

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 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 November 4, 2021.

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

Approval of Minutes

October 5, 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

Mayor James stated that there will be an Executive Session and no action will be taken at the end of the regular meeting.

TAX MAPS

Tax Assessor Jay Renwick gave an update on the Tax Mays. The maps are certified and will be here soon.

DISCUSSION – GYPSY MOTH

Mayor James – Do we have the money for this?

Committeeman Gadd – For the one application it will be about \$79,680 and for a second application it will be about \$156,660.

CFO Kristen Manning – I didn't know this was on the agenda and I'll have to talk to the auditor.

Mayor James – We are working on it and we will be looking for grants.

Township Clerk Lisa Hand – We may be 50% in reimbursement.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 2021-52 – Best Practice Inventory

CFO Kristen Manning explained the Best Practice Inventor and we got 100%.

OEM – There was a parade that was held without a permit.

Mayor James – Do we have any information on this group?

David Simpson – I don't think so. I spent a lot of time on the phone during the storm and part of the problems were communication with dispatch. The County wasn't prepared and we did their job for them. Atlantic County was very responsive during this storm.

Committeeman Gadd – Thank you for your votes on Election Day, The Senior Luncheon will be held on December 8th. We are still getting quotes for the Senior Center. We will be having a meeting on November 23rd to discuss the Senior Center lease.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – There was no Public Works Report, but I know that they were out during and after the storm. I checked Charles Avenue and I don't think our guys can do it and will get a quote. The Landing is looking a little rough and we will grade it. We got a second quote on the brake job for a truck. Clean Communities group picked up trash along Old Church Road. The NJ League of Municipalities will be November 16th. Congratulations to Leigh.

Mayor James – Congratulations to Leigh. I worked on the Gypsy Moth issues; ordinance changes; Leigh is working on the Senior Center; the Senior Luncheon is December 8th. Thank you, Karen for your help during Election Day; will be attending the League and I performed a wedding.

Public Comments

Barbara Cavileer – River Road – What about the parking lot?

Kevin Dixon – I haven't got in touch with them, but I'm on it.

Barbara Cavileer – Trees on Old Church Road are growing over the road.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – The new owner at the corner has cut the shrubs.

Mayor James – The trees at Farnsworth's property needs to be cut.

Barbara Cavileer – We need to work with Bass River Township in the storms at Marigold; it was really a bad situation.

Doug Melegari – Pine Barrens Tribune – What about the Pilot Funding?

Mayor James – 99.3 %

Doug Melegari – Any plans for it?

Mayor James – Maybe gypsy moth.

Doug Melegari – What is your thoughts on the Green Bank Bridge?

Mayor James – We want on demand opening.

David Simpson – If the bridge is broke, they should have it down.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – We need that bridge down for emergency situations.

Solicitor Raymond – We need a resolution for the Executive Session.

RESOLUTION # 53 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – CAPELLA

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

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Adjournment

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to adjourn at 7:45 pm and went into Executive Session and no action was taken.

Roll Call: Gadd. Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa H. Hand
Township Clerk