

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 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: Woykowski, Higgins, Turner, Oakley and Van Deursen, Cioni,
Housel 8:10 p.m – 7 Present

Also Present: Richard J. Sheola, Borough Manager
Robert V. Fodera 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:

Shade Tree Commission – Jeremy Summitt

Mr. Summitt gave the Mayor and Council a brief synopsis of the accomplishments of the Shade Tree Commission for the year 2006. The Shade Tree Commission had the tree inventory completed during the year. This is a huge tool for the Commission and will help them manage their trees in a much more effective manner. This year the Shade Tree Commission also applied for the Cool Cities grant and was awarded \$25,000.00 for the year 2007. Mr. Summitt explained that during the tree inventory many trees were found to be in need of being replaced; this grant will allow the commission to replace these trees during the spring of 2007.

Councilman Cioni inquired as to where the new trees will be place and what species of trees will be planted. Mr. Summitt stated that the tree plantings will be based on the inventory and the trees that need to be replaced will be planted first. The types of trees to be planted vary; however the grant indicated that the Borough will plant ten different species of trees. The new trees also come with a one year warranty.

Mayor Van Deursen thanked Mr. Summitt for his informative report.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – January 16, 2007

Executive Session January 16, 2007

Mayor Van Deursen entertained additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held January 16, 2007 and the executive session held January 16, 2007.

Hearing no comments it was moved by Turner, seconded by Oakley that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 16, 2007 and the executive session held January 16, 2007 be approved with the corrections.

January 16, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion carried.
Abstain: 1

January 16, 2007 Executive Meeting Minutes

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

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The following communications were entered into the Record:

1. Elizabethtown Gas – Notice of Public Hearings
2. NJLM Re: Court Decision on COAH Growth Share Regulations
3. NJLM Re: Chapter 4 Lazy Bidder Law
4. NJLM Re: 1/22 Senate Voting Session
5. NJLM Re: Regional Contribution Agreements
6. Warren Hills Regional High School Project Graduation
7. NJLM Re: Senate Votes on Property Tax Legislation
8. NJLM Re: New Cap Proposal
9. NJLM Re: Annual Mayors' Day
10. NJLM Re: New Information from the DLGS
11. NJLM Re: Office of State Comptroller
12. Comcast: FCC Regulatory Fee Notice
13. NJLM Re: Mayors Wellness Campaign
14. Lori and Terence Finnegan Re: Tax Abatement (*in packets*)
15. Borough Manager Re: 2007 Budget Review with Borough Council Schedule

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

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

AUDIENCE:

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

Hearing no further audience comments, it was moved by Oakley, seconded by Higgins to close the audience portion of the meeting.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

None

REPORTS:

It was moved by Oakley, seconded by Turner that the Council acknowledge, receive and file the Borough Manager's, Borough Clerk's, Police Activity, Recreation Commission, