WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BURLINGTON COUNTY

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES Tuesday May 9, 2017 Town Hall - 7:30 PM

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

The Deputy 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 13, 2017. 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 of the above posting, filing and mailing have taken place on the 28th day of April, 2017

Roll Call:

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

Professionals: Tom Coleman, Esq.; Engineer Scott Brown; CFO Kristen Manning, Township Clerk, Kathleen D. Hoffman and Deputy Township Clerk Karen A. Bacon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 4, 2017 – Regular

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman James to approve the above Minutes:

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

PROCLAMATION

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Horace Somes explained the Wildfire Community Preparedness and what the resident can do to protect their property.

Mayor Lewis read the above Proclamation, proclaiming May 6, 2017 as Wildfire Community Preparedness Day.

JUNKYARD – GROFF RECYCLING

Patty Groff – The scale has been removed and everything is cleaned out; new locks were installed and the property is up for sale. What kinds of trees do you want me to plant?

Committeeman Cavileer – What about the pile of dirt?

Mrs. Groff – everything was taken care of.

Township Clerk, Kathleen Hoffman - Have you contacted the Pinelands about the trees?

Deborah Cope – Yes we have and they have given us suggestions. We can go with anything.

Committeeman James - No pines, native trees. I have heard that someone was dumping tires?

Mrs. Groff – No one has dumped anything since I took over again.

Deborah Cope – There is one boat there and we are trying to get rid of it for a reef.

Mrs. Groff turned in an application for a junkyard in the name of Estate of Russell G. Groff. Do I have to come back?

Committeeman James – Code Enforcement will inspect and we will put on the next agenda, June 13, 2017.

DISCUSSIONS

- Lance Run Road

Committeeman Cavileer – I brought a copy of a map and it doesn't have the name Lance Run Road, but Green Bank-Bulltown Road, it is dated 1947.

Mayor Lewis – The map doesn't show the road.

Committeeman Cavileer – The map doesn't show who owns the property along the road.

Committeeman James – We are not going to pave it.

Solicitor Coleman – Do you plow it?

Mayor Lewis – Yes.

Solicitor Coleman – Are you going to recognize the road?

Committeeman James - Yes.

Frank Capella – Lance Run Road goes across my property, but at no time was Lance Run Road running along my property. Lance Run Road is off of Route 563, not Route 542. At the advice of my attorney, I can't discuss this. I can prove what I'm saying, if you want. I've seen the Heffley's and told them that we would work together without the involvement of the Township.

Committeeman James - You have owned it since 1987 and the road wasn't there?

Mr. Capella – No and that is all I'm saying. I played on the driveway when I was little.

Solicitor Coleman – I talked with your attorney and was told that you were willing to work with the Heffley's.

Marie Heffley – This is not a problem with the Heffley's and Capilla's. This is a road and an issue with the Township. There are other families up this lane.

Committeeman Cavileer – I can recall a road being there when I was growing up.

Mr. Capella – It was a driveway, not a road. I will show you where the road is, my attorney has advised me not to discuss this matter. Lance Run never came out to Route 542, it casme out on Route 563.

Committeeman Cavileer – How far is the road off?

Mr. Capella – It is past the Simpkins property. (Mr. Capella left the meeting)

Kathy Heffley – He said he stole a sign and that is against the law.

Marie Heffley – We have been driving up this road and the Township has been taking care of it. When 9-1-1 was needed the road was named. We need this road recognized.

Township Committee agreed.

- Generac Renewal Contract

Committeeman James – We don't pay tax, so that will have to be deleted.

On motion of Committeeman James, seconded by Committee Cavileer and carried to pay for the Generac Renewal Contract. (Roll Call Vote: Cavileer, Aye; James, Aye; Lewis, Aye.)

Solicit Contributions in Public Roadways - Lower Bank Vol. Fire Company

Mayor Lewis vacated the chair.

On motion of Committeeman Lewis, seconded by Committeeman James and carried to approve the Solicit Contributions in Public Roadways for Lower Bank Vol. Fire Company. (Roll Call Vote: Cavileer, Abstained; James, Abstained; Lewis, Aye.)

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

2017-01 – Calendar Year 2017 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

Mayor Lewis opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the above Ordinance.

Lisa Downs asked what this ordinance was.

CFO Kristen Manning explained the ordinance.

Mayor Lewis closed the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

First Reading

2017-02 – Establish a Local Wildfire Safety Council

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman CavileerRoll Call:Cavileer, James, LewisAyes: 3Nays: 0

2017-03 – Adopting a Codification & Revision of Ordinances of the Township of Washington

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman JamesRoll Call:Cavileer, James, LewisAyes: 3Nays: 0

2017-04 – Adopting a Codification & Revisions of the Board of Health of the Township of Washington

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION

Public Hearing – Mayor Lewis opened the Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget.

Lisa Downs – Can we see the budget?

Township Clerk Hoffman – You can get it 10 days before introduction.

Resolution # 2017-33 – Resolution 2017 Municipal Budget Adoption

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman JamesRoll Call:Cavileer, James, LewisAyes: 3Nays: 0

RESOLUTIONS

2017 – 34 – Resolution Tax Sale			
Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman James			
Roll Call:Cavileer, James, LewisAyes: 3Nays: 0			
2017 – 35 – Resolution Community Forest Management Plan			
Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer			
Roll Call:Cavileer, James, LewisAyes: 3Nays: 0			
2017 – 36 – Resolution Cancellation of Municipal Lien			
Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer			

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

2017 – 37 – Resolution Cancellation of Taxes for a Totally Disabled Vet			
Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman James			
Roll Call: Cavileer, James, Lewis	Ayes: 3	Nays: 0	
2017 – 38 – Resolution Authorizing Preparation & Submission of Recycling Tonnage Grant			
Motion mode by Committeemen James, seconded by Committeemen Cavileer			

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman CavileerRoll Call:Cavileer, James, LewisAyes: 3Nays: 0

2017 – 39 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of Stipulation of Settlement with Verizon of NJ
Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer
Roll Call: Cavileer, James, LewisAyes: 3Nays: 0

 2017 – 40 – Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement w/Borough of Tuckerton/Vac Truck

 Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman James

 Roll Call:
 Cavileer, James, Lewis

 Ayes:
 3

 Nays:
 0

APPROVAL OF PARADE PERMITS

Kowboy Korral - #2017-09 – June 10 & 11, 2017 – All paper work is in order and in compliance.

Committeeman Cavileer – Do they have medical coverage?

Mr. Pino explained the application.

Committeeman Cavileer – If you need the ambulance, there may be a conflict for the residents.

Mr. Pino – I pay taxes and contribute to the ambulance squad, I think this is ridiculous. Canoers don't get a parade permit and no one says a word.

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman James to approve the Parade Permit.

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, LewisAyes: 3Nays: 0

Pine Barrens Adventure Camp- #2017-10 – June 3 & 4, 2017 – All paper work is in order and in compliance.

Pine Barrens Adventure Camp - #2017-11 – June 10 & 11, 2017 – All paper work is in order and in compliance.

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer to approve the Parade Permits:

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

TRAILER/MOBILE HOME UNIT RENEWALS

Vincent Marzarella – 2208 C River Road (Recreational Only)

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer the above was approved and was inspected:

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, LewisAyes: 3Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to pay the bills by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer.Roll Call:Cavileer, James, LewisAyes:3Nays:0

REPORTS

- a) **Engineer** working on Turtle Creek Road; working on Bathrooms; Tax Maps; right of way for tree clearing
- b) **Solicitor** We will need a closed session.
- c) CFO Nothing to add
- d) **Code Enforcement** Turtle Run and Wading Pines Campgrounds were ok to issue. Bel Haven has a minor issue and should be ok for the next meeting.
- e) **Township Clerk** Routine day to day operations of the Township Clerk's Office and submitted monthly reports required; Codification, website, Trash Bids are due on May 17, 2017; Still looking at the bus stop and will get in touch with the County; doing a mailing for Verizon users; Mayor met tonight with regards to the sound system
- f) **OEM-BOH** As submitted by Barbara Somes
- g) Township Committee -

Committeeman Cavileer –. There were no complaints concerning recycling and trash pick-up. Garden State, the trash hauler, brought a 30 yard dumpster on schedule and removed it within a week filled with tree limbs. Bulking item day should be this week. The May Planning Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of business. There were four of us in the audience for the 4/24/2017 School Board Meeting. That is not counting the representative of the School Board Association, which they had requested to be present. Their meetings are to be held monthly until they sell the school and get the money back to the taxpayers are tackled. Rateables have dropped from various sales to the State, our tax bills with the new statements should be the same as last year's. Even though we expected school taxes to go down somewhat, the State will not allow them to be reduced below what they presently are. It's called the minimum tax levy requirement. They expect to have \$400,000 in surplus funds with it increasing about the same amount with each year, unless they can get it back to the taxpayer. They are confronted with the minimum tax levy requirement forbidding them to lower taxes. They also have to contend with the requirement that their surplus funds should not exceed \$250,000. There doesn't seem to be a mechanism to resolve this issue by getting those funds back to the taxpayer. We need a bill to address this problem. Board Member Nick Del Nero has been in touch with State Senator Connors. The Business Administrator has done the same and also contacted the State. Starting in November, I suggested they go to our legislators for the purpose of them creating legislation to give us tax relief. Nothing was done. At this meeting, Horace Somes suggested the same thing before they went into executive session and our crowd of observers left. I spoke with the Business Administrator on this past Friday. She has concluded that Horace and I have advocated their only alternative to battle this problem. I have offered to help as our Township has had past experience with this regard. All of us may have to get involved in a letter writing campaign before it's over. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 22 at 6 PM.

Committeeman James – I received a complaint about tires at the junkyard and that was addressed. And there is a problem at the entrance of the Maintenance yard.

Mayor Lewis – I've been talking to the School Board.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> (Please state your name & address for the record)

Mayor Lewis opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Barbara Cavileer – Thanked the Mayor for contacting the County and filling the potholes.

Fatima Ford – There is ponding at the intersection of Route 542 & 563.

Horace Somes – People are parking to fish at the Wading River Bridge on the blind curve.

Leonard Forand – You said that we spend too much money on the tax maps.

Township Clerk Hoffman – We don't have the maps yet.

Mayor Lewis – Some of the work has been done, but there is more to be done.

Engineer Brown – The State has to review them before they get approved. They are not plotted correctly and this is very difficult.

Leonard Forand – What abut the parade permit for Pine Barrens?

Mayor Lewis explained the process for the parade permits.

Solicitor Coleman – We will need a closed session and action may be taken.

Resolution #40 – Executive Session – Contract Negotiations/Potential Litigation

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer to go into Executive Session.

Roll Call: Cavileer, James, LewisAyes: 3Nays: 0

Mayor and Committee went into Executive Session at 9:07 PM.

Let the record reflect the Mayor and Committee returned to the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:32 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer and carried to Authorized the Solicitor to contact the School Board with further negotiations.

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

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer to adjourn.Roll Call:Cavileer, James, LewisAyes: 3Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC Township Clerk