

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Reorganization Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

Township Clerk Jill McCrea called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. in the Council Room located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. The flag salute followed. Ms. McCrea delivered the Sunshine notice and the safety awareness notices.

Township Clerk Jill McCrea took a roll call vote. Councilmembers Newman, Fazzio Longfellow, Donato, and Martin were present. Mayor Wallace, Business Administrator Smith, and Township Attorney Joe Alacqua were also present.

Ms. McCrea requested nominations for Council President. Mrs. Martin nominated Mr. Longfellow, which was seconded by Ms. Donato. There were no other nominations. The motion carried with all members in favor. Ms. McCrea requested nominations for Council Vice-President. Mrs. Martin nominated Angela Donato, which was seconded by Mr. Longfellow. There were no other nominations. The motion carried with all members in favor. Gloucester County Freeholder Dan Christie swore in Mr. Longfellow as Council President and Ms. Donato as Council Vice-President.

Mr. Longfellow read the following assignments to Council Liaisons to the Township Boards and Committees:

Michelle Martin:

- Planning Board
- Open Space Committee
- Parade Committee
- Senior Citizen Advisory Board

Sean Longfellow:

- Municipal Utilities Authority
- Environmental Commission
- School Board

Scott Newman:

- Sports Advisory Board
- Rent Leveling Board

Angela Donato:

- Family & Community Services/Municipal Alliance
- Veterans Affairs Advisory Board
- Parade Committee
- Advisory Board of Economic Development

Nick Fazzio:

- Zoning Board
- Library Board of Trustee
- Historic Preservation Advisory Board

ORDINANCES:

1 – 2016: AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE 08-2015 AND SECTIONS 2-64 AND 2-70 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO CREATE A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION IN CONFORMANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40:55D-107 AND PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE OLDE STONE HOUSE VILLAGE AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT HISTORIC BUILDINGS OR SITES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Mrs. Martin moved Ordinance 1 – 2016 for the first reading. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

1 - 2016: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES AND OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Ms. Donato moved Resolution 1 - 2016. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

2 - 2016: RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES

3 - 2016: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND POLICIES FOR THE YEAR 2015

4 - 2016: RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET

5 - 2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF IDLE FUNDS AND FUND TRANSFERS

6 - 2016: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AMY FALASCA AS CERTIFYING OFFICER AND JAMES D'AURIA SUPERVISOR OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR PENSION FUNDS

7 - 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE AUDITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR THE YEAR 2016

8 - 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING JIM D'AURIA AS COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

9 - 2016: RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF TRIAD ADVISORY SERVICES, INC., AS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

10 - 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONNOR STRONG AS THE RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

11 - 2016: RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY S. SURENIAN AND ASSOCIATES, LLC, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR COAH MATTERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Ms. Donato moved Resolutions 2 - 2016 through 11 - 2016. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

12 - 2016: RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CAPEHART AND SCATCHARD, PA AS BOND COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

13 - 2016: RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CAPEHART AND SCATCHARD, PA AS LABOR COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Ms. Donato moved Resolutions 12 & 13 - 2016. Mr. Newman seconded the motion. The motion carried with four (4) yes votes. Mrs. Martin recused.

14 - 2016: RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF WADE, LONG, WOOD & KENNEDY, L.L.C., AS LEGAL AS SPECIAL CONFLICT COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

15 - 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOUG GUIDOTTI TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

16 – 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING FABRIZIO FLAIANO TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

17 – 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING DANIEL DOUGHETY TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM

18 – 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING HARRY ADAMS TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

19 – 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHELLE MARTIN AS CLASS III MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

20 – 2016: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE RENT LEVELING BOARD

21 – 2016: RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PAULA SMITH TO LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTESS

22 – 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SLEO II'S FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

Ms. Donato moved Resolutions 14 – 2016 through 22 – 2016. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

23 – 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE
Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 23 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Ms. Donato motioned to add school board member Julie Yankanich to the committee. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

24 – 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BONNIE VANCE AS ALTERNATE #2 TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM
Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 24 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

25 – 2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING GREG HALPIN AS ALTERNATE #1 TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 25 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

26 – 2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHECK AUTHORIZATION PRIOR TO BILL LIST APPROVAL
Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 26 – 2016. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

27 – 2016: RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO PUBLIC PORTION AT WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS
Ms. Donato moved Resolution 27 – 2016. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried with four (4) yes votes. Mr. Fazzio voted no,

Approval of Bill List:

Mrs. Martin motioned to approve the bill list of **January 4, 2016**. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Council.

Approval of minutes:

Mrs. Martin motioned to approve the minutes of **December 30, 2015**. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Donato explained the Parade Committee met on December 29, 2015 to discuss potential sponsors so they can move forward with the parade. She asked Mayor Wallace why she had removed herself from the committee. Mayor Wallace said she hadn't discussed the parade with any members of the council. Mayor Wallace said she is always available. Ms. Donato disagreed. She felt that a meeting was an appropriate forum to discuss the parade, not the council meeting. Mrs. Martin also disagreed with Mayor Wallace. Ms. Donato and Mrs. Martin continued to debate with the Mayor about her availability and whether or not there were actual attempts to schedule a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Longfellow thanked the council, residents, and his friends and family for their support. He encouraged council members to bring new ideas to the table in order to move the Township forward. He cited the Township Code as his first order of business to improve. He called the anti-nepotism policy laughable. It's incoherent and doesn't follow an appropriate policy that he would prefer, such as the 1994 policy that prohibited the hiring of elected officials relatives. He asked for recommendation from council to draft a policy that will be appropriate. Mrs. Martin, Ms. Donato, and Mr. Smith volunteered to work on the policy and create a new ordinance.

REPORTS:

Mrs. Martin congratulated Council President Longfellow and Vice President Donato. Ms. Donato announced the 2016 Helping Hands hoagie sale.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Martin motioned to open the meeting to the public. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Steve Altamuro, 41 Jones Lane, disagreed with the public comment time limit. He also discussed the importance of a solid anti-nepotism policy. He added his experiences as a former school board member. John Rogale, 101 Rolling Acre Drive asked Council President Longfellow to read Resolutions 8 through 26 so the public could hear who was appointed. He then read parts of Ordinance 38 - 1994. He asked why it was not being adhered to. Mr. Alacqua explained Ordinance 32 - 2013 rescinded 38 - 1994. Mrs. Martin and Mr. Alacqua discussed the language of both ordinances. Mr. Alacqua surmised the council at the time (2013), were unaware that changes they were making to the policy also repealed sections of the 1994 ordinance. Mr. Rogale strongly expressed his disagreement with the policy. Charlie Donato, inquired about status of Washington Square Development. Mrs. Martin said the Rothman Institute will be at the Planning Board on January 19, 2016. He urged the council to fast track the project. Ms. Donato motioned to close the public portion. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Martin motioned to adjourn. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill S. McCrea

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Township Clerk