# **TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON** BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE October 6, 2020 \* 7:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to Order followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The Deputy 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 October 2, 2020.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 1, 2020 – Regular Minutes Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold. Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays:

### <u>ORDINANCES</u> <u>SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING</u> 2020-04 – AMENDING & SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 62 – ZONING APPLICATION FEE

Mayor James opened the Public Hearing.

Michael Peranteau - Charles Avenue - What is the increase?

Deputy Township Clerk Bacon - \$75.00 from \$50.00.

Mayor James closed the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Ordinance passed first reading.

**Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James** 

Ayes: 3 Nays:

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution # 2020-53 – Refund Parade Permits – Pine Barons Enduro RidersMotion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, JamesAyes: 3Nays:



#### Resolution # 2020-54 – Awarding Contract – Lovers Lane – 2020 State Aid Improvements Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd. **Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James** Ayes: 3 Nays:

#### PARADE PERMIT

Meteor Motorcycle Club/Sandy Lane - November 29, 2020 - Rescheduled from 3/22/2020 due to COVID.

Mayor James – How are they going to address the requirements of COVID-19? I feel we need to send them a letter asking them.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold to TABLE the Parade Permit until the next meeting and their plan Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3 Nays:

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Deputy Mayor Seybold – Why is there two bills for Verizon?

CFO Manning – The Hot Spots and Cell Phones.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to pay the bills of October 6, 2020.

**Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James** 

Aves: 3 Navs

#### REPORTS

**Engineer** – Absent

Solicitor Coleman - Nothing to add.

**CFO** – Nothing to add.

**Township Clerk** – The day to day operations of the office. And working on the Senior Luncheon, trying to get a venue.

**Code Enforcement** – Finding my way around the Township and working on a couple of issues at the campground.

**OEM** – Nothing to add.

#### **Committee:**

**Committeeman Gadd** – Working on the Senior Luncheon and looking at different places as Fred & Ethel's is not doing banquets. We are hoping on 12/10/2020 as the date. Larry started working on Godfrey Bridge Road and the Engineer is looking into the road. There is a tree on Bulltown Road and needs to be taken down and we got quotes. The software issues have been taken care for the Radar Signs. We are waiting for the insurance company on the Senior Center. The street sign for Lance Run Road has been stolen and was reported to the State Police.

**Deputy Mayor Seybold** – Public Works – Worked on Kubota Starter; met with Schairer Tree Service to clean up tree branch on Henderson Avenue; cutting grass in Wading River-Lower Bank & Bulltown Road; Storm Laura –checking on roads; replace street sign post at Fire House Lane & Old Church Road; picked up roadside



trash; cutting grass at Godfrey Bridge Road & Sheppard Field on 563 for Medical Helicopter Landing Zone. Working on the insurance claim for the street sign on Firehouse Lane.

**Mayor James** – We will be holding Halloween and of course practice safe distancing and wear masks. I'm looking at some of our ordinances and will be working with the Solicitor to update them.

**<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>** (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.

Lisa Downs – Route 542 – Did we get State Aid for Lovers Lane?

Mayor James – Yes, up to \$160,000.

Lisa Downs – Will the Engineer be giving a copy of the Zoning Permits to the Planning Board?

Mayor James – I will advise him to do that.

Lisa Downs – I was surprised that the Code Enforcement Report was so short; they are doing things without permits.

Michael Peranteau – Charles Avenue – With the Parade Permit, do they call our squad or do they have their own?

Mayor James – They are supposed to have their own.

Committeeman Gadd – With the concerns of Lisa; there have been issues and we are working on them.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, JamesAyes: 3Nays:

Karen A. Bacon Deputy Township Clerk