TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Councilman Mr. Del Borrello called the meeting to order at 6:05 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.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a moment of silence to honor the attacks of 9/11.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Officer Pagliarini sang the National Anthem.

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, Mrs. Bachich and Attorney Mr. Rooney were present.

PRESENTATIONS
- Mayor DellaPia and Chief Gurcsik swore in the following promoted police officers:
  - Officer Matthew Laudenslager to the rank of Sergeant
  - Officer Joseph Rowson to the rank of Lieutenant
  - Officer Leo DiPietro to the rank of Captain
- Councilman Brown, Mayor DellaPia and Council presented members of the Library with a Proclamation for Library Card Sign Up Month. The Library is raffling off eight tickets to the Sunday, September 28th Phillies game. Four tickets will be given to a new adult library cardholder and four tickets will be given to a cardholder who obtains a library card between September 2nd and September 21st.
- Councilman Harris, Mayor DellaPia and Council presented Rich Nardiello a Proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This Proclamation names Gavin Todd as the Childhood Cancer Awareness Ambassador for 2025.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST
Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the September 10, 2025 Bill List. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, 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 August 13, 2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

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 open to the public Ordinance O016-2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, 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 O016-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O016-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

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

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O017-2025. Mr. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

- Paul Irrgang of Irrgang Towing, 744 Hurffville Cross Keys Road – Spoke about changes to the towing ordinance. The response time was changed from 20 minutes to 15 minutes. Traffic in town and additional traffic lights have increased and it may be difficult to arrive on scene in 15 minutes. It would be helpful to call a tow when emergency responders arrive on scene rather than waiting until after clean up. The application fee has been the same for 15 years and will double from $500 to $1,000. The license was for a 3-year period and will now be for a 2-year period. Hours of operation are now required to include Saturday and Sunday 8-6.
- Councilmembers agreed that this is all good information and determined it would be best to table the ordinance and include Chief Gurcsik in on discussions for possible revisions.

Mr. Brown motioned to table. Mr. Yerkes second the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

O018-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 254 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "TREES"

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O018-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion.

Public Hearing and Adoption will take place on September 24, 2025.

O019-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "CHARITIES

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O019-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion.

Public Hearing and Adoption will take place on September 24, 2025.

RESOLUTIONS

R231-2025 RESOLUTION FOR THE GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to table Resolution R231-2025.
Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

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.

R228-2025 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

R229-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R230-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TO SUBMIT A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR CYCLE JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

R232-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

R233-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF STALE DATED BANK RECONCILIATION ITEMS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TRUST ACCOUNT

R234-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $106,805.32

R235-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR FY2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PHASE III OF WHITE BIRCH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $129,634.00

R236-2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GUARANTEEES AND ENGINEERING INSPECTION ESCROW FROM SCAFISI, INC. FOR 110 GANTTOWN ROAD, TURNERSVILLE, NJ, BLOCK 150.77 LOTS 1.01, ESCROW #0160, PROJECT #08-18-Z-020

R237-2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GUARANTEES AND ENGINEERING INSPECTION ESCROW FROM PROGOOD SEWELL, LLC FOR SPROUTS LOCATED AT EGG HARBOR AND HURFFVILLE GRENLOCH ROAD, SEWELL, NJ, BLOCK 199 LOTS 12, ESCROW #0144, BOND #8254, PROJECT #08-18-Z-014

R238-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FROM SOUTH STATE, INC. FOR THE 2023 ROAD PROGRAM – PHASE II, PROJECT #08-18-T-440

R239-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FROM CAPELA CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE ALDEN ROAD OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT #08-18-T-445

R240-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

R241-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR JAROSLAW HAFYCZ, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 19.13 LOT 2, 216 HILLARY LANE, EFFECTIVE JULY 22, 2025

R242-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR THOMAS E. HILLGEN, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 83.01 LOT 13.04, 6 GROVE STREET, EFFECTIVE JULY 24, 2025

R243-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR ANTHONY J. DiNATALE, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 194.26 LOT 53, 10 PACKER COURT, EFFECTIVE JULY 26, 2025

R244-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR MATTHEW SMITH, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 82.82 LOT 20, 22 SOUTH MARS DRIVE, EFFECTIVE JULY 28, 2025

R245-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL (TWA) APPLICATION FOR TURNERSVILLE EQUITIES, LLC

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve Resolution R228-2025 through R230-2025 and R232-2025 through R245-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS / REPORTS

- **Mr. Harris** – Congratulations to the officers who were promoted! ◈ Thank you to Luke Stanch of Stanch Property Services and Joe Birney of Green With Envy for beautifying the entrance to the high school. ◈ Saturday was the Veterans Cup for Pee Wee Football. We got to meet a 99-year-old World War II and Korean War Veteran. He was awarded the Purple Heart after sustaining injuries in the war but declined as he did not feel his injuries were severe enough. ◈ God bless Charlie Kirk.
- **Ms. Pasqualone** – Mother's Cupboard and the Rotary will be feeding families this weekend. Come out and help out!
- **Mr. Yerkes** – Congratulations Nicole Brunetti for her appointment to the MUA Board. ◈ The Veterans Advisory Board is meeting to prepare for Veterans Day. We thank our Veterans each year and encourage everyone to come out for the ceremony on November 11th at 11:00 AM. ◈ We had an Open Space meeting. Thank you Leon and Vicky for their efforts to keep Washington Township beautiful. ◈ God rest Charlie Kirk. This will not dampen the American spirit.
- **Mayor DellaPia** – Thank you Joe Birney and Luke Stanch who did a great job at the high school. It is nice to see residents and business owners helping the community. ◈ Rich Nardiello does a lot for our community and children with cancer. We appreciate everything you do. ◈ Dream Home's grand opening was on Monday. They are a roofing and construction company. ◈ The 9/11 Memorial Walk is tomorrow at 6:30 PM at Washington Lake Park. ◈ Our first podcast was filmed today! The name of the podcast is: *Beyond the Welcome Sign* which was submitted by a resident named James. At all entrances there is a Welcome to Washington Twp. sign. Our goal is for people to understand what happens within our town. ◈ Rest in peace Charlie Kirk. There is no room for hate in this world.
- **Mr. Brown** – Congratulations to the officers who were promoted. Thank you for your time and dedication to our town. ◈ The Library is raffling off 8 Phillies tickets. This is open to new and existing cardholders. Stop in the Library to sign up. On September 24th at 6:30 PM the Library is hosting Functional Food for Life where you can enjoy samples of coffee. ◈ Stop by the Olde Stone House Village this weekend for their yard sale and learn about the history of Washington Township. Thank you to Public Works and the Historic Preservation Committee. ◈ The 9/11 Remembrance Walk is tomorrow. The Fire Department and Police Department do a lot of work for this event. ◈

Thoughts and prayers for Charlie Kirk's family and the Ukrainian woman who was senselessly murdered. May we rid hate from our country.

▪ **Mr. Del Borrello** – Thank you Chief, the officers and their families! ◈ The podcast was a success! Stay tuned! Let us know if you have something you wish to get out to the public. ◈ The 9/11 Remembrance Walk is tomorrow. Each year McGuiness Funeral Home puts out a display of American flags for every victim of 9/11. ◈ Political violence cannot be normalized. A moment of silence for Charlie Kirk. ◈ The Olde Stone House Village Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, September 27th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come out and enjoy games, hayrides, historic trade demonstrations, vendors, food and more! ◈ 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. ◈ The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4th. The deadline to register to vote is October 14th. Forms can be obtained online or in the Clerk's Office.

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.

▪ Leon Lakritz, 88 Hummingbird Way – Spoke about the tree ordinance that was introduced. The tree fund is used for removing hazardous trees on Township property and purchasing new trees. In 2020 the tree fund balance was $239,000 and is now down to $44,000. The Planning Board and Zoning Board must enforce the ordinance requiring builders to contribute to the tree fund.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Del Borrello stated Council will be going into Executive Session regarding litigation which will last about 30 minutes and action may be taken. Motion was made by Mr. Yerkes to approve **R246-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION** for Litigation. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes

Executive Session was entered into at 7:08 PM.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:40 PM. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes

ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 24, 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 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk

Peter Del Borrello, III
Council President