

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Budget Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2019

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 10:00 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; Rossi, absent; Willan, present

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Kilduff, Township Clerk; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator; Chief Cicerelle; Andrew Kucinski, Township Auditor; Eileen Parks, Acting CFO; 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.

2019 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Andrew K. gave an overview of Washington Township's financial status. He stated that the Fund Balance as of 12/31/18 was \$603,649.43 of which the current 2019 Budget will utilize \$550,000.00. The average local taxpayer assessed at \$250,000 will see an increase of approximately \$147/year. The current budget is an increase over last year's rate by 5.86 cents.

POLICE – CAPITAL PURCHASES

Chief Cicerelle discussed the Police Budget and vehicle replacement(s) with the Committee and Mrs. Parks.

Mayor Klingel called for a brief recess. Chief Cicerelle did not return to the meeting.

DPW – CAPITAL PURCHASES

The Committee discussed various line items with Mr. Hart, especially the maintenance and repair of vehicle(s) and equipment. They also discussed the need for playground equipment repair and/or replacement as well as necessary roadwork. Capital requests were presented by Mr. Hart and considered by the Committee. Following their discussion, Mr. Hart was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

Mayor Klingel asked for clarification regarding a few specific line items. The Committee discussed those items with Mr. deBoer and Mrs. Parks.

At this point, Mr. Kovacs was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolution 19-47, Resolution Authorizing Executive Session for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the NJ Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 at 12:50 pm. **All were in favor.** Mayor Klingel stated that the Committee would discuss personnel matters and a potential land acquisition.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #2019-47
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY
OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, will be going in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the meeting is not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Washington will give a brief summary of the meeting upon coming out of Executive Session.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to come out of Executive Session at 1:55 pm. **All were in favor.** Mayor Klingel stated that the Committee discussed personnel matters and a potential land acquisition. No official action was taken. Copies of these minutes will be available at such time the Committee determines there is no harm to the public interest.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 pm. **All were in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC
Township Clerk