

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting
August 18, 2015

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

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

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Kilduff, Deputy Township Clerk; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator; Attorney Michael Lavery; and Chief McDonald

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 21, 2015.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the regular meeting held July 21, 2015.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held July 28, 2015.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the special meeting held July 28, 2015 with the correction noted by Mr. Willan.

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

PRESENTATION

John Trontis, Assistant Director of the State's Division of Parks and Forestry, provided the Committee with a proposal and explained why he is seeking approval to include Roaring Rock Park and the Dick Flint Natural Area in the Warren Highlands Trail. Matthew Davis and Michael Helbing work with J. Trontis and also spoke about the trails. M. Helbing offered to help blaze new trails and explained the process. Dick Flint was in the audience and stated maintenance of the trails is always an issue and help is needed. He looks forward to working with these men and feels they will benefit the Township. Mr. Kovacs gave the history of the park area. J. Trontis stated they are looking for a resolution of support to develop new trails and co-align the Warren Highlands trail with Roaring Rock Park.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs to approve the extension of the trails as described by John Trontis, Matthew Davis, and Michael Helbing.

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

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolutions 15-95 through and including 15-104.

- 15-95 A Resolution of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Municipal Shared Service Defense Agreement
- 15-96 Release Performance Guarantee, Soil Moving Permit - Smith Motor Company, Inc – Block 66, Lot 20.11
- 15-97 Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Township Vehicles and Excess Equipment on the Internet through the eBay Website
- 15-98 Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (E. Parks)
- 15-99 Liquor License Renewal – Oakwood Lanes
- 15-100 Resolution Accepting the Developers Agreement - Smith Motor Company, Inc and the Township of Washington – Block 66, Lot 20.11
- 15-101 Resolution Accepting the Developers Agreement – Johnson Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram and the Township of Washington – Block 78, Lot 1
- 15-102 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Cemetery Hill Road Improvements Section I Project
- 15-103 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Rymon Road Improvements Section IV Project

15-104 Acceptance of Performance Guarantee - Preliminary & Final Site Plan for Johnson Family Holdings, LLC – Block 78, Lot 1

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

Attorney Lavery explained Resolution 15-94. A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve Resolution 15-94, Resolution Authorizing the Township of Washington Attorney and Other Township Professionals to Prepare and File a Declaratory Judgment Action for Third Round Mt. Laurel Compliance and Immunity and Authorizing Other Township Professionals and Officials to Take Such Actions as May be Appropriate to Implement an Update to the Township of Washington Housing Plan Element of the Master Plan and Fair Share Plan for Third Round Mt. Laurel Compliance, to Undertake a Survey of all Vacant and Undeveloped Land in the Township of Washington by Block and Lot, to Conduct an Analysis of the Township's Housing Stock, and to Conduct Such Other Studies as May be Determined Necessary.

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

STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief McDonald previously submitted a report and explained there are interactive maps prepared by Deputy Chief Cicerelle on the Township's website.

Mr. deBoer previously submitted a report. Mayor Klingel asked the status of MSI system. Mr. deBoer stated the server is ready and the CFO is scheduling a date for training.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

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

Richard Duffell, 29 Hillcrest Avenue, is Lieutenant of the Emergency Squad and asked if any of the vehicles scheduled for auction could be donated to or purchased by the Emergency Squad. Mr. deBoer suggested he meet with the Township's mechanic prior to the auction date.

Ralph Fiore, 162 Mine Hill Road, stated there is a serious leak in the roof of the pavilion and noted there are no recycling receptacles near the pavilion. Mr. deBoer will look into this. R. Fiore was pleased to see the amount of warrant arrests made by the Township's Police Department as listed in the Express-Times.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. deBoer stated there is nothing new to report on the amendment of Chapter 117, Sub-Section 117-30 "Stop Intersections" at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the Service Order Request for 41 Lock Street.

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

Mayor Klingel stated he will be attending the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Township resident Matthew Sella on Saturday, August 22, 2015. Mr. deBoer will prepare a proclamation.

Mr. Willan requested the discussion of the Washington Township Fire Department's Roadside Fundraiser be tabled until after Executive Session.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the application for a survey of gypsy moth egg masses.

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

Mayor Klingel noted Warren Hills Community Day has been rescheduled from Saturday, September 19, 2015 to Saturday, October 3, 2015.

A listing of County equipment scheduled to go to auction was received by the Committee.

REPORT FROM OFFICIALS

Mr. Kovacs stated in a comparison of last year's tax rate vs. this year's rate, there has been a decrease to the average home of \$105.00.

There were no further 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; Klingel, yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve Resolution 15-105, 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 8:05 pm.

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

Attorney Lavery stated the Committee will be discussing a contractual matter dealing with the PBA contract, a personnel matter dealing with the Police Department, a contractual matter dealing with the Shared Service Agreement with Washington Borough regarding the police contract, an attorney/client privilege matter dealing with the Fire District, an attorney/client privilege matter dealing with the Deed of Easement to be presented by Asbury Farms, an attorney/client privilege pending litigation matter dealing with DP Warren and COAH, and a contractual matter dealing with the Friese property. Mayor Klingel stated he expects the Committee will be in Executive Session for approximately 90 minutes.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to come out of Executive Session at 9:53 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed a contractual matter dealing with the PBA contract, a personnel matter dealing with the Police Department, a contractual matter dealing with the Shared Service Agreement with Washington Borough regarding the police contract, an attorney/client privilege matter dealing with the Fire District, an attorney/client privilege matter dealing with the Deed of Easement to be presented by Asbury Farms, an attorney/client privilege pending litigation matter dealing with DP Warren and COAH, and a contractual matter dealing with the Friese property. 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 the Friese property refurbishing as discussed in Executive Session.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to authorize the Township Administrator to request the Fire Department provide an explanation as to what the funds collected during their annual fundraiser are used for prior to the Township Committee voting on their 2015 fundraiser.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Klingel, to approve the PBA contract as presented in Executive Session.

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

ADJORNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk