

AGENDA

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

Members Present:	_____ Comm. Bill Roehrich	_____ Vice Mayor Matthew Murello
	_____ Comm. Larry Bajek	_____ Mayor Michael Marino
	_____ Comm. Walter Curioni	
Others Present:	_____ Attorney Dawn Sullivan	_____ Administrator Daniel
		_____ Township Clerk Probasco

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Daily Record and the Observer Tribune on January 9, 2026 and noticed in the Daily Record on February 22, 2026 and the Observer Tribune on February 26, 2026 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public, is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk and available under Public Notices at www.wtmorris.org. This meeting is being held at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley’s Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR’S UPDATE

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – Please state your name and address for the record

MEETING OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

That the following resignation be accepted:

Maya Smercina – Office Assistant, Tax, Finance and Fire Prevention Departments, effective March 6, 2026.

Motion to accept the resignation was made by Comm. _____, seconded by Comm. _____. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ORDINANCES

RO-02-26 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING PART II, “GENERAL LEGISLATION” CHAPTER 105 “HOUSING” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH UPDATED STANDARDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT,

**THE HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MASTER PLAN, AND TO COMPLY WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S
ROUND FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS. –SECOND AND FINAL READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING PART II, “GENERAL LEGISLATION” CHAPTER 105 “HOUSING” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH UPDATED STANDARDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT, THE HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MASTER PLAN, AND TO COMPLY WITH THE TOWNSHIP’S ROUND FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS** be passed on final reading and that a Notice of Final Passage be published on the official website of the Township of Washington.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC
CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motion was made by Comm. _____, seconded by Comm. _____ that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

RO-03-26

AN ORDINANCE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 217 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH AS NEW SECTION 217-16.2, THEREIN, THE “DRAKESTOWN ROAD MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY (DR-MFRO)” AND ASSOCIATED ZONING STANDARDS FOR THE PROPERTY AT BLOCK 8, LOT 8 (67 DRAKESTOWN ROAD) AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REFLECT SAME. –SECOND AND FINAL READING

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 217 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH AS NEW SECTION 217-16.2, THEREIN, THE “DRAKESTOWN ROAD MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY (DR-MFRO)” AND ASSOCIATED ZONING STANDARDS FOR THE PROPERTY AT BLOCK 8, LOT 8 (67 DRAKESTOWN ROAD) AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REFLECT SAME** be passed on final reading and that a Notice of Final Passage be published on the official website of the Township of Washington.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC
CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motion was made by Comm. _____, seconded by Comm. _____ that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

RO-04-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE NEWBURGH ROAD REDEVELOPMENT

PLAN AND ASSOCIATED ZONING STANDARDS PERTAINING TO BLOCK 19, LOT 8, A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 OF THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REFLECT SAME. –SECOND AND FINAL READING

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE NEWBURGH ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND ASSOCIATED ZONING STANDARDS PERTAINING TO BLOCK 19, LOT 8, A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 OF THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REFLECT SAME be passed on final reading and that a Notice of Final Passage be published on the official website of the Township of Washington.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC
CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motion was made by Comm. _____, seconded by Comm. _____ that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA

Matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Committee and a roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee member or a member of the public requests an item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

<u>*R-54-26</u>	VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENT
<u>*R-55-26</u>	AUTHORIZE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)
<u>*R-56-26</u>	AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF REGIONAL TRAIL <u>AGREEMENT</u> BETWEEN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP AND MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION
<u>*R-57-26</u>	AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY
<u>*R-58-26</u>	TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION RESERVE FUNDS
<u>*R-59-26</u>	AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A NJACCHO SUSTAINING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE 2026 GRANT AMENDMENT AGREEMENT
<u>*R-60-26</u>	AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF ANJEC OPEN SPACE STEWARDSHIP GRANTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONS 2026 GRANT APPLICATION
<u>*R-61-26</u>	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A <u>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT</u> WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT
<u>*R-62-26</u>	RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENDORSING THE 2026 <u>AMENDED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN</u> ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON PLANNING BOARD ON MARCH 4, 2026

<u>*R-63-26</u>	A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP’S AMENDED FOURTH ROUND <u>SPENDING PLAN</u>
<u>*R-64-26</u>	A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP’S FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE <u>HOUSING AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN</u>
<u>*R-65-26</u>	A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING AND/OR REAFFIRMING THE TOWNSHIP’S REHABILITATION PROGRAM MANUAL, ACCESSORY APARTMENT PROGRAM MANUAL, AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT <u>POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL</u>

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

An application has been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from the following:

Michael Egleston
Jacqueline Fritsch

That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to Long Valley First Aid Squad.

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRE COMPANY**

An application has been received for membership in the Long Valley Fire Company from the following:

Tyler Gauker

That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to Long Valley Fire Company.

***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION**

An application has been received for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association from Tyler Gauker.

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to the New Jersey State Firemen’s.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENTS**

An application has been received from **West Morris Central High School for a Relay for Life** Event to be held on **Friday, June 5, 2026 and Saturday, June 6, 2026** between the hours of 5:00 PM and 5:00 AM at West Morris Central High School, 259 Bartley Road, Long Valley. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, Construction Official, Zoning Official, and Fire Prevention Official.

An application has been received from **Ort Farms for a Car Show (Benefiting Washington Township PBA)** Event to be held on **Saturday, May 30, 2026** between the hours of 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM at Ort Farms, 2 Bartley Road, Long Valley. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, Construction Official, Zoning Official, and Fire Prevention Official.

An application has been received from **Ort Farms for a Berries & Brews Festival at Ort Farms** Event to be held on **Saturday, June 13, 2026 and Sunday, June 14, 2026** between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM at Ort Farms, 25 Bartley Road, Long Valley. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, Construction Official, Zoning Official, and Fire Prevention Official.

An application has been received from for the **Victory in the Valley Lacrosse Tournament** to be held on **Sunday, May 17, 2026** between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM at Califon Fields in Long Valley.

Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, Construction Official, Zoning Official, Recreation Director and Fire Prevention Official.

An application has been received from for the **Long Valley Baseball Club for Opening Day** to be held on **Saturday, April 18, 2026** between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM at Palmer Park in Long Valley. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, Construction Official, Zoning Official, Recreation Director and Fire Prevention Official.

An application has been received from for the **Atalese Memorial Softball Tournament** to be held on **May 17-17, 2026** between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM at Palmer Park in Long Valley. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, Construction Official, Zoning Official, Recreation Director and Fire Prevention Official.

That the foregoing applications be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health, Construction Official, Zoning Official, Recreation Director and Fire Prevention Official.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

February 11, 2026	Work Session
February 17, 2026	Regular Meeting

Minutes are available to the public after approval by the Governing Body.

***PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

That the vouchers be approved and that the Treasurer shall issue warrants in payment when there are sufficient funds to meet them. The bill list is on file in the finance office.

***MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

That the following monthly department reports be accepted and placed on file in the Township Clerk’s office:

OEM	Mendham Borough Court
Senior Transportation	Califon Borough Court
Mansfield Twp UCC Permits and Fees	Washington Township Court
Washington Twp UCC Permit and Fees	Tax Collection Report
Zoning Applications	Fire Prevention
Police Activity Report	

All items preceded by an (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Comm. _____, seconded by Comm. _____ on the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTENTIONS: _____
 NAYS: _____

PUBLIC PORTION - Please state your name and address for the record

MEETING OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

RESOLUTIONS

R-66-26	AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE SIXTH RENEWAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON FOR A SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT
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Motion was made by Comm. _____, seconded by Comm. _____ that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

<u>R-67-26</u>	AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE SIXTH <u>RENEWAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT</u> BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON TO PROVIDE POLICE SERVICES TO AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON
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Motion was made by Comm. _____, seconded by Comm. _____ that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

<u>R-68-26</u>	AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF <u>A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT</u> BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON TO PROVIDE INFIELD GROOMING SERVICES TO AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON
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Motion was made by Comm. _____, seconded by Comm. _____ that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

<u>R-69-26</u>	APPOINTMENT/ADJUSTMENT - WEBER, GRIFFITH
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Motion was made by Comm. _____, seconded by Comm. _____ that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Motion to adjourn was made by Comm. _____, seconded by Comm. _____ all in favor:

Meeting Adjourned at _____ P.M.

***Denotes Consent Agenda**