

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Budget Meeting
February 14, 2009

The budget meeting of the Washington Township Committee was held this date in the Washington Township Municipal Building located at 211 Route 31 North, Washington, N.J. . The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Samir Elbassiouny.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE - The Mayor noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law of 1975 in as much as a notice had been published in the Star Gazette, transmitted to the Express Times and posted at the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: Elbassiouny, present; Kovacs, present; Mueller, present. Strunk were absent. Also present were Mary Ann O'Neil, Township Clerk, Pete de Boer, Certified Public Works Manager, Police Chief James McDonald, Lt. Thomas Cicerelle and auditors Dave Evans and John Mooney.

SALUTE THE FLAG

ORDINANCES

Kovacs made a motion to introduce Ordinance 09-04, Ordinance Amending, Revising and Supplementing Chapter 23 of the Code of the Township of Washington, Entitled "Officers and Employees," Article VIII, Entitled "Acting Township Administrator," Mueller seconded.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Mueller, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

Public Hearing and Second Reading will be Saturday, March 14, 2009.

Kovacs made a motion to introduce Ordinance 09-05 Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of the Officers and Employees of the Township of Washington, County of Warren and State of New Jersey,, #2009-01, Mueller seconded. Kovacs wanted the figure to be \$10,000, but there would only be \$7500 for the balance of 2009 that would be used.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Mueller, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

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Horensky came into the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Committee and Auditor (Evans) went over each line in the proposed 2009 budget. Evans said the budget, as presented, was \$78,237 over the expenditure CAP. The 2009 budget, as presented, is at the tax levy CAP. After the budget review and discussion, , the cuts were successful and they were below CAP.

There was discussion on possible purchase of cars or leasing them, which will be discussed later. There was discussion on vehicle repairs on all cars.

There was discussion on paying for lighting at Hawk Pointe and the procedure of reimbursement to them for lights, possibly being done quarterly. The Mayor asked Pete de Boer, Certified Public Works Manager, to do a walk through with Jersey Central Power and Light on the lighting and get back to the Committee.

de Boer said that Michael Niznik, PAIC, had done a walk through of Police Gym and recommended that it be expanded. The Mayor said it could not be done at this time. de Boer said it would run between \$500 and \$1000.

The Mayor was not in favor at this time of putting the money in to any expansion. de Boer said he could move the wall and provide more storage space, about 32" or 3 feet. The Mayor asked why this would cost \$500 to \$1000. de Boer provided details on how it would be done. de Boer said this was a recommendation by the insurance company, because there was too much equipment in the room. The Mayor said, if you get more officers, then it will be too small. This was not approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Horensky made a motion to approve Resolution 00032A to go into Executive Session at 2:18 p.m. for the purpose of contractual negotiations and personnel, Mueller seconded. All were in favor.

The doors were opened. Horensky made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 3:36 p.m., Mueller seconded. All were in favor. The mayor advised there was discussion on contractual issues regarding Washington Borough and Oxford Township and a personnel issue.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee, Kovacs made a motion to adjourn at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann O'Neil RMC/CMC/MMC
Township Clerk

