

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting  
January 20, 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

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; Attorney Michael Lavery; Chief McDonald; Deputy Chief Cicerelle; Kevin McCarthy, CFO; Jeff Cooper, Assistant Municipal Supervisor of Public Works; and Joe Rossi, Construction Official

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the minutes of the budget meeting held December 11, 2014.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 16, 2014.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the regular meeting held December 16, 2014 with the corrections noted.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to approve the minutes from the Reorganization Meeting held January 1, 2015.

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

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolutions 15-31 through 15-36. Mr. deBoer explained Resolution 15-35 was done per a request the Township received from the Department of Transportation.

15-31 Redemption Resolution – Block 40, Lot 67.03

15-32 Redemption Resolution – Block 38, Lot 22 C0114

15-33 Redemption Resolution – Block 17, Lot 15.01

15-34 Redemption Resolution – Block 48, Lot 36

15-35 Resolution to Create a "No Passing Zone" on Route 57 in the Township of Washington, County of Warren

15-36 Governors' Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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

STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief McDonald previously submitted a report and provided year end statistical information to the Committee.

J. Cooper previously submitted a report and noted the Public Works storage building is complete.

K. McCarthy discussed budget meeting dates with the Committee. A motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Rossi, to schedule a preliminary budget meeting on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 10:00 am.

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

K. McCarthy will provide the Committee with information 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Mr. Kovacs requested a listing of all line items to be discussed should be given to the Clerk by the Thursday prior to the meeting.

J. Rossi stated he met with the new owner of the Port Colden Manor. Plans include repairs to the porch, roof, and new rugs in the apartments.

Mr. deBoer submitted a report and updated the Committee on the water main break at the Port Colden School which prompted an early dismissal. The amendment to the Wastewater Management Plan has been forwarded to the Division of Environmental Protection for their review. Mr. deBoer stated the Township received a FEMA grant for Super Storm Sandy reimbursement and thanked J. Cooper and Deputy Chief Cicerelle for their assistance. Mr. deBoer stated the

Historical Preservation Commission would like the Township to budget money in order to contribute to the installation a plaque at the Lime Kiln which is being done in conjunction with the Musconetcong River Management Council. Mr. Kovacs would like the autogiro building repainted this year. Mr. deBoer updated the Committee on the Edgemere Terrace property. The Committee discussed and will continue the discussion in Executive Session.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Mayor Klingel opened the meeting to the public.

Jeff Duckworth, 28 Coleman Hill Road, questioned the work the Committee is discussing on Edgemere Terrace and Butlers Park Road. He doesn't feel the Township should be doing the work as it is County property. Mayor Klingel stated this matter will be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. deBoer stated title searches were done on both properties and the Township does not have a drainage easement on either property.

A resident requested the Committee provide the public with an estimated time they will be in Executive Session for those who would like to wait.

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

Mr. deBoer stated the Township will be well represented at the upcoming Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting.

Mayor Klingel stated he received a resignation letter from Cheryl Burket as a member of the Environmental Commission. He formally accepted her resignation and will appoint someone to the Commission at the next meeting. A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Iacobucci, to accept the resignation of Cheryl Burket as a member of the Environmental Commission.

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

Mrs. Iacobucci noted C. Burket was a major contributor to the Environmental Commission.

A motion was made by Iacobucci, seconded by Rossi, to approve Eileen Parks to attend a class entitled "Income Approach to Valuation" in New Brunswick, NJ on February 17, 24; March 3, 10, 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 2015.

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

Mrs. Iacobucci volunteered to be the Township's representative at the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway (Rt. 57) Meeting on February 24, 2015.

#### REPORT FROM OFFICIALS

Mayor Klingel congratulated Mr. Rossi on his engagement.

There were no further reports from the Committee.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes; Iacobucci, no; Willan, yes; Klingel, yes

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolution 15-37, 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 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee will be discussing a contractual matter dealing with the Police Shared Service Agreement with Washington Borough, a contractual matter dealing with a request from the Township's Information Technologies Company to rent space at the municipal building for their server, a personnel and a contractual matter dealing with the Police Department, and an attorney/client privilege matter dealing with the drainage issue on Edgemere Terrace.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to come out of Executive Session at 9:00 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed a contractual matter dealing with the Police Shared Service Agreement with Washington Borough, a contractual matter dealing with a request from the Township's Information Technologies Company to rent space at the municipal building for their server, a personnel and a contractual matter dealing with the Police Department, and an attorney/client privilege matter dealing with the drainage issue on Edgemere Terrace. 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 Rossi, to approve an additional K-9 dog for the Police Department at no cost to the Township.

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

Mr. Klingel stated he will be speaking to County representatives before the Township moves forward with the Edgemere Terrace issue.

ADJORNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Willan, seconded by Iacobucci, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna C. Godfrey, RMC  
Township Clerk