

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Council Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Council President Sean Longfellow called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Longfellow, Township Attorney Joe Alacqua, Business Administrator Bob Smith were present. Mayor Barbara Wallace was absent.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

Ms. Donato motioned to approve the August 24, 2016 bill list. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion. All bills were unanimously approved, with the exception of Mrs. Martin's abstention on Capehart & Scatchard bills.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Donato moved the July 20, 2016 minutes. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCES:

O19: BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 012-2016, FINALLY ADOPTED JUNE 22, 2016 TO AMEND SECTION 3 TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL PROJECT TO BE FUNDED

Mrs. Martin moved Ordinance 19 - 2016 for first reading. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

O20: ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 17 - 2016 THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

Ms. Donato moved Ordinance 20 - 2016 for first reading. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

O18: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A: 12-14(c), OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON LOCATED AT 3 MCCLURE DRIVE AND NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE TO THE LAUREN ROSE ALBERT FOUNDATION, INC. (MOTHERS MATTER) A NEW JERSEY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Mrs. Martin motioned to open the public hearing for Ordinance 18 - 2016. Mr. Newman seconded the motion. Ms. Donato motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion. Mr. Newman moved Ordinance 18 - 2016. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members present.

O14: AN ORDINANCE AWARDING OWNERSHIP OF MOTHER'S CUPBOARD TO ROTARY CLUB OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Mrs. Martin motioned to open the public hearing for Ordinance 14 - 2016. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion. Rotarian Randy Carbone summarized the history and accomplishments of Mother's Cupboard since the Washington Township Rotary took over management of the Cupboard which had been run by the Youth & Family Service's Municipal Alliance. He highlighted the expansion of services that the Rotary has accomplished by organizing volunteers and establishing partnerships with Target, Wawa, Starbucks, and other local businesses that donate to the organization. Mr. Longfellow thanked Mr. Carbone for Rotary's

success. He said the ordinance will be tabled until all stakeholders meet to reevaluate the "ownership" language of the ordinance. He felt the language should be reflective of an alliance or partnership with the Rotary and the Township. Ms. Donato motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Newman seconded the motion. Mr. Longfellow motioned to table Ordinance 14 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

R103: RESOLUTION RELEASING THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR PLUMTREE ROAD OPENING PERMIT #2010-68

R104: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON (Finance)
Ms. Donato moved Resolutions 103 & 104 – 2016. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R105: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSON – TO – PERSON TRANSFER OF RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FROM IRON MOTO CORPORATION TO BLUEHOUSE, LLC

R106: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017
Ms. Donato moved Resolutions 105 & 106 – 2016. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R107: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2016 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER PROGRAM

R108: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE RADIOS, PORTABLE RADIOS AND RADIO ACCESSORIES

R109: RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 28, 2016

R110: RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER REDUCTION NO.1 FOR THE 2014 ROAD PROGRAM, PHASE II
Mrs. Martin moved Resolutions 107 through 110 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R111: RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE CRICKET LANE CDGB 2015 PROJECT

R112: RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR ANTHONY J. GALASSO, JR. A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 199.04 LOT 8, 16 UPTON WAY, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 4, 2016

R113: RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR GEORGE V. JACKSON, III, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 51.07 LOT 114, 29 WINTERGREEN WAY, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2016

R114: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW TORO GROUNDMASTER 4000-D LAWNMOWER, ONE (1) LEAF MULCHING DECK KIT, ONE (1) UNIVERSAL SUNSHADE, AND ONE (1) MVP 800 HR FILTER KIT

R115: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW TORO GROUNDMASTER 5900 LAWNMOWER, ONE (1) NEW COOL TOP CANOPY WITH FAN

R116: RESOLUTION RELEASING OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR POLICE & FIRE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

R117: RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR DENIS G. VEKEMAN, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
BLOCK 4.07 LOT 19, 38 CAPE COD DRIVE, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 16, 2016

Mrs. Martin moved Resolutions 111 through 117 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R118: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) NEW 2017
POLICE FORD INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD VEHICLES

R119: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF
EQUIPMENT AND LIGHTING IN THE EIGHT (8) NEW 2017 POLICE VEHICLES

R120: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) MOBILE
DATA COMPUTERS, EIGHT (8) COMPUTER DOCKING STATIONS AND TWO (2) TOUGH PAD
COMPUTERS

Mrs. Martin moved Resolutions 118 through 120 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R121: RESOLUTION TO CHANGE NAMED CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUND

R123: RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AND/OR AMEND CHANGE FUNDS

Mrs. Martin moved Resolutions 121 & 123 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R122: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE
MOBILE VIDEO RECORDER UNITS WITH SOFTWARE AND LICENSING

Mr. Newman moved Resolutions 122– 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R124: RESOLUTION AWARDED 2016/2017 SENIOR LUNCHEON PROGRAM CONTRACT TO MASSO'S
CATERING

Mrs. Martin moved Resolutions 124 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R125: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR COACH ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

R126: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR WHITMAN SQUARE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

R127: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR FAIRMOUNT DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Newman moved Resolutions 125 through 127 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion. The motion carried with four (4) votes. Mr. Fazio abstained.

VETO OVERRIDE: ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS FROM PET SHOPS

Mrs. Martin motioned to override the Mayor's veto of Ordinance 13 – 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion. Mr. Fazzio stated he was not comfortable putting Mr. Harnish (Puppy Stop owner) out of business. Mr. Longfellow assured Mr. Fazzio that the ordinance should be taken at face value for what it is and that Mr. Harnish was not being singled out. He added he did not wish to see the business shut down, just more humane practices to be employed. Ms. Donato and Mrs. Martin agreed with Mr. Longfellow that the purpose of the ordinance was not single out one business. A roll call vote was taken. The motioned carried with four (4) yes votes. Mr. Fazzio voted no.

APPROVALS:

The Council voted unanimously to approve the Virtua Health Fitness Large Gathering being held on September 10, 2016.

The Council had no old business, new business, or reports to discuss.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Martin motioned to open the meeting for public participation. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Alan Braslow, Cherry Hill, provided his background with animal rescue organizations. He said he has met with Puppy Stop owner, Mark Harnish and is committed to help him transition his pet store to selling rescue only. He added that he and the other animal advocates were not here to cheer for the veto, but to help Mr. Harnish. Brian Hackett, Director of the New Jersey Humane Society of the United States, stated that this was not a Democrat or Republican issue. It was about being humane. He added that he would oppose the ordinance if it were antibusiness. Mark Harish, thanked Mr. Fazzio for his position on this issue. He said he would undertake the rescue business model, but was not confident that he would be able to sustain all of the current employees. He said the timing could not be worse, as he was close to retirement and his wife had recently lost her job. He asked for more time than the 120 days mandated in this ordinance. Mr. Fazzio asked if the Council would consider extending. Mr. Longfellow said a new ordinance would have to be introduced. Alan Braslow, stated his opposition for the extension of the transition period for Ordinance 13 – 2016. He said when there are delays, progress is typically not achieved. He reaffirmed his commitment to Mr. Harnish and said that he was a good person who will succeed. Anne Hastings, 106 Dorado Avenue, also felt the transition period should not be extended.

Mike Pateleno, Crossroads, asked if streets in the Crossroads will be repaired. Annina Hogan, Township Engineer, informed Mr. Pateleno the street will be repaired with crack fillers until it is ready for repaving. Daniel Coughlin, asked if police officers are all assigned their own cars. Mr. Smith answered yes explained the Township followed the "Lexington Plan". This model results in more police visibility in the community and longer life for vehicles. Ms. Donato motioned to close the public portion. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R128: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Martin moved Resolutions 128– 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The Council left the dais at 8:06 P.M. and reconvened at 8:29 P.M. after a motion from Ms. Donato and a second from Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. Martin motioned to adjourn. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill S. McCrea
Township Clerk