

Township of Washington
Council Meeting
March 23, 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 – absentt, 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:

The Mayor presented the 7th grade Boys Basketball team with a proclamation.

PRESENTATION:

John Campbell from the Chamber of Commerce made a presentation about the Chamber’s Annual Wine Tasting that will be at Scotland Run on April 28, 2011 at 5:30. The Mayor stated this even is a great way to meet people from the community.

Mayor Lyons made a budget presentation. The Mayor stated the Township has eliminated 10 positions. He explained that in 2012 the Township will realize the full saving of \$609,047. The Mayor explained if he had waited to lay off employees it would have just lead to more lay offs the more time that was waited. The Mayor thanked Council for their suggestions. He stated our snow number is down compared to last year. He thanked Public Works for all their hard work. He stated that \$75,000 has been cut from the police department budget. He also stated some legal issues have been taken in house. The Mayor did state their have been some increase. He stated last year the Township spent \$37,583,991 to provide all Township services. This year the Township is looking at spending \$36,432,000. He stated there has already been a reduction of million dollars. The Township is down 22% in workforce. He stated the Township is within the state appropriation cap, however we are over the levy cap by \$196,000. He stated more difficult decision will have to be made. The Mayor stated he welcomes Council input. He stated that he will be introducing at next meeting.

ORDINANCE #4-2011: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CHAPTER 80 FOR FIELD USE FIELDS

Public Hearing

Mr. Del Borrello read Ordinance.

Motion to Open: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Morley
All in favor

Motion to Close: Mr. Morley, 2nd Mr. Newman
All in favor

Motion to Move Ordinance #4-2011: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Morley
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #46-2011: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR LAWN SERVICES

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution. Mayor Lyons explained Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #46-2011: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Morley
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #47-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR TRASH REMOVAL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution. Mr. Del Borrello asked that we add another option in the bid to bid on trash pick-up every two week for 6 months a year, starting in November. The Mayor stated that he feels the cost savings would have to very extreme for the residents of Washington Township to want their trash to be picked up once every two weeks. He stated the residents get very upset when their trash does not get pick up. He stated that picking it up once every two weeks would not reduce our tipping fees.

Motion to Move Resolution #47-2011 with Amendment: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Morley
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #48-2011: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR 116 NEWPORT ROAD

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution. Township Engineer explained Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #48-2011: Mr. Morley, 2nd Mr. Newman
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #49-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-12A

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #49-2011: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Morley
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #50-2011: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON
TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0813-33-022-005
FROM JERMARK II, LLC TO DUBLIN PUB GROUP III, L.L.C

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #50-2011: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Morley
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #51-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN
2010 APPROPRIATIONS RESERVES

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #51-2011: Mr. D'Orazio, 2nd Mr. Morley
Roll Call 4 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #1:

Motion to Move: Mr. Morley, 2nd Mr. D'Orazio
Roll Call 4 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #2:

Motion to Move: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Morley
Roll Call 4 yes votes

APPROVAL OF ARCADE LICNESE:

Motion to Move: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Morley
All in favor

REPORTS:

Mr. Newman stated that the school has agreed to let the Township use their Global Connect. He stated they will be able to send out sports information which will cut down on the number of copies that Parks and Recreation needs to make. Mr. Newman also stated that Township Night at The Camden Riversharks game will be June 3, 2011 and there will be fireworks. If you are a coach that needs the Rutgers certification the class will be May 4, 2011 at the Senior Center.

Mr. D'Orazio reported that the senior center is affording help to seniors with their taxes on Tuesday, however, you need to call Parks and Recreation to make a reservation. Mr.

D'Orazio wanted to know if we have received \$1500 check from the gentleman who pledged the money the last meeting. Mr. Newman stated he could reach out to the gentleman but he did not know where we stood on the 4th of July Parade. Mr. D'Orazio stated the MUA had decided to no longer provide him with a packet.

Mr. Morley stated that Earth Day is going to be April 16, 2011 with a rain date on April 23, 2011. Mr. Morley stated that next Tuesday the school board will be voting on the budget. The Mayor asked what the rate is. Mr. Morley said it is not pretty but did not want to give the number until it is introduced. Mr. Morley stated there are four seats up on the board.

Mr. Del Borrello stated the Historical Commission is continuing its celebrate of the Township 175th Birthday. Mr. Del Borrello stated there will be the Township annual car show. Mr. Del Borrello stated that the budget process is a very difficult process.

Mayor Lyons asked that Council please send any comments or remarks to him concerning the sale of McClure Drive. He does not want to move forward if Council is not on board. The Mayor stated he hopes we think of every option when it comes to the budget. He hopes that we can get the budget on the next agenda. He stated the Shred Event will be the same day as Earth Day from 9 to 12 at McClure Drive.

The Mayor asked if Council will pledge \$5,000 for a 4th of July Celebration since the Veterans are on board. Mr. Del Borrello stated he feels Council is on board for a smaller event in Washington Township Lake Park. Mr. D'Orazio asked about having the parade at the high school. Mayor Lyons stated that this a Washington Township celebration and he believes the park is the perfect location. Mr. Del Borrello stated he believes the parade committee can make that decision. Mr. Newman stated last year was only successful because we had a resident who funded about 90% of the fireworks. Mayor Lyons thanked Lisa Collins on getting the schools on board with letting the Township use global connect.

