

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting  
June 19, 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, CFO; Eileen Parks, Land Use Board Secretary; Raina Fox, Technical Assistant; Lt. Kaufmann; and Andy Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2018.

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

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Fiore, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2018.

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

ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to open to the public Ordinance 18-06, An Ordinance to Amend Salary Ordinance 2017-14 Fixing the Salaries of the Officers and Employees of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey on second reading. All were in favor.

Seeing no one, a motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Kovacs, to close the public portion of Ordinance 18-06. All were in favor. A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to adopt Ordinance 18-06 on second reading

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

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolutions 18-99 through and including 18-125, excluding Resolutions 18-105, 18-109, 18-120, 18-121, and 18-123.

18-99 Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (D. Overko – K-9 Officer)

18-100 A Resolution of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Placing a Lien on Block 40 Lot 74 - 41 Lock Street

18-101 A Resolution of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Placing a Lien on Block 43 Lot 9 – 3 East Front Street

18-102 A Resolution of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Placing a Lien on Block 52 Lot 9 -43 Hillcrest Avenue

18-103 Resolution Authorizing Membership and Participation in National Joint Powers Alliance – A National Cooperative Purchasing System

18-104 Chapter 159 Budget Amendment – Clean Communities Grant 2018

- 18-106 A Resolution of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Placing a Lien on Block 48 Lot 50 – 183 Washburn Avenue
- 18-107 A Resolution of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Placing a Lien on Block 15 Lot 10.07 – 176 Little Philadelphia Road
- 18-108 Resolution Approving the 2018 Clean Communities Grants
- 18-110 Liquor License Renewal – Veterans of Foreign Wars Pohatcong Memorial Post #6701
- 18-111 Liquor License Renewal – Mountain Valley Fine Wines & Liquors, LLC
- 18-112 Liquor License Renewal – 31 Pub, LLC (Draught House)
- 18-113 Liquor License Renewal – BR Krishna, LLC (Town & Country Liquors)
- 18-114 Liquor License Renewal – Oakwood Lanes
- 18-115 Liquor License Renewal – Hawk Pointe, LLC
- 18-116 Liquor License Renewal – TCAT Liquor License Holder, LLC – Special Ruling Permit
- 18-117 Redemption Resolution – Block 65, Lot 3 C0317
- 18-118 Redemption Resolution – Block 41, Lot 1
- 18-119 Redemption Resolution – Block 55, Lot 6
- 18-122 Resolution Authorizing to Exceed the Bid Threshold and for the Purchase of Road Resurfacing
- 18-124 Resolution by the Township Committee in the Township of Washington, County of Warren and State of New Jersey Authorizing State Contract Purchase of One (1) 2018 or Newer Ford Police Interceptor Utility All Wheel Drive Vehicle
- 18-125 Resolution to Appoint William G. Mennen as Municipal Court Judge for the Township of Washington, County of Warren

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 18-109, Release of Performance Guarantee Preliminary & Final Site Plan for Johnson Family Holdings, LLC – Block 78 Lot 1 contingent upon the removal of the construction signs from the site.

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

After reviewing the quote, a motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolutions 18-105 and 18-121.  
18-105 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a New Brush Chipper Through the National Joint Powers Alliance – A National Cooperative Purchasing System in Accordance with NJSA 52:34-6.2(b) P.L.2011, c.139  
18-121 Resolution Authorizing State Contract Purchase of One (1) 2019 Ford F-250 SRW XL Supercab Pick-Up Truck.

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

Following a brief explanation given by Mr. deBoer, a motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 18-120, Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Canopy Unit.

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

Mayor Klingel stated that Resolution 18-123, Resolution of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, Authorizing an Interlocal Service Agreement Between the Washington Township School District and the Township of Washington for Two School Resource Officers, would be tabled until after Executive Session.

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolution 18-96, Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (A. Kilduff – Township Clerk).

