

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting

May 21, 2019

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 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; Kovacs, present; Rossi, present; Willan, present; Klingel, present

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Kilduff, Township Clerk; Attorney Michael Lavery; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator; Chief Thomas Cicerelle; Andrew Hart, Superintendent of Public Works; Kevin Smtih, Township Engineer; 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 April 16, 2019.

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

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Fiore, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2019.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 8, 2019.

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

The Committee issued (3) Certificates of Appreciation. One was awarded to Frank Marascia and NJ American Water Company and another to Jesse O’Neill and S.A.V.E. for their participation in trail maintenance and preservation. The third certificate was presented to Daryl Detrick for his community involvement.

ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Willan, to introduce to the public Ordinance 2019-06, An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Salary Ordinance #2018-12 Fixing the Salaries of the Officers and Employees of the Township of Washington, County of Warren and State of New– Introduction (2nd Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption at the June 18, 2019 meeting)

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

ORDINANCE #2019-06
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 SALARY ORDINANCE #2018-12 FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey, that the following salaries and rates of compensation shall be paid to the officers and employees of the Township of Washington for the calendar year 2019 and shall be effective on the first day of July 1, 2019.

Section 7
As-Needed Positions

Construction Inspector

\$35,000.00 – \$65,000.00

Effective: July 1, 2019

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolutions 19-98 through 19-103.

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

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #2019-98
REDEMPTION RESOLUTION
CHAPTER 50 BRUSH, WEEDS & GRASS LIENS
BLOCK 67, LOT 70

WHEREAS, lien #133 was placed on this property on July 17, 2018 for costs associated with grass cutting and removal of weeds in the amount of \$305.00. The lien was approved by the Township Committee and placed on the property by their order.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been paid \$324.25 which is the amount necessary to redeem the lien.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 21st day of May by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren the Township Committee acknowledges the redemption of this lien.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 67, Lot 70 from the tax office records.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #2109-99
REDEMPTION RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP HELD TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
BLOCK 5, LOT 34.01**

WHEREAS, tax sale certificate #2013-01 was sold to the Township at the tax sale held on November 20, 2013 for delinquent 2012 taxes.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been paid \$20,042.95 which is the amount necessary to redeem this certificate as of May 21, 2019. The redemption is being done by the purchaser of the property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 21st day of May by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren the Township Committee authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign the authorization for cancellation for township tax sale certificate #2013-001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 5, Lot 34.01 from the tax office records.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #2019-100
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF
REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Township Committee previously authorized the auction of properties owned by the Township and no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2019, the Township held a public auction; and

WHEREAS, the following bidders were the high bidders:

Bidder	Property	Bid
1. Richard Smith	41 Lock Street (Block 40, Lot 74)	\$46,000
2. Richard Smith	39 Lilac Lane (Block 40, Lot 86)	\$32,000

3. Daniel Parillo	2 & 6 Changewater Rd (Block 48, Lot 65.01& 65.02)	\$26,000
4. Brian Russell	39 Mill Pond Road (Block 67, Lot 62)	\$30,000
5. Jeffrey & Maryellen Hackett	1111 Butler Park Road (Block 84.01, Lot 2)	\$11,775
6. J2RJ Properties LLC	478 Route 31 (Block 79, Lot 7.04)	\$86,000
7. Angela Robertson	Jackson Valley Rad (Block 40, Lot 110)	\$19,000

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to accept the bids and authorize the transfer of property upon receipt of the aforementioned consideration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that all of the above referenced bids are accepted, and the Township Attorney is hereby directed to prepare any and all documents necessary to effectuate the closing and transfer of title, and the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to sign any documents necessary to effectuate the transfer.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #2019-101**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO HIRE CROSSING GUARDS AT THE SALARY SET FORTH IN THE SALARY
ORDINANCE AND SUBJECT TO CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, from time to time it becomes necessary to hire new crossing guards; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee holds its regularly scheduled meeting once a month; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of public safety it is important to fill open crossing guards' positions as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes it is in the best interest of the taxpayers to authorize the Chief of Police to make those hires provided they are within budget and in accordance with the Salary Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Chief of Police, Thomas J. Cicerelle, is hereby authorized to hire crossing guards pursuant to the adopted Salary Ordinance and provided that there are adequate funds already budgeted.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #2019-102
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON,
COUNTY OF WARREN TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (ID# 47-CPCPS), hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2019 the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren as follows:

TITLE

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Washington, County of Warren.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 11-11(5), the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #2019-103
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING STATE CONTRACT LEASE/PURCHASE
OF FOUR (4) 2019 OR NEWER DODGE CHARGERS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington, County of Warren wishes to lease/ purchase four (4) 2019 or newer Dodge Chargers; and

WHEREAS, the lease/purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, Carman Chrysler Jeep Dodge has been awarded Contract Number #47-CCPCPS for four (4) 2019 or newer Dodge Chargers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator endorses this purchase on the grounds that the need exists and recommends the utilization of this contract as it represents the best price available; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available inside the current Police Budget and the line items have been appropriated for this purpose in Account Number 10520223 and said appropriation has been approved by the Governing Body within the 2019 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, upon availability of funds, does hereby authorize the CFO to execute any and all documents necessary for the lease/purchase of four (4) 2019 or newer Dodge Chargers and related equipment from Carman Chrysler Jeep Dodge; 196 S. DuPont Highway; New Castle, DE 19720 who is hereby awarded a contract in an annual amount not to exceed \$54,000.

