trash can situation. ◈ He will be attending Cops and Bobbers with his son Luke tomorrow. It is a great event! ◈ Wishing all the Dads a Happy Father's Day!

▪ **Mr. Yerkes** – There is much unrest in cities nationwide that is being unfairly reported. New Jersey is a sanctuary state. Very dangerous people are released from prison and are free to live in our state. He encourages everyone to send a message to Trenton and requested the Solicitor to draft a resolution that we do not want our city to be a sanctuary city.

▪ **Mayor DellaPia** – Best of luck to all the graduates! ◈ Wishing everyone a Happy Father's Day! ◈ On Monday evening, Councilman Richard Bennett tendered his resignation from Washington Township Council. While we cannot comment on any legal matters, I have spoken with each member of the Council, and we are united in the belief that this decision is in the best interest of both Mr. Bennett and the Township of Washington. ◈ Since his election in 2020, Councilman Bennett has served the Township of Washington with dedication. He has been an active member of the Historic Preservation Commission and a strong advocate for the Olde Stone House Village. His leadership within the Boy Scouts has supported numerous community service efforts, from assisting seniors with snow removal and leaf cleanup, to volunteering at Township of Washington events such as the rabies clinic, tree giveaways, shred days, placing American flags on veterans' graves, and National Night Out. He has also been a consistent supporter of our local businesses, frequently attending grand openings and community celebrations. ◈ We thank Councilman Bennett for his years of service and the many ways he contributed to Washington Township and wish him the best in his future endeavors. As mayor and Council, we remain united and focused in our commitment to serving the residents of Washington Township with integrity, transparency, and forward momentum. ◈ Boy Scout Brandon Leach is present tonight to earn a badge for attending a government meeting.

▪ **Mr. Brown** – The Library is hosting Open Mic Night on June 26th from 6-8 PM. Also come out to meet local author Gene Abel on June 28th at 1 PM, who will be discussing his new book *Are They Out There?* ◈ Congratulations to Anthony Patten who was sworn in as a career firefighter, Harold Mitten who was promoted to Lieutenant and Adam Seczech who was promoted to Captain. ◈ Please join us for movies and music in Washington Lake Park. Visit our website for more information. ◈ Please visit our website for information and updates about the new trash and recycling collection process effective June 30, 2025. ◈ The Margaret E. Heggan Library offers many events. Please check their website for information on Heggan Happenings! ◈ 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. ◈ Summer hours for the Municipal Complex began the Friday after Memorial Day and will continue until Labor Day. ◈ The Municipal Complex will be closed on Thursday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth. Offices will reopen on Monday, June 23rd. ◈ Mark your calendar for the Township's Shred Event scheduled for Saturday, June 14th from 9:00 AM to noon in the parking lot of the Municipal Building. Paper clips and staples are ok but no binders or binder clips and no plastic bags. ID is required to show you are a Township resident.

▪ **Mr. Del Borrello** – Congratulations to the firefighters! ◈ I want to address the recent resignation of Councilman Rich Bennett. As we all know, life has its ups and downs — and it's how we respond during those times that truly defines us. Right now, Rich is stepping back, but we must not forget all he has done for Washington Township. Whether it was helping deliver holiday meals on wheels, volunteering with the Boy Scouts, placing flags on Veteran's graves for Memorial Day, shoveling snow, or raking leaves for those in need — his dedication to our community has been meaningful and appreciated. Rich's contributions have made a lasting impact, and his commitment has always been rooted in service. It's important to remember that we are all human. Sometimes, we fall short

of our goals. Sometimes, life requires us to take a step back and focus on ourselves and our families. ◈ After thoughtful discussion with Mayor DellaPia and fellow council members — and in conversation with Rich himself—we all agreed that stepping down at this time is in the best interest of both Rich and the community. Our commitment to the people of Washington Township remains as strong as ever. The Mayor and your Council are fully dedicated to serving you with honor, integrity, and transparency. We thank Rich for his service. A replacement will be chosen in a timely manner, and you will be immediately notified once that decision has been made. We are committed to finding someone who shares the same passion, dedication, and commitment to Washington Township that we all strive to uphold — someone who will represent everyone and work hard to move our community forward. ◈ At this time, I'm not able to comment further on the matter, but I want to assure you that we are moving forward with unity, purpose, and excitement for the future. Together, we will continue building Washington Township into one of the best places to live, work, start a business, and raise a family. We are TWP — Together With Pride — and with your help, we will keep working hard to serve this great community.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- Lorraine Hilgen, 6 Grove Street – spoke about her ongoing concerns regarding Ward Lake and Spring Lake.
- Adria Curcio, 124 Lipizzan Road – spoke about her concerns regarding cracks in the street that are beginning to cave in and erosion issues.

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 June 25, 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 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk

Peter Del Borrello, III
Council President