

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting  
January 21, 2014

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 p.m. by Mayor Robert Klingel.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE – The Mayor 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

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

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Kilduff, Deputy Township Clerk; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator/Certified Public Works Manager; Chief McDonald; and Jeff Cooper, Assistant Municipal Supervisor of Public Works

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Klingel asked for a moment of silence in memory of Daniel Wyckoff, the Township's representative to the Office of Aging for over 20 years.

Mayor Klingel stated Brenda Seals of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Center of Warren County wished to discuss their Media Literacy Program and request the Committee's support; however, Ms. Seals was unable to attend. Based on information provided by Ms. Seals, the Committee had no objections to supporting the Media Literacy Program.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Klingel read the Proclamation Supporting Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Center's Media Literacy Program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 17, 2013.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the Executive Session minutes from the regular meeting held December 17, 2013.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the minutes of the Reorganization meeting held on January 1, 2014.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Iacobucci, to approve the Executive Session minutes from the Reorganization meeting held January 1, 2014.

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

ORDINANCE

Mayor Klingel stated he would like to postpone the first reading of Ordinance 14-03, Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to Amend, Revise or Supplement Chapter 73 to Regulate Outdoor Flea Markets Within the Township. He discussed his concerns regarding fees, lighting, port-a-johns, etc. with the Committee. The Committee discussed. Chief McDonald would like to see restrictions on where flea markets can be held. Mr. Kovacs would like to see flea market requests receive approval from the necessary departments. The Committee was in favor of the postponement. Mr. deBoer will collect any comments from the Committee and forward them to Attorney Lavery's office.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolutions 14-32 through 14-39, excluding 14-37.

14-32 Resolution Appointing Members to the 2014 Safety Committee

14-33 Resolution of Concurrence with the NJ DOT – State Route 31 No Passing Zone

14-34 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Township of Washington and the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for solid waste disposal.

14-35 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington County of Warren, Authorizing an Interlocal Shared Services Agreement Between the Washington Township School District and the Township of Washington for a School Resource Officer (SRO)

- 14-36 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington County of Warren, Authorizing an Interlocal Shared Services Agreement Between the Washington Borough School District and the Township of Washington for a School Resource Officer (SRO)
- 14-38 Resolution Outlining the Strategic Planning and Economic Development Planning for the Township of Washington
- 14-39 Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (Curt Pantuso – Temporary DPW Personnel)

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

Chief McDonald spoke about three candidates for School Resource Officers (SRO's), providing the Committee with their past experience. A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to hire Jon Loprete, Richard Herzer and Glen Hydock as School Resource Officers.

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

A motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolution 14-37, Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (Loprete/Herzer/Hydock – SRO's), with an effective date of January 22, 2014.

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

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Mayor Klingel opened the meeting to the public. Hearing no one, Mayor Klingel closed the public portion of the meeting.

#### STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief McDonald previously submitted a report and had nothing further to report.

J. Cooper spoke about salt usage and stated he recently placed another order. The Township currently has plenty of salt in reserve and will update the Committee at the February meeting. The Township has used more salt to date as compared to this time last year.

Mr. deBoer previously submitted a report. He noted that administrative employee annual reviews have been completed. Warren County Arts would like to exhibit artwork and conduct meetings at the municipal building. He will send the information to Ms. Iacobucci as the liaison. The Highlands Council will be scheduling a meeting in February regarding the tasks and status of the Township's grant agreement. Mr. deBoer stated a water pipe burst at the Friese house and the flooring sustained minor damage.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve Curt Pantuso to attend Zoning Administration & Enforcement courses on Thursdays, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

A motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Rossi, to approve Ann Kilduff to attend Advanced Duties of the Municipal Clerk in Morris Plains on Saturdays, May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to approve Theresa Iacobucci to attend Orientation for Municipal Officials that are Newly Elected, Re-Elected or Experienced in Eatontown on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Committee discussed possible dates for Budget Meetings. A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Willan, to schedule Budget Meetings on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, both at 10:00 a.m. All were in favor.

Mayor Klingel discussed the need to have an alternate date to hold a Township Committee meeting should a meeting need to be cancelled. A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, that in the event a regularly scheduled meeting needs to be cancelled due to any unforeseen circumstances, that meeting will be held on the Thursday immediately following the cancelled meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

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

Mr. Kovacs asked that this information be posted on the website, advertised in the newspaper, and included in the yearly resolution which states the Township Committee meeting dates.

REPORT FROM OFFICIALS

Mayor Klingel stated the Economic Development Committee has met twice and are looking into ways to fill vacant buildings, acquiring information on vacant properties and discussing ways to bring business to the Township. The Economic Development Committee would like to speak with the Township professionals regarding adding sewer lines on Route 31. The Committee discussed the cost of the Township Engineer and Township Planner. A motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Willan, to approve the Economic Development Committee to invite the Township's professionals to their next meeting, for a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

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

There were no further reports from the Committee.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve Resolution 14-40, 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 8:20 p.m. All were in favor. Mayor Klingel explained the Committee will be discussing a litigation matter dealing with Pinnacle/Hawk Pointe Developers, the purchase of property, a security issue, and personnel matters.

A motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Kovacs, to come out of Executive Session at 9:12 p.m. All were in favor. Mayor Klingel stated the Committee discussed a litigation matter dealing with Pinnacle/Hawk Pointe Developers, the purchase of property, a security issue, and personnel matters. 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 Attorney Lavery to send a letter to Bruce Barbour of Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Anthony Pasquini regarding the Arboretum.

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

ADJORNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Kovacs, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff  
Deputy Township Clerk