

Township of Washington
Gloucester County
May 12, 2010
Washington Township Municipal Building
7:00 P.M

Council President Timmons called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Council President Timmons delivered the Sunshine Law and the awareness to the town.

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

ORDINANCE #11-2010: 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 #11-2010: Mr. Frattali, 2nd Mrs. Martin
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #87-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE 2010/2011 SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #87-2010: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #88-2010: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND OF WACHOVIA BANK – OFF SITE (DOT) IMPROVEMENTS 120 STAGECOACH ROAD, BLOCK 112.01, LOTS 7.05 PART OF LOT 8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,856.40 AND POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,107.05

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #88-2010: Mr. MacDowell, 2nd Mrs. Martin
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #89-2010: REJECTING BIDS FOR SIDEWALK PROJECT PHASE II - NJDOT GRANT

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #89-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #90-2010: RESOLUTION ADOPTING A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #90-2010: Mr. MacDowell, 2nd Mrs. Martin
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #91-2010: RESOLUTION AWARDING STABLE DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

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

MR. COX

Mr. Cox had concerns with the contents of the bid for Stable Drive. He understands that the plans are to alleviate the flooding on the road way. Mr. Cox would like to know if any of the other problems that they are having, are going to be addressed in the bid specification. Mr. Cox explained that he would be happy if the water level on the street can be lowered so that his daughter can get to the bus.

Mr. Chell explained to Mr. Cox that we are happy to make the engineer available for questions about the design and that we can postpone this bid award for two weeks. Mayor Lyons stated that if Mr. Cox was willing to wait two weeks so that he could meet with Ms. Hogan to discuss the design, he would be fine with the delay so that the Mayor and Council can make the best judgment on this situation.

Mayor Lyons stated that the bid was strictly for the road way. Mayor Lyons also assured Mr. Cox that he would speak to the Township Engineer to see if the plans can be arranged in regards to their other concerns.

MR. DINATO

Mr. Dinato of Windy Acre's also had concern with the drainage problem in his development (Stable Drive). He stated that the problem has been going on for years, and that he believes that it was not constructed correctly. Mr. Dinato explained that there is a literally a lake between Jack Jacobo and his rear of his yard. Mr. Dinato stated that when the last house in the development was constructed the problem became fourfold. He stated that the drainage pipe that was proposed to be awarded will not alleviate the problems that he is having.

He asked Mayor Lyons, Tim Chell and Council if they could help the Township Engineer come with a resolution to their concerns.

Motion to Close to the public: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Frattali

Motion to Table Resolution #-91-2010: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #1

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

REPORTS

Mrs. Martin reported that at the next Planning Board meeting May 18, 2010 they will be working on the reexamination of the Master Plan.

Mr. Frattali deferred to the next meeting.

Mr. MacDowell stated that he had no reports.

Mr. Newman stated that he had no reports.

Mr. Timmons reported on Super Saturday and that it had been cancelled. It was rescheduled for May 15, 2010 at 101:00 AM.

Mayor Lyons reported that the Business Administrator is out with some medical issues, he wishes her a speedy recovery. Mayor Lyons stated that the budget would be delayed due to our Business Administrator's illness. He also stated that he would do his best to get things with the budget moving along.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

MR. AND MRS. SEAGER

Mr. and Mrs. Seager had concern with a neighbor's new landscaping project and water settling in a gully like puddle. Mr. Seager stated that his neighbor built a 4 foot dam like wall so that water doesn't settle on his property, but it now is settling on Mr. Seager's. Mayor Lyons stated that the property line would have to be established, before any resolution can be considered.

MR. TYSON

Mr. Tyson of Windy Acers also had a concern with Stable Drive. He asked if there were any resolution with the Township Engineer for the private properties owners on Stable Drive. Mayor Lyons assured Mr. Tyson that he would be in touch with the Township Engineer and the neighbors of Stable Drive and hopefully come up with a resolution. Mrs. Martin stated that the Township will look into everything can be done for the private property home owners. Mr. Newman also reassured Mr. Tyson that Mr. Chell would be in touch with the Township Engineer to get some meeting dates so that Mr. Tyson and his neighbors can meet with her.

MR. DINOTO

Mr. Dinoto continued to express certain situations on Stable Drive and the Township's pasted history and cost. Mayor Lyons stated that the Township is trying to resolve the situation.

MR. GERRI DEMARCO

Mr. Gerri Demarco of Windy Acre's Drive had concern with the Township releasing a bond to Wachovia Bank, he wanted to know the amount and for what. Mr. Chell stated that it was for offsite (DOT) approval. Mr. Demarco feels that the maintenance agreement should be upheld for this project and the bond should not be released. He also feels that if the bond is released you could not go back and fix any problems that may occur. Mr. Demarco has a project with the same problem and stated he would be upset if the Township released Wachovia Banks and not his.

MR. DANIEL MORLEY

Daniel Morley had concern with the budget and why it is not completed as of yet. Mayor Lyons stated that the earliest that the budget has ever been released was April. Mayor Lyons assured Mr. Morley that Council was taking every step possible. Mrs. Martin stated that Council has been working on the budget for some time.

MR. DINOTO

Mr. Dinoto stated he would like to thank Councilman Timmons, the Veterans and the Police Department for the honorable funeral service for the soldier who was killed in Afghanistan. Mr. Timmons thanked the soldier for the ultimate sacrifice.

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

The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7 PM at the Township
Municipal Building

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennica Bileci, Township Clerk