

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2006**

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: Buoye, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser, Woykowski, Housel  
(Arrived at 8:10 PM) and Oakley (Arrived at 8:25 PM) – 7 Present.

Absent: Richard J. Sheola, Borough Manager (Due to death in his family)

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

Mayor Van Deursen led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor Van Deursen 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.

**COUNCIL APPEARANCE:**

**Keith Gonzales – OEM**

Mr. Gonzales gave a summary of the highlights that his office has played a major role in this past year.

The Borough Council did install a defibrillator in the Borough Hall on the recommendation of the OEM office. Mr. Gonzales thanked the Mayor and Council .

Their manual on emergency operations must be updated and approved by the State in the year 2007.

Mr. Gonzales reminded the Council that his appointment does expire in June of this year.

Council did adopt some much needed ordinances last year dealing with snow emergencies and adding a chapter to the Code regarding hazardous material response. Mr. Gonzales will work with the appropriate agencies to finalize the implementation of these ordinances.

There is an Animal Evacuation Plan on file and discussion was also held with respect to creating a Borough wide data base for emergency services to the seniors in our community. Councilwoman Glaser noted that a flier has been sent out to our senior population that touches upon some services for seniors that will be made available but it should be expanded upon in the future. The Manager presently has the data base on these surveys as they have come in.

Mr. Gonzales noted that the Utility Companies have instituted a program to assist the seniors as well.

Mayor Van Deursen on behalf of the governing body thanked Mr. Gonzales for the excellent service he provides our community.

**MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting – February 21, 2006**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 2006.

Councilman Buoye noted that on Page 6 there should be made reference to a case in Iowa that the Attorney noted was upheld with regard to the pedophile ordinance. The Clerk made a note to include this in the minutes.

It was therefore moved by Turner, seconded by Glaser that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 2006 be approved as corrected.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Van Deursen, Turner and Glaser.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

**Regular Meeting – March 7, 2006**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held March 7, 2006.

Hearing none, it was moved by Glaser, seconded by Turner that the minutes of the regular meeting held March 7, 2006 be approved as presented.

Roll Call: Housel, Woykowski, Glaser, Turner and Van Deursen – Ayes: 5,  
Nays: 0 – Abstained: Buoye.

Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The following communications were entered into the Record:

- 1) NJLM Re: S-192 – System Wide Video Franchise; and
- 2) NJLM Re: Transportation Trust Fund.

It was Glaser, seconded by Turner that the communications numbered #1 and #2 be acknowledged, received and filed.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION:**

Prior to the Borough's Planner, Carl Hintz, P.P. giving the Council and audience a power-point presentation on the Borough's MP3 Project Report the Mayor introduced members of the Re-development Committee that worked on this project.

Councilman Terry Housel, Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner, Robert Miller, Borough Engineer, Richard J. Cushing, Esq., Municipal Attorney, Richard J. Sheola, Borough Manager, Frank Mangiacotti, Jim Sheldon, B.I.D. Director and Andrea Kirchuk, B.I.D. Board of Directors, Ann Hardiman and Rosemarie Hoover. The Mayor also served on this Committee as well. She thanked the committee for the work that they did on behalf of the community.

Carl Hintz, Planner gave a lengthy power-point presentation and outlined the timeline that is part of the presentation on the various dates that the components to this plan will take place. Completion of this report is anticipated to be done by the end of this year. He outlined the proposed zoning that will be modified to better fit the Borough re-development plan.

Councilwoman Glaser discussed the historic preservation plan and questioned why the zoning was bringing residential streets into the downtown redevelopment plan. She was particularly concerned with Church Street, Hill Street and Jackson Avenue. There was concern with a lot of residents that this change would dictate what they can and cannot do to their properties. She was opposed to this change in zoning for this residential area. Mr. Hintz explained that the boundaries have not been determined to date. The first step to this entire project is to refer the re-development plan to the Planning Board to undertake an investigation to determine whether a proposed area is in need of redevelopment. There will be a public hearing in which all interested citizens affected by this plan will have an opportunity to be heard.

Councilman Buoye suggested that copies should be on the web-site for the public to see.

Attorney Cushing outlined the first step of the process. He has prepared a resolution that the Council must consider requesting that the Planning Board be authorized to investigate the area that is in need of redevelopment. Public input will be entertained by the Planning Board to determine what areas should be redeveloped.

Engineer Bob Miller also addressed the Stream Corridor Protection Plan that is part of this redevelopment. This will have to be reviewed and approved by the DEP

**AUDIENCE:**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained remarks from the audience that were not on the agenda.

**Dave Higgins, 113 Harding Drive** questioned the figure of \$ 150,000 and whether this amount was part of the proposed 2006 Municipal Budget? This sum will be part of the Highlands Smart Growth Fund.

**Richard Lewis, 16 Elizabeth Avenue** a Township resident requested that more enforcement of speeding on Rt. 31 be done. People traveling on this section of Rt. 31 through the Borough and Township have total disregard for the speed.

Chief Cortellesi who was present indicated that this area was the highest enforced area in the community.

**Rick Feldman, Prosper Way** inquired as to the status of the recreational fields at Washington Meadows. Attorney Cushing noted that a meeting had been scheduled for today but was cancelled. It has been rescheduled for the following week to address the Recreation Commission's concerns.

Hearing no further questions or testimony from the audience, it was moved by Glaser, seconded by Housel that the audience portion of the meeting be closed.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance #4-2006** – Establishing a Full-time Recreation Director (Final Passage)

An ordinance providing for a full-time Recreation Director was introduced by Councilman Housel.

It was moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser that the Clerk read Ordinance #4-2006 by title only.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

The Clerk read Ordinance #4-2006 by title only and stated that this ordinance was published in the Star Gazette as required by law, a copy was posted on the bulletin board and copies available upon request in the Clerk's office.

Mayor Van Deursen opened up the public hearing portion of the ordinance for their questions or comments.

Hearing none, it was moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser that the public hearing portion of the ordinance be closed.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

Council Discussion: Deputy Mayor Turner stated that since the Council did not appropriate the funds in the budget for this position the ordinance should not be considered for final adoption.

The ordinance failed for lack of a motion to adopt.

Ordinance Defeated.

**Ordinance #7-2006** – Bond Ordinance providing Bonds or Notes for Various Projects (First Reading)

An ordinance providing the funding for various projects through bonds was introduced by Councilman Housel.

It was further moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser that the Clerk read Ordinance #7-2006 by title only.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

The Clerk read Ordinance #7-2006 entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$ 1,823,765, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,622,600 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY."

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Glaser noted that this ordinance will be providing for the necessary Bond Anticipation Notes for the projects agreed to in this year's budget.

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Oakley that Ordinance #7-2006 be approved on first reading.

Discussion: Councilman Housel and Deputy Mayor Turner went on record as opposing the introduction of this ordinance because they did not fully agree on all of the projects outlined in the ordinance.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Buoye, Van Deursen, Glaser and Oakley – Ayes: 5, Nays: Turner and Housel – Nays. 2.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Oakley that Ordinance #7-2006 be published by summary in the Star Gazette's issue of March 30<sup>th</sup> and that the public hearing be scheduled for April 18, 2006.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Ordinance #8-2006** - Capital Ordinance providing funds for public improvement and acquisitions (First Reading)

An ordinance providing funds for public improvements and acquisitions was introduced by Councilwoman Glaser.

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Housel that the Clerk read Ordinance #8-2006 by title only.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

The Clerk read Ordinance #8-2006 entitled, "CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$7,100 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH."

Council Discussion:

Council was not fully aware of what this amount covered. Councilwoman Glaser thought it was for some laptop computers, a new server and two or three desk top computers.

Councilman Buoye asked if there was additional information supplied by the Manager at the last budget meeting which he was not able to attend. There was information asked of the Manager dealing with the software.

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Woykowski that Council table this ordinance until they received the information they needed to consider the introduction of this ordinance.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Ordinance #9-2006** – Establishing a Cap Bank (First Reading)

Prior to introducing this ordinance Councilwoman Glaser explained the purpose of the ordinance providing for a Cap Bank. The auditor has recommended the adoption of this ordinance providing a cap bank of \$36,037.67 that was not appropriated as part of the final budget. This amount can then be utilized within the next two succeeding years.

Councilman Buoye stated that this ordinance does not authorize any additional funds.

Ann Hardiman stated that this ordinance did not appear on her agenda nor the web-site. The agenda should have been amended. She noted that it was perhaps making a broad point but it not good sound business procedure to add items to the agenda last minute.

Councilman Housel noted that this cap bank ordinance must be introduced on the same evening the budget is introduced. This was a recommendation of the auditor.

An ordinance to establish a cap bank was introduced by Councilwoman Glaser.

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Turner that the Clerk read Ordinance #9-2006 by title only.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

The Clerk read Ordinance #9-2006 entitled, "ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK."

Council Discussion: None.

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Oakley that Ordinance #9-2006 be approved on first reading.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Motion carried.



It was further moved by Glaser, seconded by Housel that Ordinance #9-2006 be published in the Star Gazette on March 30, 2006 and that the public hearing be scheduled for April 18, 2006.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Turner that the Borough Manager's, Borough Engineer's, Fire Prevention (2), Library Board of Trustees, Municipal Court (2), WWTP – Sewer Plant, Road Department (2), A & E OT. and Police reports be acknowledged, received and filed.

Discussion: The engineer's report was discussed. Mr. Miller reported that Carlton Avenue will resume construction next Monday. A meeting was held with the school officials to coordinate the project. They will be doing the work in blocks beginning on Belvidere Avenue. They anticipate at least four weeks; maybe more before the project is completed. Councilman Turner was concerned with the paving line around the Cherry Avenue intersection.

The status of the survey on N. Prospect was discussed and the report should be completed for the next Council meeting.

Councilman Housel felt that the survey was not necessarily the way to go. Step up enforcement on the speeding is the key.

The Road Department, Fire Department and Emergency Squad should also be consulted as well for their input.

Ann Hardiman stated that further research should have been done other than opinions being solicited. No cost analysis of this proposal was done and no facts. There are other ways to handle this problem.

Mayor Van Deursen noted that this survey was at the request of two residents on North Prospect Street. The engineer noted that no determination has been made at this point.

Councilwoman Woykowsi noted that other avenues should be pursued in addition to the survey.

Chief Cortellesi reported that he did sit in an unmarked car for approximately six hours on North Prospect St. and only issued one summons.

Councilman Buoye also suggested that perhaps a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Carlton Avenue and Prospect Street may be an option to be pursued.

Councilman Turner addressed the park drainage issue. The engineer noted that some drainage work has been done but there is still more work to be done at the park.

Councilman Turner asked what the status of the Road Department garage was? Engineer Miller noted that he will be meeting with the architect to finalize the specifications. It should be going out to bid in about a couple of weeks.

Engineer Miler noted that the Youmans Avenue project will be starting in mid April as well as Church and School Street.

Councilman Turner brought up the water problem that was brought to Council's attention by Mr. Mason last year. He asked the engineer to place a priority on this project. Manager Sheola is to be consulted as to the status of this project.

Councilman Housel thought that Council had authorized this project last year. Why has it not been done.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

### **VOUCHERS:**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained additions or questions in regard to payment of the vouchers and claims.

Some minor questions were asked of the vouchers and claims. Discussion took place with respect to the money spent around the sewage treatment plant as a Capital fund expenditure. Council questioned whether this expense should be the responsibility of Veolia Water versus the Borough.

Council directed that the Clerk place this item on the agenda for discussion – Review of Sewer Agreement Contract.

Councilman Turner noted that the date of the bottom of the claims list was incorrect. The Clerk will bring it to the attention of the staff in the office.

It was therefore moved by Glaser, seconded by Buoye that the vouchers and claims be paid in the amount of \$ 507,730.87 as reflected in the debit/credit memorandum on file in the Collector-Treasurer's office.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

Mayor Van Deursen deviated from the order of business to discuss the Click it Or Ticket Seat Belt Campaign sponsored by the Police Department. Chief Cortellesi was present.

Councilman Turner addressed the purpose of the program which is to educate the public. However, he had a problem with the program given the Borough's slogan is "Hometown Friendly".

Chief Cortellesi explained that the program is to promote safety in our community and the importance of wearing seat belts.

Councilman Turner was concerned with the location in which the police department detained motorists on Rt. 57. This appears to be a dangerous place to stop drivers.

Councilwoman Oakley asked whether the Police Department would still participate in this program if the money is not approved by the State? No direct answer to her question was given.

Councilman Buoye noted that this program is promoting the safety of our citizens. Chief Cortellesi agreed and the department is very supportive of this very well worth program. Their Department was the second highest in promoting the safety of seat belts in prior years when the program was authorizing by the governing body.

It was moved by Housel, seconded by Woykowski that Council approve the "Click It or Ticket Program".

Roll Call: Glaser, Turner, Van Deursen, Buoye, Housel and Woykowski –  
Ayes: 6, Nays: Oakley.

Motion carried.

### **Green Acres Application**

Councilman Housel brought up the status of the Green Acres application. Due to the time constraints on filing this application he questioned why this item was not placed on the agenda? Council discussion followed at which time a motion was made by Housel, seconded by Turner to direct the Recreation Commission to proceed with filing the Green Acres application for the next round of funding.

Discussion: Mayor Van Deursen noted that Council did not appropriate any funding in this year's budget to pay for this loan. Councilwoman Glaser noted that there is 2 to 3 year window before you have to appropriate any money to draw down the funds.

Dawn Higgins, Recreation Commission Vice-Chair noted that there is no big money out there except for the Green Acres Loan program. The Commission has researched other sources of funding in other areas.

Dawn Higgins questioned how serious this Council is regarding the Recreation Commission's Green Acres Loan application. There are times when the Council appears to be wishy-washy. If you do not approve the funding of the application Green Acres will be very disappointed and it may impact on any future applications that may or may not be filed in the future.

Council could not give a definite answer but they do have three years to come up with the plan to provide payment on the loan.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Van Deursen, Turner and Oakley.  
Ayes: 7, Glaser – 1 Nay.

Motion carried.

Council took a short recess at 10:20 PM on a motion made by Oakley, seconded by Glaser.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

Council reconvened with everyone present at 10:30 PM.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Council Goals – 2006/2007**

To date everyone has not turned in their prioritizing of the Council Goals to the Manager. This topic tabled until the next meeting.

#### **Amendment to Affordable Housing Ordinance**

On the advice of Borough Attorney, Richard Cushing this topic was tabled for the next meeting.

#### **Policies – Conference Reimbursement and E-Mail and Internet Use**

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Turner that both policies be tabled until the next meeting.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. – Motion carried.

**Request for Parking Restrictions**

A letter was received from Richard Langone on Hahn Street requesting the parking be restricted to the sidewalk only side of the street.

This request was referred to the engineer for his review and recommendation.

**Discussion – Borough Owned Property**

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Housel that this item be tabled until the next meeting.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion arried.

**Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute the 2006 Municipal Alliance County Contract**

It was moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the 2006 Municipal Alliance County Contract.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Resolutions #76-2006 – 77-2006 & #79-2006**

The following Resolutions were moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser and adopted:

**RESOLUTION #76-2006**

**RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATES  
AS PER N.J.S.A. 4:5**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENCE, THAT WHEREAS,** lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 25, 2005 to Wachovia-Cust/Sass Muni V dtr, 123 South Broad Street, PA 1328S, Philadelphia, PA 19109 in the amount of \$ 3,001.74 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year of 2004 and in the name of Hanna, Ashraf, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 154 N. Lincoln Avenue, Block 006, Lot 072, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #394-05.

**WHEREAS**, I, Kay F. Stasyshan, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3-8-2006 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, National City Loan Services representing the property owner, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Wachovia-Coll Agt/Sass Muni-V dtr, and last above mentioned, by paying to the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$9,368.35, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #394-05.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2006 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Wachovia-Cust/Sass Munii V dtr, 123 S. Broad Street, PA 1328S, Philadelphia, PA 19109 in the amount of \$ 9,368.35.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 006, Lot 072 from the tax office records.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #77-2006**

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT  
ON 2006 CURRENT YEAR REAL ESTATE TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$ 1,246.05 on 2006 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 24 W. Warren Street, also known as Block 019.01, Lot 005, and in the name of Dawson, Ralph and Marilyn; and

**WHEREAS**, Paramount Title and First American Tax Service/Chase Home Finance have both paid the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2006 regular taxes for the Dawson's causing the overpayment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has received a written request from Chase Home Finance to refund the tax overpayment to the homeowner.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to refund the amount of \$ 1,246.05 payable to:



It was therefore moved by Housel, seconded by Oakley that the following resolution be adopted subject to the Manager's review and approval:

**RESOLUTION #78-2006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF  
RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, various 2005 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by purchase orders and/or encumbered at the time of appropriations transfers between 2005 budget accounts during the last two months of 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership of the governing body from unexpended balances which are expected to be sufficient to accounts with insufficient appropriation balances during the first three months of the succeeding year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Manager and the Chief Financial Officer have determined that excess appropriations do exist in some accounts and there is a need for supplemental appropriations in other accounts.

**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 following appropriation transfers are hereby approved.

<b><u>TRANSFER FROM:</u></b>	<b><u>TRANSFER TO:</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT:</u></b>
General Administration Other Expenses	Telephone Other Expenses	\$ 887.00
Fire & Safety Code Enforcement Other Expenses	Telephone Other Expenses	\$ 357.00
Fire & Safety Code Enforcement Other Expenses	Telephone	\$ 107.00
Police Other Expenses	Police Salary & Wages	\$ 925.00



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Streets and Roads Salary & Wages	Engineering Other Expenses	\$ 1,297.00
Street and Roads Salary and Wages	Municipal Court Salary and Wages	418.00
Street and Roads Other Expenses	Municipal Court Salary & Wages	5,450.00
Local Code Enforcement Salary and Wages	Telephone Other Expenses	545.00
Tax Assessment Admin. Salary and Wages	Police Salary and Wages	1,571.00
Planning Board Other Expenses	Police Salary and Wages	1,500.00
Gasoline and Diesel Other Expenses	Police Salary and Wages	2,000.00
Disposal Costs Other Expenses	Downtown Redevelopment Other Expenses	439.00
Traffic Lights Other Expenses	Downtown Redevelopment Other Expenses	674.00
Natural Gas Other Expenses	Downtown Redevelopment Other Expenses	1,844.00
Board of Adjustment Other Expenses	Downtown Redevelopment Other Expenses	15.00
Board of Adjustment Other Expenses	Engineering Other Expenses	76.00
Board of Adjustment Other Expenses	Statutory Exp.-PER Other Expenses	126.00
Tax Assessment Admin. Other Expenses	Financial Admin. Other Expenses	210.00

Tax Assessment Admin. Other Expenses	Telephone Other Expenses	3.00
Legal Other Expenses	Auditing Services Other Expenses	1,000.00
Local Code Enforcement Other Expenses	Statutory Exp.-PER Other Expenses	460.00
Local Code Enforcement Other Expenses	Telephone Other Expenses	195.00
Water Other Expenses	Telephone Other Expenses	206.00
Total Appropriation Transfers:		\$ 20,727.00

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Resolution #80-2006 – Release of Funds from Escrow – Glen Manor Construction**

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

**RESOLUTION #80-2006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS  
FROM AN ESCROW ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME  
OF GLEN MANOR CONSTRUCTION, LTD IN THE TRUST BY THE  
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON.**

**WHEREAS**, Glen Manor Construction, LTD applied for subdivision approval to subdivide lots for the development of Heather Hill on Myrtle Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, funds were posted in escrow to cover the cost of professional review of this subdivision application; and

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

**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 issue a check to Glen Manor Construction, LTD, PO Box 395, Whitehouse, NJ 08888 for the balance in the subdivision review escrow account in the name of Glen Manor Construction, LTD.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Resolution #81-2006 – Release of Funds from Escrow Account – Allentown SMSA d/b/a Verizon Wireless**

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

**RESOLUTION #81-2006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM A PERFORMANCE BOND ESCROW ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF ALLENTOWN SMSA d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS HELD IN TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON.**

**WHEREAS**, Allentown SMSA d/b/a Verizon Wireless applied for an received site plan approval for a cell tower; and

**WHEREAS**, a performance bond was posted to cover the cost of site improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Engineer Robert Miller, C.M.A., 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 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 issue a check to Allentown SMSA d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 5175 Campus Drive, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 for the balance in the performance bond account in the name of Allentown SMSA d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Resolution #82-2006 – Introduction of Proposed 2006 Municipal Budget**

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

**RESOLUTION #82-2006**

**INTRODUCTION OF 2006 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON,  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the statements and revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2006.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that said Budget be published in the Star Gazette in the issue of March 30, 2006 and the governing body of the BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON does hereby approve the Budget for the year 2006.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the hearing on the Budget will be held at Borough Hall, on April 18, 2006 at 8:00 o'clock (p.m.) at which time and place objections to said budget for the year 2006 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Discussion: Councilman Buoye declared his intention to abstain from the vote due to the fact he was not able to attend the last budget workshop session.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Resolution #83-2006 – Amend Temporary Current Fund Budget**

Prior to introduction of this resolution Councilwoman Glaser noted that she had asked the Manager at the last meeting if we were still under the 25% for the temporary appropriations. She thought that resolution would be the final appropriation transfers until the budget was passed. She requested that the Manager review this resolution as well and advise Council

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

**RESOLUTION #83-2006**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AMENDING  
TEMPORARY CURENT FUND  
APPRPOPRIATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2006 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amount required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey do hereby make the following amendments to the temporary appropriations:

**TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS – 2006 BUDGET**

General Government:

General Administration (Administrative and Executive)

Salary and Wages	\$ 5,950.
Other Expenses	2,500.

Mayor and Council

Salary and Wages	1,208.
Other Expenses	1,258.

Elections (Municipal Clerk)

Salary & Wages	3,128.
Other Expenses	500.

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Financial Administration		
Other Expenses	\$	500.
Audit Services		
Other Expenses		6,000.
Revenue Administration (Collection of Taxes)		
Salary and Wages		5,100.
Other Expenses		500.
Tax Assessment and Administration		
Salary and Wages		4,100.
Other Expenses		250.
Legal Services		
Salary and Wages		5,143.
Other Expense		500.
Engineering Services		
Other Expenses		1,000.
<u>Land Use Administration:</u>		
Planning Board		
Salary and Wages		450.
Other Expenses		0.
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Salary and Wages		300.
Other Expenses		380.
<u>Code Enforcement:</u>		
Local Code Enforcement		
Salary and Wages		3,675.
Other Expenses		200.
<u>Insurance:</u>		
Workers Compensation		13,850.
Unemployment Compensation		700.

Public Safety:

Police Department	
Salary and Wages	\$ 112,930.
Other Expenses	2,500.
Civil Emergency Preparedness	
Salary and Wages	750.
Other Expenses	100.
Fire Department	
Other Expenses	3,000.
First Aid Organization	
Other Expenses	3,000.
Uniform Fire Safety Act	
Salary and Wages	1,000.
Other Expenses	200.
Municipal Prosecutor	
Salary & Wages	2,320.

Public Works:

Road Department	
Salary and Wages	25,000.
Other Expenses	5,000.

Public Works: (Continued)

Garbage Collection	
Other Expenses	43,000.
Public Buildings and Grounds	
Salary ad Wages	- 0 –
Other Expenses	3,500.

Health and Human Services:

Animal Regulation	
Salary and Wages	1,000.

Parks and Recreation:

Recreation Commission	
Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.

Education:

Library	
Salary and Wages	17,000.
Other Expenses	2,100.

Utilities:

Electricity	
Other Expenses	6,700.

Street and Traffic Lights	
Other Expenses	1,000.

Telephone	
Other Expenses	3,500.

Water	
Other Expenses	1,000.

Natural Gas	
Other Expenses	2,900.

Heating Oil	
Other Expenses	1,000.

Sewage Disposal	
Other Expenses	1,000.

Gasoline and Diesel Fuel	
Other Expenses	6,500.

Solid Waste Disposal:

Solid Waste Disposal	
Other Expenses	17,000.





**Executive Session**

It was moved by Housel, seconded by Oakley that Council go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and property acquisition.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Oakley that Council go out of Executive Session at 11:50 PM.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

Mayor Van Deursen reported to Council that the candidates for the Clerk's position were interviewed and it was narrowed down to two candidates that are certified for the position. Final interviews with both candidates will be scheduled for Council.

Hearing no further business to come before the governing body, it was moved by Glaser, seconded by Oakley that the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 PM.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

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Marianne Van Deursen, Mayor

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Linda L. Hendershot, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk

