

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 7, 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 December 2, 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.

**Approval of Minutes**

November 9, 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

November 9, 2021 – Executive 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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution # 2021-54 – Transfer of Funds**

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

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James    Ayes:      3    Nays:      0

Mayor James – We have Trooper Walsh here tonight for any questions.

Trooper Walsh – We have Troopers with radar in the area. Any issues tonight, I'll take back to the Lieutenant.

Mayor James – I don't know about it it's the weather, but we need patrols especially in June & July. Thank you for attending our meetings.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – More of a problem is when the boat works are letting out or going to work.

David Simpson – OEM – Regarding Route 9 and Route 542, do you have a priority on these roads.

Trooper Walsh – We don't have a priority, but we have no cell reception in this area.

David Simpson – The flooding that we have in our area and we got called out; we couldn't get in touch with Burlington County and we have no Troopers.

Committeeman Gadd – There was a breakdown in communication with the County. We had no signs, just tape across the road in a very dark area with no warning.

Mayor James thanked Trooper Walsh for coming to the meeting.

### **Approval of Bills**

Mayor James questioned two bills regarding road cleanup. CFO Manning explain the bills.

Committeeman Gadd – The Vector bill?

Mayor James stated that he was called.

Deputy Township Clerk Bacon explained the problem that we are having with the Alarm System.

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

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

### **Reports**

**Engineer** – I have talked with Joe Brickley with regards to the parking lot. He thought we could clean this up by the end of the month and I think the County should be done by the end of this month also.

**Solicitor** – I have nothing, except we will need an Executive Session tonight.

**CFO** – Day to day operations.

**Township Clerk** – Received a grant for \$235.95 for safety items that we purchased. Thank you everyone for my first year and look forward to 2022.

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Absent

**OEM** – I gave to Leigh what I got on the supervisor of Road and requesting a meeting. Lower Bank Vol. Fire Company did sign for a new fire truck.

**Committeeman Gadd** – We will be having a meeting with the County on the roadway. We had a virtual meeting with the State DEP in reference with the Senior Center. Thank you Tom for reaching the Senator for us. We have filed an appeal with the insurance company for the Senior Center and trying to get more money. The Food Pantry is stocked and someone is stealing everything in it, including the clipboard. Tomorrow is the Senior Luncheon and Hope to see you there. Merry Christmas.

**Deputy Mayor Seybold** – Public Works – October-November 2021 – checked road for down trees and limbs after several high wind and rain; two trips to CAMCP for snow plow service; two trips to Hy-Way Auto for service of trucks; picked up road side trash on Township Roads; Graveled Bell Lane; Smith Lane & Lance Run Road.

I'll be getting together with Larry on the issue of a couple of trees that need to be taken care of. Looking into the issue with the handicap ramp to make maintenance repairs. Attended the League and

brought back information on Playground equipment. I will be attend the Atlantic County Board of Commissioners regarding our concerns on the Green Bank Bridge. Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

**Mayor James** – Attended the League; had the Pinelands Municipal Council meeting here last week and I’m working with our Solicitor on a few ordinances.

**Public Comments**

Barbara Cavileer, River Road – Are the Clean Communities groups in the Township or what; where are they based?

Mayor James – I have the same question.

CFO Manning – One is the Girl Scouts and the other is a Horse Rescue group. We will have to get an explanation from Shelia.

Barbara Cavileer – Thank you for getting something done on the parking lot.

Mayor James – We will go into Executive Session and no action will be taken.

**Resolution # 2021-55 – Executive Session - Litigation**

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

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James   Ayes: 3   Nays: 0

Mayor and Committee came back into open session at 8:12 pm.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James   Ayes: 3   Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa H. Hand  
Township Clerk