

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 8:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Housel, Glaser, Turner, Buoye, Oakley and Woykowski –
6 Present.

Absent: Marianne Van Deursen, Mayor

Also Present: Richard J. Sheola, Borough Manager
Richard P. Cushing, Esq., Municipal Attorney
Robert Miller, C.M.E., Borough Engineer
Linda L. Hendershot, RMC/CMC, Borough Clerk

Deputy Mayor Glaser led everyone in the flag salute.

Deputy Mayor Glaser read the following Statement into the Record:

“The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231 have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – September 6, 2005

Deputy Mayor Glaser entertained additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held September 6, 2005.

Minor corrections were noted on Page 4 and 6 by Councilwoman Woykowski and Councilman Buoye of which the Clerk so noted.

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Oakley that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 6, 2005 be approved as corrected.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

An additional two communications were on Council’s desk for their information. The following communications were entered into the record:

1. NJLM – Federal issues Local Franchising & Eminent Domain;

2. Resolution – Twsp. of Mansfield, Burlington Co. Re: Exclusion of State from Cap Law;
3. Resolution(s) – West Amwell Twsp. – State Funding for State Mandated Use of Alcotest 7110 MK III-C & Exclusion of State of Cap Law;
4. NJLM – Mayor’s Summit on Preventing Gangs & Youth Violence;
5. Warren County Board of Agriculture;
6. NJLM – Katrina Relief Update;
7. NJLM – Diesel Emissions Reduction Program;
8. NJLM – Link to Mayor’s Survey on the Arts;
9. NJLM – Clarification on League Position on Eminent Domain;
10. Letter – R. Mayer Re: Article in Warren Reporter;
11. Manager – Highlands Council MP3 Grant;
12. Manager – Warren County Planning Director – MP3 Grant;
13. Manager – Warren County Planning Director - COAH Grant;
14. Borough Engineer – Arnolds Roads, Inc.;
15. NJLM – Public Information Contest;
16. Ballot ? #2 – Funding for Emission Reduction Program

Deputy Mayor Glaser entertained a motion to acknowledge, receive and file the communications.

It was moved by Buoye, seconded by Housel that the communications #1 thru #16 be acknowledged, received and filed.

Discussion: Deputy Mayor Glaser suggested that perhaps Council would like to adopt a resolution similar to the one that the Township of Mansfield adopted with regard to opposing exclusion of the State from the Cap Law.

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Housel that the Manager prepare a similar resolution for consideration at the next Council meeting.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Glaser posed a question with regard to the legislation dealing with eminent domain. She questioned whether there is any way a municipality could adopt an ordinance eliminating eminent domain when considering any public issues.

Councilwoman Oakley noted that this would go against what the Supreme Court has ruled.

Councilman Turner noted that there must be some criteria for the proper use of exercising eminent domain.

Council discussion followed at which time Manager Sheola noted that there is another case regarding this issue. He suggested that the attorney's office research this question to define uses of eminent domain in public issues within the community.

Councilman Turner addressed Item #3 dealing with the use of a new device to measure alcohol consumption. He questioned the need to change to this new system.

Manager Sheola noted that the present system has been utilized for many years. The State is questioning the validity of the present system.

Item #14 regarding the deadline imposed on Arnolds Roads for completion of the road project on N. Prospect Street, has this deadline been met? Engineer Miller noted that the deadline was this past Friday and it was in fact met.

Hearing no further discussion on the communications a vote was taken.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Stephanie Lewis – Financial Consultant

Stephanie Lewis gave the Council and public a brief summarization and overview of the sewer charge and how it was derived in 1998. Sewer charge is defined as being half way between a flat fee and usage.

She outlined the advantages and disadvantages to shifting to another alternate means of collecting this fee. There is a simple flat fee, a fee for each EDU's or billings utilizing water intake.

Mrs. Lewis noted that if the Council considered billing based on water usage it should be the responsibility of the water company to do the billing.

If Council is considering a major change it will still require a lot of investigation before any change could be instituted.

Deputy Mayor Glaser outlined the procedure by which she would entertain comments or questions from the governing body and the audience. Council comments would be entertained first and then the public would be invited to comment. She asked that the public comments be limited to five minutes so that everyone has an opportunity to comment.

Councilman Buoye asked how the usage charge per gallon would be determined and how often it could be reevaluated? Mrs. Lewis indicated that the price could be calculated annually based on the necessary sewer revenue and overall usage. The charge per gallon does not change the overall revenue necessary to fund the municipal sewer utility. She added that the usage charge method makes it difficult to project revenue due to fluctuations in actual usage.”

Councilman Turner stated that there has to be some type of compromise to help someone that is living alone.

Attorney Cushing noted that an extensive study was done of the system and that all options were studied very carefully before a decision was arrived out. The Industrial users also were not paying their fair share. He suggested that Council be given a copy of this study for their information. The bond rate was also a key factor in arriving at the decision the Council made.

Councilwoman Woykowski could see a drawback to charging by usage if estimated billings were done. What percentage would be estimated? She could see a cash deficit problem appearing during certain periods of the year if the bills fluctuated.

Deputy Mayor Glaser suggested that perhaps there could be a freeze on the rate for seniors.

A suggestion was made that the contractual costs and debt service be separating from the usage. Another suggestion was raised to place the operation and maintenance back into the tax rate.

Deputy Mayor Glaser questioned whether there was an escape clause in the contract with Veolia if the Borough wanted to pull out of having them do our billing? There is a way out of the contract.

Councilman Housel was on the original sewer committee. The Committee worked on the study that came up with the formula for billing. Councilman Housel stated that several years ago NJ American Water Company wanted to charge the Borough \$68,000.00 for doing the billings.

Audience comments were entertained by Deputy Mayor Glaser.

Mike DeMonti asked whether Mrs. Lewis would be appearing before the governing body again or whether this would be a one time appearance? It was his opinion that the billing should be based on the actual water usage.

It was noted for the record that Veolia Water presently charges the Borough

\$52 - \$54,000.00 to do our billings. Additional research will be pursued with the NJ American Water Company.

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Dave Higgins, 113 Harding Drive addressed the formula by which the sewer billing is done and why it was chosen by the Sewer Committee and the governing body. They had to remove it from the tax base because of the Borough's bond rating and debt service. If the Borough wants to continue to do Capital Projects it had to be taken out of the tax base. In addition, a lot of the non-taxable units such as churches and schools are now paying all year round. He strongly suggested that the study be pulled out and reviewed again. The rate has been held steady since 1999 of \$ 43.00 per E.D.U. This was the most equitable way it could be done and a lot of time and work went into this decision.

Councilman Turner felt that the issue should be re-evaluated and fine tuned again.

Attorney Cushing posed the question as to how you would allocate the expenses to the different types of users?

Councilman Turner felt that everyone should be contributing towards the construction costs and then it should be based on their usage.

Councilman Buoye asked how much of the \$ 43.00 charge is debt service? It was estimated that at least fifty to fifty-five percent was debt service.

Robert Mayer, 353 N. Prospect Street noted that previously he was paying \$275.00 for the sewer which was part of his tax bill and now he's paying \$ 516.00 as a sewer utility which is not deductible off his taxes. A family of five which is using five times the amount of water as he does is paying the same fee.

The audience portion was closed as there were no further remarks concerning this issue. No formal action was taken by Council because the sewer charge warrants further study and review.

Raymond Ferrara – TRC

Mr. Ferrara from TRC gave the Council an update on the phosphorous study his firm has been engaged to work on in conjunction with our permit with the DEP. The second major study that is also being worked on is the metals. Both studies and samplings and are going very well. Were on target for meeting the DEP deadlines. They are making excellent progress. They are also building a strong case before the DEP on reducing the phosphorous regulations DEP would like the Borough to meet.

Councilman Housel noted that the regulations being imposed on the Borough are more stringent than what is required for our drinking water.

Mayor Glaser thanked Mr. Ferrara for his excellent presentation in keeping the Borough informed on their progress.

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AUDIENCE:

Deputy Mayor Glaser entertained remarks from the audience on items that were not part of the meeting agenda.

Jeannette Van Wagner, 80 N. Lincoln Avenue complained about the parking problem and continual harassment and inappropriate language she has experienced on her street. She has called the police and they have responded.

The Nuisance Ordinance was discussed and Council directed that the Nuisance Ordinance be an agenda item for next meeting. In the meantime Mrs. Van Wagner was urged to call the Police if there was any loud noise or if the cars were blocking her driveway.

Luann Linepensel, 309 N. Prospect Street addressed the portion of N. Prospect Street which was compromised during its reconstruction where it narrows. It is a severe safety issue and someone is going to get seriously hurt. The cars are ignoring the “No Parking” signs in this particular area.

The ordinance will be reviewed and steps will be initiated to better mark this area for “No Parking” on both the easterly and westerly side on this portion of N. Prospect Street. The Manager was advised to notify the Police Department to step up enforcement in this area.

Grace Maginnis, 57 Grand Avenue also questioned why the all night parking enforcement ordinance isn't being enforced for everyone. She has observed several cars in her immediate neighborhood who park on the street all night.

Keith Gonzales, 96 W. Johnston noted for the record that he has been given permission to park on the street all night until the sewer project is completed in his area. His house is in this immediately vicinity.

Dave Higgins, 113 Harding Drive suggested that a letter or commendation be mentioned at the Awards Dinner to all those professions and the committee that worked on the sewer project.

Hearing no further remarks to come before the Council, it was moved by Turner, seconded by Oakley that the audience portion of the meeting be closed.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Council took a short recess at 9:55 PM prior to continue the meeting agenda.

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Council reconvened with everyone present at 10:10 PM.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance #16-2005 – Emergency Response Spill Reimbursement (First Reading)

An ordinance providing for reimbursement for any spill reimbursement in the Borough was introduced by Councilman Turner.

It was further moved by Turner, seconded by Woykowski that the Clerk read Ordinance #16-2005 by title only.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Buoye, Turner, Glaser and Oakley – Ayes: 5,
Nays: 0 – Housel (Abstained – Mr. Housel had not returned
to the Council chambers during this roll call).

Motion carried.

The Clerk read Ordinance #16-2005 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON TO ADD CHAPTER 9 ENTITLED, “EMERGENCY RESPIONSE REIMBURSEMENT.”

Manager Sheola gave an explanation for the purpose of this ordinance.

Council discussion followed at which time it was not clear that the ordinance only intended to provide reimbursement for hazardous waste spills. As written it could be charged for anything?

Manager Sheola suggested changing the title to read strictly Hazardous Material only.

The section dealing with manpower costs was also discussed and the wording “required to reimburse the Borough of Washington” was deleted and the word “incurred” was added continuing that sentence.

Councilman Housel asked whether this ordinance would cover arson? This could not be covered under this ordinance.

It was therefore moved by Turner, seconded by Oakley that Ordinance #16-2005 be approved on first reading with these changes made to the ordinance.

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Roll Call: Oakley, Turner, Glaser, Housel, Buoye and Woykowski.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

It was further moved by Housel, seconded by Oakley that Ordinance #16-2005 be published in the Star Gazette on September 29, 2005 and that the public hearing be scheduled for October 18, 2005.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Glaser, Turner and Oakley.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

REPORTS:

It was moved by Housel, seconded by Turner that the Road Department, Borough Engineer, Recreation Commission, Court, Highlands Progress Report,, Police, Borough Manager's and Fire Prevention reports be accepted as presented and filed.

Discussion:

Councilman Turner suggested that on a future agenda he would like to discuss a more efficient way in which to implement the chipping program.

On the engineer's report he wanted to know if they could expect a report on the idea of speed bumps on N. Prospect Street. A report will be forthcoming from the engineer's office.

A question also arose as to whether the Recreation Commission has initiated any steps to replace the filtration system at the Borough Park. The Commission will be meeting the following evening to discuss this issue.

It was noted that the court was going to be receiving new computer equipment free through the state.

The Police Department reports are getting better and better and give Council more information as to what they are doing.

Councilman Turner requested that the Police Department be made aware that the neighbors adjacent to Warren Lumber are being disturbed as a result of trucks idling in the very early morning hours at Warren Lumber.

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Deputy Mayor Glaser was concerned with the status of Washington Meadows and wanted something to be done to step up the process of getting this development accepted by the Borough.

Engineer Miller suggested that the Borough authorize his office to call in the Performance Bond. Charges for punitive damages was also suggested against the developer.

Some action must be taken against Calton Homes/Washington Meadows. The attorney and engineer were to meet and recommend a course of action to follow.

The Church Street Overlay Project - Would the sidewalks be replaced as part of this project. The engineer noted that they would only be replaced where actually warranted.

Councilwoman Woykowski referred to two items in the engineer's reports, #23 and #24. She would like to see dates of when anticipated completion could be anticipated.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

VOUCHERS:

Deputy Mayor Glaser entertained any questions or additions to the vouchers and claims for payment.

Councilman Turner had some questions that were answered by the Manager.

It was therefore moved by Housel, seconded by Turner that the vouchers and claims be approved for payment in the amount of \$ 1,399,965.47 as reflected in the debit/credit memorandum on file in the Collector/Treasurer's office.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Oakley, Turner, Glaser, Housel and Buoye.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Continued Discussion - Michael DeMonti's request for Refund of Interest on Sewer Bills

Mr. DeMonti was present regarding this continued discussion. It was clearly not his intent to have his 14 condominium units merged into one unit for one sewer bill. This caused the Collector/Treasurer the right to charge him 18%, rather than 8% on any delinquencies over \$ 1,500.00. He stated that this was done without his authorization.

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Manager Sheola asked why Mr. DeMonti did not question this issue when it was done last year?

