

Township of Washington  
Council Meeting  
January 26, 2011  
Washington Township Municipal Building  
7:00 P.M.

Council President Del Borrello called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Council President Del Borrello delivered the Sunshine Law and the awareness for the town and video notice.

Roll Call: Mr. Newman – present, Mr. MacDowell – present, Mr. D’Orazio – present, Mr. Morley – present, Mr. Del Borrello – present, Mr. Chell – present, Mrs. Breslin – present, Mayor Lyons – present, and Ms. Tomczyk – present

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Lyons and Chief Muniz present a proclamation to May Fair Manor and Pet Place for the continuous donations to the K-9 Fund.

Mayor Lyons read a proclamation for Terry Sindoni on her years of service with Washington Township Public Works Department.

Mr. Del Borrello reminded everyone that the super bowl hoagie sale is underway.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**MCCLURE DRIVE REDEVELOPEMTN AND CONSOLIDATION EFFORTS:**

Mayor Lyons stated the Township is trying to get any revenue. He stated selling of land is one way for the township to generate revenue. He explained the Township is looking into selling the old public works area. Mayor Lyons stated we need to consider selling this property especially with the cap in place. Mr. Del Borrello stated this project does need to be perused. Mr. D’Orazio asked if we have any target dates. Mayor Lyons stated we do not have any dates yet. He stated there are other things we need to look into first such as where we would relocate everyone. Mr. Morley asked if the Mayor could describe the vision. The Mayor stated he has no problem privately doing that with Vice President.

**AMENDMENT TO THE WASHINGTON SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN:**

Mr. Wisnuski the attorney for Holman Enterprise explained the reason for the request. He stated his client has the opportunity to buy the property. He stated that the redevelopment plan does not allow for new/used car lots. He stated that they would like

this change so that they can move forward with improving the property. He stated that if this change does not happen they will not move forward with the purchase.

RESOLUTION #29-2011: REFERRING AMENDMENT TO CHANGE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #29-2011: Mr. Morley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**ATKINS DEVELOPERS – WASHINGTON TOWN SQUARE:**

Mr. Del Borrello stated the Atkins Developers have tried to complete the Washington Square Center. Mr. Del Borrello stated there are two issues with the project; the pilot and COAH issues. Mr. Del Borrello stated that he supports this. He believes it will bring in tax revenue. Mr. Del Borrello wanted Council's input. Mr. MacDowell stated that he felt that it needed more retail. He felt it looked like a housing project which means more police, fire, and children in the school. Mr. Newman stated he believes a pilot is a fancy way of saying tax abatement. He does not believe that residential should receive a tax abatement. Mr. Newman stated he does not believe houses are a town center. Mr. MacDowell stated that if the units sit empty the Township does not receive any money.

Mayor Lyons stated that this is one of the last pieces of property in the Township to be developed. He stated instead of putting business to help relieve tax relief to the residential we would be putting residential properties. The Mayor stated that if the residential goes first they normally object if they don't like the commercial property that is coming. Mayor Lyons stated we would be giving them abatement. He feels this could cause a problem with the other residents in the Township. Mr. Del Borrello stated the Township would receive 95 percent of the ratable. He stated this would help offset the cost of student population which Mr. Del Borrello feels won't increase that much. Mayor Lyons disagreed with Mr. Del Borrello he feels since we have a great school system that would not be the case. Mr. Morley stated that he feels that there will be a low impact on the schools. Mr. Morley feels we need to get something on that land. Mayor Lyons does not think a couple of 100 homes will not bring national retailers. Mr. D'Orazio stated that he sees this project bringing in jobs. He believes we should let them make another presentation.

**SNOW REMOVAL:**

Mayor Lyons asked Council if they had any question concerning snow. Mayor Lyons stated we try to move snow internally. He stated we do call in snow plowers which is bid out in the fall. Mayor Lyons stated the residents do not want to be snowed in. Mr. Pileggi stated he has about 15 Township vehicles that can plow. Mayor Lyons stated we have so few vehicles because we do not pick up our own trash. Mr. D'Orazio wanted to know if we get help from the MUA. Mayor Lyons stated we have in the past. Mr. Pileggi stated last year they gave us two trucks. Mr. Morley asked if he has gotten any

complaints. Mayor Lyons stated not too many but Mr. Smith does a good job and knows every street in the Township.

