

Township of Washington
Gloucester County
May 26, 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. Fratalli – present Mr. MacDowell –present, Mrs. Martin – present, Mr. Chell- present, Mrs. Breslin- absent, Mayor Lyons- present, and Mrs. Bileci- present.

PROCLAMATION:

Assemblyman Moriarty along with Mayor Lyons recognized the Junior Achievement High School Volunteers on their many accomplishments. Anthony Panto thanked Mayor Lyons and Council for allowing him to publicly recognize the volunteers. Mr. Panto a volunteer himself with the program also commended the Junior Achievement Volunteers for their interactions with the elementary students.

Mayor Lyons recognized the 6th Grade Boys B Travel Basketball Team on a wonderful season. Coach Dave Paul recognized the boys on a great season 17-1 he also thanked the boys for their hard work and effort. Coach Dave thanked all the parents and his wife Amy who was the team mom.

Councilwoman Martin explained that Stream Sampling is through the Environmental Commission. Mrs. Martin explained that middle schools students go to different lakes in town and take samples for testing.

Mayor Lyons recognized Parth Parihar for a perfect SAT score. He also congratulated his parents on their accomplishment with their son. Parth thanked his parents and sister for supporting he, and he also thanked Mr. Bollindorf. He also encourages other students to dream and that a perfect score is possible.

Mayor Lyons recognized Kara Rex New Jersey's National Miss 2010. He spoke of her volunteering throughout the community. Kara thanked her mother and everyone who came out to support her.

PRESENTATION: Mayor Lyons - Budget Update

Mayor Lyons gave a presentation on the budget and explained all the different decreases in revenue. He spoke of the loss in surplus and the lack of ratable that would normally generate our Township's revenue. Mayor Lyons explained that the school made the decision to cut a Resource Officer which would help save our town money. He continued to speak of the Township overhead, and it would be a difficult budget year. Mayor Lyons

also explained of combining different departments, going paperless, furlough days, the canceling of the July 4 parade to help with the budget.

ORDINANCE #11-2010: ORDINANCE AMENDING A CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, CHAPTER 260-VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

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

Motion to Close: Mr. Frattali, 2nd Mrs. Martin
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #12-2010: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM C. HARVIS & SONS, INC., BLOCK 20, LOT 4

Mr. Chell read Ordinance.

Motion to Move Ordinance #12-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #93-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #93-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #94-2010: ARESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN PETER EBNER LOCATED AT BLOCK 110.04, LOT 16, FOR THE TAX YEAR 2010 AND THEREAFTER AND REFUNDING TAXES PAID

Mr. Chell read Resolution

Motion to Move Resolution #94-2010: Mr. MacDowell, 2nd Mr. Frattali
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #95-2010: RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HAMPSHIRE AVENUE

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #95-2010: Mr. MacDowell, 2nd Mr. Frattali
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #96-2010: RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR SALINA ROAD

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #96-2010: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mrs. Martin
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #97-2010: RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF REQUESTING GOVERNOR CHRISTIE TO RENOMINATE JUSTICE JOHN E. WALLACE, JR. TO THE NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #97-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #98-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR LAWN SERVICE

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #98-2010: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #99-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC BIDS FOR THE 2010 FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #99-2010: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. MacDowell
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #100-2010: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF TAX ABATEMENT FROM HARBOR PAVILLION, LLC TO SALVATORE & JOANNE IONNO JR., AND STEVEN & ROSEANN ORNER FOR BLOCK 117, LOT 1 SUITE B-5 AND B6

Mr. Chell read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #100-2010: Mr. Newman, 2nd Mrs. Martin
Roll Call 4 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #1

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST # 2

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

APPROVAL OF APRIL 28, 2010 MINUTES:

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

APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2010 MINUTES:

Motion to Move: Mrs. Martin, 2nd Mr. Newman
Roll Call 3 yes votes

REPORTS

Mrs. Martin no reports at this time.

Mr. Frattali reported on Zoning meeting on May 10, 2010 there were three applications. Mr. Frattali also reported on the Economic Development Board meeting on May 5, 2010 where they discussed administration updates.

Mr. MacDowell reported on the MUA there were only two resolutions.

Mr. Newman reported on the School Board and that you can know get their agendas on line and print off of e board. Mr. Newman also reported on the upcoming Board of Education special meeting which will be held on June 1, 2010 in the 11-12 building at the high school. Where they will discuss the things were removed from the budget such as music, drama, Freshman Sports. The meeting is so that the Board can get some ideas from the community as to how maybe, they can bring these programs back. Mr. Newman thanked all coaches and volunteers for wearing their badges to show that they are Megan's Law certified.

Mr. Timmons reported on the Historical Commission is looking for residents who would like to get involved in the Historical Commission. Several events are scheduled for this summer, on June 14, 2010 at 10:00 will be the 141st anniversary of the Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church right at the Old Stone House. Mr. Timmons also reported on the Senior Advisory Board and that they are always looking for new members and the benefits of membership such as buses for shopping, doctors free tax returns and great company. Mr. Timmons reported on the Veterans Advisory Board and its annual Memorial Day recognition on May 31, 2010 at 11:00 am in the All Veterans Park. He asked for everyone to keep in their prayers first lieutenant Salvatore Dorcoroma.

Mayor Lyons reported on going paperless, the Mayor commended the Planning Board for reducing the paperwork, and on their efforts in going electronic. Mayor Lyons also gave his well wishes to Mary Breslin and John DiStefano and wished them a speedy recovery.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

MICHELLE JONES

Ms. Jones of Birches West would first like to invite the Mayor and Council to their block party on July 17, 2010 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. Ms. Jones had concern with Sirius Court and the abandon and dilapidated houses in her court. Mayor Lyons assured Ms. Jones that he would look into this and if she could get some addresses to maybe help move the process along. Ms. Jones stressed her concerns with potholes, damage to the residence cars and the water that gathers and freezes over in the colder weather. Ms. Jones also had parking and ticketing concerns because of lack of parking spots in her court, along with the lack of Colbert cleaning by the Township.

JOSH ARONAVITCH

Mr. Aronavitch had concern with the reassessment of the Township and the cost to the residents. Mayor Lyons explained some of the procedures and assured Mr. Aronavitch that Washington Township would not be affected like other towns within the County.

LEON LAKRITZ

Mr. Lakritz had concern with the MUA and the summer watering rules. Mr. Lakritz also wanted to know how the Township would be enforcing the rules.

MIKE PASEDO

Had concern with Goodwin Parkway and the effort to reconstruct the street. He questioned that if Federal grant money was not obtained how would the Township pay for these efforts.

JOHNSON YERKES

Mr. Yerkes mentioned the reassessment of our Township and from his experience taxes won't double. Mr. Yerkes also had a concern with the project on Ganttown Road and its completion date.

MIKE LICISYN

-Mr. Licisyn had concern with the potholes at Shoppers Lane.

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

- The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 7 PM at the Township Municipal Building

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennica Bileci, Township Clerk