

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting
February 20, 2018

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 Michael Lavery; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator; Chief Cicerelle; Janice Congleton, Chief Financial Officer; Joseph Rossi, Construction Official; and Andy Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2018.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2018.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve the minutes of the budget meeting of February 3, 2018.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve the minutes of the budget meeting of February 10, 2018.

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

PRESENTATION

J. Rossi stated January was Radon Awareness Month. He presented the Committee with radon facts and how the Township has raised awareness. The Committee discussed with J. Rossi.

ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to open to the public Ordinance 18-01, An Ordinance Re-Authorizing the Open Space Trust Fund for the Township of Washington on second reading. All were in favor.

Frank Marascia, Environmental Commission Chairman, asked if this ordinance includes the existing open space debt. Mayor Klingel stated it is included.

Hearing no further comments, a motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to close the public portion of Ordinance 18-01. All were in favor. A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to adopt Ordinance 18-01 on second reading.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to introduce Ordinance 18-02, Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to Amend and Supplement Chapter 71, Section 71-3, “Fees for Use of the Township Park, Ball Fields, Tennis Courts and Other Facilities”, of the Code of the Township of Washington.

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

Second reading, public hearing and adoption will take place at the March 20, 2018 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolutions 18-37 through and including 18-54 with the correction noted on Resolution 18-52.

18-37 Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (Eric Laubach - DPW)

18-38 Resolution of the Township of Washington in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey Authorizing Participation in the 2020 Local Update of Census Addresses Operation

18-39 A Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Remaining Balance in the Developers Escrow Accounts for Asbury Farms

18-40 A Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Remaining Balance in the Developers Escrow Accounts for Quick Chek Corporation

- 18-41 A Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Remaining Balance in the Developers Escrow Account for Robert Garcia
 - 18-42 A Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Remaining Balance in the Developers Escrow Account for Washington One Stop
 - 18-43 A Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Remaining Balance in the Developers Escrow Account for Mark Kendra
 - 18-44 A Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Remaining Balance in the Developers Escrow Account for Robin L. Supplee
 - 18-45 A Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Remaining Balance in the Developers Escrow Account for Patricia Warne
 - 18-46 A Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Remaining Balance in the Developers Escrow Account for Anthony Vacchiano
 - 18-47 Redemption Resolution – Block 50, Lot 22
 - 18-48 Redemption Resolution – Block 38, Lot 22 C0128
 - 18-49 Redemption Resolution – Block 38, Lot 18.32
 - 18-50 2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
 - 18-51 Resolution to Rescind Petty Cash Fund for Public Assistance
 - 18-52 Resolution to Change Custodian of Police Department Petty Cash Fund
 - 18-53 Resolution to Rescind Petty Cash Fund for General Assistance
 - 18-54 Resolution to Change Custodian of Administration Clerk’s Office Petty Cash
- ROLL CALL: Rossi, yes; Willan, yes; Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Klingel, yes

Mr. Fiore asked for clarification on the wording Recreation Commission instead of Recreation Committee in Resolution 18-55. J. Congleton explained the petty cash fund to be rescinded was created prior to the Commission becoming a Committee. A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Kovacs, to approve Resolution 18-55, Resolution to Rescind Petty Cash Fund for Recreation Commission.

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

STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Cicerelle previously submitted a report and had nothing further to add.

A. Hart previously submitted a report and had nothing further to add.

J. Rossi updated the Committee on the progress on the medical building at Hawk Pointe.

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

J. Congleton had nothing to report.

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

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. deBoer stated he had received a resident’s request for an ordinance to address jake braking. Attorney Lavery explained the difficulty in enforcing such an ordinance. The Committee discussed with Attorney Lavery.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Mr. Fiore stated he and Mayor Klingel attended a workshop regarding the legalization of marijuana. Mayor Klingel encouraged other Committee members to attend the next workshop. Mr. Fiore updated the Committee on various board meetings he attended. The Committee discussed under-sized Township owned properties with Mr. deBoer and Attorney Lavery.

M. Kovacs stated he is hopeful to introduce the budget at the March meeting and adopt it at the April meeting.

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 Fiore, to approve Resolution 18-56, 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 8:05 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee will be discussing an attorney/client privilege

matter dealing with an ordinance change, a contractual matter dealing with the Friese property, two personnel matters dealing with the Police Department and one Township personnel matter.

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed an attorney/client privilege matter dealing with an ordinance change, a contractual matter dealing with the Friese property, two personnel matters dealing with the Police Department and one Township personnel 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 Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolution 18-57, Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (Brooks Schott – Substitute SRO).

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Willan, yes; Fiore, no; Rossi, no; Klingel, no
Motion died.

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 18-58, Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (John Casella - Detective).

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 8:50 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk