TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Councilman Mr. Del Borrello called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes and Mr. Del Borrello were present. Mayor DellaPia and Attorney Mr. Rooney were present. Mr. Russo was absent.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the July 16, 2025 Bill List. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, 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 June 25, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes for June 25, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes for July 1, 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. Ms. Pasqualone abstained as she was not a member of Council at that time.

ORDINANCES

O015-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES"

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O015-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, 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 O015-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.
Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O015-2025. Mr. Harris motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, 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.

R195-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID TO ARAWAK PAVING CO., INC. FOR 2024 ROAD PROGRAM – PHASE II, PROJECT #WATPX25068

R196-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID TO CAPELA CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR ACADIA DRIVE OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS AND EROSION CONCERNS, PROJECT #WATPX25069

R197-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A SAFETY AND STABILIZATION BOND FOR LIFESTYLES SUPPORTS, INC., 116 DENSTEN ROAD, SEWELL, NJ 08080, BLOCK 52.02 LOT 1.23, PROJECT #08-18-P-538.I, ESCROW #0106-I

R198-2025 RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REGULUS DRIVE RESURFACING PROJECT

R199-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

R200-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON EXTENDING THE TAX DUE DATE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2025 PROPERTY TAXES

R201-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR KENDRA DAVIS, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 82.94 LOT 46, 10 GALAXY CT., EFFECTIVE MAY 22, 2025

R202-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR CARMEN T. CAPORUSSO, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 19.19 LOT 21, 8 ALDRIDGE WAY, EFFECTIVE MAY 27, 2025

R203-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO R.D. ZEULI INC. FOR THE ARDMORE AVENUE PAVEMENT REPAIR, PROJECT#WATPX25003

R204-2025 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES AND DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE OFFERING OF NOT TO EXCEED $21,867,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS

R205-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LAND USE ATTORNEY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve Resolution R195-2025 through R205-2025. Mr. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS / REPORTS

▪ **Mr. Harris** – Welcome back Dana! Looking forward to working together. ◈ This year was his first experience participating in the 4th of July Parade. It was a great event! Thank you to Lisa Collins! This is her last year doing the parade.

▪ **Ms. Pasqualone** – She is excited to be back to work with Council and the residents.

▪ **Mr. Yerkes** – Welcome Dana! Great things are ahead! ◈ Thank you to the 4th of July participants, volunteers and those who came out to see it. The resident's enthusiasm made it a really enjoyable event for all. The 250th birthday of America is next year and we are looking forward to a bigger and better parade. Thank you Lisa, Parks & Rec and Public Works for your hard work. ◈ Nick Appice gives tours of the Olde Stone House Village. If you ever get a chance to attend one of the tours, it is very interesting; he learns something new about the town each time he goes. Thank you to all the members who volunteer, but they can always use more help. They have done a lot of work there!

▪ **Mr. Rooney** – Welcome Dana! He hopes to be a resource to her during her term.

▪ **Mayor DellaPia** – Welcome Dana! He is there to support anything she wishes to accomplish. ◈ Lisa Collins does a great job coordinating the parade from beginning to end and is retiring this year. Thank you Frank, Brian and Public Works for setting up and cleaning up. Thank you to our Police Department, Fire Department and EMTs for their support and making sure everyone was safe and secure. Next year will be bigger for the 250th anniversary! ◈ Congratulations to Detective Jason Simms on his retirement! ◈ Monster Golf opened where Royal Bargains was. The have laser tag, indoor miniature golf and much more. Check them out! ◈ On Fridays we have movies in the park and on Sundays there is music in the park. Check the calendar on the website and come out and enjoy! ◈ World War II Veteran Sal Massare turned 102! He will be honored at the Senior Center this week. Happy Birthday Sal! ◈ Cornhole for Cole is July 19th on East Holly and benefits Alex's Lemonade Foundation. Registration is at 10 AM, games begin at 11 AM. If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation. ◈ We have a contest to name the Township's podcast. There have been 45 entries submitted so far. A winner will be announced at the end of the month. **Mr. Del Borrello** added that the podcast is about our town; the people and businesses of our town. Not politics.

▪ **Mr. Brown** – Welcome back Dana! We are all here to work as a team! ◈ Thank you Lisa, Public Works, the Police Department, Fire Department and EMTs for everything they did for the parade and fireworks. Emergency responder presence is always welcome. ◈ He attended the open house at the Olde Stone House Village with Councilman Yerkes. There will be tours on September 13th, October 11th and November 8th. There is a Pampered Chef fundraiser through August 15th. They are always looking for volunteers. ◈ Congratulations to the Junior Police Academy participants! Thank you Chief for all you do. ◈ Vehicle burglaries are on the rise throughout South Jersey. Please lock your car doors and take your keys in the house. ◈ The Library's summer reading program is underway. They have a goal to reach 1000 participants. You can sign up at the Children's Desk. On July 30th there is a touch a truck event beginning at 6:30 PM. The Library is bringing back World War II Veteran Tim Kiniry to speak about his time in the war. The granddaughter of a Holocaust survivor will be speaking about her grandmother's experience through a diary she kept. We will relay the date and time for both once they are scheduled.

▪ **Mr. Del Borrello** – Welcome back Dana! We are looking forward to working together! ◈ Happy Birthday to Sal! He is 102 years young, is a veteran, was a fire chief, raised a wonderful family, is very sharp and attends the Senior Center luncheon every week. ◈ The 2nd Annual Tristate Veterans Memorial Fund 5K Walk/Run will be held on August 9th in Washington Lake Park. ◈ Congratulations to Dr. Kadar who was rated top dentist for 2025! ◈ Surrey Lake Community Yard Sale is the 19th and 20th. ◈ Shout out to Harlan's Lemonade Stand. Please let us know about your lemonade stand so we can stop by. ◈ Congratulations Maureen Pasternak on becoming the Rotary Co-President. ◈ Thank you Chief for the traffic light at Salina & Delsea. The lights are up and should be operational soon. Please use caution at that intersection. ◈ Thank you to everyone who assisted with the 4th of July Parade! Everyone does a great job and the kids enjoy themselves! ◈ Congratulations to Jason Sims on his retirement! ◈ The High School has a food pantry every month.

Teachers, administrators, coaches and students are giving back on their off time. If you are in need, we also have Mother's Cupboard here at the Municipal Building every Thursday. There are approximately 75 food banks throughout the County. ◈ Vehicle theft is on the rise! Please be sure to lock your car doors every night and take your keys/fob inside your house with you. If you suspect suspicious activity, please contact police. ◈ Please visit our website for information and updates about the new trash and recycling collection process effective June 30, 2025. ◈ Join us for movies and music in Washington Lake Park. Please check the calendar on the website for details. ◈ 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 your dog for 2025. ◈ Summer hours for the Municipal Complex began the Friday after Memorial Day and will continue until Labor Day. ◈ National Nigh Out is August 5th beginning at 6:00 PM in Washington Lake Park. This free event includes pony rides, petty zoo, bounce houses and slides, hot air balloon rides, touch a truck, BBQ, giveaways and much more! We encourage all residents to come be a part of this national event promoting neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships for a safer nation!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk

Peter Del Borrello, III
Council President