### **`BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY** WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – September 4, 2007

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:	Higgins, Woykowski, Cioni, Van Deursen, Housel, Oakley and Turner
	(8:50 p.m.)

Also Present: John Corica, Borough Manager Richard Cushing, Esq. Municipal Attorney Kristine Blanchard, RMC 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**

#### **Barbara Rose – Library Director**

Ms. Rose presented to Council recent developments at the Borough Library. Ms. Rose reported that in April the Washington Public Library celebrated eighty years of incorporation with a party featuring the acquisition of the photography collection of Richard Harpster.

The microfilm of the *Washington Star* from 1868 – 1923 was digitized in 2005 and is now available in all of the libraries internet machines. The library also recently installed security cameras on site to reduce the amount of loitering and damage to the Library.

Ms. Rose reported the number of library loans through July of 2007 is 17,563. The number of inter-library loans is at 272 through July of 2007. All of the Borough's library books are listed on Jersey Cat which is an inter-library loan system widely used by our patrons.

Ms. Rose reported that the library will be purchasing a new server and air conditioning unit near the end of 2007.

Mayor Van Deursen asked Ms. Rose to comment on the possibility of Washington Township joining the Borough's library as opposed to using the Warren County Library system. Ms. Rose stated that she would welcome the Township residents. A joint library service between the Borough and the Township would be a wonderful and beneficial shared service. She noted that she has Township residents coming in all of the time thinking that the Washington Borough Library is for Township residents as well.

Mayor Van Deursen thanked Ms. Rose for her thorough report.

#### **MINUTES:**

Councilman Higgins motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2007, Executive Session August 21, 2007, and the Special Meeting of August 28, 2007. This motion was seconded by Councilman Cioni.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Higgins, Van Deursen, Cioni, and Housel. Higgins – Abstain August 28, 2007 Oakley – Abstain All

> Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

The following communications were entered into the Record:

- 1. NJLM Re: Proposed "Plan Endorsement" Guidelines.
- 2. NJLM Re: Holland Ethics Forum Invitation
- 3. NJLM Re: Recent Legislative Development
- 4. NJLM Re: Clean Energy Conference
- 5. NJLM Re: FEMA Scraps Aid Cut Threat

Mayor Van Deursen entertained a motion to acknowledge, receive and file the communications.

It was moved by Cioni, seconded by Higgins that the communications be acknowledged, received and filed.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### AUDIENCE:

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

#### <u>John Unorksi – 123 North Prospect Street</u>

Mr. Unorksi stated he represents a group of concerned residents of the Borough whose main concern is the rise in property taxes. He stated the group got together about one month ago to discuss the increase in taxes in the last five or so years. When he purchased his home in 2002 his taxes were \$5,500.00. He informed council that his property taxes are now over \$9,000.00.

He explained that his in-laws purchased a home in Washington Borough in 2002 and their property taxes have increased \$1,000.00 each year.

The question that the group wants to present to Council is in regards to the property assessments. He explained that most of his neighbors' assessments are in the \$130,000.00 range while his assessment is around \$210,000.00. Mr. Unorksi stated he is asking the Governing Body to take a look at the assessments in the Borough to address the increasing property taxes. Mayor Van Deursen informed Mr. Unorksi that the Borough did a re-assessment in 2002.

Mr. Unorksi stated that the group of people he represents is very passionate about this topic. Many of the members of the group are considering moving out of the Borough.

Mayor Van Deursen stated that one of the problems facing the Borough is lack of ratables. Councilman Higgins noted the Assessor stated during his report the Borough is at 66% of the sales ratio.

Councilwoman Woykowski explained to Mr. Unorksi that a re-assessment is not up to the Borough Council; it must be approved by the County Tax Board as well. It is also not an inexpensive proposition and will affect the budget and the taxes. She also stated that Council has been informed that the County Tax Board will order a revaluation in the year 2010.

Councilman Cioni stated that if the county orders a revaluation it will cost roughly \$150,000.00 which the Borough has to pay. If the Borough does a re-assessment it will cost \$100,000.00. Councilwoman Oakley stated that even if the Borough does a re-assessment the county can still order a revaluation in 2010.

Mayor Van Deursen stated the Governing Body has had discussions in regards to reassessments for the purpose of equalization; yet is are a little reluctant to get into a situation where the Borough does a re-assessment and two years later is forced to do a revaluation.

After discussion, Council directed the Borough Manager to contact the County Tax Board and the Tax Assessor to discuss the possibility of having a property tax re-assessment or revaluation.

## Jim Sheldon, Executive Director Business Improvement District

Mr. Sheldon informed Council the Festival in the Borough is scheduled for October 6, 2007. The Town Wide Yard Sale is also scheduled for September 29, 2007 with a rain date of September 30, 2007. Mr. Sheldon requested that Council waive the fees and the No Sunday Yard Sale Ordinance on September 30, 2007. Council agreed to waive the fees and the Borough Ordinance for one day.

Mr. Sheldon discussed the Main Street New Jersey Grant Program. The DCA and Main Street New Jersey are currently accepting applications for this program. Typically, new towns will be considered every two years. A letter of intent needs to be sent by September 10, 2007 of the Borough wants to be considered. Mr. Sheldon recommended to Council that they send the letter of intent now and consider whether or not they want to apply. The Borough could receive free architectural advice, planning, and business advice.

Mayor Van Deursen stated the Borough has everything to gain in applying for this grant. Mr. Sheldon stated that this is a very competitive process. Councilwoman Woykowski noted that the letter of intent does not obligate the Borough; however if we do not file a letter of intent the Borough will not be considered.

Councilman Housel motioned to have the Borough Manager send a letter of intent to the Main Street New Jersey Program, this motion was seconded by Councilman Cioni.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Mr. Sheldon also informed Council that the BID Executive Board would like more Council involvement at the monthly meetings. They would like to see an additional Council member attend the meetings so that Council is kept up to date on any BID developments.

Councilman Higgins motioned to close the audience portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Woykowski.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Councilman Turner arrived at 8:50 p.m.

# **ORDINANCES:**

None

### **REPORTS:**

It was moved by Higgins, seconded by Oakley that the Council acknowledge, receive and file the Borough Clerk's Report, Police Activity Report, Treasurer's Report July 2007, Issues and Details Report, and the Zoning/Code Enforcement Report for August 2007.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Redevelopment Committee:** Mayor Van Deursen informed Council that there is a Mayor's Institute at Princeton University and Councilwoman Woykowski will be attending on behalf of the Borough along with Jim Sheldon. A meeting was held to discuss the downtown redevelopment area and a problem statement was prepared for the presentation at the Mayor's Institute. The problem statement addresses development of a conceptual design, an area that balances a potentially competing public objective with new growth, additional public space and parking, improved circulation and environmental remediation. There will be quite a few professionals participating in this program as well.

DPW Garage: Bid opening is September 6, 2007.

**Sewer Committee:** Councilman Higgins asked if a proposal had been received from Mr. Mangiacotti. Manager Corica stated it will be available for Council at the next meeting.

Streets Committee: No Report

## Finance Committee: No Report

**Shared Services Committee:** Councilwoman Woykowski reported that the Warren/Morris Council of Governments had a presentation by Brian Valentino at the last meeting; a more extensive report on this presentation is forthcoming. She reported that two new municipalities have joined the group; Greenwich Township and Mt. Olive Township.

# Senior Services: No Report

**Website Committee:** Mayor Van Deursen informed Council that the web site will be redesigned and new pictures added. A committee meeting has been scheduled for the week of September 16, 2007. Councilman Cioni reported that the survey shows 135 yes's to 35 no's in regards to having the ability to pay municipal charges via the internet.

**Curfew Ordinance Committee:** Councilman Higgins asked if there was any way Council could find out if this Ordinance is enforceable. Attorney Cushing stated that if anyone had any concerns over this Ordinance they could contact his office for guidance.

