

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Council President Sean Longfellow called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. in the Council Room located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. Mr. Longfellow delivered the Sunshine notice and the safety awareness notices. The flag salute followed.

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

Approval of Bill List:

Mr. Fazzio motioned to approve the May 11, 2016 bill list. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion. All bills were unanimously approved, with the exception of Mr. Fazzio on Fazzio bills and Mr. Longfellow on a reimbursement to Sarah Dollarton for a zoning training program.

Approval of minutes:

Mrs. Martin moved the April 27, 2016 minutes. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

2016 Budget:

RESOLUTION 72 – 2016: AUTHORIZING THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Mr. Fazzio moved Resolution 72 – 2016. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 INTRODUCED BUDGET

Mr. Newman motioned to open to the meeting for the public hearing on the 2016 Budget. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. There was no comment from the public. Mr. Fazzio moved to close public participation. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Ordinances:

O11 – 2016: REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF PRIOR BONDS ISSUED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

Mr. Longfellow announced that Ordinance 11-2016 was being reconsidered after it failed to pass with a required supermajority the Ordinance at a previous meeting. Mrs. Martin moved Ordinance 11 – 2016. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

O13 – 2016: ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS FROM PET SHOPS

Mrs. Martin moved Ordinance 13 – 2016 for first reading. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Resolutions:

R66: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL

AMOUNT OF THE TOWNSHIP'S GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016 TO CURRENTLY REFUND CERTAIN BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, MATURITY DATES AND OTHER DETAILS OF SAID REFUNDING BONDS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SAID REFUNDING BONDS AND OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO

Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 66 – 2016. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R73: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMUSEMENT GAME LICENSE FOR 2016 FOR NIFTY FIFTY'S LOCATED AT 4670 ROUTE 42, TURNERSVILLE, NJ 08012

Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 73 – 2016. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R74: RESOLUTION RELEASING THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR FBF REALTY, LLC.

Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 74 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion. The motion passed with four (4) yes votes. Mr. Fazzio was recused.

R75: RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR PASQUALE BURGESE, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

Ms. Donato moved Resolution 75 – 2016. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R76: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER TO PROVIDE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT AT WASHINGTON LAKE PARK

Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 76 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion. Mr. Fazzio felt that funds shouldn't be spent on a new trail when there are others in disrepair. Vicki Benetti, member of the Environmental Commission, explained the future plans to extend the trail through Heritage Valley through to Quay Park. Mrs. Martin added that the plan had been on the books for at least a decade. Ms. Benetti, reaffirmed Mrs. Martin's comment and added this plan was part of the 2003 Master Plan. The updated plan extends the trail further than the original and has a larger buffer between the trail and the homes. The Council unanimously approved Resolution 76 – 2016.

R77: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR AN APPLICATION WITH THE 2016 RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 77 – 2016. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R78: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A THIRTY DAY EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AS PERMITTED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15

Mr. Fazzio moved Resolution 78 – 2016. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Approvals:

Mr. Fazzio motioned to approved Automatic Amusement and Massage Licenses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longfellow, which was unanimously approved by the Councilmembers present.

Automatic Amusement:

Brunswick Zone	100 American Blvd
Choice Inline	150 Hollydell Drive
House of Brews	3501 Route 42, Suite 510
Hollydell Ice Arena	601 Hollydell Drive
Ott's on the Green	340 Greentree Road
Regal Cinema	151 American Blvd
United Artists	121 Tuckahoe Road
Gemini Books	2901 Route 42
Walmart	3601 Black Horse Pike

Massage:

Virtua Spa	239 Hurffville-Cross Keys Road
Weis Day Spa	273 Egg Harbor Road
Best Oriental Spa, Inc.	110 Greentree Road

New Business/Old Business:

Ms. Donato asked Mr. Smith if he had a chance to follow up on her email about speeding on Chapel Heights Road. He believed the Chief of Police said there had been a speed study in the past. He assured Ms. Donato that he would follow up with her. Ms. Donato asked about the status on her request to have the Star Spangled Banner to be sung at the Fourth of July ceremony and the status of the pending new website. Mr. Smith informed Ms. Donato that the website will be live on May 14, 2016. She asked him to add the Parade Committee to the site.

REPORTS:

Mr. Fazio thanked Olde Stone House Commission Chair, Nick Appice, for the success of the April 30, 2016 Car Show. Ms. Donato requested the parking lot and surrounding area of the Veteran's Memorial Park, be cleaned for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony. Mr. Smith assured Ms. Donato the area will be cleaned and the landscape would be tended to. She also reported that the Economic Development Board was working with Zoning Officer Sheri Donovan, to address feather banners. Mr. Longfellow reported the MUA will be dedicating their building to the memory of long time board member and Chairman of the Board, Val Orsimari.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Martin motioned to open the meeting for public participation. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Bob Abbott, 151 Fries Mill Road, thanked the Mayor and Council for fixing the bridge at Veteran's Memorial Park and urged residents to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony. Anne Hastings, Dorado Avenue, thanked Mr. Longfellow for his work on the cat and dog ordinance that was introduced. She also asked about the regulation of solicitors in the Township. Mr. Longfellow informed her that he was working on creating a program that will enable residents to register to be on a no solicitation list. Maureen McMillian, Freedom Road, asked what safety mechanisms will be put into place for the proposed hiking trails that will require crossing Hurffville-Cross Keys Road. Mr. Longfellow assured Ms. McMillian that the Township and County Engineer would be involved with safety as they move further into the process. He added that the resolution adopted earlier was to apply for the grant to fund the trail. Dave Rimby, said the majority of the residents in Heritage Valley were opposed to the proposed hiking trail. He also complained about paving of streets in Heritage Valley, specifically drainage problems of some driveway aprons. Mr. Smith assured Mr. Rimby that he would discuss the issues with the Township Engineer. Mrs. Martin motioned to close the public portion. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Ms. Donato motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Councilmembers present. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill S. McCrea
Township Clerk