
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA
Regular Meeting
Closed Session
May 16, 2017

The Closed Session portion of the W.T.M.U.A. Meeting began at 7:46 PM on May 16, 2017.

Members Present: Messrs. Cullen, Akin, Babb,
Alt. Members Present: Messrs. none
Members Absent: Messrs. Napolitano, Sparone
Alt. Members Absent: Messrs. Autry, Whitmore
Twp Liaison Absent: Messrs. Forsbrey
Staff Members Present: Executive Director Pucilowski, Executive Secretary Waller, Attorney Gregory

CLOSED SESSION I _____

EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

The Authority's last offer to the Association was countered. The current significant items being negotiated are salary increases, the weekly payment for carrying the cell phone and the affective the date of the signed contract. Sick leave is no longer counted towards overtime. The longevity is gone for new employees with no changes to longevity for existing employees. Clothing is based on the Authority's choice rather than the employee's.

LITIGATION

Discussed general OPRA law and the merits and defenses of the lawsuit.

Although the Open Pubic Meeting's Act does not allow for attorney fees, the OPRA law does allow for attorney fees for technical violations. Items that are not resolved do not have to be made public until completed. The collective bargaining agreement is 95% of the unapproved minutes. Within those minutes there are other items that are resolved. The Authority should publish all the minutes and redact everything that pertains unresolved issues.

It has been determined that closed session should be approved at the following meeting even if everything is redacted. Then a motion will have to be made to unredact topics that have been settled. Additionally when an item is unredacted changes can be made to the minutes prior to approval. A spreadsheet will be kept to keep track of what has been approved and what needs approval of redacted information.

The minutes were reviewed and the items that need to be redacted were agreed to. The closed minutes will be approved in Open Session.

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ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Babb, that the closed session portion of this meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Akin, Babb, Sparone, Whitmore
NAYS: Messrs.: None
ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

Closed Session adjourned at 8:59PM

CLOSED SESSION II

The Closed Session portion of the W.T.M.U.A. Meeting began at 9:02 PM on May 16, 2017.

Members Present: Messrs. Cullen, Akin, Babb,
Alt. Members Present: Messrs. none
Members Absent: Messrs. Napolitano, Sparone
Alt. Members Absent: Messrs. Autry, Whitmore
Twp Liaison Absent: Messrs. Forsbrey
Staff Members Present: Executive Director Pucilowski, Executive Secretary Waller, Attorney Gregory

LITIGATION

Fees can only be assessed to the Authority and not the individuals named in the suit. The Attorney should be able to represent everyone who was named. With the actions taken, the only dispute could be the redacted information. Members of the Authority can attend court as an observer only. The redacted Employee Association Agreement items can't be approved until that the Employee Association Agreement is signed. It is anticipated that the Agreement won't be signed until July.

Attorney fees will assessed if there was a technical violation.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Babb, and seconded by Mr. Akin, that the closed session portion of this meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Akin, Babb, Sparone, Whitmore
NAYS: Messrs.: None
ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

Closed Session adjourned at 9:12PM

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Jill Waller
Executive Secretary