

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Budget Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2018

The budget meeting of the Township Committee was held on this date at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 211 Route 31 North, Washington, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Mayor Robert Klingel.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE – The Mayor noted this meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975 in as much as a notice has been published in the Star-Gazette and transmitted to the Express-Times, posted at the Municipal Building and a copy is on file in the Clerk's office. This agenda is subject to change by order of the Washington Township Committee before and/or during the scheduled meeting.

ROLL CALL

Fiore, present; Klingel, present; Kovacs, present; Willan, present
Rossi, absent

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Kilduff, Deputy Township Clerk; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator; Chief Cicerelle; John Mooney, Municipal Auditor; Janice Congleton, Chief Financial Officer; and Andy Hart, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Mayor Klingel opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one, Mayor Klingel closed the public portion of the meeting.

2018 BUDGET DISCUSSION

J. Congleton stated she met with department heads and lowered the budget enough to get under the Levy CAP. She and J. Mooney discussed the budget with the Committee. The Committee discussed upcoming projects including the cell tower and the development at Hawk Pointe.

The Township is currently looking at a 4.97 cent increase. J. Mooney discussed bonds and notes with the Committee as well as the needed increase in the collection of taxes.

Mr. Fiore would like \$1,000 budgeted for the newly formed Washington Township Seniors organization. The Committee agreed and discussed various other line items with J. Congleton.

DPW – CAPITAL PURCHASES

Mr. deBoer and A. Hart provided the Committee with information regarding the replacement of vehicles. Discussion followed. J. Mooney discussed the need to purchase both a chipper and mower with the Committee.

POLICE – CAPITAL PURCHASES

Chief Cicerelle stated all Police Departments are now required to have a sally port at their entrance and discussed the details with the Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was not needed at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk