

Township of Washington  
Council Meeting  
September 28, 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.

Council President delivered the video notice for the meeting.

Roll Call: Mr. Newman – present, Mr. MacDowell – absent, Mr. D’Orazio – present, Mr. Morley – absent, Mr. Del Borrello – present, Mr. Chell – present, Mayor Smith- present, Mrs. Bileci– present

**Presentations:**

Anne Hasting and Ann Culkin from the Environmental Commission spoke on behalf of Clean Up Day. They announced it will be October 15<sup>th</sup> and asked the community to volunteer to participate in the event.

Ms. Wendy Bartlett from the Chamber of Commerce promoted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine and Food Event. It will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:30 at Wedgewood Country Club.

**Police Promotions:**

Chief Muniz was asked by the Council President to speak on behalf of the various promotions that were being approved on the agenda. Chief Muniz thanked the Mayor and Council for this opportunity to speak and explain how the promotions will make the department more effective and his ability to prove to the governing body that the promotions are warranted and limited cost associated with the promotions. He explained that by advancing the officers it gives one lieutenant to a patrol squad and allows the sergeants and corporals to be out on the streets. He explained that supervisory over time has increased dramatically and the promotions will enable him to reduce that cost by 50 percent. He further explained that the department needs to be well supervised and well trained justifying the promotions. He stated that the men and women have proved themselves in their efforts and commitment as officers.

Councilman D’Orazio asked if the promotions will cost the taxpayers any additional money? He explained that the promotions will cost approximately \$20,000 for the remainder of the 2011 year. He stated that he will cut a certain line item in his special officers budget, therefore this year will cost nothing.

Councilman Newman stated that he supports the promotions, but stated that he felt that we owe all employees something for 2012. He stated that he would like Council to make an agreement that our employees will not be subjected to layoffs for 2012 to pay for the police promotions. Councilman D'Orazio agreed and asked the Council President if he could be a part of the police contract negotiations.

Council President Del Borrello agreed with Councilman Newman and stated that he feels that the budget needs to be back on a path where each year we are not threatening layoffs.

He also explained that it is the discretion of the Mayor as to who is involved in contract negotiations.

RESOLUTION #114-2011: RESOLUTION APPROVING OF THE PROMOTION OF OFFICERS OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. DelBorrello read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #114-2011: Mr. Del Borrello , 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman  
Roll Call: 3 yes votes

The swearing in ceremony for the promotions took place.

RESOLUTION #115-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR LEASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2 MCCLURE DRIVE (FORMER MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING) AS A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Mr. DelBorrello read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #115-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D'Orazio  
Roll Call: 3 yes votes

RESOLUTION #116-2011: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Mr. DelBorrello read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #116-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D'Orazio  
Roll Call: 3 yes votes

RESOLUTION #117-2011: RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN MICHAL P. KOBEL LOCATED AT BLOCK 19.09, LOT 28 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND THEREAFTER AND CANCELLING TAXES

Mr. DelBorrello read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #117-2011: Mr. Newman , 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D'Orazio  
Roll Call: 3 yes votes

RESOLUTION #118-2011: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND of SAWYERS CREEK – SECTION 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, BLACKWOOD BARNSBORO ROAD, BLOCK 6, LOTS 2.01, 2.02 & 3

Mr. DelBorrello read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #118-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D’Orazio

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

RESOLUTION #119-2011: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE

Mr. DelBorrello read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #119-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D’Orazio

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

RESOLUTION #120-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC BIDS FOR THE SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR 2011-2012

Mr. DelBorrello read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #120-2011: Mr. Del Borrello, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

RESOLUTION #121-2011: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND OF TD BANK, 2700 ROUTE 42, BLOCK 109, LOTS 13.05,13.06,13.07 & 13.08 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$707,758.75

Mr. DelBorrello read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #121-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Del Borrello

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

RESOLUTION #122-2011: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND of AVERSA BAKERY WILSON ROAD AND BLACK HORSE PIKE, BLOCK 217, LOTS 1, 2.01 & 10 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 283,367.10

Mr. DelBorrello read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #122-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D’Orazio

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

RESOLUTION #123-2011: RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARY BRESLIN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. DelBorrello read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #123-2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Del Borrello

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

RESOLUTION #124-2011: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF LITIGATION INVOLVING WASHINGTON TWP. CHAPEL HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT, LLC.

Mr. DelBorrello read the Resolution.

Motion to move Resolution #124-2011: Mr. Del Borrello, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

Motion for Approval of Bill List #1 with Addendum: Mr. Del Borrello, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

Motion for Approval of Bill List #2: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Del Borrello

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion for approval August 24, 2011: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> D'Orazio

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

Motion for approval August 24, 2011 (Closed Session) : Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D'Orazio

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

Motion for approval September 14, 2011: Mr. D'Orazio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman

Roll Call: 3 yes votes

**Reports:**

Councilman Newman stated that the Haunted Trails will be on October 28, 29 and is sponsored by the COW Project and all proceeds go to Veterans in need.

Mayor Smith updated the status of CFO Position. He stated that a decision will be made within the next week.

**New Business and Discussion:**

Councilman D'Orazio stated that he feels that Council should look into the prospects of Road Program. He asked Council to consider consolidating the financial debt of the township and look at floating a bond to fund a road program.

Council President stated that he feels that we should speak with the Mayor with regards to Capitol Improvements.

Councilman D'Orazio commented on temporary signs and asked to create a committee for quality of life issues and expedite the process of changing the sign Ordinance to help keep the town clean.

Motion to open: Mr. Del Borrello, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman  
All in Favor: 3 yes

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Jack Yerkes-

He thanked Council for a good job on the budget and keeping the taxes at a minimum.

Motion to close to the public: Mr. Del Borrello , 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman  
All in Favor

Motion to go into Closed Session: Mr. Del Borrello, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. D'Orazio  
All in Favor

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Del Borrello , 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman  
All in favor

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
Jennica Bileci, Township Clerk