

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting  
March 21, 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; Willan, present  
Rossi, absent

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Kilduff, Deputy Township Clerk; Attorney Katrina Campbell; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator (7:50 pm); Chief Cicerelle; Janice Congleton, Chief Financial Officer; John Mooney, Township Auditor; Joseph Rossi, Construction Official; and Jeff Cooper, Superintendent of Public Works

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Klingel read a proclamation recognizing the Jr. Streaks Cheerleaders and Coaches for winning the 2017 National Championship and tying for first place in the Worlds Senior Recreational Competition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the Budget Meeting held February 4, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting held March 4, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the Budget Meeting held March 4, 2017.

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

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolutions 17-57 through and including 17-59.

17-57 Deferred Local District School Tax

17-58 Deferred Regional High School District School Tax

17-59 Self Examination of the 2017 Budget

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

ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to open to the public Ordinance 17-02, Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Adopting a Redevelopment Plan 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 on second reading. All were in favor. Seeing no one, a motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to close the public portion of Ordinance 17-02. All were in favor. A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to adopt Ordinance 17-02 on second reading.

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

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to instruct Attorney Lavery to begin working on the Developer's Agreement and the PILOT Agreement pending sufficient escrow amounts.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to open to the public Ordinance 17-04, Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Chapter 117 Titled "Vehicles and Traffic" Article V Titled Through Streets; Stop and Yield Intersections on second reading. All were in favor. Seeing no one, a motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to close the public portion of Ordinance 17-04. All were in favor. A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to adopt Ordinance 17-04 on second reading.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to open to the public Ordinance 17-05, An Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Deleting Chapter XXXII Entitled "Board of Recreation Commissioners" and Adding a New Chapter XXXII to be Entitled "Recreation Committee" and Providing for the Establishment, Operating and Regulation Thereof on second reading. All were in favor. Seeing no one, a motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Willan, to close the public portion of Ordinance 17-05. All were in favor. A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Willan, to adopt Ordinance 17-05 on second reading.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to introduce Ordinance 17-06, Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank on first reading.

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

Second reading, public hearing and adoption will take place at the April 18, 2017 meeting.

#### RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolutions 17-61 through and including 17-64.

17-61 Tow Line Drive and Meadow Breeze Park Right-Of-Way Access Agreement Between Washington Township and Pechiney Plastics Packaging, Inc

17-62 Redemption Resolution – Block 38, Lot 22 C0068

17-63 Redemption Resolution – Block 3, Lot 13.04

17-64 Resolution Authorizing and Approving Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (A. Haines – Cross Guard)

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

J. Mooney gave a brief overview of the budget process and noted the Township is significantly below both the tax and expenditure caps. The Township is looking at a 4.55 cent increase to the tax rate which is 7.5% over last year's rate. For a home assessed at \$250,000, the taxpayer will see a yearly increase of \$114.00 or \$9.48 per month.

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to approve Resolution 17-60, Introduction of the 2017 Budget.

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

J. Mooney stated the adoption of the budget will take place at the April 18, 2017 meeting at which time there will be a public hearing.

Mayor Klingel left the meeting at this time (7:50 pm) and turned the meeting over to Mr. Kovacs.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Kovacs opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one, Mr. Kovacs closed the public portion of the meeting.

#### STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Cicerelle previously submitted and had nothing further to add.

J. Cooper previously submitted a report and stated the recent storm clean-up went well.

J. Congleton stated she is in the process of looking into the foreclosure company information provided by J. Mooney after the last budget meeting. Mr. Kovacs thanked her for her work on the budget.

J. Rossi provided the Committee with an update on the work being done at the old Roaring Rock Restaurant.

Mr. deBoer stated he has been in contact with the Warren County Board of Health regarding the unpaid taxes on foreclosed properties as previously discussed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Willan, to approve Eileen Parks to attend Municipal Housing classes on various dates from March through May 2017 at Rutgers University.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Interlocal Service Agreement between the County and the Township for 911 Telecommunications Service.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve the request from Nancy Godfrey and Ann Kilduff to attend the Mid-State Registrars Association Spring Re-Certification Seminar on April 13, 2017 at the Bridgewater Municipal Building.

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

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Mr. Fiore read information from Dick Flint regarding the Annual Trail Days scheduled for June 10, 2017 and stated the Recreation Building is ready to be rented and information will be posted on the website. Mr. Fiore discussed abandoned properties and the next steps to be taken.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolution 17-65, 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 8:15 pm.

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

Attorney Campbell stated the Committee will be discussing an attorney/client privilege matter.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Campbell stated the Committee discussed an attorney/client privilege matter. 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 Willan, seconded by Fiore, to instruct Attorney Lavery to write a letter to the Title Company as discussed in Executive Session. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Willan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC  
Deputy Township Clerk