

Township of Washington
Gloucester County
February 24, 2010
Washington Township Municipal Building
7:00 P.M

Council President called the meeting to order. Council President delivered the Sunshine Law and awareness for the town and video notice. He asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Mr. Timmons- present, Mr. Newman-present, Mr. Frattali – present Mr. MacDowell – present, Mrs. Martin – present, Mr. Chell- present, Mrs. Breslin- present, Mayor Lyons- present, Mrs. Bileci- present.

PRESENTATION

Ann Hasting of the Environmental Commission gave a presentation on Earth Day which will be held at Washington Lake Park on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A rain date of April 18, 2010 is scheduled. The Environmental Commission stated donations of non-perishable items or toiletries will be accepted at Earth Day.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lyons gave a presentation to the 120 lb. Minutemen South Jersey Elite Champions for a very successful year. Mayor Lyons recognized Coach Ken Murgia and his staff for their dedication. Coach Ken thanked the volunteer coaches for their commitment to our community and the sacrifices they make in their own lives to volunteer their time. Coach Ken also recognized the players on all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to each other as a team.

PRESENTATION

Bob Maloney gave a proclamation on behalf of the Veterans Advisory Board. They were honoring the Washington Township Ambulance Squad, Jim Beyer, Casey Corigliano, scouts Kyle Hill and Kevin Whitehead on all their wonderful dedication and service to our community. Bob also spoke of Americanism and how important it is to volunteer and to teach the youth of our communities to give back. He spoke of his own experiences.

Joe Rullo spoke on scouting. He explained that friendship, comradeship, leadership, loyalty and teamwork are some of the great values that are given through this organization. Mr. Rullo presented the two scouts with their awards.

Mayor Lyons spoke on how the Washington Township Ambulance Squad is dedicated especially, when it comes to the Veterans community. Mayor Lyons recognized the Washington Township Ambulance Company for always being ready to help the community and the Veterans.

Mayor Lyons gave a special award to Mr. Grosso for his front page appearance in the Courier Post. Mr. Grosso thanked everyone for their acknowledgement.

Assemblyman Paul Moriarty spoke about the speed limit change on Salina Road. He has been trying for a few years to have it reduced. Assemblyman Moriarty had contacted Trenton in the past in regards to changing the speed limit and was unable to. He explained he had a bill passed that now allows municipalities to reduce speed limits in their towns. Assemblyman Moriarty hopes the Township will support him by passing an ordinance reducing the speed limit on Salina Road.

ORDINANCE #1-2010: AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Public Hearing

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Open: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Frattali
All in Favor

Motion to Close: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Frattali
All in Favor

Motion to Move Ordinance #1-2010: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mrs. Martin
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #2-2010: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 212 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Public Hearing

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Open: Mr. Frattali, 2nd Mr. Newman
All in Favor

Motion to Close: Mr. Frattali, 2nd Mr. Newman
All in Favor

Motion to Move Ordinance #2-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Frattali
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #3-2010: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RED FLAG RULE IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION POLICY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Public Hearing

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Open: Mr. Frattali, 2nd Mr. Newman

All in Favor

Motion to Close: Mr. Frattali, 2nd Mrs. Martin
All in favor

Motion to Move Ordinance #3-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #4-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE VIII SECTION 2-25.1 "CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS"

Public Hearing
Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Open: Mr. Timmons, 2nd Mr. Frattali
All in Favor

Motion to Close: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman
All in Favor

Motion to Move Ordinance #4-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #5-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CHAPTER 260-VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Public Hearing
Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Open: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman
All in Favor

Motion to Close: Mr. Frattali, 2nd Mrs. Martin
All in Favor

Motion to Move Ordinance #5-2010: Mr. Frattali, 2nd Mrs. Martin
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #6-2010: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM KENNEDY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, LLC, BLOCKS 82.04, LOTS 19.03 & 19.04

First Reading
Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Move Ordinance #6-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. MacDowell

Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #7-2010: ORDINANCE AMENDING A CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CHAPTER 80-FEES

First Reading

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Open: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
All in Favor

Motion to Close: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Frattali
All in Favor

Motion to Move Ordinance #7-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #8-2010: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM BAHRI YILMAZ, BLOCK 113, LOT 13

First Reading

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Move Ordinance #8-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Frattali
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #9-2010: ORDINANCE AMENDING A CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CHAPTER 260-VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

First Reading

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Move Ordinance #9-2010: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. Frattali
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #10-2010: ORDINANCE AMENDING A SECTION OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CHAPTER 285, TO ADD AN ARTICLE ENTITLED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 80 ENTITLED FEES

First Reading

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Move Ordinance #10-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Frattali
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #36-2010: A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN GERALD MCDEVITT LOCATED AT BLOCK 109.23, LOT

3.03 FOR THE TAX YEAR 2010 AND THEREAFTER AND REFUNDING TAXES PAID

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #36-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Frattali
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #37-2010: A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAX LIEN

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #37-2010: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #38-2010: RESOLUTION ADOPTING HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Mr. Chell read Resolution. Mr. Chell explained he needed to get more information.

Motion to Table Resolution #38-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
All in Favor

RESOLUTION #39-2010: RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER FOR THE CONTACT FOR CDBG ADA RAMP INSTALLATION IN THE DECREASED AMOUNT OF \$2,100.00

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #39-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #40-2010: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WAIVING OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND OF LONG SELF STORAGE, BLOCK 81, LOT 2 (469 HURFFVILLE-CROSSKEYS ROAD)

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #40-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #41-2010: RESOLUTION AWARDING THE ROOF REPLACEMENT CONTRACT

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #41-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #42-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC BIDS FOR (2) LEAF TRUCKS

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #42-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #43-2010: RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENCE INDICATING THE TOWNSHIP CONCURS TO A BUS STOP PLACEMENT ALONG ROUTE 47 SOUTHBOUND AT PARK PLACE BOULEVARD AND AMENDING RESOLUTIONS R-221-2006 AND R-98-2009

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #43-2010: Mr. MacDowell, 2nd Mrs. Martin
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #44-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #44-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #45-2010: RESOLUTION AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR THE RADIO EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #45-2010: Mr. Mac Dowell, 2nd Mrs. Martin
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #46-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,880.00

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #46-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #47-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #47-2010: Mr. MacDowell, 2nd Mrs. Martin
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #48-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN
2009 APPROPRIATIONS RESERVES

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #48-2010: Mr. MacDowell, 2nd Mr. Newman
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #49-2010: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
WASHINGTON RE: A RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE
TO AMEND THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT TO ADDRESS VARIOUS
TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #49-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Frattali
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #50-2010: RESOLUTION AMENDING R-32-2010 AWARDSING 2010
BASEBALL-SOFTBALL EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #50-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #1 WITH ADDENDUM

Motion to Move: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST # 2

Motion to Move: Mr. Frattali, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

REPORTS

Mrs. Martin reported that Earth Day will be April 17, 2010 at Washington Lake Park with a rain date of April 18, 2010. Mrs. Martin also reported that the Planning Board's March 2, 2010 meeting will be cancelled, since there has not been anything new for the Planning Board.

Mr. Frattali reported on the Zoning Board meeting which was held on February 2, 2010. There were three applications. He also reported on the Economic Development Board which met on February 3, 2010.

Mr. MacDowell reported on the library. The library is still interviewing for a new Director. Mr. MacDowell also reported there were a couple of resolutions approved at the MUA meeting.

Mr. Newman thanked the community on behalf of Mother's Cupboard for the contributions that everyone has made. Mr. Newman invited the Mayor and Council to Softball's Opening Day which will be May 1, 2010. He stated the hoagie sale was successful. The students did a great job on February 7, 2010 by raising \$21,500.00. Mr. Newman thanked Public Works for a great job on the roads due to the snow storm.

Mr. Timmons reported the Veterans Advisory Board plans on selling plaques in honor of friends or family members for a cost of \$ 275.00 for Memorial Day. The deadline for orders is March so that the plaques are prepared in a timely fashion. Mr. Timmons stated that on February 17, 2010 our town celebrated its 174th birthday. Mr. Timmons reported that the Senior Advisory Board has a lot of benefits of belonging to the Senior Center. Mr. Timmons stated that it's only 5 dollars a year for fun, games, transportation and trips to the mall. Mr. Timmons also reported that if you served in the armed forces you are entitled to a \$250.00 tax credit, you would need to bring your DD214 form to the tax office so that the adjust can be made.

Mayor Lyons reported that he and Councilman Newman met with the School Board about the school budget. This is going to be a historical year for the school budget. The Mayor also stated the Township had a historical year with the nature of this winter's storms. The Township is anticipating budget cuts from Trenton. The township will have to look for every source of revenue and every practical source of cuts that can be made. The Mayor also stated that if in a snow storm there is an emergency, you are hurt, or stuck without food call the Township for assistance. The Mayor also asks resident's to check on elderly neighbors during snow storms. The Mayor along with Mr. Timmons asks that all vehicles be keep in there drive ways during snow storms it helps make the snow removal process easier for the Public Works workers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Motion to Open: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Frattali
All in Favor

Mr. Grosso

Mr. Grosso thanked the Mayor and Council for his award.

Mr. Ashman

Mr. Ashman stated that he had previously came in front of Council with concerns about Dare Lane. He still has concerns at this time. He explained that there are drainage issues

occurring on Dare Lane. Mr. Ashman explained there are flooding issues that are occurring on the road. Mr. Ashman provided the Mayor and Council with pictures of the flooding that is occurring. Mayor Lyons stated that last year it was determined that this is a private road. Mr. Ashman stated he believes his neighbor's drainage might be causing the flooding. The Mayor explained the Township or the neighbor cannot change the flow water.

Ms. Zachau approached Council. Ms. Zachau explained to Council where the water is flooding. Mr. Ashman stated he would be willing to do anything to help rectify this situation. Ms. Zachau stated she is also concerned with the condition of the road. She believes that one of her neighbors is operating a business out of their home which is causing large trucks to come down the road. The large trucks are deteriorating the road. Ms. Zachau expressed her concerns about having a business back on Dare Lane. Mayor Lyons stated he will have the Zoning Officer look into this situation.

Ms. Zachau stated that she also feels that the taxes are not consistent on Dare Lane. The Mayor explained that would fall under the Tax Assessor.

Mr. Cibo

Mr. Cibo commented on Dare Lane. He stated that the land around Dare Lane is owned by the Township. Mr. Cibo gave a few suggestions that may resolve the problem. Mr. Cibo feels with the amount of land involved that it is everyone's problem to find a solution.

Mr. Lakritz

Mr. Lakritz of the Environmental Commission stated that on March 18, 2010 at 7:00 a representative from New Jersey Clean Energy Company will speak to the resident's on the monies that are available for savings on energy appliances and so forth.

Ms. Jones and Mr. Smith

Ms. Jones and Mr. Smith are employees of Gloucester County, Departments of Human and Social Services. Mr. Smith stated that there are programs available for Washington Township resident's if anyone has any questions, concerns, or would like to know about available services call (ph) 856-256-2105 or (fax) 856-582-6587.

Motion to Close: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Frattali
All in Favor

The next Council meeting will be on March 10, 2010 at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jennica Bienci, Township Clerk