TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 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, and Mr. Del Borrello were present. Ms. Pasqualone was present via telephone. Mr. Yerkes was absent. Mayor DellaPia, Business Administrator Mr. Russo and Attorney Mr. Rooney were present.

PRESENTATIONS
- Director of Public Works Frank Altamuro gave an update on the new trash cart program.

We are 6 weeks into the new trash automation program. We are still working out some issues, as expected. Those issues mostly being missed pick-ups of trash, recycling, and yard debris. We communicate throughout the day with Suburban to get these issues resolved as soon as possible. Please note that with the automated "arm" collection only one side of the street is done at a time. We are also doing repairs as quickly as possible as we are notified.
Bulk trash is only collected on Fridays based on your regular trash day. The bulk collection schedule is as follows:
Monday trash day- 1st Friday of the month
Tuesday trash day - 2nd Friday of the month
Wednesday trash day - 3rd Friday of the month
Thursday trash day- 4th Friday of the month
Friday trash day - 3rd Friday of the month
We are actively accepting requests for additional carts. Many of you have already taken advantage of this option and the additional carts are being delivered as quickly as possible. Residents may fill out a 10-year lease agreement form to lease (1) additional cart for $100. We accept cash or check only and payment can be remitted to the Public Works office located here at 523 Egg Harbor Road. You may be aware that the Township has recently hired a code enforcement officer to educate and inform residents on our new collection procedures. The Township was fined $3,600 in June and $5,300 in July for plastic bags in recycling and yard waste cans. In the brief time he has been working) we have seen significant progress with compliance. Please check our website for the most up to date information or you may call our office at 856-589-0523.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST
Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the August 13, 2025 Bill List. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent.

ORDINANCES

O016-2025 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 179 ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND HOUSING STANDARDS"

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O016-2025. Mr. Harris motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent. Public Hearing and Adoption will take place on September 10, 2025.

O017-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 246 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "TOWING"

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O017-2025. Mr. Harris motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent. Public Hearing and Adoption will take place on September 10, 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.

R206-2025 STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM ENABLING RESOLUTION

R207-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2025 OPERATION HELPING HANDS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,800.00

R208-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR FY23 COPS HIRING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF $375,000.00

R209-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,000.00

R210-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR A ROAD OPENING PERMIT AT 101 REDWOOD STREET, ESCROW #5217 PERMIT #2022-08, PROJECT #08-18-S-089 / WATPX25003

R211-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LED STOP SIGN FOR USE BY THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THROUGH STATE CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL HIGHWAY PRODUCTS, INC.

R212-2025 RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ARCHER & GREINER AS LAND USE COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

R213-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

R214-2025 RESOLUTON CANCELLING TAXES FOR CHERYL H. BUTLER. A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, 57 BRYANT RD, BLOCK 195.02 LOT 114.57, EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2025

R215-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR DANIEL R. ELCESS. A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, 2207 TANGLEWOOD CT, BLOCK 85.15 LOT 12, EFFECTIVE MARCH 28, 2025

R216-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR JAMES A. MELCHIONNA, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, 108 FREEDOM RD, BLOCK 54.16, LOT 2, EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2025

R217-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR MARIANNE M. BLASCHKE, A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 198.12 LOT 4, 18 JOHN DR., EFFECTIVE MAY 27, 2025

R218-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR CHRISTOPHER C. DREXEL, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 84.08, LOT 8, 13 BELMONT BLVD., EFFECTIVE JUNE 19, 2025

R219-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING WINDOW REPLACEMENT FOR THE MORGAN HOUSE PROJECT PHASE I IN THE OLDE STONE HOUSE VILLAGE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R220-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

R221-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF AN AFFORDABILITY AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATES, LP

R222-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING TITLE 39 MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UPON REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 194.12 LOT 7 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUEST OF THE PROPERTY OWNER

R223-2025 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PORTION OF BLOCK 197 LOTS 1 AND 1.06 AS ROTARY WOODS

R224-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR JOANN BANKS, A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 53 LOT 4.02 C-0412, 412 PEPPERMILL CT. EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2025

R225-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR DAVID J. McDERMOTT, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 51.07 LOT 29, 1 BRANDON LN., EFFECTIVE JULY 16, 2025

R226-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY BY OPEN PUBLIC AUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 40A:12-13 AND N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.9

R227-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve Resolution R206-2025 through R227-2025. Mr. Harris motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS / REPORTS

- **Mr. Harris** – National Night out was a lot of fun for families. This event takes place every year. Everyone should try to come out next year!
- **Mayor DellaPia** – The Police Department has been busy with Christmas in July and National Night Out! They do a great job with over 6,000 people attending National Night Out. ◈ Three people who have served our town over the years have passed away recently. We send our condolences to the families of former Councilman John Rogale, founder of Duffield's Farm Market David Duffield and former Township Attorney Carmen Saginario.
- **Mr. Brown** – Thank you Chief, the Police Department, and Emergency Services who attended and participated in National Night Out. It was well attended. Our National Night Out is the best around and the police department should be commended for their efforts. ◈ The Library's summer reading program is still going on through August 31st. They have a goal to reach 1,000 participants. You can sign up at the Children's Desk. Kids Yoga is every Wednesday at 2:30 PM. Rainbow Wrap Up Party is August 30th at 11:00 AM. Colorful Craftnoon is on August 14th. Chocolate Dump Cakes is August 16th at 2:30 PM. Please follow their website for events.
- **Mr. Del Borrello** – He echoes the Mayor's condolences to the families of John Rogale (who was Councilman and Council President), Mr. Duffield and Carmen Saginario. ◈ There was not one hot dog left at National Night Out. The kids who dunked him in the tank had great arms! ◈ 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 the 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. ◈ Come out for Seafood Palooza in Washington Lake Park on August 30th beginning at 11:00 AM! Enjoy lobster rolls, crab cakes, shrimp, music and more! ◈ The Municipal Complex will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Offices will reopen on September 2nd.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- Kelly Gratto and Jim DeNatale, owners of Brute's Roots, attended because they are seeking a letter of support from Council to open a cannabis dispensary. They are a family business and are vertically integrated as they cultivate, manufacture and own a retail store in Egg Harbor Twp. They were granted two satellite locations and wish to open at the old Fat Jack's. Opening a dispensary in town will create 15-20 jobs and bring approximately $20,000 per month in fees to the town.

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. Harris motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk

Peter Del Borrello, III
Council President