

 **TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**
BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE VIA CONFERENCE CALL
July 15, 2020 * 7:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to Order followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
The Township Clerk read the Sunshine Notice Statement.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law. 1) Posting a copy of the Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and emailing a copy to the Atlantic City Press and Burlington County Times and all those requesting copies on January 14, 2020. 2) Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. 3) Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex. 4) Forwarding a copy of the agenda to the Atlantic City Press and the Burlington County Times 5) Forwarding a copy of the agenda to each person who requested copies of the regular meeting schedule. All the above posting, filing & mailing have taken place on July 13, 2020.

Call of the Roll: Committeeman Gadd, Deputy Mayor Seybold and Mayor James. Also present were Township Clerk Hoffman, Deputy Township Clerk Bacon, CFO Manning, Absent; Solicitor Tom Coleman and Engineer Dixon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 9, 2020 – Regular Minutes

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

COMMUNICATION

Tax Map Revisions – ERI & Jay Renwick, Tax Assessor

Rakesh Darji and David Hudson and via telephone call Jay Renwick, Tax Assessor explained the process for updating the Township's tax maps.

Rakesh Darji – The original proposal was \$30,000 and with the excess work that needs to be completed we need an additional \$5,500; this is due to the age of the tax maps.

Committeeman Gadd – How much more will it take to complete the maps and get the State approval?

Jay Renwick – We won't know because of the research.

Rakesh Darji – To make the State Certification, we'll need about \$10,000 more money.

Mayor James – We have a fixed budget and we didn't budget for it. I'll have to talk with Kevin and Kristen about the financial aspect to this.

Rakesh Darji – I'd hold my billing because we have a momentum with the State.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – I think we should move forward.

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Mayor James – I agree.

Committeeman Gadd – I agree, but I'm concerned with the money.

Mayor James – Every year something will need to be done.

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING

2020-03 – 2020 SALARY ORDINANCE

Mayor James opened meeting for Public Comments on the above Ordinance.

Mayor James closed the public hearing with no comments.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Ordinance was adopted.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 2020-34 – 2020 SALARIES

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

Resolution # 2020-35 – CHAPTER 159 – CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

Resolution # 2020-36 – AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID & ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

Resolution # 2020-37 – REFUND MONIES – PARADE PERMIT – AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

Resolution # 2020-38 – CHAPTER 159 – MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL EDUCATION/REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

Resolution # 2020-39 – Submit Grant Application – Old Church Road

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

Resolution # 2020-40 – Cancellation of Third Party Lien – Block 44, Lot 1

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

Resolution # 2020-41 – Cancellation of Third Party Lien – Block 55.02.02, Lot 1

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Committeeman Gadd – What is #20-00198, GIS Subscription?

Township Clerk Hoffman explained the bill.

Mayor James – What about the list of street lights?

Township Clerk Hoffman – I'll have to check on this, the one that we got a few years ago was for a different Washington Township.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to pay the bills.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays 0

REPORTS

Engineer – You are looking at your new Zoning Official. I don't think I'll have a problem with my 40 years' experience. We have paved Henderson Avenue and River Road; working on Lovers Lane and Old Church Road. Our Engineer Budget looks good, but we should go over it.

Mayor James – Thank you for making the barriers for the Clerk's Office and Tax Office.

Solicitor Coleman – I have nothing to add.

CFO – Absent

Township Clerk – The day to day operations of the office; working with the Committee on projects. I'd like to thank Karen Bacon for all her work on the Fire Inspection. With all due respect, Washington Township has always reimbursed Southampton for my phone, etc. If the Committee wants an agreement, I'm sure Tom could do it.

Solicitor Coleman – I think something should be done in writing and I'll have something for the next meeting.

Code Enforcement – Nothing to Report

OEM – I have been getting supplies from the County, conference calls – Mobile COVID sites are being set up and Bass River will be one of the sites. I suggest something be posted on the website as soon as I know the dates.

Kevin, if you could speak with the County, we need to be on the same page with the paving, both roads were shut down and all emergency squads were down.

Kevin Dixon – I'll contact the County.

Committee:

Committeeman Gadd – The website is up and running. We are going to get pictures of the Township on it soon. The Food Pantry was being used and now someone stole everything out of it. Thank you Kevin for the barriers. River Road residents in Green Bank were surprised about the paving, it looks nice though, They haven't done the no passing zone in front of Lower Bank Tavern. River Road in Green Bank has been corrected with a no passing.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – Public Works – Most work for the month was cleaning up after 2 different storms; one was 5/17 and one 6/3/202 which was a derecho. Public Works added gravel on dirt roads such as Smith

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Lane, Washington/Maxwell Road; Patten Lane and Pine Street. Weed wacked at senior center & maintenance yard & cut the grass at the Maintenance yard. Leigh and I got together at the landing and cleaned it up. We would like to thank Gary Lubaczewski for putting all the branches in the dump truck for us. New signs are going to be added to this area. I received an email from Ann Moore –County Recycling – that there has been an overload in the containers and suggested that we have a drop-off at the Public Works yard so the resident can put their big stuff in that.

Mayor James – There is a three-way stop at the Lower Bank Bridge. The drainage was redesigned, but we haven't had a good rain to see if it works.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Please state your name & address for the record)

Members of the public are invited to submit comments during the public comment portion of this meeting. The Committee, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Committee will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Township Administrator or appropriate Township Representative for resolution. Each citizen will be allotted up to three (3) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to express their opinions or concerns.

Michael Peranteau – Charles Avenue – Where did we take the brush? Some of the streets were talked about to be vacated, that is why I wanted to talk to the tax map people. What about the speed signs?

Committeeman Gadd – I'm working on them, there was a problem with the computer.

Horace Somes – Turtle Creek Road – I hope residents take advantage of the COVID testing. I'd like to say that the website is great. I'm hoping the lot lines for the tax maps are being addressed with my property. There was a false alarm at the Rutgers Research, this need to be addressed, the problem is continuing. Do we have the County Soil Conservation maps? The Lower Bank landing site is historical.

Township Clerk Hoffman – Yes, they are in the Clerk's Office.

Michael Peranteau – If there is a lot more speeding, can we take the information to the police?

Mayor James – We can take the data to the police.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Kathleen D. Hoffman
Township Clerk