Councilwoman Oakley also noted that when they were combined it implied consent on the part of the owner.

Mr. DeMonti noted that these units are distinctly separate and have individual block and lots for each unit. It was not his intent to have them combined.

Council discussion followed at which time the following Resolution was moved by Buoye, seconded by Turner and adopted:

RESOLUTION #158-2005

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF INTEREST
ON SEWER BILL UNDER THE NAME OF MICHAEL DeMONTI**

WHEREAS, Michael DeMonti owns 14 condominium located at 2 East Washington Avenue under the name of Washington Condos, LCC; and

WHEREAS, the units were merged to one billing account in November, 2004 and as of this date are delinquent in the amount of \$ 5,528.63; and

WHEREAS, it was not the intent of the owner to merge all of the condo's in to one billing account; and

WHEREAS, the sewer bills had become delinquent and interest was charged at 18% due to the amount being in excess of \$1,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Municipal Treasurer is hereby authorized to split the account out into 14 separate accounts resulting in an adjustment of the interest rate to 8% on each of the 14 properties.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Glaser, Turner and Oakley.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

Report – Borough Engineer – Harding and Flower Avenue

The engineer submitted a report for materials to complete the Harding and Flower Avenue drainage project to be done by the Borough's Road Department.

The estimate is \$ 18,110.00. The project will take approximately one week with four men. Manager Sheola was directed to identify where the money can be appropriated from the current budget.

It was noted that the school/borough parking lot project will have to be completed first.

Councilman Turner suggested that if anything, the Borough should institute steps to purchase the supplies at least due to construction material costs going up.

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Housel to direct the Manager and Engineer to coordinate this project.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Glaser, Turner and Oakley.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Discussion – Questions on Year-To-Date Budget Summary

There were no major questions on the previous budget summary from the last meeting or the new one the Borough Manager distributed. Manager Sheola commented on the current budget summary and indicated that the majority of the departments are on target as to where they should be for the calendar year.

Deputy Mayor Glaser asked what month the utility bills are paid to date on this budget summary. Manager Sheola will have to verify that with the department.

Deputy Mayor Glaser suggested that a memo be generated to all of the departments advising them of more stringent controls on year end spending to date. She even suggested placing a freeze on spending wherever possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Draft Ordinance – South Lincoln Avenue Resident Parking

Council was in receipt of a draft ordinance implementing resident parking stickers for the S. Lincoln Avenue residents.

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The ordinance was reviewed by Council and some minor changes were proposed. Councilman Housel noted parking would only be allowed to the resident on the east side of the street only from Monroe to Willow Street. Discussion was held with respect to charging a fee for these permit and Council directed that these permits be free to the residents. They also discussed issuance of visitor's tags and directed this be removed from the ordinance entirely.

Council directed these changes to be instituted by the Manager and that the ordinance be introduced on first reading at the next Council meeting, October 4, 2005.

Resolution #154-2005 – Chapter 159 Budget Amendment – Highlands MP3 Grant

The following Resolution was moved by Housel, seconded by Turner and adopted:

RESOLUTION #154-2005

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE
AND APPROPRIATION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40:4-87.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the Adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services with the Department of Community Affairs to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2005 in the sum of \$ 52,000.00, which item is now available as a revenue from the New Jersey Highlands Council – Municipal Projects Pilot Partnership Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$ 52,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption “NJ Highlands – Municipal Projects Pilot Partnership Grant” Other Expenses outside the CAP.

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Roll Call: Woykowksi, Housel, Buoye, Glaser, Turner and Oakley.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Resolution #155-2005 – Create MP3 Advisory Group

The following Resolution was moved by Housel, seconded by Oakley and adopted:

RESOLUTION #155-2005

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON CREATING A HIGHLANDS MP3 ADVISORY GROUP FOR THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington have from time to time created certain committees by resolution pertaining to the efficient operation of the municipal government; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington has received a New Jersey Highlands Council Municipal Projects Pilot Partnership (MP3) Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington has been advised by the New Jersey Highlands Council that it would be advantageous to create a Municipal Project Pilot Partnership (MP3) Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines and timeline for the completion of grant deliverables is extremely short with as all reports must be finalized by December 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Washington to have knowledgeable professionals and residents assisting with the development of the deliverables in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Washington to establish an MP3 Advisory Group with the following membership:

- Mayor of Washington Borough
- Two (2) members of the Common Council
- Borough Manager
- Borough Attorney
- Borough Planner

