# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Mayor Dan James called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Township Clerk read the Sunshine Notice Statement as follows:

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 January 31, 2020.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor James, Deputy Mayor Seybold and Committeeman Gadd. Professionals: Thomas Coleman, Esq.; Engineer Kevin Dixon; Township Clerk Kathleen Hoffman; Deputy Township Clerk Karen Bacon. Absent was CFO Kristen Manning.

### **Approval of Minutes**

January 7, 2020 – Reorganization Meeting

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Minutes were approved:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

January 7, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Minutes were approved:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

### **Junkyard**

Code Enforcement Officer Simpson – I inspected this property, there is enough width for Fire Equipment and I recommend renewal.

Committeeman Gadd: Is there any activity now?

Patty Groff – No, we have two companies that are looking at buying it.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above permit for the Junkyard was approved:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

#### Resolutions

Resolution # 2020-20 - Adopting the Burlington County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

OEM David Simpson explained the resolution to the Mayor and Committee.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Resolution was approved:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Resolution # 2020-21 – Authorizing Burlington County for Mosquito Control for 2020

Mayor James – Can we ask for additional areas?

Township Clerk Hoffman - Yes.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Resolution was approved:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

# **Parade Permits**

## 2020-03 -Pine Barons Enduro Riders - Clock Run - April 5, 2020

Chief of the Ambulance Squad, Barbara Cavileer – Everything is ok, but I have personnel questions, it is 100 miles long and they only have one rig and I'm concerned.

Mayor James – We have had no problems before, have we?

Deputy Township Clerk Bacon - Nothing that I know of.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Parade Permit was approved:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

# 2020-04 - South Jersey Enduro Riders - Curly Fern - March 15, 2020

OEM Simpson – I called David Brogden with regards to contacting Central and Ambulance and I'll call him again to check on this.

A representative from South Jersey Enduro – We have never done this before; Shamong has the equipment and the riders will not be calling 9-1-1; they will call directly to Shamong.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Parade
Permit was approved and that they have to contact Dispatch and to let us know before the next meeting:
Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

## Trailer/Mobile Home Renewal

Howard & Diane Chew – 3088 Route 563 John & Karen Fehy – 1686C Route 542 Vincent & Barbara Marzarella – 2208C River Road William Reagan – 1509 Route 542

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Trailer/Mobile Homes were approved:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

#### **Discussion**

Fire Inspection Requirements/Approving Work to be done in Municipal Building

Township Clerk Hoffman – We recommend that we go with South Jersey Glass & Door for \$6,198.00; we will be doing the Service Exit Door in house.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the work was approved to be done:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

# **Approval of Bills**

Mayor James – What is the web hosting?

Township Clerk Hoffman – This is for our web page and it's for one year.

Mayor James – We should hold this and look for someone else.

Mayor James – What about the Verizon bill?

Committeeman Gadd – Kristen stated that this is for 2 months, we should look into this.

Township Clerk Hoffman – We can comparison shop for a new phone service.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the Bills were approved except for Web Hosting:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

### Reports

**Engineer** – Talked to the DEP Engineer about the building next door and they wish to revise the plan for the property.

Mayor James – They are not driving over our septic system.

Engineer Dixon – We will get a meeting together concerning this and will be working on the road paving.

**Solicitor** – Working on the lease for the Senior Building and they are willing to discuss this with us. I'd like you to approve a letter to be sent to them that we want to continue. I don't know their feelings and they didn't say no to sell the building, but we need to sit down with them.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold to have the Solicitor to write a letter the State and to forward to renew the lease and get a meeting together:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

**Township Clerk –** Day to Day operations of the Clerk's office. We will need to set up Budget Workshop meetings, I'll check with Kristen. We received \$70,000 from the County for Recreation.

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Have been doing inspections and starting on the Campgrounds.

**OEM** – Hazard Mitigation Plan is done and working with Forest Fire and did some burning in the Township.

**Committeeman Gadd** – Finally got a new dumpster for Lower Bank Fire Company. Had a very nice dinner with the Fire Companies and Ambulance Squad. Landtrends trimmed the trees. Gun Clubs are complaining about no cell service.

**Deputy Mayor Seybold** – Public Works graveled dirt road in Jenkins, Smith Lane, Lance Run Road and Bell Lane and the school bus turn around on Franklin Avenue. Picked up trash on road side; salted roads on January 8<sup>th</sup> and fixed stop sign at Henderson Avenue.

**Mayor James** – Attended a Pinelands Municipal Council Meeting. The following are the appointments to the Planning Board:

Class I – Mayor James – term 12/31/2020 Class III – Committeeman Gadd – term 12/31/2020 Class IV – Stacey Rubsam – unexpired term – 12/31/2020 Alternate I – Brandon Achey – term 12/31/2021 Alternate II – Howard Chew – unexpired term – 12/31/2020

The following is the new Zoning Officer: Keith Keating

## **Public Comments**

Ron Hill, Bulltown Road – Welcome Mayor James. Route 542 is a disgrace.

Mayor James – Aren't they paving Route 542?

Engineer Dixon – I'll check on this, but they said they were.

Ron Hill – Just to let you know, the County was mowing grass on January 16th.

Mike Peranteau – Charles Avenue - The speed on River Road needs to be addressed.

Mayor James – I'll call and see if we can meeting with the State Police Commander.

Committeeman Gadd – Maybe we should look at getting a radar sign.

Township Clerk Hoffman – They around \$3,000 and we can add it to the budget.

Jeanette DePiero – River Road – Welcomed the Mayor. Thanked Mr. Coleman for looking into the Senior Center and keeping it moving.

Mike Peranteau – Maybe we can use the tower at the Boatworks for the cell problem.

Mayor James – I don't think it's safe for that.

### <u>Adjournment</u>

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold to adjourn at 8:02 pm.

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen D. Hoffman