

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting
May 19, 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; Rossi, present; Willan, present
Iacobucci, absent

STAFF PRESENT

Anna C. Godfrey, Township Clerk; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator; Attorney Michael Lavery; Chief McDonald; Jeff Cooper, Superintendent of Public Works; Kevin McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer; and Joseph Rossi, Construction Official

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. deBoer and Mayor Klingel read a proclamation designating June 4, 2015 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to open to the public Ordinance 15-05, An Ordinance Amending, Revising and Supplementing Chapter 1 of the Code of the Township of Washington, Entitled "General Provisions", Specifically Article 1, Entitled "Administration", Specifically Subsection Three.Two (3.2) Entitled "Definitions" and Article II, Entitled "Fair Housing Fees. All were in favor. Seeing no one, a motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to close the public portion of Ordinance 15-05. All were in favor. A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to approve Ordinance 15-05 on second reading.

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

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolutions 15-67 through and including 15-71.

15-67 Resolution to Appoint and Authorize Health Officer for Brush, Grass and Weeds (C. Pantuso)

15-68 Resolution to Appoint and Authorize Health Officer for Unfit Buildings (J. Rossi)

15-69 Resolution Approving 2015 Clean Communities Grants

15-70 Washington Township Teen Drivers Resolution

15-71 Resolution Accepting the Developers Agreement Between Joe Justo Realty, LLC and the Township of Washington – Block 74, Lot 5

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

STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief McDonald previously submitted a report and wished to commend one his officers who will be receiving a State Narcotics Officers Association Award for his participation in several cases that will become high-profile cases.

J. Cooper previously submitted a report and added he purchased a machine to change and balance tires so that work can now be done in-house. Two minor items failed the PEOSHA inspection and have since been corrected.

Mr. deBoer previously submitted a report and had nothing further to add.

K. McCarthy credited Mrs. Iacobucci for initiating an energy savings program. The Township can expect to see a savings of approximately \$30-33,000 per year. K. McCarthy stated the new MSI server has been installed and training will be scheduled for personnel in mid-June.

J. Rossi stated he and members of the Historical Preservation Commission visited the Autogiro building and found it is in need of repair. Mr. deBoer stated he met with someone who is interested in the historical building and who will be looking for grant money to repair it.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

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

Frank Marascia, 27 St. Andrews Drive, asked for an explanation of Resolution 15-70. Chief McDonald and the Clerk explained the resolution is to bring awareness to teenage drivers.

Daryl Detrick, 112 Little Philadelphia Road, advised the Committee of various community service events. Warren Hills High School students will be repairing homes of elderly, disabled or low-income residents through Hope in the Hills of Warren. The Chess Club will be holding a bike drive to help increase education and employment opportunities in developing countries. D. Detrick stated Dick Flint will be honored on June 6th at Roaring Rock Park for being involved with both passive and active areas of the Township for over twenty years. D. Flint was instrumental in developing Meadow Breeze Park as well as the Township's many walking trails.

Dan Brundage, 1 Pinewood Lane, spoke to the Committee about the storm water drainage easement in the Southwinds Development and provided the Committee with a summary of his concerns. Mr. deBoer stated he and J. Cooper had visited the site recently and explained the situation. Attorney Lavery stated the easement may not belong to the Township and will review his files and update the Committee.

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 Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to approve a request from Nancy Godfrey to attend the Mini One Day Conference on Friday, June 12, 2015 in West Windsor, NJ.

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

REPORT FROM OFFICIALS

Mayor Klingel commended Daryl Detrick's high school robotics team who attended an international conference and placed in the low one hundreds out of thousands of competitors.

Mr. Rossi stated he attended the budget meeting for the township schools and was pleased they were able to keep costs down considering the reduced funding from the State.

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; Willan, yes; Klingel, yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 15-72, 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. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee will be discussing a personnel matter dealing with the police contract with Washington Borough, a personnel matter dealing with the Zoning Officer position, and a contractual matter dealing with a shared service agreement with Franklin Township and Washington Borough. The Committee expects to be in Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes.

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed a personnel matter dealing with the police contract with Washington Borough, a personnel matter dealing with the Zoning Officer position, and a contractual matter dealing with a shared service agreement with Franklin Township and Washington Borough. 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 authorize Counsel to send a letter to Franklin Township and Washington Borough regarding the Shared Service Agreement as discussed in Executive Session.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 15-73, Resolution Authorizing and Approving Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees (C. Pantuso).

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to sign any other documents relating to Resolution 15-71, Resolution Accepting the Developers Agreement Between Joe Justo Realty, LLC and the Township of Washington – Block 74, Lot 5 which was approved earlier at this meeting.

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

ADJORNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Willan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna C. Godfrey, RMC
Township Clerk