

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting
January 16, 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; and Joseph Rossi, Construction Official

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 December 19, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve the minutes of the reorganization meeting of January 2, 2018.

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

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolutions 18-31 through and including 18-35.

18-31 Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds

18-32 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014 - June 2019

18-33 Redemption Resolution – Block 50, Lot 22

18-34 Redemption Township Held Tax Sale Certificate Resolution – Block 40, Lot 87.03

18-35 Refund Resolution – Block 28, Lot 3.22

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

STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Cicerelle stated Sergeant Gerald Magyar, Sergeant Damon Bee, Corporal David Burdge, and Officer Dallas Overko were recently honored by the Washington Borough Council for saving the lives of two Borough residents. The officers responded to two cardiac arrest calls, one of which included a heroin overdose.

J. Rossi updated the Committee on on-going projects including the medical building at Hawk Pointe and the old Wayfarer restaurant.

Mr. deBoer 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

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Willan, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal between the Township of Washington and the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County.

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

Mayor Klingel asked Mr. Kovacs to attend the next Route 57 Scenic Byway Meeting to be held February 22nd in Washington Borough.

Mr. Fiore explained changes to the recreation fee schedule. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to approve the Recreation Fee Schedule as recommended.

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

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to schedule Budget Meetings for February 3, 10 and 24, 2018. All meetings will begin at 10:00 am.

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

Mr. Willan would like to attend the budget meetings with the CFO and department heads.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Mayor Klingel appointed Lloyd Tiger to the Recreation Committee. He encouraged the Township Committee members to attend a presentation on January 30th discussing the legalization of marijuana. The Deputy Clerk will forward the information to the Committee.

Mr. Fiore updated the Committee on various board meetings. Forty-two seniors attended the last Washington Township Seniors meeting where Lieutenant Kaufmann and retired State Police Officer J. McCormick gave presentations on both scam awareness and homeland security. The seniors also suggested a "Welcome to our Community" package for new residents.

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; Rossi, abstained; Klingel, yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolution 18-36, 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 a contractual matter dealing with the Friese Property and Meadow Breeze Park, an attorney/client privilege matter dealing with a recommendation from the Land Use Board, and a personnel matter.

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed a contractual matter dealing with the Friese Property and Meadow Breeze Park, an attorney/client privilege matter dealing with a recommendation from the Land Use Board, and a 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk