

 **TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**
BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE VIA CONFERENCE CALL
June 9, 2020 * 7:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to Order followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
The Township Clerk read the Sunshine Notice Statement.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law. 1) 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 14, 2020. 2) Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. 3) Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex. 4) Forwarding a copy of the agenda to the Atlantic City Press and the Burlington County Times 5) Forwarding a copy of the agenda to each person who requested copies of the regular meeting schedule. All the above posting, filing & mailing have taken place on June 8, 2020.

Call of the Roll: Committeeman Gadd, Deputy Mayor Seybold and Mayor James. Also present were Township Clerk Hoffman, Deputy Township Clerk Bacon, CFO Manning, Solicitor Stephen Raymond and Engineer Dixon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 5, 2020 – Regular Minutes

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3 Nays:

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING

Michael Peranteau – Charles Avenue – Is the ordinance rewritten and why?

Mayor James – it only designates that it's for Township beach and not personal property.

Michele Lubaczewski– River Road – I had the same concerns; I like this wording.

Michael Peranteau – Can you read the ordinance?

Mayor James read the Ordinance.

Committeeman Gadd – this addresses the concerns of the residents.

Tim Michel – River Road – Is it only at the beach?

Mayor James – Yes

Lady (unknown) – Private or public property?

Mayor James – Public



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Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

CAMPGROUNDS

Turtle Run Campground – 3 Cedar Lane
MP Campground, Inc. t/a Belhaven Lake RV Resort – 1213 Route 542
Wading Pines Camp Resort – 85 Godfrey Bridge Road

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

SOLICIT OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN PUBLIC ROADWAYS

Lower Bank Vol. Fire Company – September 5, 2020 at the intersection of Route 542 & 652

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold. (Mayor James and Deputy Mayor Seybold stepped down to vote on this as they are members of the Fire Company.)

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Committeeman Gadd – With regards to bill # 20-00150 Environmental Resolutions, Inc.; I thought we had a contract and this exceeds the amount we approved.

Township Clerk Hoffman – I can have at the next meeting one of the members of this company to come down as well as the Tax Assessor and discuss this with Mayor and Committee.

Mayor & Committee agreed to this.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold to pay the bills except for # 20-00150.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays

REPORTS

Engineer – Arawak has been delayed because of the delay with the County job, but we are in communication.

Solicitor Raymond – On behalf of Tom Coleman, there was the update of the ordinance and a letter sent to Ms. Bittenbender with regards to the work on her property.

CFO - Thank you and I have nothing.

Township Clerk – The day to day operations of the office; working with the Committee on projects, working with Trash Pro, phone system, website and IT is also working on this.

Code Enforcement – Nothing to Report

OEM – Still making runs to the County and have given out masks to the farmers.

Township Clerk Hoffman – What about the squad?

David Simpson – There are well stocked.

Committee:

Committeeman Gadd – There is a little bit of movement on the Senior Center.



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Deputy Mayor Seybold – Public Works – Two high wind events; checking roads. Gravel Bells Lane, Smith Lane & Lance Run Road; picked up road side trash; cutting grass-Wading River, Lower Bank & Bulltown Road; weed wacked and cutting grass at Township Maintenance Yard. I contacted the County as there was about 21 residents that didn't have their recycling picked up because of the storm. The county came out today and picked up the recycling.

Mayor James – I received an email from a resident regarding the grass around the Senior Center, had Larry cut the grass. Received an email from a trailer owner in regards to replacing a deck; I told her that the campground owner would have to do this. There is a feral cat problem in Lower Bank and I have contacted Tom Coleman and he will work on an ordinance to address this issue.

I contact Kevin Dixon to draw up plans for protection doors for our employees; not only did he draw up the plans, he is making and donating the doors for our employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Please state your name & address for the record)

Members of the public are invited to submit comments during the public comment portion of this meeting. The Committee, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Committee will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Township Administrator or appropriate Township Representative for resolution. Each citizen will be allotted up to three (3) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to express their opinions or concerns.

Kathy Gitto – River Road – concerning the Lower Bank Bridge and River Road, the yield sign isn't very effective, they are not yielding.

Mayor James – This is not a new issue and we have taken it to the County, we can try again to see what we can do.

Township Clerk Hoffman – The County said they were going to re-configure that area.

Mike Peranteau – the other side is a Township road, can't we put a sign on our side? And where are they paving?

Kevin Dixon – The County is paving all of River Road and we are paving our portion of River Road. We don't know when this is going to happen.

Mike Peranteau – Are we going to get internet?

Mayor James – We are only documenting that we want it.

Mike Peranteau – Did we get the million dollars from the State?

Township Clerk Hoffman – They have told us to put it in the budget, but we don't have it yet.

Mike Peranteau – If we get the extra money, can we put that for the school?

Mayor James – We should stay the same.

Mike Peranteau – What about the State Police enforcement?

Mayor James – There were very positive, but with the virus, I haven't seen anything.



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Mike Peranteau – What about the speed signs?

Committeeman Gadd – They are here and need to be charged.

Mike Peranteau – Thank you, Leigh for not paying the tax map bill.

Barry Cavileer – River Road – Just a reminder that the 2nd Monday of the month would be a conflict with the Fire Company Meeting.

Township Clerk Hoffman – July 15th will be the next meeting date.

Tara – 2119 River Road – The paving on River Road, the County was out and patching along the bulkhead. The 18th of June was the date they gave me.

Mayor James – I haven't been informed of that.

Kevin Dixon – I received nothing.

Mayor James – The project Manager should be in contact as it is a County road.

Samantha – River Road – Isn't the Township in a lawsuit about the bulkhead?

Mayor James – That is a legal question.

Solicitor Raymond – I'm sorry, I'll have to get back to you, I don't know about any lawsuit.

Matt Juno – River Road – Will they shut down the road when they pave?

Mayor James – It will be one side or the other.

Matt Juno – Will there be notifications?

Township Clerk Hoffman – I'll reach out to the County for more information.

Debbie Hample – River Road – The last time River Road was paved there was a run off problem in front of my house. What can be done on the river side of my property?

Township Clerk Hoffman – Give me your address and I'll check into it.

Debbie Hample – 2149 River Road.

Doug Melegari – Which areas have Comcast/Verizon?

Mayor James – I don't know that information, some have both and some areas have neither.

Tara – The massive sink holes near the bulkhead, you can't miss them.

Township Clerk Hoffman – We have internet at the Municipal Building.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays:

Kathleen D. Hoffman
Township Clerk