

**Township of Washington  
Gloucester County  
Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

Council President Joe Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Room Located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. Mr. Perry delivered the Sunshine Notice and the Safety Awareness video and cell phone notices. The Flag salute followed.

Township Clerk Leo Selb took a roll call vote. Councilmembers Donato, Fazio, Longfellow, Pasqualone and Perry were present. Township Solicitor Mr. Platt, Business Administrator, Mr. Gonter and Mayor Gattinelli were present.

**MAYORAL PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Gattinelli presented the "" winner of the "Battle of the Badges" to Chief Gurcsik.

Chief Gurcsik promoted Patrolman Leonard Baldyga to Sergeant, who was sworn in by Mayor Gattinelli.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the May 9, 2018 bill list. Mr. Fazio motioned. Ms. Donato seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Mr. Fazio abstained from anything Fazio.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the April 25, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Fazio motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the April 25, 2018 Executive Meeting Minutes. Mr. Fazio motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Mr. Longfellow recused.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve the April 30, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes. Mr. Fazio motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. Ms. Donato abstained. Mr. Perry abstained

**RESOLUTION**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve Resolution 116-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

**ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance O06-2018 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53 TO ESTIMATE AND MANAGE PERFORMANCE AND MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open to the public on Ordinance O06-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All in favor. No one from the public wished to speak. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close the public meeting. Mr. Fazio motioned, Mr. Longfellow seconded. All voted yes. Motion to adopt Ordinance 006-2018. Mr. Longfellow made the motion, Mr. Perry seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

**Ordinance O09-2018 ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL ZONING DESIGNATION TO ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE PROPERTY KNOW AS BLOCK 86, LOT 1.02**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open to the public on Ordinance O09-2018. Ms. Donato motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. Vicki Binetti-Chair of the Environmental Commission- submitted a testimony regarding Ordinance O09-

2019, expressed her opinion that she is against this Ordinance due to the soft soil and the protection of our drinking water. This property is too close to Well #19 and the possibility of a disaster would be detrimental to the residents. And urges Council not to adopt this Ordinance. Mr. Platt stated that her testimony would like recorded as Exhibit E. **Chet Newoyski**-read an article from the Sun Magazine in Maryland. Royal farms has had leaks in the past that caused a toxic problem. **Anthony Panto**-14 Jacqueline Place- Agrees with Vicki Binetti's statement. Commented on how close this property is to a school where preschool children play and is very concerned for the children and business owner. **Steve Altamuro**-Commented that all that the Council is doing tonight is changing the zone. This issue is now in litigation. This project is a long away and Royal farms will need many variances. **Pat Gorman**-45 Cricket Lane- the MUA has nothing at the board at this time and will do everything to make our water safe. Currently the area is zoned as farmland and is more concerned with pesticides that can contaminate the soil rather than a gas station. **Mary Behm**- Comment that she is against this ordinance due to the risk of contamination. **John Blessi**- 29 year Resident in the Meadows-very concerned for the traffic and getting access onto Fries Mill Road. Mr. Longfellow commented that the zoning board would make a decision regarding access. **Frank Cianci**- MUA member-Well head #19 has never been used, no water has been pulled out of that well since it was built 25 years ago, and that there is not even a pump there. **Leo Lakritz**-Environmental Commission-commented that the two major sources of contamination are gas stations and dry cleaning. **Adam Woodward**-resident-is worried about this Ordinance, why do we have rules if they are going to be ignored. **Bill Wentz-Gloucester Township Resident**-commented to Council-Know what's important to the community when making decisions because it effects everyone, our environment and quality of life? **Brian Busch-9 Cobbler Court**- Can't live on "What If's", we have to look at the positives of what this could bring to our Community. We can't chase away every business that wants to come into our town. Mr. Perry made a motion to close public participation on Ordinance O09-2018. Ms. Donato seconded. Ms. Donato voted yes. Mr. Fazio voted yes. Mr. Perry voted yes. Mr. Longfellow voted no. Ms. Pasqualone voted no. Mr. Platt commented that public portion is closed on Ordinance O09-2018. **Resident Giancarlo D'Orazio** approached the podium wishing to speak but was told that public participation on Ordinance O09-2018 was closed. Mr. D'Orazio refused to leave the podium grabbed the microphone and continued to speak. Mr. Perry called for a 5 minute recess. When Council returned from the recess, Mr. D'Orazio grabbed continued to speak and refused to leave the podium. Mr. Perry asked the Chief to escort Mr. D'Orazio put from the meeting. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O09-2018, at the same time, Ms. Pasqualone asked for a motion to re-open public participation on Ordinance O09-2018, which was not seconded. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance O09-2018. Roll call vote was asked to be taken however there was confusion as to what was being voted on. Mr. Perry clarified that he had made a motion to adopt. Mr. Fazio said that he seconded the motion, at that point the roll call vote was taken on Ordinance O09-2018. Ms. Donato voted yes. Mr. Fazio voted yes. Mr. Perry voted yes. Mr. Longfellow voted no. Ms. Pasqualone voted no. There was no discussion. The Ordinance passes 3-2.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to amend the consent agenda to include R104-2018-2018 and R105-2018. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazio seconded. All voted yes.

**Mr. Perry stated that the following Resolutions are by consent agenda**

**R107-2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

**R108-2018 CONTRACT FOR PROFESIONAL SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN BREAKPOINT LAW, LLC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**R109-2018 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF STALE DATED BANK RECONCILIATION ITEMS - TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION ACCOUNT**

**R110-2018 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF STALE DATED BANK RECONCILIATION ITEMS - TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON - PAYROLL AGENCY ACCOUNT**

**R111-2018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

**R112-2018 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF, LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE (EMAA) 2017**

**R113-2018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**R114-2018 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN FLASTER/GREENBERG P.C AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**R115-2018 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPAL LIEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2800.00 ON REAL PROPERTY, LOCATED AT BLOCK 217, LOT 7 OF THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE DUE TO SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE BUILDING**

Ms. Donato motioned to approve consent agenda for Resolutions R107-2018 to R115-2018. Mr. Fazzio seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Councilmembers and Administration had nothing to report at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmembers discussed meeting dates for the summer only holding one meeting. The Council agreed to hold one meeting each month June 27, July 25 and August 22. Mr. Fazzio made a motion to cancel June, 13, July 11 and August 8 meetings. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All voted yes. Mr. Longfellow brought up having a no solicitation Ordinance. Administration to have discussions on this matter. Ms. Donato commented that there is a plaque out front of the Municipal Building to remember any employees from Washington Township that have passed away and wanted to know if this has been updated to add Frank Campbell. Mr. Platt commented on the Watson Turkey Factory there have been violation notices that were issued to the property owners due to property maintenance code violations and construction code violations and it is in need to be demolished and is a potential danger to the public. A demolition hearing took place recently with notice to the property owners and was issued an order to demolish the factory and has ten days to respond. Administration is asking the clerk to draft a resolution to be considered at the next meeting authorizing the Township Engineer to prepare bid specifications to demolish the building. If the Township has to go out to bid and hire someone for demolition, then the Township can apply a lien against the property.

### **REPORTS**

**Ms. Donato**-Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> MS walk was successful. Blood drive was successful and congratulated the Police Department and Fire Department; 11am on Memorial Day there will be a Celebration at All Veterans Park; May 12 from 10-4 at Washington Lake Park is Super Saturday; May 20<sup>th</sup> WT Parks and Recs Baseball Color Run; May 20<sup>th</sup> Hot Rods against heroin Car Show;

**Mr. Fazzio**-had nothing to report at this time.

**Mr. Longfellow**- had nothing to report at this time.

**Ms. Pasqualone**- Economic Development- interviews are completed for the Economic Development Consultant

and will be making a decision soon.

**Mr. Perry** –nothing to report at this time.

**Mayor Gattinelli**-wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open Public Participation. Ms. Pasqualone motioned. Mr. Perry seconded. All in favor.

**Maxine Cangelose-Whitman Square Resident**-very upset over being able to park boats on the side of the property. Mr. Platt stated that he will look into her concerns and speak to the zoning official.

**Joslin Sawyer**- works with Food and Water Watch New Jersey- and environmental organization that works to protect clean air and water for all and to protect our natural resources. Our organization is going around to Towns asking them to consider passing a Resolution for Clean Climates, she will provide Council with a sample resolution and more information for renewable energy.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close Public Participation. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor.

### **ADJOURN**

The next Council meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2018 at 7:00p.m. Mr. Longfellow motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fazzio seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leo Selb, Jr  
Township Clerk