Mr. Del Borrello asked about the RFP for Risk Manager. The Mayor stated it will be out within a week.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Motion to Open: Mr. Morley, 2nd Mr. Newman
All in favor

Mr. Rogale:

Mr. Rogale stated that he believes that there needs to be explanation as to what the cap is. Mr. Del Borrello explained what the cap is. The Mayor explained the difference between the two different caps. Mr. Rogale stated that Council represents the people. He stated he believes that sometime you need to see how people stand on an issue. He believes that maybe picking up trash every 2 weeks should be put on the ballot for the people to decide.

Mr. Altamuro:

Mr. Altamuro came to address the Council about the problem with the sidewalk on Pitman-Downer Road on behalf of the school board. He stated that he knows that speed limit is being reduced to 30mphs. He wanted to know how come it is not being reduced down to 25mphs. Mr. Chell explained that is a County Road and he would have to look into it. Mr. Altamuro also explained that he feels the sidewalk needs to be made wider. The Township Engineer explained that at the time the Township submitted plans for the sidewalk they did not own the Smith-Garrison property so they could not make it wider. She also explained that a guard rail is extremely expensive. The Mayor stated he does not mind giving the \$76,000 left in the sidewalk fund to make it wider but other wise the school would have to contribute the rest since they are receiving the benefit of having the children walk instead of busing them.

Mr. Bowe:

Mr. Bowe believes the Township start where the sidewalk is already in front of Bunker Hill School. He stated and then run that sidewalk to Garrison's property. He believes that would be cheaper. He does not believe it is safe to have the sidewalk where it was currently put.

Mr. Timmons:

Mr. Timmons thanked Mayor and Council for putting 4th of July back on. He stated he will work very hard to raise funds for 4th of July.

Captain Augello and RJ Anderson:

Mr. Anderson stated he is representative of the FOP. He feels that the Township is close to having an unfair labor practice since the Council has continues not to vote on the contract. The Mayor stated that Mayor and Council were hoping to resolve and come to an agreement that is why they have not voted on a contract. Council President stated that the contract will be put on the agenda.

Mr. Yerkes:

Mr. Yerkes asked Mr. D'Orazio to report on the MUA meeting again because he could not hear him. Mr. D'Orazio stated the MUA had decided to no longer give him a packet. Mr. Yerkes applauded Mr. D'Orazio for the transparency that Mr. D'Orazio has brought to the tax payer concerning the MUA. Mr. Yerkes asked Mr. Newman to explain his comment as to he does not see anything wrong with the MUA. Mr. Newman stated he made that comment at a meeting not to the newspaper reporter. Mr. Newman stated he has read things in the paper such as going to see attorney concerning the MUA and he knows nothing about that so he does not believe there is transparency. Mr. Newman stated that he is the liaison for three boards and that a packet should not stop you from making comments. Mr. Yerkes asked Mr. Newman if he is friends with the MUA chairman husband. Mr. Newman stated that he does not believe he needs to answer that but he has no problem stating yes he is friend with him. Mr. Newman stated that Mr.

Yerkes has known him for 30 years and he hopes he is not questioning his integrity. He stated him being friends with them would not stop him from doing anything if there was wrong doing. Mr. Yerkes asked Mr. Newman if he thinks maybe because of his friendships maybe Mr. MacDowell should take over. Mayor Lyons stated that there is no vote so there is no reason for Mr. Newman to recuse himself. Mayor Lyons told Mr. Yerkes that he is trying to put together that Mr. Newman would not hold up his oath. The Mayor stated he has known Mr. Newman for years and you cannot call in Mr. Newman integrity. He stated that there is no reason for Mr. Newman to be getting attacked after he spends countless hours away from his home and family to service this community. Mayor Lyons stated that he did not even know what the vote was concerning the fire budget. He stated that transparency a two way street. Mr. Yerkes stated he was upset with Mr. Timmons questioning Mr. D'Orazio's presentation at the last meeting concerning the MUA. Mr. Newman stated that maybe Mr. Yerkes should go address his concern with the MUA because he was elected to address the Municipal Budget problems.

Mr. Franchi:

Mr. Franchi stated that the lights were left on at the complex again. The Mayor and Mr. Newman stated that it will be dressed tomorrow.

Mr. Pascetta:

Mr. Pascetta asked where we are with the Fourth of July celebration. Mr. Del Borrello stated that the Council allocated about \$5,000 for the celebration. Mayor Lyons explained it will be a festival. Mr. Pascetta stated he would like to donate \$100 for the celebration. Mr. Pascetta asked for a letter to be sent to the MUA requesting that a packet be given to Mr. D'Orazio.

Mr. Lucarini:

Mr. Lucarini stated that he wanted to thank Mayor, Council, and Mr. Chell for their help with the hoagie sale. Mr. Lucarini stated that he feels that Mr. Newman has always help this community and never put politics in front of helping the community.

Mr. Williams:

Mr. Williams stated that the Township needs more revenue ideas.

Mrs. Mccrea:

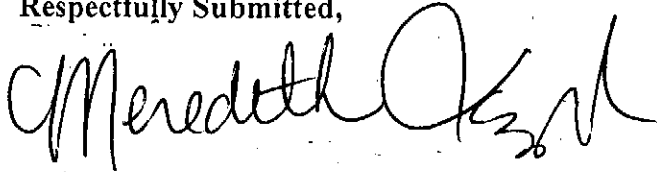
Mrs. Mccrea just wanted to remind everyone that Rotary will have a table at Earth Day collecting for Mothers Cupboard.

Motion to go into Closed Session: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Morley
All in favor

Motion to come out of Closed Session: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Morley
All in favor

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meredith Tomczyk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "M".

Meredith Tomczyk, Deputy Township Clerk

