

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2021

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

Township Clerk, Lisa H. Hand read the Sunshine Notice Statement as follows:

Sunshine Notice: This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law. 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 7, 2021. All the above posting, filing & mailing have taken place on April 29, 2021.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor James, Deputy Mayor Seybold and Committeeman Gadd.

Professionals: Thomas Coleman, Esq.; Engineer Kevin Dixon; Township Clerk Lisa H. Hand; Deputy Township Clerk Karen Bacon and CFO Kristen Manning, Absent.

Approval of Minutes

April 6, 2021 – Regular 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

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING

2021-04 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Mayor James opened the meeting for public comments.

Auditor Michael Garcia explained the CAP ordinance to Mayor, Committee and the public.

Mayor James opened the Public Hearing.

Michael Peranteau – Charles Avenue – What is the 3% figure?

Auditor Michael Garcia – About \$26,000, this budget is below the CAP about \$50,000.

Public Hearing was closed.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committee Gadd the above Ordinance passed second reading:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING

2021-05 – ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHAPTER 155 – CAMPGROUNDS

Mayor James opened the meeting for public comments.

Michelle Burton – Godfrey Bridge Road – The State code doesn't have a limit on how long people can stay.

Solicitor Coleman – The Township can put a time period on this.

Michelle Burton – I have work campers who won't working during the down time and I can't do all the work myself. I would like to have them come in after the time period.

Public Hearing was closed.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Ordinance passed second reading:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

FIRST READING

2021-06 – ORDINANCE AMEND PART I – MUNICIPAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Solicitor Coleman explained the above ordinance.

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

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

2021 ADOPTION OF BUDGET & PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution # 2021-30– Resolution Authorizing 2021 Municipal Budget Be Adopted

Auditor Michael Garcia explained the 2021 Budget.

Mayor James opened the public hearing of the 2021 Budget.

Michael Peranteau – Charles Avenue – Did we get money from the State?

Mayor James – No.

Auditor Garcia – There is zero local purpose tax.

Public Hearing was closed.

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

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Auditor Garcia – We are working on the Audit for the Township and we sent out notices to verify information with regards to the Tax Collector’s Office, so if you get one, we would appreciate that you return it.

Resolution # 2021-31 – Resolution Opposing New Jersey State Assembly & Senate Forest Management Bills A-4843/S-3549, A-4844/S-3550, A-4845/S-3548 and A-4846/S-3547

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

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

PARADE PERMIT

Stockton University – Legacy Fund Bike Ride – June 5, 2021 - #2021-01

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd and carried to approve the above Parade Permit.

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

CAMPGROUND APPROVALS

Turtle Run Campground – 3 Cedar Lane

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

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Wading Pines Camping Resort – 85 Godfrey Bridge Road

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

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Approval of Bills

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

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

DISCUSSION – SURVEY OF MARIJUANA

Mayor James explained the survey. The results is that the Township doesn't want this in the Township. The ordinance is good for 5 years and then we can change the ordinance.

Solicitor Coleman stated that this will have to go to the Planning Board, before Committee can adopt.

FIRST READING

2021-07 – PROHIBIT THE OPERATIONS OF ALL CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Ordinance passed first reading and will forward to the Planning Board:

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Reports

Engineer – There is a grant application for funding and we are looking for recommendations. We will need a resolution supporting the grant.

Solicitor – Nothing to add

CFO – Absent

Township Clerk – Day to Day operations of the Clerk's office; Survey for Marijuana was received and tallied; updates of the Code Company website and our website.

Code Enforcement Officer – Committeeman Gadd gave the following report: Inspected 2 campgrounds and one trailer; issued 6 notices of violations and 3 warning notices.

OEM – Nothing to add.

Committeeman Gadd – A couple of trash issues that were taken care of; Township Landing has the signs up; Issues with Lance Run Road continues; one sign was found in Mullica Township.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – Public Works Report – Several high wind events, checking road for limbs and trees; gravel Smith Lane; Bells Lane and Lance Run Road; Went to Hammonton Tractor Supply for nuts and bolts; picked up roadside trash. The Recycling Bin is available at the Municipal Yard. The Township Landing stickers are available in the Clerk's Office. There was a question about where to put them. They should be put on the upper portion of the windshield on the passenger side.

Mayor James – Worked on Ordinances with the Solicitor.

Public Comments

Michelle Burton – Godfrey Bridge Road – Can you smoke marijuana on our property?

Solicitor Coleman – You will have to make that decision.

Michael Peranteau – Charles Avenue – Where can we take our electronics?

Mayor James – The County or at the 4-H Center on Route 50.

Deputy Township Clerk – I'll send out a notice of the dates for the 4-H Center.

Michael Peranteau – What about the speed limits?

Committeeman Gadd – We will have to ask for a study.

Michael Peranteau – Where do you get the stickers for the landing?

Deputy Township Clerk Bacon – The Clerk's Office.

Marie Heffley – Henderson Avenue – I think the Township has to either pave or put millings down on Lance Run Road. We need a visual of where the road it. This is a safety issue and this needs to be addressed. When will the sign be put back up?

Committeeman Gadd – We have been in contact with the State Police and we are working on getting the sign up back up.

Barbara Cavileer – Will there be a standardized form for the expenditures?

Mayor James – Yes.

Barbara Cavileer – What is the Forest Management resolution?

Mayor James explained the resolution.

Barbara Cavileer – At the corner of Old Church Road & River Road, there is bushes that need to be trimmed.

Mayor James – We will ask Larry to see what he can do.

Aaron Camillo – The fee for Stockton should be waived.

Deputy Township Clerk Bacon – They didn't ask for a waiver this year.

Aaron Camillo – We are working on getting a petition together for the cell tower. There are new neighbors at the corner and I saw them trimming the bushes.

David Simpson – River Road – The funding ordinance, what chapter is this under?

Solicitor Coleman – This is a new Chapter to the code.

David Simpson – You will have to go into Chapter 35 and change that also. With putting the sticker for the landing on your windshield, is this legal?

Committeeman Gadd – Yes.

David Simpson – I feel that the Landing needs to be graded, it's pretty bad.

Paul Diulio – Godfrey Bridge Road – The brush is still in my yard. The trash wasn't picked up and I don't what this to continue.

Committeeman Gadd – It hasn't been picked up?

Paul Diulio – Yes, but not that week. And there are ruts in the bus turn around.

Aaron Camillo – River Road – Do you need a permit for the landing, if you walk?

Deputy Mayor Seybold – No.

Horace Somes – Turtle Creek Road – The website is great, thank you to the Clerk's Office. The Community Forestry Plan should be on the website also.

Township Clerk Hand – I thought it was on there, but will check and if not, it will be added.

Public Comments was closed.

Adjournment

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to adjourn at 8:07 pm.

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa H. Hand
Township Clerk