**Pedophile Ordinance Committee:** Councilwoman Woykowski reported that the Attorney's office has prepared a Resolution in support of Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow's bill. There were several changes made to the Resolution. Councilwoman Woykowski noted that her research indicated that this issue needs to be fought at the State and the Federal level. She stated that congress needs to provide funding for a National Sex Offender Registry. Councilwoman Oakley stated that case law indicates that this issue is really a state purview because there needs to be some sort of consistency. When Municipalities adopt their own rules regarding this issue; there is no consistency. If there is uniformity throughout the state; parole officers will be able to determine appropriately where an individual can live. This issue is too big to be dealt with at a local level.

# Business Improvement District: - Nothing to Report

# **VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained questions or additions to the vouchers and claims for payment that were not previously addressed before the meeting.

Councilman Cioni asked Manager Corica asked for clarification on the charge for sewer plant expansion. Manager Corica stated that Omni Environmental is an engineering firm doing work with the attorney's office on the DEP permit. Attorney Cushing stated that Omni advises the sewer engineers in the Borough with respect to very highly sophisticated permit conditions. Omni has been negotiating with the DEP on the Borough's behalf initially in opposition to the permit conditions imposed by the DEP. Hearing no further comments or questions the vouchers and claims were approved for payment in the amount of \$897,865.20.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Paul Terrick – Fence**

Manager Corica reviewed with Council Mr. Terrick's request for a fence along the easement of his property. A drawing of the area was included in Council's packets for their review. He also reported he met with Jeremy Summit, Shade Tree Chair and Mr. Terrick in regards to the status of the trees on his property. A determination will be made as to where the trees will be placed which may move the fence line toward the street away from the easement. Manager Corica stated if Council decides to grant Mr. Terrick permission to install a fence on his property he does not feel it would be a detriment to the Borough.

Attorney Cushing stated that Mr. Terrick would have to make any necessary applications to the DEP in regards to stream encroachment. Councilman Turner suggested Mr. Terrick move the fence away from the stream encroachment line. If he does not want to do that he will need to get DEP approval. Council agreed.

Councilwoman Oakley noted that Council had agreed in the past not to grant approval on these issues if already denied by the Zoning Officer. Mayor Van Deursen stated that the Board of Adjustment does grant variances for various reasons. Residents also have the right to appeal any decision of the Zoning Officer. In her opinion this gentleman does have extenuating circumstances. Attorney Cushing suggested that the agreement between the Borough and Mr. Terrick contain a license stating the Borough would have the right go in and remove the fence at any time if need be for access without having to replace the fence. Council concurred.

Mayor Van Deursen requested that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for action.

#### <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

#### Approval of Bingo Application for St. Joseph's Church

The Borough Clerk indicated that all of the paperwork is in order.

Motion made by Turner, seconded by Higgins for approval of the Bingo Application – St. Joseph's Church.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Cioni, Turner, Higgins – Yes Van Deursen, Oakley – Abstain.

> Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Abstain: 2 Motion Carried.

#### Approval of Bingo Application Knights of Columbus

The Borough Clerk indicated that all of the paperwork is in order.

Motion made by Turner, seconded by Higgins for approval of the Bingo Application – Knights of Columbus.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Cioni, Turner, Higgins – Yes Van Deursen, Oakley – Abstain

> Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Abstain: 2 Motion Carried.

### <u>Resolution 220-2007 Urging the State to Take Financial Responsibility for the Cost of a</u> <u>Statewide Gypsy Moth Control Program</u>

Resolution 220-2007 was moved on a motion made by Turner, seconded by Higgins and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

#### **RESOLUTION 220 - 2007**

## RESOLUTION OF THE BROUGH OF WASHINGTION COUNCIL OF WARREN COUNTY URGING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO TAKE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COST OF A STATEWIDE GYPSY MOTH CONTROL

WHEREAS, as stated on the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture website; the gypsy moth, in its caterpillar stage, is the most destructive hardwood defoliator ever to occur in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, since 1970, gypsy moth caterpillars have caused varying degrees of defoliation (leaf loss) between 1,910 - 800,000 acres of forest land; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipalities with heavy infestations of gypsy moths, as delineated by a summer aerial defoliation survey, are contacted in writing by the Department of Agriculture in early fall of each year, and asked if they wish to have a gypsy moth egg mass count; and

