WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 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 September 2, 2021.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor James, Deputy Mayor Seybold and Committeeman Gadd. Professionals: Thomas Coleman, Esq.; Engineer Kevin Dixon, Absent; Township Clerk Lisa H. Hand; Deputy Township Clerk Karen Bacon and CFO Kristen Manning, Absent.

Moment of Silence for John E. Pearce

Mayor James – We have been notified that John E. Pearce has passed away. John was a friend of Washington Township as well a published author, notability "Heart of the Pines Ghostly Voice of the Pine Barrens" our copy of the book is signed by John as follows: "To the people of Washington Township whom I got to know very well over the years. I treasure them and the land of the Barrens".

Approval of Minutes

August 3, 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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 2021-48 – New Proposal/Acceptance for Website

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 # 2021-49 - Accept 2020 Audit

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 # 2021-50 – Accept Change Order #2 – Reduction & Final Payment for 2020 State Aid Paying Improvement of Lovers Lane

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

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

Parade Permits

Pine Barrens Adventure Camp – October 15-16, 2021 - # 2021-3

Barbara Cavileer – I have an issue on the ambulance and will need clarification.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Resolution was tabled to get the information:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Pinelands Alliance – October 2, 2021 - #2021-4 – Asking for waiver of fee except administrative fee of \$50.00

Barbara Cavileer – I have a problem with the ambulance transport and need clarification.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Resolution was conditionally granted if information is given within 2 weeks and fee is waived except administrative fee of \$50.00:

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Trailer/Mobile Home Renewal

Howard & Diane Chew – 3088 Route 563, Jenkins

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

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Approval of Bills

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 – Not present

Nothing to add. Solicitor –

CFO -Not present

Township Clerk – Day to Day operations of the Clerk's Office and worked on the ID cards.

Code Enforcement Officer – Landing Inspections; BelHaven Lake issued and inspections.

OEM – Thank you Lisa for the ID cards. We were very lucky with the weather. FEMA will be going around tomorrow. The Green Bank Bridge will be having timed openings until 9/30. Atlantic County has petitioned the Coast Guard for openings on the hour & ½ hour for next summer.

Committeeman Gadd - Status quo - no problems with trash & recycling. Senior Center is being worked on. We have another inspection for Monday. Speeding within the Township is what it is.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – Public Works Report – July-August 2021 – Couple of severe storms, checking roads and picking up limbs; tornado warning on standby; picked up road side trash; cutting grass-Township Landing, Maintenance Yard & weed wacked; gravel Lance Run, Smith Lane & Bell's Lane; Put Lance Run Road sign up again with Committeeman Leigh Gadd.

Recycling bin at the Township Yard is going very well. We received a notice from the County to make sure you put the proper stuff in your recycling bin and don't use plastic bags.

Mayor James – There was an increase of patrols on the River; was on vacation, so I don't have much to report and the Mayor's Conference was cancelled.

Public Comments

Sue Dunphey & Jim Cramer – River Road, Green Bank – I really appreciate what they have done, but it's still a problem. Sunday my floating dock with the Jet Ski was ripped off the piling and was floating down the river. Marine Police came & I reported this. We think it was don't on purpose. I wrote a letter to the Leek's and haven't heard from them. Also ski beach is in Mullica Township. They are making another beach in Lower Bank by the bridge.

Sarah Camillo – River Road, Lower Bank – Thank you for helping with the issues of speeding, but it's not helping. I haven't seen the State Police. Speed limit signs should be on Old Church Road. What do we have to do to drop the speed limits in the Township? We need to do everything we can.

Mrs. Camillo quoted from the Pine Barrens Tribune. We needed to stay on this issue.

Teresa Kraut Bauer – River Road, Lower Bank – I agree with Sue on the speeding and the speeding on the river. The common area on Henderson Avenue, the rock cage needs to be corrected and there are wasps in the tree.

Committeeman Gadd – We are going to get in touch with the engineer and we are aware of this issues.

James Camillo – River Road, Lower Bank – You can't speed in Chatsworth because of the speed bumps. What about a three-way stop sign at Old Church & River Roads?

Mayor James – We will have to look into that.

Kevin Bauer – River Road, Lower Bank – Do we have a website?

Township Clerk Hand – Yes (gave him the address)

Sarah Camillo – Have we heard from the State Police?

Mayor James – We were just talking about that and we are going to contact them.

Sarah Camillo – What about the speed limit?

Committeeman Gadd – The engineer was going to look into that.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted, Lisa H. Hand Township Clerk