**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**
**GLOUCESTER COUNTY**
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
**DECEMBER 3, 2025**
**6:00 P.M.**

Councilman Vice President Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 6:08 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**
Councilman Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
Maddie Tucke sang the National Anthem.

**ROLL CALL**
Township Clerk Ms. Ciallella took roll call. Councilmembers Mr. Brown, Mr. Harris and Ms. Pasqualone were present. Mr. Del Borrello was present via telephone and **arrived at 6:20 PM.** Mr. Yerkes was absent. Mayor DellaPia, Business Administrator Mr. Russo and Attorney Mr. Rooney were present. Mr. Brown introduced Washington Township High School Student Representative Gianna Caveng.

**PRESENTATIONS**
▪ Director of Public Works Frank Altmuro gave an update on leaf and trash collection.
Mr. Altamuro commended Maddie on singing our National Anthem. ◈ Public Works is continuing loose leaf collection in full force through December. We will have 1-2 trucks collecting leaves through the winter until the end of April, weather permitting. ◈ Yard waste collection began December 1st through February 28th. You must schedule yard waste collection two business days prior to your collection day. Only items inside your green can will be collected. To schedule yard waste collection, call Suburban Disposal at 973-227-7020. When leaving a message, you must leave your trash day/zone. You may also use the link on our website and input your trash day. ◈ The Christmas holiday is approaching quickly. For those residents buying live trees, Public Works will be collecting those trees at the curb the day after your regular trash day for the month of January, weather permitting.
Mayor Della Pia asked if leaves can be placed in the green can.
Mr. Altamuro stated yes and to call for yard waste pick up.
▪ Mayor and Council recognized local author Linny Mack with a certificate. Linny Mack spoke about her Cape May series of books. *Changing Tides* and *Chasing Stars* are currently available. *Choosing You* will be released on March 17, 2026. She wrote a song for the third book which will be recorded by a Washington Township resident for the audio book.
▪ Mayor and Council recognized Washington Township EMT Lieutenant Michael Ellershaw for donating a kidney to Katie Brown. Katie Brown spoke her end stage renal disease diagnosis. She was in kidney failure, on dialysis and in need of transplant. Twenty-four people were tested and 2 were matches. Michael Ellershaw saw her story on social media, got tested and was a match!
Chief Cindy Grudzinski spoke about how proud she is of Michael!

**APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST**

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the December 3, 2025 Bill List. 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 12 2025. 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.

**ORDINANCES**

**O023-2025 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING A FIVE-YEAR TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND CASTIGILIONE PROPERTIES, LLC**

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O023-2025. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent.

No one wished to speak.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to close to the public Ordinance O023-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O023-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent.

**O024-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 229 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "TAXES"**

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O024-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent.

No one wished to speak.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to close to the public Ordinance O024-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O024-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes 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.**

**R292-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2026 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**R293-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING 2025 RENEWAL FOR MASSAGE PARLOR LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**R294-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $684.53**

**R295-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2025 U TEXT U DRIVE U PAY DISTRACTED DRIVING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $920.00**

**R296-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2025 AGGRESSIVE DRIVING CAMPAIGN IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,360.00**

**R297-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2025 DUI SATURATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,120.00**

**R298-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2025 OPERATION HELPING HANDS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $100.00**

**R299-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**R300-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**R301-2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING A CONTRACT ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON**

**R302-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48**

**R303-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT THROUGH THE ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO MRC FOR WASHINGTON LAKE PARK INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND**

**R304-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FROM RD ZEULI, INC. FOR ARDMORE AVENUE PAVEMENT REPAIR, PROJECT #WATPX25003**

**R305-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR A ROAD OPENING PERMIT AT 206 SYCAMORE AVENUE, ESCROW #5219 PERMIT #2023-47, PROJECT #08-18-S-108 / WATPX25003**

**R306-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A SAFETY AND STABILIZATION BOND FOR GANTTOWN EQUITIES, LLC, 389 GANTTOWN ROAD, SEWELL, NJ 08080, BLOCK 192 LOT 4, PROJECT #08-18-P-470 / #WATPX25104**

**R307-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48**

**R308-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMUSEMENT PARK AND GAMES LICENSE FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 FOR LEISERV, LLC D/B/A BOWLERO TURNERSVILLE LOCATED AT 100 AMERICAN BLVD, TURNERSVILLE, NJ**

**R309-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMUSEMENT PARK AND GAMES LICENSE FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 FOR PANDA, LLC D/B/A MONSTER MINI GOLF LOCATED AT 1 SHOPPERS LANE, TURNERSVILLE, NJ**

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve Resolution R292-2025 through R309-2025. 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.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS / REPORTS**

- **Mr. Harris** – Commended Maddie on the National Anthem. ◈ Congratulations to the Washington Township High School Football Team State Champs! Shoutout to PeeWee Football Coaches who volunteer to help form young athletes. There will be a celebration tomorrow night for the football team starting at 6:00 PM in Washington Lake Park. ◈ Congratulations Nicole Lannutti on the grand opening of the Craft Room's new location. ◈ Congratulations to Lisa Collins on her retirement after 25 years of serving the town!
- **Ms. Pasqualone** – Council attended the League of Municipalities which was a great networking event. ◈ Along with Councilman Brown, she participated in Gobble Up for Hunger delivering turkey dinners with the Interact Club. ◈ She attended the annual community Thanksgiving dinner for seniors, veterans and families in need. Thank you to the local business who generously sponsored to make the event possible. ◈ She attended the 9th annual Hot Cocoa for Kids in Need at the Wooster House. ◈ Best of luck to Nicole Lannutti on the opening of the new Craft Room! ◈ The Environmental Commission is continuing to partner with the Rotary Club. They have planted 40 trees so far.
- **Ms. Caveng** – She is a junior at Washington Township High School and is serving as the student liaison to the Board of Education. She is honored to hold this position on Washington Township's Council to bring forth the accomplishments of the students and help facilitate communication between the student and the town council.
- **Mayor DellaPia** – Noted that Councilwoman Pasqualone slept out at Citizens Bank Park to bring attention to youth homelessness. ◈ Great job Maddie on her rendition of our National Anthem! ◈ Welcome Gianna! We look forward to insight and ideas to strengthen the bond with students. ◈ Jordan has been having a hot cocoa stand benefiting Toys for Tots for 9 years! ◈ Congratulations Nicole Lannutti and the Craft Room! ◈ He attended Cars for Tots in Washington Lake Park! All of these events highlight how good our community is! It is great to be a part of it. ◈ Our local businesses donated meals at the Senior Center on Thanksgiving. This was wonderful event! We look forward to that continuing. ◈ The Police Department collected food at Shoprite. Their toy drive is Saturday, December 13th at Walmart. On Sunday the 14th the Police Department will be celebrating the first night of Hanukkah. ◈ He had the pleasure of attending the football team's state championship game at Met Life Stadium. They estimated that 4-5,000 residents drove 2 hours to watch the game on Black Friday. Great win! The Police Department, Fire Department and EMTs were waiting to give our team an escort into town. Please come out and celebrate the football team, cheerleaders, band, coaches, and teachers tomorrow night at 6:00 PM in Washington Lake Park!
- **Mr. Brown** – The Library will hold a luncheon on December 9th in lieu of their regular meeting. ◈ They have cardio drumming, chair yoga and many other events. Please check their website for information. ◈ He also attended Hot Cocoa for Kids, which collected over $30,000 and thousands of toys. ◈ Congratulations Nicole on her new store! ◈ Please be mindful of fire safety during the holiday. Be sure to water your live trees and disconnect the lights when you go to bed.
- **Mr. Del Borrello** – Congratulated Maddie! ◈ Linny Mack has a great following. Check out her book. ◈ Thank you to the Police Department and Fire Department for all they do during the holiday season. We are making sure everyone has a meal during the holidays. If you know someone in need, please reach out. ◈ The Light Up The Township Holiday House Decorating Contest is underway. The deadline to enter is today. The entry form can be found on the Township's website. Winners will be announced at the Council meeting on December 17th. ◈

The Township's Christmas Tree Lighting and Winter Village will be held on December 5th beginning at 5:30 PM in Washington Lake Park. There will be vendors, hot chocolate and Santa and Mrs. Claus. Come out and join the fun! ◈ The Police Department Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drive will take place on December 13th at Walmart. ◈ The Magic of Christmas will be held at the Olde Stone House Village on Saturday, December 13th from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. There will be music, food and photos with Santa, Polar Express reading and tree lighting. ◈ 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. ◈ The Margaret E. Heggan Library offers many events. Please check their website for information on Heggan Happenings! ◈ We encourage you to shop local this holiday season. Washington Township small businesses have a lot to offer! ◈ Hanukkah begins December 14th and ends December 22nd. Happy Hanukkah to those who are celebrating!

**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.
No one wished to speak.
Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Brown motioned. Ms. Pasqualone 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. Brown to approve **R310-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION** for Affordable Housing. Ms. Pasqualone seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent.
Executive Session was entered into at 6:43 PM.
Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:08 PM. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Mr. Yerkes was absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk

Peter Del Borrello, III
Council President