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

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 18-97, Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (E. Parks – Acting CFO)

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

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Willan, to Resolution approve Resolution 18-98, Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (R. Fox – Deputy Township Clerk)

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

Mayor Klingel administered the Oath of Office to A. Kilduff, E. Parks, and R. Fox for their positions taking effect July 1, 2018.

#### STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Cicerelle previously submitted a report and added that Sgt. Magyar completed training of The Command and Leadership Academy. Chief Cicerelle also responded to comments regarding Officer Vernon having performed a C-section on a deer.

Mr. Hart previously submitted a report and discussed the next phase of Cemetery Hill Road, summer maintenance. and a future mason dump purchase.

Mr. deBoer previously submitted a report and provided the Committee with three resignation letters, information regarding grant applications, and discussed Fire Prevention fees.

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Willan, to accept the resignation (K-9) from Sgt. Damon Bee.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to accept the resignation from Katie Parr.

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

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to accept the resignation from Eileen Parks.

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

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to endorse the grant application as written in Mr. Margulies' memo.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to introduce Ordinance 18-07, An Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 72 Fire Prevention to Amend Fees.

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

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Mayor Klingel opened the meeting to the public.

Wayne Ferguson, Mill Brook Road, Franklin Township, spoke about the numerous accidents at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road, Route 57, and Mill Pond Road. He offered his assistance for obtaining a light as he was a Franklin Twp. Committeeman, instrumental in obtaining a light in his own township. The Committee noted Mr. Ferguson's contact information.

Janet Ritter, 70 Pleasant Valley Road, Washington Township, supported Mr. Ferguson's claims. She suggested a blinking light or a turning lane.

Frank Marascia, St. Andrews Drive, stated NJ American Water along with some members of the Environmental Commission performed their annual trail maintenance on the Dick Flint natural area.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Klingel closed the public portion of the meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 18-94, Resolution of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Authorizing In Rem Foreclosure Proceedings

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

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Willan, to extend the submission date for bids until July 13, 2018 pertaining to Resolution 18-93, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Land and Property No Longer Needed for Public Use by the Township of Washington Pursuant to NJSA 40A:12-13(B)

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 18-07, An Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Chapter 72 Fire Prevention To Amend Fees was previously discussed under Staff Administrative Reports.

Mayor Klingel explained the Land Use Board letter pertaining to the nuisance and noise ordinance to the Committee. The Committee will review and discuss at the July meeting.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Mr. Fiore updated the Committee on the various board meetings he attended. He thanked Frank Marascia and NJ American Water for their work on the trails. A letter from Green Acres regarding property near the Dick Flint Trail was also discussed. Mr. Fiore thanked John Ferri for his work as liaison to the Recreation Committee.

Chief Cicerelle spoke about an email from a resident complaining about noise from the Draught House. The Committee discussed the issue. It was decided to refer the matter to the Zoning officer.

#### 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, yes; Klingel, yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolution 18-126, 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 8:35 pm. All were in favor.

Attorney Lavery stated the Committee will be discussing several personnel matters dealing with the Technical Assistant position, Deputy Tax Assessor, the UCC Department, and the Police Department. Also, several contractual matters including a letter regarding the Borough Library, Retirement Compensation agreement, ACO Shared Service agreement, SRO contract with the school district, pending litigation matters dealing with the tax appeals decision, and the basketball courts will be discussed.

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to come out of Executive Session at 9:35 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed the Technical Assistant position, Deputy Tax Assessor, the UCC Department, and the Police Department. Also, several contractual matters including a letter regarding the Borough Library, Retirement Compensation agreement, ACO Shared Service agreement, SRO contract with the school district, (2) pending litigation matters dealing with the tax appeals decision, and the basketball courts were discussed. 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 approve Resolution 18-123, Resolution of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, Authorizing an Interlocal Service Agreement Between the Washington Township School District and the Township of Washington for Two School Resource Officers

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

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC  
Deputy Township Clerk