TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Council Vice President Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 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

Council Vice President Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION

Chief Gurcsik presented to the council the Washington Township Police HQ Facility Analysis along with the current conditions and future need of the Washington Township Police Department. The Washington Township Police Department's Police Administration Building was built in 1967. By the year 1970, the department employed thirteen (13) officers to patrol the township. While the township was a large area of responsibility, it was mostly open land. At that time, the population in Washington Township was estimated at 15,741 residents. During this time, the police department was operating in a new building, which was built to accommodate their needs and the demands on law enforcement at that time. The Washington Township Police Department currently employs 100 sworn officers. We also have civilian staff in our municipal court office, records office, payroll office, evidence office and call-takers office. Our Police Department is open 24/7 365 days per year and currently serves an estimated 49,234. Despite the exuberant growth of the township and the police department, we are still operating out of the same building. This creates a list of concerns that highlight the need for a new police administration building. Per the International Association of Chief's of Police, the useful life of a police facility can range from 20 to 50 years. Our building is currently 59 years old and although there have been upgrades throughout the years, the building is no longer fit for our needs. This can cause a negative effect on efficiency, safety, security, technology and overall deliver of police services. Chief Gurcsik illustrated the current deficiencies of their building and reinforced the need for a new building and explained the goal of the police department would be to have the current police department torn down, with a new building being built in the same location to remain in the center of town, to best serve our residents.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST

Council Vice President Brown asked for a motion to approve the March 25, 2026 Bill List. Mr. Harris motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown. Mr. Del Borrello, III was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Vice President Brown asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2026. Mr. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown, Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

ORDINANCES

O010-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT WITH THE BOROUGH OF PITMAN; REPEALING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE XII MUNICIPAL COURT

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O010-2026. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All was in favor. No one wished to speak.

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to close to the public Ordinance O010-2026. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All was in favor. Mr. Brown asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O010-2026. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown, Ms. Pasqualone and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

O011-2026 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Brown asked for motion to introduce O011-2026. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Harris seconded. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Del Borrello, Mr. Brown voted yes. Public Hearing and adoption will occur on April 8, 2026.

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.

R084-2026 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR ANNA MAE COLONGO A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 192, LOT 7-C1405, 5 BEN FRANKLIN BLDG, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 20, 2026

R085-2026 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR GREGORY GIORDANO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 115, LOT 3.05 C-0016, 10 CARDINAL CT. EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 17, 2025

R086-2026 RESOLUTION CANCELLING 50% TAXES FOR ANGELO F. VELLUCCI TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 195.09, LOT 6 12 NOTTINGHAM WAY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 28, 2026

R087-2026 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR SCOTT J. BROWN TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN BLOCK 116.06, LOT 11 103 GEORGETOWN RD. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 27, 2026

R088-2026 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT THROUGH THE CAMDEN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE TO SOUTH JERSEY TURF CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR TURF APPLICATION AND SERVICE FOR THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SOCCER COUNTY HOUSE COMPLEX/8 ACRES

R089-2026 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN NJ DCA LOCAL EFFICIENCY ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (LEAP) CHALLENGE GRANT FOR FY2026 TO FUND A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO INVESTIGATE THE SHARED COURT SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF PITMAN

R090-2026 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF PITMAN TO ESTABLISH THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT

R091-2026 RESOLUTION APPROVING A LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR JMK EVENTS CRAWFISH & JAZZ FESTIVAL IN WASHINGTON LAKE PARK ON APRIL 18, 2026

R092-2026 RESOLUTION APPROVING A LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR JMK EVENTS COUNTRY IN THE PARK FESTIVAL IN WASHINGTON LAKE PARK ON JULY 11, 2026

R093-2026 RESOLUTION APPROVING A LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR JMK EVENTS SEAFOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL IN WASHINGTON LAKE PARK ON AUGUST 29, 2026

R094-2026 RESOLUTION APPROVING A LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR JMK EVENTS HALLOWEEN FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL IN WASHINGTON LAKE PARK ON OCTOBER 24, 2026

R095-2026 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AFL-CIO DISTRICT COUNCIL 71, LOCAL 3303L (CLERICAL)

R096-2026 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PROPOSED WESTMINSTER BOULEVARD CDBG IMPROVEMENTS

R097-2026 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS RESOLUTION R084-2026 THROUGH R097-2026

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to approve Resolution R084-2026 through R097-2026. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Harris, Ms. Pasqualone, Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello all voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS / REPORTS

- **Mr. Harris** – commented that the SJ Business and Highlights was a great event.
- **Ms. Pasqualone-** commented that the SJ Business was a great event and that 200 businesses attended.
- **Mr. Yerkes** – Sunday is Palm Sunday and commented that Heritage Valley Easter Egg Hunt.
- **Mr. Del Borrello** – Happy Birthday to Gianna Caveng. Be Sure to follow the WT Police Department on Social media.
- **Mr. Rooney**-had nothing to report
- **Mr. Russo**-had nothing to report
- **Gianna Caveng HS Liaison**- gave an update on all upcoming high school events.
- **Mayor DellaPia** – There are great summer festivities have been scheduled this summer in Washington Lake Park., be sure to check out our website. Now that spring sports have started, please be sure to slow down and be mindful of our children playing.
- **Mr. Brown** – Please be sure to lock your car doors. 🚗 🚹 📷 every night and take your key/fob inside your house with you. If you suspect suspicious activity, please contact the police. Please visit our website, https://www.twp.washington.nj.us/ for information and updates regarding the trash. The Olde Stone House is holding their 18th Annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, April 25 from 10 am to 2 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion, all was in favor by the members present.

Richard Croft from Atco NJ has an application submitted for a Cannibis License within the township. He is asking if he could be placed on a future agenda to present to council if so, how and would he know if he was placed on the agend? Council Vice President Brown, commented that the council is not prepared to respond or take action at thi time. There was a debate between Mr. Russo and Mr. Croft on how he would be placed on the agenda.

Mike Audio-Sewell resident. What is being done about quads/dirt bikes with in the township? Comments that there are a nuisance and it is not enjoyable to sit in his back yard relaxing listening to all the noise.

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion, all was in favor by the members present.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Brown asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk

Donald C. Brown, Jr.
Council Vice President