

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting
May 20, 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; Kevin McCarthy, CFO; Jeff Cooper, Assistant Municipal Supervisor of Public Works; and Joe Rossi, Construction Official

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRESENTATION

Stacia Scaduto of Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. spoke to the Committee regarding the Government Energy Aggregation Program and the Residential Energy Aggregation Program as an alternative provider for electric services. She provided information on the Company, the benefits of the programs, and the Township's process should the Committee choose to accept the program. The Committee, Mr. deBoer and K. McCarthy discussed at length with S. Scaduto.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Iacobucci, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 15, 2014.

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

A motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Willan, to approve the Executive Session minutes from the regular meeting held April 15, 2014.

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

ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to open to the public Ordinance 14-05, 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, public hearing on second reading. All were in favor. Mayor Klingel welcomed comments from the public. J. Rossi, Construction Official, requested the ordinance be placed on the website for safety reasons. The Clerk replied it will be placed on the website. Hearing no further comments, a motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to close the public hearing of Ordinance 14-05. All were in favor. A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to adopt Ordinance 14-05 on second reading.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to introduce 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", on first reading. Mr. Willan explained the issue with Hawk Pointe Boulevard and why it should not read "the entire length". The ordinance will be amended to read "between Route 31 to Clubhouse Drive". The Clerk stated the ordinance will be placed on the website to advise the residents of the changes.

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

Public hearing and adoption will take place at the June 17, 2014 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve Resolutions 14-82 through and including 14-95.

14-82 Resolution Approving 2014 Clean Communities Grants

14-83 Resolution Authorizing the Township of Washington to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Middlesex Regional Services Commission

14-84 Resolution Supporting the Acquisition of a 2014 Lenco Bearcat Armored Vehicle

14-85 Resolution Raising Awareness of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva

14-86 Resolution Supporting the State Effort to Preserve and Strengthen New Jersey's Military and Coast Guard Facilities

14-87 Senate Resolution Calling for Immediate Action to Locate and Safely Return the Young Women Abducted in Nigeria by the Terrorist Group Boko Haram

14-88 Resolution Authorizing and Approving Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (T. Lance-C&C)

- 14-89 Resolution Authorizing and Approving Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (T. Cicerelle-OEM)
 - 14-90 Resolution Authorizing and Approving Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (K. Dempski –Temp Admin)
 - 14-91 Resolution Authorizing and Approving Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (R. Burd – Temp DPW)
 - 14-92 Redemption Resolution, Block 15, Lot 10.11
 - 14-93 Redemption Resolution, Block 38.04, Lot 9
 - 14-94 Redemption Resolution, Block 9, Lot 4
 - 14-95 Resolution Authorizing and Approving Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (R. Fox-Sub. Tech Assist)
- ROLL CALL: Willan, yes; Kovacs, yes; Iacobucci, yes; Rossi, yes; Klingel, yes

STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief McDonald previously submitted a report. He commended the officers of his department, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and the other departments within Warren County who helped with the recent homicide investigation. An arrest was made within twelve hours due to their outstanding work.

J. Cooper previously submitted a report and had nothing further to report.

J. Rossi stated the Historical Committee is looking for funds to have the Auto Giro building painted.

K. McCarthy stated the audit has been completed and the Township should have the results shortly.

Mr. deBoer previously submitted a report. He wished to thank the staff for their assistance during the audit process. He has provided David Dech of the Warren County Planning Board with a list of Township properties that are in the Highlands Preservation Area. Mr. deBoer is receiving quotes to have the 911, zoning, and digital tax maps updated and asked if the Committee is committed to this project. K. McCarthy discussed the funding for the project with the Committee. Ms. Iacobucci would like to see a comparison with another vendor. A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to instruct the Township Administrator to move forward with the 911, zoning and digital tax map project.

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

Mr. deBoer will provide a resolution at the next meeting explaining the process and funding.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

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

Don Beisel, 13 Edgemere Terrace, stated he has lived in this house since 1983 and has been having an on-going water problem in his backyard. He provided the Committee with pictures and a video. The problem has become worse over the years and he would like a drainage pipe added by the County and/or the Township. The Committee, Mr. deBoer, and D. Beisel discussed. Mayor Klingel will speak with the Township Administrator and DPW Supervisor regarding the next steps and be in touch with D. Beisel.

Hearing no further comments, 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 Willan, seconded by Iacobucci, to approve Eileen Parks to attend the Planning and Zoning Conference on June 13, 2014 in Somerset, NJ. Mr. Willan questioned the rate difference between E. Parks and C. Pantuso attending the same conference. Mr. deBoer explained one is a member price, the other is not.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Iacobucci, to approve Curt Pantuso to attend the Planning and Zoning Conference on June 13, 2014 in Somerset, NJ.

ROLL CALL: Willan, yes; Iacobucci, yes; Kovacs, 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 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 Iacobucci, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 14-96, 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 8:45 p.m. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery explained the Committee will be discussing a Police

personnel/potential litigation matter, a pending litigation matter dealing with Pinnacle/Hawk Pointe, a litigation matter dealing with Washington Shopping Center, and a contractual matter dealing with a potential property purchase.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to come out of Executive Session at 9:49 p.m. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed a Police personnel/potential litigation matter, a pending litigation matter dealing with Pinnacle/Hawk Pointe, a litigation matter dealing with Washington Shopping Center, and a contractual matter dealing with a potential property purchase. 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 Iacobucci, seconded by Kovacs, to instruct Attorney Lavery to write a letter to Pinnacle as discussed in Executive Session.

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

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Iacobucci, to instruct the Township Administrator to apply for a grant for Green Acres funding as discussed in Executive Session.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to schedule a Special Meeting for Friday June 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolution 14-97, Resolution Supporting an Alternative Acquisition of a 2014 Lenco Bearcat Armored Vehicle, as discussed in Executive Session, advising the Freeholders of the Township's position with regard to the vehicle.

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

Mr. deBoer explained the Township's Improvements to Roads Bond. He has received many calls regarding the pavement of Edgemere Terrace; however, the water issue first needs to be addressed. The Committee discussed. Mr. deBoer will speak to the Township's Auditor. Mr. Willan would like to see a statement of the balance of the bond and a prioritized list of projects.

ADJORNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Kovacs, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna C. Godfrey, RMC
Township Clerk