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- Borough Engineer
- Executive Director of the Business Improvement District
- One (1) member from the Business Improvement District Board of Directors
- Planning Board Chairperson
- Board of Adjustment Chairperson
- Four (4) residents of the Borough who are not affiliated with any of the above organizations or positions:
 - Jim Rimi
 - Anne Hardiman
 - Gary Pohorely
 - Rosemarie Hoover

WHEREAS, it is also the intent of the Mayor and Common Council to establish working sub-committees to the MP3 Advisory Group as follows:

- Stormwater Regulation Sub-committee
- Historic Preservation Sub-committee

WHEREAS, the appointment of the members of the Sub-committees shall be made as soon as practical; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, in the State of New Jersey that the MP3 Advisory Group is hereby created and shall be an integral part of the work related to and the completion of the Municipal Projects Pilot Partnership Grant in a timely and efficient manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Turner, Oakley, Glaser, Buoye and Housel.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Resolution #156-2005 – Return Escrow – Richard and Steven Fischer

The following Resolution was moved by Housel, seconded by Oakley and adopted:

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RESOLUTION #156-2005

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS
FROM AN ESCROW ACCOUNT ESTABLISHING THE NAME
OF RICHARD FISCHER AND STEVEN FISCHER AND HELD IN
TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON.**

WHEREAS, Richard Fischer and Steven Fischer applied for an received site plan approval for improvements to 286 Belvidere Avenue; and

WHEREAS, funds were posted in escrow to cover the cost of inspection services and to provide performance guarantee on site improvements; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Engineer Robert Miller, C.M.E., P.E. has determined that all site work required under the site plan approval has been completed in a satisfactory manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Municipal Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to Richard Fischer and Steven Fischer for the balance in the inspection escrow account after all outstanding bills have been paid for inspection services and the performance guarantee account in his name.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Glaser, and Oakley – Ayes: 4,
Nays: 0. – Abstained: Turner.

Motion carried.

Resolution #157-2005 – Refund Sewer Overpayment

The following Resolution was moved by Housel, seconded by Turner and adopted:

RESOLUTION #157-2005

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF

**AN OVERPAYMENT OF THE BOROUGH'S
SEWER SERVICE CHARGE**

WHEREAS, according to the Treasurer's records, there is an overpayment showing on the following property; and

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<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY OWNER/ PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED</u>
25.01/10	Compton, Melissa & Brian 11 Hill St.	\$ 86.00

The former owner made an overpayment during the closing procedures on the above property location. A refund of \$ 86.00 should be mailed to:

Melissa & Brian Compton
P.O. Box 999
Oxford, ME 04270

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer's office has received a written request that the above amount be refunded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough Treasurer is authorized to refund the above overpayment amount.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Glaser, Oakley and Turner.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Review of BRIT Meeting

Manager Sheola summarized the Brownfield Redevelopment Interagency Team report dated September 8, 2005. The professionals representing the Borough's interest are doing an excellent job. A lot of excellent information was acquired as a result of this report. The report also allows ways of indemnifying the new purchasers of contaminated properties.

A transcript will be available for Council via e-mail.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Deputy Mayor Glaser entertained remarks from Council prior to going into Executive Session.

Councilman Turner was pleased to see that Mr. DeMonti's problem was resolved and the S. Lincoln Avenue parking ordinance well on its way to being implemented. He was also pleased with the fact that the reports are more comprehensive and Council knows more of what each department is doing.

Councilwoman Oakley was pleased with the quality of reports she is receiving from the departments. She also brought up the drainage problem that exists on School Street. The engineer noted that this problem will be resolved when this project is done.

Councilwoman Woykowski noted that a meeting has been scheduled to see the software program that is available for the complaint tracking system the Council authorized she and the Manager to look into

Councilwoman Woykowski noted that the Washington Borough Senior Services Advisory Committee will be meeting to schedule another meeting with the seniors. Any suggestions any Council person may have will be appreciated. The meeting notices may be generated in the next tax bill.

Councilwoman Woykowski noted that on Monday, the Snow Removal committee will be meeting with the Road Department to discuss this policy.

Councilman Housel had no remarks.

Councilman Buoye was pleased with police report and the fact that the patrols have been stepped up particularly in the downtown business district.

Deputy Mayor Glaser also noted that the Senior Services Advisory was going to scheduled another meeting. They were looking to set up a meeting for Wednesday, October 5th at 7 PM at Borough Hall.

Executive Session

It was moved by Oakley, seconded by Housel that Council go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, negotiations and litigation.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

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It was moved by Housel, seconded by Oakley that the Council go out of Executive Session and back into open session at 12 Midnight.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Housel, seconded by Oakley that the meeting be adjourned at midnight.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Marianne Van Deursen, Mayor

Linda L. Hendershot, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk