

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting  
July 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held on this date at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 211 Route 31 North, Washington, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Deputy Mayor Mark Rossi.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE – Mr. Rossi noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975 in as much as a notice had been published in the Star-Gazette and transmitted to the Express-Times, posted at the Municipal Building and a copy is on file in the Clerk’s office. This agenda is subject to change by order of the Washington Township Committee before and/or during the scheduled meeting.

ROLL CALL

Fiore, present; Kovacs, present; Rossi, present  
Klingel, absent; Willan, absent

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Kilduff, Deputy Township Clerk; Attorney Michael Lavery; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator; Chief Cicerelle; Janice Congleton, CFO; Joseph Rossi, Construction Official; and Jeff Cooper, Superintendent of Public Works

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

AWARD OF BID

Attorney Lavery stated he has reviewed the bid received from Johnson Dodge and it is in compliance. J. Congleton verified funds are available. A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolution 16-114, Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) 2016 Dodge Ram 5500 4x4 Chassis or Equivalent Dump Trucks with Related Equipment.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Fiore, yes; Rossi, yes

PRESENTATION

Dave Pfiesser of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) spoke to the Committee regarding the benefits of joining this statewide organization. He hopes the Township will consider becoming a member as they can be a valuable resource to the Township’s Environmental Commission. Mr. Rossi tabled further discussion until the August meeting when a full Committee will be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 21, 2016.

ROLL CALL: Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the regular meeting held June 21, 2016.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Fiore, yes; Rossi, yes

ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to introduce Ordinance 16-07, Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Creating Chapter 95 of the Code of the Township of Washington Entitled “Unified Electronic Reporting System for Dealers in Precious Metals and Other Secondhand Goods” on first reading.

ROLL CALL: Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes

Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption will take place at the August 16, 2016 meeting.

RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolutions 16-104 through and including 16-113.

16-104 Liquor License Renewal – Mountain Valley Fine Wines & Liquors, LLC

16-105 Liquor License Renewal – 31 Pub, LLC (Draught House)

16-106 Liquor License Renewal – Oakwood Lanes

16-107 Liquor License Renewal – Hawk Pointe, LLC

16-108 Liquor License Renewal – Washington Township Liquor License Holding Co., Inc. (Ocino)

16-109 Liquor License Renewal – Veterans of Foreign Wars Pohatcong Memorial Post #6701

16-110 Liquor License Renewal – BR Krishna, LLC (Town & Country Liquors)

16-111 Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (R. Hummer–Police Dept)

16-112 Chapter 159 Budget Amendment – 2016 National Night Out Donations

16-113 Establishing a Petty Cash Fund for the Police Department

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Fiore, yes; Rossi, yes

#### STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Cicerelle previously submitted a report and updated the Committee on the minor storm damage the Township recently experienced.

J. Cooper previously submitted a report and updated the Committee on the brush collection after the recent storm.

J. Congleton provided the Committee with a budget update.

J. Rossi had nothing to report.

Mr. deBoer previously submitted a report and had nothing further to add.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Rossi opened the meeting to the public.

Frank Marascia, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, stated ANJEC has been very helpful to the Commission. He feels joining the organization would be a benefit to the Township.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Rossi closed the public portion of the meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. deBoer spoke about Governor Christie's Shutdown Order & Executive Order No. 210 and how it affects the Cemetery Hill Road project.

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to approve the request to Turn the Town Teal for the national awareness campaign for ovarian cancer.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Fiore, yes; Rossi, yes

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to approve the request from Smith Motor Co. to hold a Car Show on Saturday, August 13, 2016.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Fiore, yes; Rossi, yes

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the request from the Washington Township Fire Department to conduct its annual roadside fundraising activity on Friday, November 25, 2016. Mr. Fiore will suggest to the Fire Department that the reason for their fundraising be included in their advertising.

ROLL CALL: Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to approve the Service Order Requests for 222 Cemetery Hill Road, 95 Brass Castle Road, and 41 Lock Street.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Fiore, yes; Rossi, yes

Mr. Kovacs and Mr. Fiore discussed other properties in need of maintenance with Mr. deBoer.

Mr. deBoer explained information provided to the Committee regarding storm water regulations. He gave a brief description of the permits issued to municipalities and how they affect the Township. The Committee discussed with Mr. deBoer.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Mr. Kovacs reported that as of June, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is currently at 0.3%.

Mr. Fiore will be adding information to the newsletter and website regarding the maintenance of the Township's hiking trails for anyone who has Corporate Community Days at their workplace as well as information regarding the Warren County Soil Conservation to assist the local farmers. He updated the Committee on the various board meetings he attended. Mr. Fiore is in favor of joining ANJEC. Mr. Fiore discussed the various updates to the Parks & Recreation Building. Discussion regarding keypad entry at that building was tabled until the August meeting.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the payment of the bills.

ROLL CALL: Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolution 16-115, Resolution Authorizing Executive Session for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance With the Provisions of the NJ Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 at 8:25 pm.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Fiore, yes; Rossi, yes

Attorney Lavery stated the Committee will be discussing a pending litigation matter dealing with an OPRA request and a personnel matter dealing with a potential shared agreement.

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to come out of Executive Session at 9:10 pm.

ROLL CALL: Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes

Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed a litigation matter dealing with an OPRA request and a personnel matter dealing with a potential shared service agreement. No official action was taken. Copies of these minutes will be available at such time the Committee determines there is no harm to the public interest.

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to appoint Steven Gruenberg as the conflict counsel for the OPRA request at the regular municipal rate pending the availability of funds.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Fiore, yes; Rossi, yes

ADJORNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC  
Deputy Township Clerk