

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting
November 16, 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; Chief McDonald; Deputy Chief Cicerelle; Lieutenant Teter; and Jeff Cooper, Superintendent of Public Works

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 October 20, 2015.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the regular meeting held October 20, 2015.

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

ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to introduce Ordinance 15-06, An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Entitled "Code of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, 1997" is Hereby Amended by the Adoption of a New Chapter, Chapter 57, Adopting Certain Regulations of Drone Technology and Unmanned Aircraft for the Township of Washington on first reading.

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

Second reading, public hearing and adoption will take place at the December 15, 2015 meeting.

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to introduce Ordinance 15-07, 2016 Salary Ordinance for the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey on first reading. Mr. Willan stated this ordinance provides salary ranges for 2016. Mr. Kovacs explained the Committee eliminates the need for retroactive pay to the employees by introducing the ordinance prior to 2016.

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

Second reading, public hearing and adoption will take place at the December 15, 2015 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve Resolutions 15-130 through 15-136.

15-130 Resolution Authorizing Emergency Appropriation for the DPW Construction of a Storm Water Infiltration Mitigation Project at the Township's DPW Yard Utilizing Developer's Contributions

15-131 Resolution Authorizing Emergency Purchases and Contracts for the Construction of a Storm Water Infiltration and Mitigation Project at the Township's DPW Yard

15-132 Resolution Granting Approval of the Purchase of a Development Easement by the County of Warren on the Carl & Jennie Crouse Farm Block 14, Lot 2 & Block 16, Lot 4 in the Township of Washington Consisting of Approximately 115.41 (3%+) Acres

15-133 Resolution Accepting a Performance Guarantee for the Construction of a Driveway Located at Block 3, Lot 14 (134 Hartmans Corner Rd.)

15-134 Transfer Resolution

15-135 Chapter 159 - Highlands Grant Storm Water Management

15-136 Chapter 159 - Highlands Grant - Affordable Housing

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

STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief McDonald previously submitted a report. As he will be retiring at the end of the year, he gave a brief history of his career and highlighted accomplishments of his department, including being the first police department in Warren County to be trained in active killer response and to standardize the emergency lockdown and shelter-in-place procedures in the schools. Chief McDonald stated he is proud of his department and commended Deputy Chief Cicerelle and his staff.

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

J. Cooper previously submitted a report and had nothing further to add. He wished Chief McDonald well.

K. McCarthy had nothing to report.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

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

Martin Ridder, 70 Pleasant Valley Road, provided the Committee with a letter he wrote regarding the many accidents at the corner of his house on Pleasant Valley Road and State Route 57. He and his neighbors would like the Committee to initiate a study as to how the intersection can be made safer and less accident prone. That corner is currently a school bus stop and he feels this is dangerous. The Committee discussed. A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to instruct the Township Administrator to contact the Department of Transportation regarding the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and State Route 57. All were in favor. Mr. Kovacs suggested adding "No Left Turn" signs at the intersection.

Committeewoman-elect Nancy Anderson asked if the Township is a sanctuary town. Mayor Klingel replied it is not. N. Anderson asked how illegal aliens are handed at traffic stops as this is becoming an increasing problem in the country. Deputy Chief Cicerelle stated the officers contact the immigration office.

Hearing no further comments, a motion was made by Willan, 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

Vicky Robinson, Summer Recreation Director, requested an additional \$1,000 to employ two additional counselors for their three-week program in July. The Township currently contributes \$3,000 to their program. The Committee discussed with V. Robinson. Mr. Kovacs asked the CFO to keep this in mind during the budget process.

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan to schedule the Employee Holiday Luncheon for Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at noon.

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

Mr. Kovacs updated the Committee on the Shared Service Meeting with Washington Borough and explained the possible need for a special meeting. A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to schedule a special meeting to discuss the Police Shared Service Agreement with Washington Borough on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

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

REPORT FROM OFFICIALS

There were no further reports from the Committee.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolution 15-137, 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 contractual matter dealing with an update on the Police Shared Service Agreement with Washington Borough, a contractual matter dealing with the Teamsters/DPW contract, an attorney/client privilege/pending litigation matter dealing with DP Warren, an attorney/client privilege matter dealing with an update on the Asbury Farms deed restriction, an attorney/client privilege/pending litigation matter dealing with the Asbury Farms Golf Course tax assessment issue, two personnel issues and a contractual matter dealing with the Police Contract. Mayor Klingel stated he expects the Committee will be in Executive Session for approximately ninety minutes.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to come out of Executive Session at 10:07 pm. All were in favor. Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed a contractual matter dealing with an update on the Police Shared Service Agreement with Washington Borough, a contractual matter dealing with the Teamsters/DPW contract, an attorney/client privilege/pending litigation matter dealing with DP Warren, an attorney/client privilege matter dealing with an update on the Asbury Farms deed restriction, an attorney/client privilege/pending litigation matter dealing with the Asbury Farms Golf Course tax assessment issue, two personnel issues and a contractual matter dealing with the

Police Contract. 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 Asbury Farms deed restriction with the changes as discussed in Executive Session. Due to only three Committee members being present, Attorney Lavery gave the opinion of doctrine of necessity to allow Mr. Willan to vote on Asbury Farms at this meeting.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to authorize Attorney Lavery to respond to a letter from Mr. Cotton regarding the Asbury Farms Tax Appeal as discussed in Executive Session.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve the DP Warren Agreement subject to certification of funds.

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

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Kovacs, to approve Tom Cicerelle as Police Chief per his contract effective January 1, 2016 at 12:01 am.

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

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to draft a salary resolution with the changes as discussed in Executive Session.

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

ADJORNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk