

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting
June 17, 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

Anna C. Godfrey, Township Clerk; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator/Certified Public Works Manager; Chief McDonald; Deputy Chief Cicerelle; Lieutenant Teter; Kevin McCarthy, CFO; and Jeff Cooper, Assistant Municipal Supervisor 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 held May 20, 2014.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve the Executive Session minutes from the regular meeting held May 20, 2014.

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

ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Kovacs, to open to the public Ordinance 14-06, An Ordinance Amending, Revising and Supplementing Section 117-23 Entitled “No Parking” of the Code of the Township of Washington “Vehicles and Traffic”, public hearing on second reading. All were in favor. Mayor Klingel welcomed comments from the public. Hearing no one, a motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Iacobucci, to close the public hearing of Ordinance 14-06. All were in favor. A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to adopt Ordinance 14-06 on second reading.

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

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolutions 14-98 through and including 14-106, and Resolutions 14-109 and 14-110.

14-98 Liquor License Renewal – Elydo, Inc (ROKMEX)

14-99 Liquor License Renewal – VFW Post #6701

14-100 Liquor License Renewal – Roaring Rock Inn

14-101 Liquor License Renewal – Hawk Pointe, LLC

14-102 Liquor License Renewal – Washington Township Liquor License Holding Co., Inc (OCINO)

14-103 Liquor License Renewal – Oakwood Lanes

14-104 Liquor License Renewal – Daya Wine & Liquors, Inc.

14-105 Chapter 159 – Clean Communities Grant

14-106 Resolution Authorizing Master Public Works Shared Service Agreement for Sharing Public Works Equipment Between the Township of Washington and the County of Warren

14-109 Resolution Appointing and Authorizing a Health Officer (C. Pantuso)

14-110 Resolution Authorizing and Approving Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (T. Cryan/Temp DPW)

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

Mayor Klingel read Resolution 14-107. A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolution 14-107, Resolution Accepting Donation of Four Automated External Defibrillators (AED) from the Washington Township Youth Association.

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

Josh DeVoe, Vice-President of the Washington Township Youth Association, spoke about the defibrillators, which will be placed at Meadow Breeze Park. Lieutenant Rich Duffell of the Emergency Squad was also in attendance as one of the defibrillators was donated by the Squad. Mayor Klingel thanked them both for the donation.

Mr. deBoer updated the Committee on the Township Engineer’s progress of the DPW Storage Facility and would like to schedule a special meeting between the July and August regular meetings to award the bid. This will be discussed further at the July meeting. A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 14-108, Resolution Authorizing the Advertising of Bids for the Construction of a New DPW Storage Facility.

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

STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief McDonald previously submitted a report. He read a letter of commendation for Patrolmen James Vernon and Stephen Pappalardo for recently saving a life using CPR and a defibrillator. He commended them both for a job well done.

J. Cooper previously submitted a report. He will be speaking to the Washington Township School Board regarding a lot line adjustment for their land by the DPW Garage. J. Cooper stated his department will be repairing the south side of the wall on Mill Pond Road which is falling apart.

Mr. deBoer spoke on behalf of J. Rossi and provided the Committee with a draft of an amended ordinance regarding Certificates of Continued Occupancy and unsafe structures. He explained it was brought to his attention by the State that wording in the current ordinance doesn't read as it should. Mayor Klingel stated this ordinance was originally adopted in 2010 and explained why he is not in favor of this. He requested a rescinding ordinance be created for the July meeting. The Committee was in agreement. After a brief overview by Mr. deBoer, a motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to open the Code & Construction office from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Fridays during the summer months.

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

Mr. deBoer previously submitted a report. He explained the completion of the Port Colden monitoring wells is a two-year project. The cost will be approximately \$50,000 this year and \$20,000 to \$30,000 next year. An emergency appropriation can be done at the end of the year. The Wastewater Management Plan has been sent to the DEP. Mr. deBoer received four proposals for digital tax maps, zoning maps and 911 maps. He will review them and have a recommendation at the July meeting.

K. McCarthy stated he is working on a mid-year expense review and cash flow analysis and will report to the Committee at the July meeting. The annual audit is complete and asked the Committee to review it before the next meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Iacobucci, to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor.

Don and JoAnn Beisel, 13 Edgemere Terrace, updated the Committee on the on-going water problem in their backyard, providing the Committee with additional pictures. Mayor Klingel stated the Township Administrator has been in contact with the County Engineer and hopes to have the situation resolved soon.

Hearing no further comments, a motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Kovacs, to close the public portion of the meeting. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Willan, to approve the request from the National Awareness Campaign for Ovarian Cancer to "Turn the Town Teal" during the month of September.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Nancy Godfrey and Ann Kilduff to attend the Mid-State Registrar's Seminar on July 18th in Bridgewater, NJ for training on the new VIP System.

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

REPORT FROM OFFICIALS

There were no reports from the Committee.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Iacobucci, to approve Resolution 14-111, 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 8:00 p.m. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery explained the Committee will be discussing a personnel matter dealing with Township personnel, a contractual matter dealing with a potential Green Acres purchase, a personnel matter dealing with the Police Department, a litigation matter dealing with Washington Shopping Center vs. Washington Township and a litigation matter dealing with Washington Township vs. Pinnacle.

A motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Kovacs, to come out of Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated nothing had been discussed.

Jerilyn Maxwell, 170 Changewater Road, spoke to the Committee regarding flooding on her property which is continuing since last August. Mayor Klingel requested J. Maxwell provide the Clerk with her contact information. Mr. deBoer reviewed the recommendations discussed at the August 2013 meeting with J. Maxwell. After a brief discussion, Attorney Lavery explained J. Maxwell will need to contact the County as it is a county enforcement issue. Mr. deBoer will follow-up with the County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolution 14-112, 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 8:12 p.m. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery explained the Committee will be discussing a personnel matter dealing with Township personnel, a contractual matter dealing with a potential Green Acres purchase, a personnel matter dealing with the Police Department, a litigation matter dealing with Washington Shopping Center vs. Washington Township, and a litigation matter dealing with Washington Township vs. Pinnacle.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to come out of Executive Session at 9:14 p.m. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed a personnel matter dealing with Township personnel, a contractual matter dealing with a potential Green Acres purchase, a personnel matter dealing with the Police Department, a litigation matter dealing with Washington Shopping Center vs. Washington Township, and a litigation matter dealing with Washington Township vs. Pinnacle. 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 Willan, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 14-113, Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (Z. Grawehr).

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

A motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolutions 14-114 through and including 14-116 as discussed in Executive Session.

14-114 Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (S. Pappalardo)

14-115 Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (K. Hayes)

14-116 Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (J. Kaufmann/D. Bee/C. Jones)

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

ADJORNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Willan, seconded by Klingel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna C. Godfrey, RMC
Township Clerk