TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Township Clerk Christine Ciallella called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. in the council room of the Municipal Building located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. Ms. Ciallella delivered the Sunshine Notice and the safety awareness notices. She asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Ciallella, Township Clerk, took roll call. Councilman Brown, Councilman Del Borrello, Councilman Harris, and Councilman Yerkes were present. Councilwoman Pasqualone was present via telephone. Mayor DellaPia. Business Administrator Mr. Russo and Solicitor Mr. Rooney were present.

NOMINATIONS

- Ms. Ciallella took nominations for Council President. Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Del Borrello. There were no other nominations. Motion made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Pasqualone. The motion carried with five (5) yes votes. Mayor DellaPia swore in Peter Del Borrello III as Council President.
- Ms. Ciallella handed the gavel over to Council President Del Borrello.
- Mr. Del Borrello took nominations for Council Vice President. Mr. Yerkes nominated Mr. Brown. There were no other nominations. Motion made by Mr. Yerkes, second by Mr. Harris. The motion carried with five (5) yes votes. Mayor DellaPia swore in Donald Brown as Council Vice President.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST FOR JANUARY 2, 2026

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the January 2, 2026 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.

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.

R001-2026 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET

R002-2026 RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2026

R003-2026 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND POLICIES FOR THE YEAR 2026

R004-2026 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF IDLE FUNDS AND FUND TRANSFERS FOR THE YEAR 2026

R005-2026 RESOLUTION ALLOWING CHECK AUTHORIZATION PRIOR TO BILL LIST APPROVAL FOR THE YEAR 2026

R006-2026 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON IN THE AMOUNT OF $500.00 FOR THE YEAR 2026

R007-2026 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES AND OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR 2026 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R008-2026 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS

R009-2026 RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO PUBLIC PORTIONS OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS

R010-2026 RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S GUIDELINES

R011-2026 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

R012-2026 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JANINE SMILEY AS CERTIFYING OFFICER AND COLETTE BACHICH AS SUPERVISOR OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR PENSION FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2026

R013-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COLETTE BACHICH AS THE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2026

R014-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR THE YEAR 2026

R015-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COLETTE BACHICH AS QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR THE YEAR 2026

R016-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES WALKER AS COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

R017-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROONEY & DONOHOE, P.C., AS THE SOLICITOR AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R018-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING KING, MOENCH & COLLINS LLP AS THE LABOR ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R019-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TUREK CONSULTANTS, LLC AS THE PLANNER AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R020-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOWMAN & COMPANY, LLP AS AUDITOR AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R021-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TRIAD ASSOCIATES AS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R022-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING DASTI, MURPHY, MCGUCKIN, PC AS COUNSEL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R023-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE BARCLAY GROUP AS THE RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R024-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ARCHER & GREINER, P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R025-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING HOLSTON, MACDONALD, UZDAVINIS, ZIEGLER & MYLES, P.A. AS CONFLICT COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R026-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING PATRICK J. MADDEN, LLC AS SPECIAL CONFLICT COUNSEL FOR OPRA REQUESTS AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R027-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAW OFFICES OF REX J. ROLDAN, P.C. AS PUBLIC DEFENDER AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R028-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAW OFFICES OF KG LAW GROUP LLC AS THE PROSECUTOR AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R029-2026 RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN DESIGNATED ENGINEERS AS POOL ENGINEERS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS AND ENGINEERING MATTERS

R030-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SINE QUA NON RE ADVISORS, LLC AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

R031-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING INSURANCE SOLUTIONS INC. AS HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER OF RECORD AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF (1) YEAR

R032-2026 RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION R266-2025, CANCELLING THE REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR LAND USE COUNSEL AND REJECTING THE RECEIVED PROPOSALS

R033-2026 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT BOOK FOR THE YEAR 2026

R034-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

R035-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

R036-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE RENT LEVELING BOARD FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR THE YEAR 2026

R037-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R038-2026 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VEHICLE TOW AGENCIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R039-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SLEO II'S AND SLEO III'S FOR A ONE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

R040-2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve Resolution R001-2026 through R040-2026. Mr. Harris motioned. Mr. Brown seconded. 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 – Hopes everyone had a great holiday! Happy New Year!
- Ms. Pasqualone – Wished everyone a Happy New Year!
- Mr. Yerkes – Happy New Year! ◈
- Mr. Rooney – Wished everyone a safe and productive new year!
- Mayor DellaPia – Happy New Year! ◈ Congratulation to Pete and Don on the Council President and Vice President. He looks forward to working together in 2026.
- Mr. Brown – Happy New Year! ◈ The Library has a Holocaust speaker on January 27th at 7:00 PM. AARP is having a seminar on January 28th at noon. Registration is required for both events. Please refer to the Library's website for more information.
- Mr. Del Borrello –◈ Recognized former Councilman and former Assemblyman Steve Altamuro and former Councilman and former Assemblyman Chris Del Borrello present for the meeting. ◈ The 4th episode of the podcast is coming out. Please tune in! ◈

◈ The Municipal Complex will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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.

- **Steve Altamuro, 41 Jones Lane** – Wished everyone a happy new year and congratulated Dana on her re-election. He has free time and can help out with whatever is needed.
- **Joe Bono, 1716 Congress Drive** – Does not like the new trash rules. He does not want to purchase an additional trash can. He would like the sign to advertise small businesses. His wife is disappointed that the Sun newspaper is no longer available. In light of the recent helicopter crash, he has concerns about the hospital's helicopter flying over his neighborhood.

Mr. Del Borrello invited Mr. Bono to their Tuesday meeting so they can go over his concerns. The Sun is only offering news in digital format.

Mayor DellaPia requested Mr. Bono stay after the meeting to speak to him.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M. The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC
Township Clerk

Peter Del Borrello III
Council President