

Township of Washington  
Council Meeting  
March 9, 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

RESOLUTION #44-2011: A RESOLUTION FIXING AND APPROVING THE 2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE BUDGET

Mr. Del Borrello read and explained Resolution.

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

Mr. Micklesous:

He stated that the fire district agreed with the Council with the amount they cut. He believes it is fair and will not affect anybody’s job. Mr. Newman asked if this affects safety. Mr. Micklesous stated this will not affect safety.

Mr. Strongburn:

He asked if the budget is increasing. Mr. Del Borrello explained the budget is staying the same.

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

Motion to Move Resolution #44-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

Mr. Del Borrello stated there would be a five minute recess.

Motion for recess: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morley  
All in favor

Motion to come back into session: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
All in favor

## PRESENTATIONS:

The Environmental Commission gave a presentation asking everyone to come out and participate in Earth Day which will be April 16, 2011 at Washington Lake Park.

The Mayor gave a 2011 budget update presentation. Mayor Lyons explained that our debt services has decreased by \$660,000. The Mayor explained that this is because we have not really had a capital budget. He explained there are other items that have increased such as salary and wages, health insurance, trash removal, and pension cost. He explained that the Township revenues have decreased also. He explained we had a lot of snow however; we did not receive any money as reimbursements this year. The Mayor explained we will be using 2.7 million in surplus this year and that because surplus is down from last year. He explained the Township is down 2.8 million. He explained we still have work to do. He explained he has made some difficult decisions to illuminate some positions. He explained that numerous other expense line items have been cut. The Mayor stated the information is available for all of council members. Mayor Lyons stated that cuts have been made and it is going to affect services. He explained that our workforce is down by 22%. Mr. Pilegi and The Police Chief were present for questions. Mr. Pilegi provided council with information on how much his department has been cut over the last few years. Mr. Pilegi explained that he 51 employees to 35.5 people. He explained that there is 21 people available for field work. The Chief explained the police department will not be purchasing any new vehicles this year. The Mayor stated the Township is at the point to spend less money this year than it spent last year. Mr. Del Borrello asked Mr. Pilegi if he expected anyone else to retire in his department. Mr. Pilegi stated he was only aware of the one retirement that will be occurring April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

### First Reading

Mr. Del Borrello read Ordinance. Mr. Newman asked that a change be made. He asked for the fee to be per usage not by hour. This change causes the ordinance to start with a first reading again.

Motion for Ordinance #4-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D'Orazio  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

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

## RESOLUTION #40-2011: CANCELING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN DAVID & HELEN M. RAMBO LOCATED AT BLOCK 7.01, LOT 24 FOR THE TAX YEAR 2011

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #40-2011: Mr. MacDowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #41-2011: STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #41-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #42-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR YOUTH SOCCER UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #42-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morley  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #43-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH WADE, LONG, WOOD AND KENNEDY FOR LEGAL SERVICES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution and explained this is only for police department matters.

Motion to Move Resolution #43-2011: Mr. MacDowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #45-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF LITIGATION INVOLVING D'ORAZIO V. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP AND WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SUPERIOR OFFICERS, RANK AND FILE AND SERGEANTS

Mr. Del Borrello read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #44-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

BILL LIST #1:

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

REPORTS:

Mr. Newman stated the girls basketball team won. He also stated that the new baseball field is finished.

Mr. Del Borrello stated the historical commission will be going into the schools to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> birthday of the township.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Mr. Strongburn;

He asked if we are paying Township employees for year of services. The Mayor stated that we do pay employees out for sick and vacation time if they do not use it.

Mrs. Hastings:

Mrs. Hastings suggested that a camera should be put on shopper lane. Mayor Lyons stated that he will speak with the Chief to see about putting up a camera.

Mr. Timmons:

Mr. Timmons stated that the Veterans are prepaid to do anything possible to help have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. He stated they would like to have something in Washington Lake Park and they are not concern with fireworks. Mr. Del Borrello stated they would need more time to look into cost. Mr. MacDowell was going to speak with the parade committee.

Mrs. Hastings:

Mrs. Hasting suggested that the Township look into having 4<sup>th</sup> of July the way they run Earth Day.

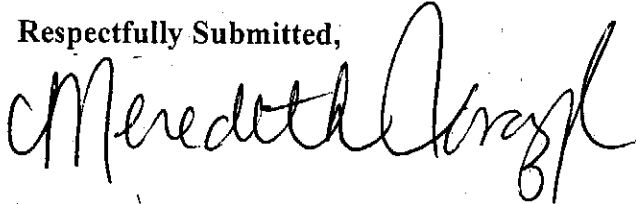
Motion to Close: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. MacDowell  
All in favor

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,

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

