TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Councilman Vice President Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS
The Washington Township Police Honor Guard presented the colors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilman Brown 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, Business Administrator Mr. Russo and Attorney Mr. Rooney were present. Mr. Del Borrello welcomed Washington Township High School Student Representative Gianna Caveng.

PRESENTATIONS
- Chief Gurcsik and local PBA members presented Drew Jackson with a check for $750 for Mother's Cupboard. The Police Department raised over $3,500. They also donated $2,000 to a police officer's family fighting cancer and $800 to the Washington Township Senior Center .
- Mayor DellaPia and Chief Gurcsik swore in promoted Officer Matt Barnett to Sergeant.
- Mayor DellaPia and Chief Gurcsik swore in newly hired officers James Bennett, Dante Moore and Samuel Ray.
- Mayor, Council and Chief Gurcsik presented trophies to the winners of the Washington Township Light Up The Township Holiday House Decorating Contest Awards.

People's Choice	246 Forrest Drive
Most Original	1 Palmer Court
Clark Griswold	50 Plumstead Drive
Best Use of Theme	35 Silver Birch
Chief's/First Responders	29 Meadowview Drive
Mayor's Choice	228 East Holly Ave.
Non-Participant Award	4 Uranus Road

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST
Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the December 17, 2025 Bill List. Mr. Harris motioned. Ms. Brown 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 December 3, 2025 and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. 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.

R311-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FROM CHARLES MARANDINO, LLC FOR 2023 CDBG IMPROVEMENTS TO ARBORWOOD COURT, Project #WATPX25022 / #08-18-T-450

R312-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FROM CHARLES MARANDINO, LLC FOR FY 2022 NJDOT JOHNSON ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS, Project #WATPX25015 / #08-18-T-439

R313-2025 RESOLUTION TO CLOSE OUT THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON'S PETTY CASH FUND OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2025

R314-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

R315-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CADENCE CREATIVE STUDIOS, LLC FOR PODCAST PRODUCTION

R316-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R317-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

R318-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LIMOUSINE LICENSE TO CVC JR, LLC (CHARLES V. CHIANGO JR.) D/B/A EGIZI FUNERAL HOME

R319-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LIMOUSINE LICENSE TO PAUL J. SINGH

R320-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL ANY TAX REFUNDS OR DELIQUENCES OF LESS THAN (10.00) DOLLARS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1

R321-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FIELDSTONE AT GANTTOWN ROAD, LLC TO RESOLVE AN OUTSTANDING CHALLENGE TO THE TOWNSHIP'S ROUND FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN

R322-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER TO RESOLVE AN OUTSTANDING CHALLENGE TO THE TOWNSHIP'S ROUND FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN

R323-2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FROM THINK PAVERS HARDSCAPING, LLC FOR TWIN PONDS OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS, Project #08-18-T-430

R324-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A

R325-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 226-2025 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

R326-2025 RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve Resolution R311-2025 through R326-2025. 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.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS / REPORTS

- **Mr. Harris** – Congratulations to the new officers and Sergeant Barnett! ◈ The Township Tree Lighting was a great night and he recommends attending this event. ◈ The Minutemen Football Championship Parade was Thursday and it was great to see all the support. ◈ While out on the bus judging the holiday light contest they came across a fun holiday celebration on Cambridge Road. Congratulations to all the contest winners! ◈ Congratulations to the teachers who were recognized at the School Board meeting. His daughter's bus attendant and driver were also honored. ◈ Have a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!
- **Ms. Pasqualone** – Congratulations to the new officers and the Sergeant Barnett! ◈ They had a good time judging the holiday lights and stopping by Cambridge Road. The owner has been having a community party on Cambridge since 2020. ◈ The police toy drive collected a lot of toys. ◈ Happy Holidays to everyone!
- **Ms. Caveng** – I am happy to report that the Class Council participated in "24 in the Core" on Thursday, December 11th, where students in the club stayed overnight at the High School Core to collect toys for Township Toys. Donations were collected during homeroom by class council members. Students and teachers had contributions, as well as members of our community. The Student Council also hosted a Township Toys bake sale on December 11th and 12th. All of the profit went to local families in need this Holiday Season! T hank you Miss Deanna Ettore, Junior and Senior Class Council Advisor for making time to discuss this with me! ◈ Interact Club held the Pacesetters Dance on Tuesday December 16th, at the High School. This dance gave Special Needs students a chance to be involved with fun crafts, and activities, followed by lots of singing and dancing. It was free admission to the students, and food and snacks were provided. The Interact Executive Board Members also participated in "Adopting a Family in need," where they were given $200 each to shop for their adopted families for the Holidays. ◈ On Friday December 5th, Township Choir groups Chorale and Bel Canto had the incredible opportunity to spread some holiday cheer! They sang Christmas Carols at Washington Lake Park on the stage at the amphitheater, during our Towns annual Christmas Tree lighting. ◈ Washington Township High School's sports program is doing an amazing job so far this year! Gymnastics ended with a 7-2 record, with 19 student athletes. They had an incredible season! ◈ Our Girls Volleyball team completed the season with a final record of 18-10, and they advanced to the South Jersey Semi-Finals. The Boys and Girls Swim Team remains undefeated with a standing record of 2-0 for the boys, and 3-0 for the girls! All of our

