## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BURLINGTON COUNTY

# TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 Town Hall - 7:00 PM

Mayor Dudley Lewis called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

The 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 4, 2018. 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 March 29, 2018

#### **Roll Call:**

Present: Mayor Lewis, Deputy Mayor James and Committeeman Cavileer.

Professionals: Thomas Coleman, Esq.; Engineer Kevin Dixon; Township Clerk Kathleen Hoffman and Deputy Township Clerk Karen A. Bacon.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 13, 2018 – Regular

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Deputy Mayor James the above Minutes were approved:

Roll Call Vote: Cavileer, James, Lewis Aves: 3 Navs: 0

#### **ORDINANCES**

First Reading

2018-01 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits & to Establish a CAP Bank

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Deputy Mayor James the above Ordinance was introduced.

Roll Call Vote: Cavileer, James, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 2018-26A – Resolution Authorizing 2018 Municipal budget to be Read by Title Only

Motion made by Deputy Mayor James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer the above Resolution was approved.

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis

Ayes: 3

Navs: 0

Resolution # 2018-26B - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Certification Regarding Consideration of Arrest & Consideration of Arrest & Conviction Records in Employment Decisions

Motion made by Deputy Mayor James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer the above Resolution was approved.

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis

Aves: 3

Navs: 0

Resolution # 2018-27 – Resolution to Introduce 2018 Budget & Set Time and Date of Public Hearing on the 2018 Budget

Township Clerk Hoffman – The Public Hearing and Adoption will be held on May 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Deputy Mayor James the above Resolution was approved.

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis

Ayes: 3

Navs: 0

Resolution # 2018-28 – Resolution 2018 Tax Sale

Motion made by Deputy Mayor James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer the above Resolution was approved.

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis

Ayes: 3

Navs: 0

Resolution # 2018-29 - Resolution Authorizing the filing of Township Ordinance 1986-5 and further Authorizing Execution and Filing of a Quit Claim Deed in Connection with the Foregoing

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Deputy Mayor James the above Resolution was approved.

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis

Aves: 3

Navs: 0

Resolution # 2018-30 – Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Jerome McHale Appraiser for Tax **Appeal Litigation** 

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Deputy Mayor James the above Resolution was approved.

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis

Ayes: 3

Navs: 0

Township Clerk Hoffman asked the committee to add a Resolution to the agenda.

On motion of Deputy Mayor James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer and carried to add Resolution # 2018-32.

Resolution # 2018-32 - Change Order - Arawak Paving \$20,410.00

Motion made by Deputy Mayor James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer the above Resolution was approved.

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Deputy Mayor James – Is this the last for Guzzi?

Township Clerk Hoffman – There may be a few more.

On motion of Deputy Mayor James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer and carried to pay the bills:

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

## **REPORTS**

- a) **Engineer** Project has been completed on Speedwell Road and a 60' piece of pipe has been replaced. I haven't seen it, since it was done.
- b) **Solicitor** Day to Day Operations for the Township.
- c) **CFO** Routine day to day operations.
- d) **Township Clerk** Routine day to day operations of the Township Clerk's Office and submitted monthly reports required. Working with Engineer and Solicitor on matters; OPRA requests and the Budget.
- e) **Code Enforcement** Starting inspections of the campgrounds; Trailers are done and I'll need to talk to Mr. Coleman.
- f) **OEM-BOH** As submitted by Barbara Somes
- g) Township Committee –

**Committeeman Cavileer** – No complaint on the trash and only one on the recycling. Spoke with Larry with regards to the Roads and they have been working on them, particularly on downed trees and limbs. Planning Board Meeting for March was cancelled and there is a meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to see a priority list from the Committee to the Engineer and give it to the Clerk.

**Deputy Mayor James** – I have been working on a few projects.

**Mayor Lewis** – Attended the School Board Meeting. They have redone their budget and we should see about a \$410 per \$100,000 value reduction. We will in good faith give the school \$25,000. Today was the State Budget Hearing and I wasn't pleased with what was said there.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeanette DePiero – We have a lack of shelter for the Red Cross. There is no generator at the Senior Center. Please talk to the DEP to use their building.

Deputy Mayor James – Does Mullica have a shelter?

Jeanette DePiero – No.

Freeholder Balvir Singh introduced himself to the Mayor, Committee and public.

Mayor Lewis thanked Mr. Singh for him coming here tonight.

Lisa Downs - I'd like to thank the emergency squad for all their help when I was in my accident. We are very lucky to have them.

Leigh Gadd – I'd like to thank the Lower Bank Auxiliary for all their help during the fire.

Resolution # 2018-29 – Executive Session/Personnel

Motion made by Deputy Mayor James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer.

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Mayor and Committee came back into open session at 8:50 PM.

Solicitor Coleman – The personnel matter is to remain confidential. The Township Clerk and I are directed to take this matter to the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office and Mr. Somes is temporarily suspended from his duties within the Township with pay until further notice.

Motion made by Committee Cavileer, seconded by Deputy Mayor James:

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Township Clerk Hoffman - I'd like to add to the next agenda a resolution with regards to the tax map revisions. Mayor and Committee agreed.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer to adjourn at 8:55 PM.

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen D. Hoffman, Township Clerk