

**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Council President Sean Longfellow called the meeting to order at 7:01 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. Township Attorney Joe Alacqua and Business Administrator Bob Smith were also present. Mayor Barbara Wallace was absent.

PRESENTATION:

Vicky Binetti, member of the Green Team Advisory Committee, presented the Committee's proposal for an application to be submitted to the Sustainable Jersey program for certification as a sustainable community.

She requested the Township Council to endorse the following recommendations:

- Respond to the goals established by Washington Township Council in Resolution 55-2016.
- Submit a report and recommendations to the Township Council by October 1, 2016.
- Include suggested best practices for "greener" municipal operations.
- Continued support of Sustainable Township endeavors.

DISCUSSION:

Township CFO Jim D'Auria presented Council with the State mandated Best Practices Inventory worksheet. Mr. Longfellow asked how many answers to the questions were insufficient. Mr. D'Auria responded that there were seven (7), with eight (8) being the maximum allowable. He added that number will be elevated next year because the number of questions was reduced from fifty (50) to thirty (30). Sean inquired about question nine (9) regarding the CFOs from the other government entities within the Township. Mr. D'Auria explained that the CFOs of the Municipal Utilities Authority, the Fire District, and the Township should meet annually to ensure they are making financially sound decisions for the Municipality.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

Ms. Donato motioned to approve the October 12, 2016 bill list. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion. All other bills were unanimously approved, with the exception of Mr. Fazzio on Fazzio bills and Mrs. Martin on Capehart & Scatchard bills.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Donato moved the September 28, 2016 meeting and closed session minutes. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

WASHINGTON SQUARE DEVELOPMENT:

R150: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE NOVEMBER 2008 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TOWN CENTER PROJECT IN THE WASHINGTON SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 150- 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

O21: ORDINANCE OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL AGREEMENT DATED MAY 14, 2015

Mrs. Martin moved Ordinance 21 – 2016 for first reading. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

O22: ORDINANCE OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY APPROVING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT WITH RESPECT TO A PORTION OF THE WASHINGTON SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AREA LOCATED ON BLOCK 115, LOT **3.06** (FORMERLY PART OF LOTS 3 AND 3.01)

Mrs. Martin moved Ordinance 22 – 2016 for first reading. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

O23: ORDINANCE OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY APPROVING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT WITH RESPECT TO A PORTION OF THE WASHINGTON SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AREA LOCATED ON BLOCK 115, LOTS **3.02** and **3.07** (FORMERLY PART OF LOTS 3 AND 3.01)

Mrs. Martin moved Ordinance 23 – 2016 for first reading. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

O24: ORDINANCE OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY APPROVING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT WITH RESPECT TO A PORTION OF THE WASHINGTON SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AREA LOCATED ON BLOCK 115, LOT **3.08** (FORMERLY PART OF LOTS 3 AND 3.01).

Mrs. Martin moved Ordinance 24 – 2016 for first reading. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

R151: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICES FOR THE 2016/2017 SEASON

Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 151– 2016. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R152: RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR VINCENT MCCALLA, A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK199.03 LOT 6, 6 WHITE HALL CT., EFFECTIVE AUGUST 19, 2016

Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 152– 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R153: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TO SUBMIT A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR CYCLE JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018

Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 153– 2016. Mr. Fazzio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R154: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN URBAN COUNTY COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS

Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 154– 2016. Mr. Newman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

R155: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 146 – 2016 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR LEASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 220 FISH POND ROAD, SEWELL, N.J. 08080 AS A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Mrs. Martin moved Resolution 155– 2016. Ms. Donato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

LARGE GATHERING APPROVALS:

The Council voted unanimously to approve the Cross Country Mortgage large gathering and agreed to table the Tony Soprano's Pizzeria large gathering.

REPORTS:

Ms. Donato announced Trunk or Treat and Mothers Matter Walk will be held on the upcoming weekend. Mr. Longfellow reported the Veterans unveiled the flag burning fire pit at Washington Lake Park on October 8, 2016. A successful Community Clean Up day was also held that day. Mr. Longfellow thanked all of the participants.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Newman motioned to open the meeting for public participation. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Mark Harnish, owner of the Puppy Stop, asked Mr. Longfellow why he did not notify him that a vote would be taken to override the Mayor's veto of Ordinance 13 - 2016. Mr. Longfellow apologized and explained he did not receive Mr. Harnish's July email because the Township was in the process of switching servers at the time. Mr. Harnish asked for an extension to April to make the transition to rescue model pet store because it is a very time consuming process. Nancy Harnish, asked the Council to make the humane decision and grant the extension. She added the stress of all of the changes has caused health problems for Mr. Harnish. Mrs. Martin motioned to close the public portion. Mr. Newman 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 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill S. McCrea
Township Clerk