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 19-104.

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

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #2019-104**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENDORSEMENT OF A DEVELOPERS
AGREEMENT AND PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AMOUNTS FOR AREAS 6 & 7 OF THE HAWK
POINTE VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

WHEREAS, Asbury Farms Urban Renewal, LLC (developer) is granted Conditional Final Major Subdivision and Site Plan Approvals, as set forth in Township of Washington Land Use Board Resolution #2018-06, dated March 13, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, as a Condition of the approval, the developer is to supply a Developers Agreement, performance guarantee and escrow to the satisfaction of the Board Professionals and Township Attorney (Condition D), and;

WHEREAS, the Board Professionals and the Township Attorney have reviewed and recommend approval of the Developers Agreement and the amounts for the project guarantees and inspection escrows have been determined by the Township Engineer in accordance with the Township Code, and said amounts are included in the Developers Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Washington approved the Developers Agreement and the performance guarantees amounts, subject to the submission of the guarantees and the Township Attorney's review and approval of the form of the guarantees, and that the Mayor is authorized to endorse the Developers Agreement, where required, on behalf of the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forward to the developer.

STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Cicerelle had previously submitted a report. He mentioned that he would have a few personnel items for Executive Session. The Committee had no questions.

Mr. Hart also previously submitted a report and spoke about the playground mulching and roadside mowing. Mayor Klingel asked Mr. Hart to inform the rest of the Committee concerning a safety issue at the Convenience Center. They briefly discussed some possible solutions.

Mr. J. Rossi addressed the Committee. He stated that the local Christian school will be leaving their present location and is looking to rent space next to Tractor Supply.

A packet had been provided to the Committee by Mr. DeBoer at the start of the meeting. He had nothing further to add. There were no questions for him.

Mr. Kevin Smith spoke about a meeting that occurred with Pete DeBoer, Eileen Parks, and Keri Green and Cory Piasecki of the Highlands Council.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Mayor Klingel opened the meeting to the public.

Michael A. DeFeo, 120 Skyview Drive asked about the tax discount for disabled veterans. Mayor Klingel will work with the Tax Collector and report back to Mr. DeFeo.

Seeing no one else to address the Committee, Mayor Klingel closed the public portion of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fiore reported that the auction was a success. Plans are moving along for the next two sets of (10) properties. He has been in touch with Stefanie Miller of the State Agriculture Development Committee. Brochures pertaining to Farmland Preservation have been made and will be sent to the local farms.

A motion was by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to Ratify Settlement Agreement Regarding the Township's Affordable Housing Obligation.

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

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There was nothing to report regarding Economic Development.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Mr. Fiore reported that a presenter spoke to the Seniors' Group regarding service dogs. The Recreation Committee also met. Their basketball fundraiser is scheduled for August 3rd & 4th. Signs over the Pohatcong Creek as well as at Meadow Breeze Park have been designed by the Warren Hills High School CAD class. The Environmental Commission did not meet. An AED will be purchased for the Recreation Building.

Mr. Willan attended the Scenic Byway meeting. Attendance was light therefore, there were no significant developments. He also expressed his appreciation for Township employees' willingness to go above and beyond to help the residents.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$3,874,698.62.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 19-105, 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 8:10 pm.

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

Attorney Lavery stated that the Committee would be discussing a contractual matter dealing with a potential land acquisition; (2) attorney-client privilege matters dealing with Fire Prevention and NJ American Water; (3) personnel matters dealing with the Police Department, the Township Engineer, and the Interim CFO; and an attorney-client privilege matter dealing with potential development.

RESOLUTION # 2019-105

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, will be going in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the meeting is not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Washington will give a brief summary of meeting upon coming out of Executive Session.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to come out of Executive Session at 10:05 pm. **All were in favor.** Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed a contractual matter dealing with a potential land

acquisition; (2) attorney-client privilege matters dealing with Fire Prevention and NJ American Water; (3) personnel matters dealing with the Police Department, the Township Engineer, and the Interim CFO; and an attorney-client privilege matter dealing with potential development. 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 Rossi, to approve the reimbursement of Patrolman Hudspith for training costs in the amount of \$600.00.

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

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Willan, to draft a resolution to approve Eileen Parks as Interim CFO for an additional year, July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 upon receipt of background check.

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

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded Willan, to approve the advertising for a Construction Inspector.

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 Willan, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 pm.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC
Township Clerk