# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES April 6, 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 1, 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**

March 2, 2021 - Regular Meeting

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

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

March 16, 2021 – Budget Workshop 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

# <u>ORDINANCES</u>

# SECOND READING - PUBLIC HEARING

2021-02 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHAPTER 294 - MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

Mayor James opened the meeting for public comments.

Mayor James stated that this ordinance would not allow mobile food trucks to be overnight, it has to be mobile.

No other public comments.

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

2021-03 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHAPTER 155 - CAMPGROUNDS

Mayor James opened the meeting for public comments.

Katie Durant – Wading Pines Campground – We don't want this ordinance adopted. We have been improving this campground since my brother purchased it. We need the employees to be able to say.

Lawrence Ford – Wading Pine Campground – I help manage the campground since the death of our brother. We don't understand how this ordinance will help the Township. We have improved the property. This reduces the season and our income. We are a family business.

Committeeman Gadd – Campgrounds can't be open year round.

Mr. Ford – We don't have guests year round. State law allows year round.

Mayor James – We are changing this because of the abuse.

Committeeman Gadd - You can have one caretaker.

Mayor James – You can't have overnight during November 1 – April 1.

Mr. Ford – I would recommend allowing workers to be there.

Michele Burton – I work at Wading Pines, we need the work campers that stay to help us.

Tom Burton – Wading Pines – The Park was ran into the ground and we need the workers in the off season to take care of everything.

Mr. Ford - Could we allow our contractors?

Mrs. Nelson – I'm a current seasonal camper and it makes me feel safe that are people there when I have my camper there.

Committeeman Gadd – I would recommend that we amend this ordinance to allow for 2021 only that the time period is from November 15 to April 1.

Solicitor Coleman – You will have to table Ordinance # 2021-3 and have the first hearing on Ordinance # 5.

### 2021-05 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHAPTER 155 - CAMPGROUNDS - FIRST READING

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

### **FIRST READING**

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

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

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

### **2021 INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET**

Resolution # 2021-26- Resolution Authorizing 2021 Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Resolution was adopted: Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Resolution # 2021-27 – Resolution to Introduce 2021 Budget and Set Time and Date of Public Hearing on the 2010 Budget

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Resolution was adopted: Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Resolution # 2021-28 - Opposition of Senate Bill #S3375 - Workers" Compensation Act

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Resolution was adopted: Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Resolution # 2021-29 - Change Order #2 for 2019 State Aid Paving of River Road & Henderson Ave

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Resolution was adopted: Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

#### **Trailer/Mobile Home Permit License**

Karen & John Fahy - 1686C Route 542

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

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

# **Approval of Bills**

Committeeman Gadd – What about the heating oil bill?

CFO Manning explained the bill.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the Bills were approved: Aves: Navs: 0

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

# Reports

Engineer – I called about the trucks using Old Church Road and the County was going to contact them.

Mayor James - They are still using the road.

Engineer Dixon – I'll look into this; we could look into an approved truck route.

**Solicitor** – I have nothing to add.

**CFO** – I have nothing to add.

Township Clerk - Day to Day operations of the Clerk's office; Survey for Marijuana has been mailed out and they have until April 15th to return them; updates of the Code Company website and our website.

Code Enforcement Officer - Not present

**OEM** – Deputy Township Clerk Bacon- David didn't have anything to add.

Committeeman Gadd - I'll be working with the Road Department on the signage at the Beach and Lance Run Road.

Deputy Mayor Seybold - Public Works Report - Plowed & Salting of roads; salt deliver from County Highway department; couple high wind conditions, checking of roads' for tree & limbs; back drag with loader should of Bulltown Road from snow plowing damage; also Town Hall & Ambulance Co.; cut tree on Island Road; gravel Ridge Road & Cedar Lane & School Bus turn around Turtle Creek Road; picked up road side trash. Dumpster is at the Maintenance Yard.

Mayor James – I worked on the ordinance changes don't forget the marijuana survey due 4/15; working on the Pineland Municipal Alliance; New permits for the landing are available at the Clerk's Office.

#### **Public Comments**

Jeannette DePiero - River Road, Green Bank - Are calendars being sent out?

Deputy Township Clerk Bacon – No, everything is on our website.

Mrs. DePiero – What about bulky items?

Committeeman Gadd – Dates are on the website.

Mrs. DePiero – What about the Senior Center?

Mayor James – We are working on it.

Barry Cavileer – River Road, Lower Bank – My concern is on Route 542 between Lower Bank and Wading River at the big bend; flooding and mosquitos. Barbara called the Health Department and they came down and looked at it. There is a beaver problem from what I have heard also. I'd like the Township to follow up on this problem.

Mayor James – I've been advised that Lower Bank has a problem with feral cats; you will need to contact our Animal Control and his number is on our website.

Paul DiUlio – Godfreys Bridge Road – the road has been damaged by plowing, something needs to be done.

Mayor James – We will look into trying to get a grant to fix this problem. The School Bus turn around needs to be address also.

Mr. DiUlio – What do I do with the tree limbs that were left on my front lawn?

Mayor James - Committeeman Gadd, will you look into this?

Committeeman Gadd - Yes.

Frank Vogel – Route 542 – I'd like an explanation on the new law on marijuana.

Solicitor Coleman explained the different classes of the ordinance.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted, Lisa H. Hand Township Clerk