winter sports programs are currently underway after concluding an amazing season of Fall Sports, with one pretty amazing Minuteman Mascot! Thank you Mr. Kevin Murphy, Washington Township High School's athletic director, for this information!

- **Mr. Yerkes** – Special thank you to all the Township volunteers for your hard work all year! ◈ Congratulations Minutemen Football Team! We are very proud! ◈ Cardboard rolls from wrapping paper is recyclable. ◈ Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday! Be safe driving. ◈ Thank you to Mayor, Council and Administration for doing great work!
- **Mr. Rooney** – Happy Holidays! Have a safe and productive new year!
- **Mayor DellaPia** – Congratulations to the new officers and Sergeant. It was nice to see the support from the Police Department tonight. ◈ Congratulations to the Light Up The Township Winners! ◈ Everyone rallied around the Minutemen Football Team at the championship celebration! ◈ This year he chose a family to help light the Christmas tree! Thank you to all those whose efforts make the tree lighting possible including the Fire Department, Police Department and Park Rangers. Lisa Collins served the Township for 25 years and Nick Fiorentino served for 31 years and both retired. The amount of work behind these events is astronomical and everyone does a great job! ◈ We had a recent snow event and Public Works did a great job! There are 720 roads to plow and they worked hard. ◈ Thank you to the residents for a first successful year as Mayor! ◈ Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- **Mr. Brown** – The Library has many events and educational activities. The staff is dedicated and helpful. ◈ Congratulations to the new officers and promoted officer. ◈ The Fire Department is in the process of escorting Santa throughout town. ◈ Please be sure to water your live tree so it doesn't become a fire hazard. ◈ Public Works did a fantastic job over the weekend. The snow event ended early in the morning and they worked hard. ◈ Thank you Lisa Collins and Nick Fiorentino for their dedication to the Township. ◈ Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- **Mr. Del Borrello** – Wished Mr. Russo a belated Happy Birthday! ◈ A moment of silence was offered for long time Township attorney Bob Mintz, Rob and Michelle Reiner, the victims of the Bondi Beach and Brown University shootings. ◈ Thank you Chief Gurcsik and congratulations to the new officers and promoted Officer Barnett. ◈ He will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the Deptford Mall. ◈ It has been an honor to serve with the Mayor and Council. The best is yet to come! ◈ Two episodes of the podcast are out. A variety of topics will be discussed. ◈ Happy Hanukkah to those celebrating! ◈ We encourage you to shop local this holiday season. Washington Township small businesses have a lot to offer! ◈ 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! ◈ The Municipal Complex will be closed from December 24th through December 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas! ◈ The Municipal Complex will close on December 31st at 1:00 PM and will be closed January 1st in observance of the New Year holiday.

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.

- **Mike D'Ostilio**, Director at Washington Township Public Schools – Thank you Chrissy for helping to get the food bank open today. Drew was also there to help and the remaining food was donated to Mother's Cupboard. It has been a pleasure working in the district and having the support of Mayor, Council and staff. ◈ Two of the Township's police officers are Bunker Hill Bull Dogs. It's nice to see students grow and serve the town.

Mayor DellaPia – He is grateful to be working together with the school district and he looks forward to strengthening the relationship.

▪ **Richard Arakelian**, 113 Pinnacle Place – he recently learned there is partial reimbursement for condominium communities that have to pay third parties for snow removal. He would like further clarification.

Mr. Rooney – noted that Mr. Arakelian is referring to the Municipal Services Act. They will look into it and get back to him.

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 will not be taken. Motion was made by Mr. Yerkes to approve **R327-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION** for Litigation with Martino Cartier. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes. Executive Session was entered into at 7:14 PM.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:27 PM. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting is the Township's Reorganization scheduled for January 2, 2026 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 8:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk

Peter Del Borrello, III
Council President