WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 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 June 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.

Approval of Minutes

June 1, 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

ORDINANCES SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING

2021-07 – ORDINANCE Prohibit the Operations of All Classes of Cannabis Businesses (Approved by Planning Board on 6/2/2021)

Mayor James opened the meeting for the public hearing.

Ron Hill - Bulltown Road - I commend you for adopting this ordinance.

Mayor James closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Ordinance was adopted after public hearing:

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 2021-35 - Resolution Amend/Submit Grant Application/Road Paving

Engineer Dixon explained the above resolution.

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 # 2021-38 - Second Amendment Rights

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 # 2021-39 – Approve Payment #1 – Lovers Lane

Engineer Dixon explained the resolution.

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 # 2021-40 - Awarding Proposal for Post Construction Pavement Cores - Lovers Lane

Engineer Dixon explained the resolution.

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 # 2021-41 - Authorizing Change Order #1 - Increase - Lovers Lane

Engineer Dixon explained the resolution.

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 # 2021-42 - Chapter 159 - Clean Communities

CFO Manning explained the resolution.

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 # 2021-43 – Chapter 159 – Municipal Alcohol Education

CFO Manning explained the resolution.

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

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

Reports

Engineer – Updated on road projects. JIF required stripping on Lovers Lane and it was in the specs. No word on the parking lot from the County. I'd suggest that we extend the Recreation Grant which will expire in January 2022.

Committeeman Gadd – Lisa has already gotten an extension, we will just need a letter.

Solicitor – I have nothing to add.

CFO – The day to day operations.

Township Clerk - Day to Day operations of the Clerk's office.

Code Enforcement Officer – Absent

OEM – Meeting with the County OEM & Park Police, I'm trying to coordinate a meeting with the County OEM, Ambulance, State Police & Park Police. Working on radios to be able to talk to different municipalities and counties.

Committeeman Gadd – Had a meeting with the insurance company & Underwriters with regards to the claim for the Senior Center. I have been in touch with the insurance carrier and hopefully they will reopen the claim.

Safety Grant is being looked into for things to be bought.

Kevin, were you able to get in touch with the County for more speed limit signs?

Engineer Dixon – I'll look into this.

Committeeman Gadd – Thank you Lisa for picking up the ball on the Senior Center, you did a great job.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – Public Works Report – May-June – 2021 – Gravel Smith Lane; Bell's Lane; Lance Run Road and Wading River; cutting grass & weed wacked Maintenance Yard; Wading River; Lower Bank & Bulltown Road & picked up roadside trash; couple high winds/rain events – checking roads for trees and limbs.

Past Saturday Lower Bank Vol. Fire Company participated in the Galloway Township 4th of July Parade.

Township Yard Dumpster – It's being monitored. A propane tank was in there, which should "not" (corrected 8/3/3021) be and to also breakdown the boxes.

We will be putting up the Lance Run Road sign.

We have been asked if we have space for a space for computers; we may when the Senior Center if up and running.

Mayor James – Tax maps are back on track after talking with Jay. Spoke with Engineer on a few projects. Recycling is back on schedule. I have been in contact with the State and we are #2 on list for Gypsy Moths next year. Pinelands Commission Director Nancy Wittenberg passed away recently

Public Comments

Ron Hill – Bulltown Road – I'm pleased with everything that was done tonight. Thank you for the hiring of Lisa & Karen. Bulltown Road is awful with Gypsy Moth. I did spray, but was about 9 days too soon. There is a training class on Gypsy Moth that the Township may want to take.

Mayor James – It's too late this year, but my only suggestion would be to scrap off the egg masses, if you can.

Sarah Camillo – River Road, Lower Bank – They are still speeding on River Road.

Mayor James – I've called them (State Police) and I'm going to talk to the State Police, Park Police and Marine Police.

Sarah Camillo - Weekends mid-day is the worst.

Committeeman Gadd – I had the signs out, but the batteries ran out in half the time. They will be back up again soon.

Sarah Camillo – The trees should be trimmed on River Road just off Route 542 near the speed limit sign. There is also a speed limit sign between Maxwell & Old Church Road. Thank you for working on the Gypsy Moth problem.

Susan Dunphey - River Road, Green Bank - There is loud music, speeding from Ski Beach.

Mayor James – The only thing you can do is call 911.

Susan Dunphey – I know Washington Township can't do anything and I'll be talking to the owners. They are racing from Lower Bank Bridge to Green Bank Bridge, this a major problem.

Committeeman Gadd – I'd like to see what the owners say about this problem. They should post and they should call the police.

Mayor James – We are going to talk to the Park Police.

Committeeman Gadd – Egg Harbor City should be contacted, maybe they have a nuisance ordinance.

Man (didn't get name) – Maybe hand out pamphlets at Crowley's landing, they don't know the rules of the water.

Aaron Camillo – River Road, Lower Bank - Gave an update on the cell tower in Lower Bank, I would like to have a letter of general support from the Township to help the case.

Mayor James – We can give you a general support, but of course they will have to follow all the rules.

David Simpson - River Road, Lower Bank - Ski Beach is either in Mullica or Egg Harbor City.

Susan Dunphey – Egg Harbor City.

David Simpson – Did you contact the Coast Guard?

Susan Dunphey – We were told they wouldn't come.

David Simpson – I'll give you the name and numbers of the contact person to call.

Mayor James – I'd like that number also, please.

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