RESOLUTION #15-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH WPCS INTERNATIONAL FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RADIO MAINTENANCE

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #15-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morley.  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #16-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #16-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D'Orazio  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #17-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF CAPEHART & SCATCHARD FOR REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution. Mr. D'Orazio asked if Mr. Chell could do this work. Mr. Chell stated it is a specialty law. Mayor Lyons stated he could do them but it then takes away from his duties here at the Municipal Building. Mayor Lyons stated this would help move along McClure Drive. Mr. D'Orazio asked do we get a discount on the price if we pick them now. Mr. Chell stated they submit RFP. Mr. Del Borrello asked if we would be able to go back out to RFP. Mayor Lyons stated he believes you could go look at the RFPs that were submitted. Mr. Del Borrello would like to go back out for RFP.

Motion to Table Resolution #17-2011: Mr. Del Borrello, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D'Orazio  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #18-2011: RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #18-2011: Mr. MacDowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morley  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #19-2011: RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACTS FOR 2011 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #19-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D'Orazio  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #20-2011: RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY  
DISABLED VETERAN THOMAS R. HAMER LOCATED AT BLOCK 85.01, LOT 11,  
FOR THE TAX YEAR 2010 AND THEREAFTER AND REFUNDING TAXES PAID

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #20-2011: Mr. D'Orazio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #21-2011: RESOLUTION URGING THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO ADOPT A POLICY ELIMINATING  
HEALTH BENEFITS AND PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF HEALTH BENEFITS FOR  
FORMER AND CURRENT PART TIME COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Del Borrello read and explained Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #21-2011: Mr. Morley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D'Orazio  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #22-2011: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF  
MIKE RUSSO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE 2/1/2011

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #22-2011: Mr. D'Orazio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morley  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #23-2011: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BARBARA JULIAN TO  
THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #23-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #24-2011: RESOLUTION APPOINTING AGNES GARDINER AS A  
MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT COMMENCING FROM  
1/1/2011 TO 12/31/2014

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #24-2011: Mr. Morley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D'Orazio  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #25-2011: RESOLUTION APPOINTING MISSY MILLER AND  
MICHAEL PASCETTA TO THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #25-2011: Mr. D'Orazio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #26-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIGHER BID  
THRESHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-3 AND 40A: 11-4.3 TO THE  
STATUTORY MAXIMUM OF \$36,000

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #26-2011: Mr. MacDowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #27-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE FOR RUBY TUESDAY INC

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #27-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

Mayor Lyons stated the annual fee can be raised per the state. Mayor Lyons stated that this would have to be done by Ordinance.

RESOLUTION #28-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF LITIGATION  
INVOLVING D'ORAZIO V WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MURACCO V  
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MCKEEVER V WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, PUGLIA  
V WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD, WTP HEALTHCARE  
PROPERTIES V WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MICUCCI V WASHINGTON  
TOWNSHIP AND TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH AFSME LOCAL 3303A, SUPERIOR OFFICERS, RANK AND FILE AND  
SERGEANTS AND MUCCUCI VS WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #28-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #1:

Motion to Move: Mr. MacDowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morley  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #2:

Motion to Move: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 29, 2010 MINUTES:

Motion to Move: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
Roll Call 2 yes votes, 3 abstain Mr. D'Orazio, Mr. Morley, and Mr. Del Borrello

REPORTS:

Mr. D'Orazio stated if you are senior that need help with your taxes call the Senior Center. He also stated that on February 19, 2011 will be the fire election

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Motion to Open: Mr. MacDowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman  
All in favor

Mr. Ashman:

Mr. Ashman stated that he believes all the Council Meetings should be available on the Township website. Mr. Del Borrello stated he is looking into that.

Art:

He wanted to know how come we did not talk about the Bells Lake issue. Mr. Del Borrello stated that due to the snow it will be on the next agenda. Mr. Morley stated that the Township Engineer could not attend due to the snow.

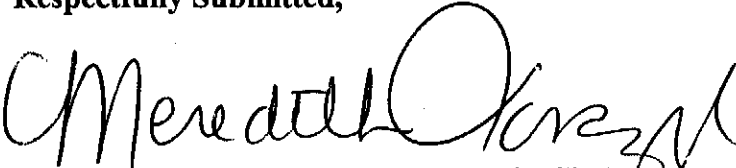
Motion to Close: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
All in favor

Motion to go into Close Session: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
All in favor

Motion to come out of Close Session: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
All in favor

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morley  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

Respectfully Submitted,



Meredith Tomczyk, Deputy Township Clerk