

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting  
July 18, 2017

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 Mayor Robert Klingel.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE – Mayor Klingel 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; Klingel; present; Kovacs; present; Rossi, present; Willan, present

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Kilduff, Deputy Township Clerk; Attorney Katrina Campbell; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator; Chief Cicerelle; members of the Police Department; Janice Congleton, Chief Financial Officer; Joseph Rossi, Construction Official; Andy Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works; and members of the Public Works Department

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Police Recruit Christopher Summers was administered the Oath of Office by the Deputy Clerk.

AWARD OF BID

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 17-101, Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of 2018 International Model 740SFA (or Equivalent) 4x2 Dump Truck with Related Equipment.

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Klingel read the proclamation proclaiming July 30 - August 5, 2017 as "Youth Suicide Prevention Week".

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolutions 17-113 and 17-114.

17-113 Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (Adam Kimble / DPW)

17-114 Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (Louis Risko / DPW)

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

Adam Kimble and Louis Risko were administered the Oath of Office by the Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Willan, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2017.

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

ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to open to the public Ordinance 17-09, Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Chapter 123-7 Titled "Zoning Map" to Change the Boundary for the VR Zone to Remove Block 28, Lots 5.01 Through 5.08 and Change the Boundary of the R40 Zone to Include the Aforementioned Lots on second reading. All were in favor. Seeing no one, a motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to close the public portion of Ordinance 17-09. All were in favor. A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to adopt Ordinance 17-09 on second reading.

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

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolutions 17-102 through and including 17-111.

17-102 Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (K. Hayes / Police Detective)

17-103 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Various Grant Receivables and Grant Appropriations

17-104 Liquor License Renewal – Mountain Valley Fine Wines & Liquors, LLC

17-105 Liquor License Renewal – 31 Pub, LLC (Draught House)

17-106 Liquor License Renewal – Oakwood Lanes

17-107 Liquor License Renewal – Hawk Pointe, LLC

17-108 Liquor License Renewal – Washington Township Liquor License Holding Co., Inc. (Ocino)

17-109 Liquor License Renewal – Veterans of Foreign Wars Pohatcong Memorial Post #6701

17-110 Liquor License Renewal – BR Krishna, LLC (Town & Country Liquors)

17-111 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$585,100 Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Washington, in the County of Warren, New Jersey

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

#### STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Cicerelle stated Recruit Christopher Summers begins the Police Academy next week and will be there for twenty-two weeks. Chief Cicerelle will be scheduling a meeting with businesses and religious organizations regarding security and awareness. National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at Meadow Breeze Park.

A. Hart previously submitted a report and updated the Committee on various projects.

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

J. Congleton previously submitted a report and had nothing further to add.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Mayor Klingel opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one, Mayor Klingel closed the public portion of the meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Klingel spoke about the previous request from Sheriff McDonald regarding the purchase of a Protect and Locate (PAL) Unit to donate to the Warren County Sheriff Department. After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to table the discussion until later in the year pending the availability of funds.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve the request from Eileen Parks to attend Municipal Finance Administration Classes on July 31, August 10, 17, 31, and September 7, 2017 in Waretown, NJ.

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

Mayor Klingel stated the discussion regarding the Hawk Pointe PILOT Program Ordinance will be discussed in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve the work orders for 176 Little Philadelphia Road and 41 Lock Street.

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

Mr. deBoer provided the Committee with a brief education regarding storm water and supplied them with an overview of the maintenance work required to ensure the Township's storm water facilities are functioning properly.

Mary Jo Harris of the Coalition for Healthy and Safe Communities of Warren County spoke to the Committee regarding placing an Overdose Awareness sign at the Municipal Building as part of their media campaign. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the installation of an overdose awareness sign in the lot next to the Municipal Building.

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

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Mr. Fiore stated the Recreation Committee would like a DPW representative at each of their meetings. Alan Theesfeld was sworn in at the last Environmental Commission meeting. Mr. Fiore updated everyone on the foreclosure listing and spoke of organizing a Senior Citizen Group in the Township.

Mr. Kovacs stated there has been no certification of a tax rate due to school funding changes.

Mayor Klingel appointed Alan Theesfeld of the Environmental Commission to the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway Committee.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolution 17-112, 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 8:12 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Campbell stated the Committee will be discussing a personnel matter, a contractual matter dealing with the Hawk Pointe PILOT Program, a contractual matter dealing with Animal Control, and a contractual matter dealing with affordable housing administrative agent.

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to come out of Executive Session at 9:45 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Campbell stated the Committee discussed a personnel matter, a contractual matter dealing with the Hawk Pointe PILOT Program, a contractual matter dealing with Animal Control, and a contractual matter dealing with affordable housing

administrative agent. 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 Fiore, seconded by Willan, to authorize Counsel to contact Frank Piazza regarding COAH as discussed in Executive Session.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to introduce Ordinance 17-10, Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Approving Application for Tax Exemption and Authorizing Execution of Financial Agreement in Connection Therewith for Block 65, Lots 1, 3.03, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and Portions of Lots 2 and 4; Block 65.01, Lots 1, 1C0001 (Condo Unit 4) and 1C0002 (Condo Unit 3); Block 65.02, Lot 1 in the Township of Washington, pending attorney review.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes; Fiore, yes; Willan, abstained; Klingel, yes

Second reading, public hearing and adoption will take place at the August 15, 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, July 31, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building to discuss the Hawk Pointe PILOT Program.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC  
Deputy Township Clerk