**WHEREAS,** if the residential or recreational forest has an average of more than 500 egg masses per acre, and is at least 50 acres in size it may qualify for participation in the cooperative Gypsy Moth Suppression Program; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to delineating treatment areas, the Department of Agriculture also applies for U. S. D. A. Forest Service cost sharing funds which, if approved, results in a 50 percent reimbursement of the treatment cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department is also responsible for choosing the insecticide to be sprayed and in supervising the actual spray operation; and

**WHEREAS**, in the fall of 2006 the Department of Agriculture determined that there were 15 counties with a total of 125,743 acres in need of gypsy moth suppression; and

WHEREAS, it is quite clear that the defoliation is a statewide problem; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey is not restricted by the same 2.5% increase in expenditures or the 4% cap in tax revenues as municipalities are.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Council of the Borough of Washington of Warren County hereby calls upon the State Legislature to undertake immediate action to fully fund the Gypsy Moth Control Program, due to the devastating destruction gypsy moths will cause statewide; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be distributed to Governor Jon Corzine, New Jersey State Legislatures and New Jersey Municipalities, urging them to pass similar resolutions of support.

### **Resolution 221-2007 Appointing Adam Zimmer to Recreation Commission**

Resolution 221-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Turner and adopted.

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

### RESOLUTION 221-2007

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey is governed by Plan "E" of Municipal Charter Law; and

**WHEREAS**, under this plan the Mayor of the Borough is to appoint the members of the Board of Recreation with the consent of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has designated the following person his appointee;

WHEREAS, The Council does approve of this appointment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following named person is appointed to the **Board of Recreation** for a term ending January 1, 2012.

Adam Zimmer

#### Resolution 222-2007 Resolution to Void Check

### <u>RESOLUTION #222-2007</u> <u>A RESOLUTION TO VOID A CHECK</u>

WHEREAS, check #049405 was written August 2, 2006 on Washington Borough's Operating Fund #8102360230 in the amount of \$25.99 payable to A Plus Pools for aqua check strips; and

**WHEREAS,** the Treasurer has carried this check as outstanding since August 2006 on the Operating Fund Account and has been given approval to void the check from the Borough Auditor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington that the Treasurer be authorized to void check #049405.

Resolution 222-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Higgins and adopted.

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

### **Resolution 223-2007 Appointing Kitty Pain to Recreation Commission**

Resolution 223-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Turner and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

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**WHEREAS**, under this plan the Mayor of the Borough is to appoint the members of the Board of Recreation with the consent of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has designated the following person his appointee;

WHEREAS, The Council does approve of this appointment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following named person is appointed to the **Board of Recreation** for a term ending January 1, 2010.

Kitty Pain

## <u>Resolution 224-2007 Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the Borough of</u> <u>Washington and John Corica as Borough Manager</u>

Resolution 224-2007 was moved on a motion made by Turner, seconded by Higgins and adopted.

Roll Call: Housel, Cioni, Woykowski, Van Deursen, Turner, Higgins, and Oakley

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT APPOINTING JOHN CORICA AS BOROUGH MANAGER.

**WHEREAS**, the members of Council present voted unanimously on August 28, 2007 to appoint John Corica as the Borough Manager effective September 10, 2007 and;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the parties to formalize the appointment through a written agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the appointment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Washington in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**1.** The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement appointing John Corica as Borough Manager.

## **Resolution 225-2007 Approving the Corrective Action Plan**

Resolution 225-2007 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Turner and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

# **RESOLUTION #225-200**

#### <u>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN</u> <u>FOR THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN,</u> <u>STATE OF NEW JERSEY</u>

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington has received the Audit of its financial condition for the year 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the requirements of the Audit is the filing of a Corrective Action Plan that addresses the Comments and Recommendation contained within the Audit Report; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer of the Borough of Washington has prepared a Corrective Action Plan in conformance with standard practices and the Borough Council hereby approves of the Corrective Action Plan and endorses the submittal of same to the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to submit the Corrective Action Plan as noted and to ensure that all provisions are complied with by the deadlines so listed.

#### **Resolution 226-2007 Appointing John Corica as Deputy Borough Clerk**

Resolution 226-2007 was moved on a motion made by Turner, seconded by Oakley and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

## **RESOLUTION 226-2007**

# **DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey is governed by Plan "E" of Municipal Charter Law; and

**WHEREAS,** under this plan the Council of the Borough is directed and authorized to appoint the **Deputy Borough Clerk** for the Borough of Washington, New Jersey.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that John Corica is hereby appointed for a term ending <u>December</u> <u>31, 2007.</u>

### Resolution 227-2007 Appointing John Corica as a Class II member of the Planning Board

Resolution 227-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Housel and adopted.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 227-2007**

## PLANNING BOARD – EMPLOYEE MEMBER

#### **CLASS II MEMBER**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey is now governed by Plan "E" of Municipal Charter Law; and

**WHEREAS,** under this plan the Mayor is directed and authorized to appoint certain members of the Planning Board.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that a Borough Employee, **Class II Member** hereby is appointed to serve.

### <u>John Corica</u> <u>Name</u>

Term to expire on January 1, 2008.

The above Declaration was an appointment made by the Mayor with Council consent.

### <u>Resolution 228-2007Appointing John Corica as Statewide Insurance Fund Commissioner</u> and Kristine Blanchard as Alternate Commissioner

Resolution 228-2007 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Oakley and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

### **RESOLUTION 228 - 2007**

## A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BOROUGH MANAGER JOHN CORICA AS THE STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER AND BOROUGH CLERK KRISTINE BLANCHARD AS ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER FOR THE YEAR 2007

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Bylaws of the Statewide Insurance Fund, each local unit member is required to appoint a Commissioner to represent them in the Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fund Administrator is required annually to submit the full name and title of each appointed Fund Commissioner to the State of New Jersey, Department of Insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Manager is the Chief Executive Officer of the Borough of Washington and authorized to represent the Borough's interest in matters of intergovernmental affairs and to negotiate contracts on behalf of the municipality.

**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 Manager John Corica is hereby appointed to represent the Borough as the Fund Commissioner to the Statewide Insurance Fund for the year 2007.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in the event of the Borough Manager's absence, Borough Clerk, Kristine Blanchard is hereby appointed Alternate Commissioner to the Statewide Insurance Fund for the year 2007 and that notice of these appointments be forwarded to the Fund Administrator of the Statewide Insurance Fund.

# **RECAP**

Manager Corica will contact the Tax Board and the Borough's Tax Assessor regarding re-assessments vs. revaluations. He will also contact JCP&L for removal of the old streetlights. The Borough Attorney and Manager Corica will discuss with the Chief any concerns over enforcing the Curfew Ordinance.

# **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Van Deursen asked the Borough Clerk to research what the surrounding municipalities hours of trick or treat are on Halloween.

Councilwoman Woykowski - No Comments

Councilman Cioni – No Comments

Councilman Housel - No Comments

Councilwoman Oakley - No Comments

Councilman Higgins asked if the street sweeper had been repaired. Manager Corica stated that the DPW had been given permission to have the sweeper repaired. He also asked about the RFQ's for the professionals. Council agreed they would advertise for all professionals.

Councilman Turner - No Comments

Mayor Van Deursen entertained a motion to enter Executive Session. Motion made by Councilman Higgins, seconded by Councilman Housel to enter Executive Session after a five minute recess.

# **RESOLUTION 229 - 2007**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231,

P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain

circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances

presently exist.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the

Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from the remaining portion of this meeting.

2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Personnel Litigation Property Acquisition

Council returned to open session at 10:45 p.m.

Hearing no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Housel, seconded by Higgins that the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Marianne Van Deursen, Mayor

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk