WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BURLINGTON COUNTY

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES Tuesday July 11, 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 6nd day of July, 2017

Roll Call:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 13, 2017 – Regular & Executive

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

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

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

2017-05 – 2017 Salary Ordinance

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

There were no public comments.

Mayor Lewis closed the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman James

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

2017-06 – Authorizing Special Emergency Appropriations/Tax Maps

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

Jeanette DePiero – Is this a total or an estimate of what it will cost?

Mayor Lewis – read the engineer's estimate.

Bruce Freilich – What needs to be done?

Engineer Brown explained the review of the State.

Marie Heffley – Our property consists of two lots while the map shows only one.

Horace Somes – I had some issues and I left a map for Scott to use.

Doug Melegari from the Pine Barrens Tribune – The CFO said that the Township already spent a lot of money. Do you know how much?

CFO Manning – I don't know, I would have to research it.

Mr. Melegari – Could you do that?

CFO Manning – Yes.

Horace Somes – In the end, the whole Township may be State owned property and this will be a mute point.

Mayor Lewis closed the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer

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

RESOLUTIONS

2017 – 44 – Resolution Approving Employee Manual- Tabled from 6/13/2017

Deputy Mayor James – I would like to see the corrections that Committeeman Cavileer gave and I'd like to table this.

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer to TABLE the above Resolution:

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

2017 – 50 – Resolution Authorizing an Amount for Certified Animal Control Services for the Care of Injured Animals by Mt. Laurel Animal Hospital

Deputy Mayor James – Why do we need this?

Deputy Township Clerk Bacon – I will have to get the Township Clerk to get back to you on this matter.

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer to TABLE the above Resolution:

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

2017 – 51 – Authorizing Receipt of Uncashed Court Funds

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman James

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

2017 – 52 – Refund Taxes/Totally Disabled Veteran

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer

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

2017 – 53 – Certification of the Annual Audit for 2016

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman James

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

2017 – 54 – Cancellation of Taxes on Property Purchased by State

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer

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

2017 – 55 – Amend Resolution # 2017-35 – Community Forest Management Plan

Motion made by Committeeman Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman James

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

CAMPGROUNDS

M.P. Campground, Inc. t/a Belhaven Lake RV Resort

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Deputy Mayor James – What is the bill for the repair of NEM tires?

Committeeman Cavileer – This was for a flat on a rear tractor tire.

Deputy Mayor James – What is the Trash Pro bill?

CFO Manning explained the bill.

Motion to pay the bills by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer.

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

REPORTS

- a) **Engineer** Received verbal approval for the 2 grants on Turtle Creek Road; you have the plans for the bathrooms; gave a Stormwater Report; Tax Assessor asked that we look in the request from Pine Island Cranberry to consolidate lots, these lots are in 3 different Townships.
- b) **Solicitor** Nothing to add.
- c) **CFO** Nothing to add.
- d) Code Enforcement As submitted by William Ward
- e) **Township Clerk** Routine day to day operations of the Township Clerk's Office and submitted monthly reports required;
- f) **OEM-BOH** As submitted by Barbara Somes
- g) Township Committee -

Committeeman Cavileer – No complaints on trash or recycling; Monday night was a School Board Meeting, which I couldn't attend; the School Board has a Task Force, and I think I should step down as a liaison for the time being; I contacted Viking Yachts to see if they would like to purchase the School, they haven't gotten back to me; I also emailed Karen Gfroehrer proposing a course of action to get a bill successfully passed by the State to relieve our taxpayers of the minimum tax levy imposed on our school taxes; it may take a few years to do the front of the building and I would request that we move ahead with installing the mailbox.

Committeeman James – I've been notified that there is boat anchored by the ramp and it seems to be moving inland.

Mayor Lewis – I don't know if there is anything that we can do with that.

Mayor Lewis – I attended the School Board Meeting and we will be having a meeting within the next few weeks.

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

Mayor Lewis opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Jeanette DePiero – The flowers outside of the Building are very nice.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Committeeman James, seconded by Committeeman Cavileer to adjourn.

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

Respectfully submitted, Karen A. Bacon, RMC Deputy Township Clerk