

Township of Washington  
Gloucester County  
January 27, 2010  
Washington Township Municipal Building  
7:00 P.M

Township Clerk called the meeting to order. Township Clerk Bileci delivered the Sunshine Law and awareness for the town and video notice. She 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.

Swearing of New Officers

Chief Muniz stated that there was a hiring of the four new officers: Mark Allan, Brian McNeany, Kevin Hardwyk, and Michael Ferris. He briefly gave background information on the individuals resume and continued to elaborate on the process of how they came to be the newly selected. He explained that it was a rigorous physical, written, and psychiatric testing. He also stated there were seventy applicants and congratulated these fine officers on their hard work and dedication.

PRESENTATION

Fire Chief John Hoffman gave a presentation on the fire budget. He explained that for the first time in 37 years the budget failed and with that he explained how the department and the fire statistics in Washington Township Fire Department rate. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row there has been a decline in fires here in Washington Township. That means that there are 2.6 fires per every 1,000 residents, he commends the fire safety programs that are in place in our community. He also states there has been a spike in motor vehicle calls for emergency response. Chief Hoffman goes on to say that the department and the township will be evaluated by the ISO the Insurance Services Office which Class will determine our ratings, Class 1 being the best and Class 10 no fire protection at all, he believes we will rate a 3 hoping for a 2 with these rates we may see a decrease in our fire insurance and attracted new businesses. The ratings should be in sometime in February. He also mentions the upcoming fire election which is being held on February 20, 2010. Chief Hoffman states that there will be 6 scheduled public meeting at your local fire station for anyone who would like to attend. He explained that the public can check with Council since schedules of the meetings were left with them. The meetings will be for anyone who has any questions about the budget, election and or any operations of the fire department.

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

First Reading

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Move Ordinance #1-2010: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. MacDowell

Roll Call 5 yes votes

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

First Reading

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Move Ordinance #2-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman

Roll Call 5 yes votes

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

First Reading

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Move Ordinance #3-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Frattali

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"

First Reading

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Move Ordinance #4-2010: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Martin

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

First Reading

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Move Ordinance #5-2010: Mr. MacDowell, 2nd Mr. Frattali

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 Move Ordinance #7-2010: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Martin  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #25-2010: RESOLUTION APPOINTING FOUR FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #25-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Frattali  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #26-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR SHARED SERVICES FOR LABOR AND EQUIPMENT

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #26-2010: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Frattali  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #27-2010: RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS PILEGGI AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #27-2010: Mr. MacDowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Martin  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #28-2010: RESOLUTION FINDING NEED FOR AN AFFORDABLE SENIOR COMMUNITY TO BE LOCATED AT BLOCK 48, LOT 4, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PILOT AGREEMENT

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #28-2010: Mr. MacDowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Newman  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #29-2010: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND OF PARK PLACE, SECTION 4 CONDOMINIUMS-RED CROSS PROFESSIONAL BUILDING, BLOCK 51, LOTS 1&2 (ROUTE 47 AND BETHEL LAKE DRIVE)

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #29-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Frattali  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #30-2010: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-22-2010  
APPOINTING ALTERNATE TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #30-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #31-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIPRESIDENT  
TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR  
COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTY ASSESSOR PROGRAM

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #31-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #32-2010: A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR THE  
YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #32-2010: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Martin  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #33-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF  
WASHINGTON TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE WASHINGTON  
TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RADIOS AND VARIOUS FIXED RADIO  
SYSTEMS

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #33-2010: Mr. MacDowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Frattali  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #34-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN  
2009 APPROPRIATIONS RESERVES

Appropriations reserves

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #34-2010: Mr. Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Frattali  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

#### APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #1 WITH ADDENDUM

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

#### APPROVAL OF BILL LIST # 2

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 28, November 10, November 24, December 8, December 30, 2009 and  
January 6, 2010

Motion to Move: Mr. MacDowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Martin  
All in Favor

#### REPORTS

Mrs. Martin reported that there were no applications at the last Planning Board Meeting. She also stated that they are getting ready to reorganize and examine the master plan.

Mr. Frattali reported on the there was one application for a use variance for a senior apartment at 512 Delsea Drive at the last Zoning Board Meeting. He also stated that the Economic Development Board met with Blue Wire consulting and they'll be brainstorming with them for a new logo. He also stated that this would hopefully attract new businesses and get some tax relief for the township.

Mr. MacDowell reported that the library is still looking for a new director. He also stated how surprised he was that library was so crowded for a weekday.

Mr. Newman reported on the Sports Advisory Board. He congratulated the new members on their new positions. He also made mention of the hoagie sale for the C.O.W. project.

Mr. Timmons reported that the Historical Commission will be planning our towns 174 Birthday. He also stated that the Senior Advisory Board plans a major project each year, this year it will be the restrooms. Mr. Timmons stated that the Veterans Advisory Board will be planning their Memorial Day Celebration. He also stated if anyone would like a plak please see him or go to the clerk's office for an application.

Mayor Lyons reported on the difficult days at the High School for the new principal Joe Bollendorf, the bomb scare and the roof incidents. He goes on to mention John Boyer chairman of the Planning Board and thanked him for his commitment to the town.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Motion to Open: Mrs. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Frattali  
All in Favor

### Mr. Grosso

Mr. Grosso gave a lengthy request for Ordinance to be amended and grant 6 percent discount for early tax payment. The Mayor stated that if he would amend the Ordinance mostly local businesses would take advantage and we would have to make up the difference somewhere else and rather than put it on the residence he'll leave the way it is.

Mr. Grosso also spoke on Ordinance # 28-2009 he ask that it be revised or resent because penalty falls on the residents of Washington Township. Mr. Chell assures Mr. Grosso that Ordinance #28-2009 exempt's only commercial farms, not residents fertilizing their properties would be penalized.

### Bobby Tollino

Mr. Tollino commented on a few things one being the Town Center and if the development would continue, Sate Aid if we applied for FEMA after the storm a few weeks ago, and the reassessment of Washington Township. He also asked about union workers and local town employees and what the cost between them was. Mayor Lyons assured Mr. Tollino that the plans for the Town Center will continue along with other development plans, a large part of the delay is financial, due to the economy. As far as the reassessment of Washington Township it will most likely be in 2011. Mr. Tollino also commented on the state pushing more of the financial burden on to the municipalities, Mayor Lyons stated that the Governor's Office did call and ask what they could do to help and the Mayors response was to send us more money. The Mayor stated that the union workers are not being used in place of our workers, there being used to supplement our workers.

### Dan Coughlin

Mr. Coughlin stated his concerns with the Governors plans for our state, with the closing of many facilities from the mentally and physically challenged to sex and drug offenders not having any resources. Mr. Coughlin stated that without these facilities this means job loss and troubles for our community. Mayor Lyons stated that he also read the Governors plans for the state of New Jersey and our town has a lot of volunteers, and in this municipality we do a lot on our own with volunteers. Mr. Coughlin also stated that by the Governor making massive changes in public health and welfare he is also creating a recipe for disaster.

### Mr. D'Orazio

Mr. D'Orazio asked the Mayor about the six jobs that weren't filled, and the savings from them not being filled. The Mayor stated that the job duties of the lost jobs were shifted to

other employees and that everyone rose to the occasion, but for each job not filled a savings of about 50,000 per employee and with six positions it's roughly about 250,000 to 300,000 saving.

Tom Schoenborn

Mr. Schoenborn asked Mr. MacDowell what's the minimal amount of money, and Mr. MacDowell said that he said a minimal amount of work to be done not money. He stated that he just got involved last Wednesday and that he would know more in time. Mr. Schoenborn also asks how much the building cost. The Mayor gave a rough estimate of 2.1 million. Mr. Schoenborn also asks if there were any other buildings that were considered for the project. The Mayor stated that it was a lengthy project, months and months of hard work he also stated that we have a very astute and skilled library board.

Motion to Close: Mrs. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Frattali  
All in Favor

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

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
**Jennica Bileci, Township Clerk**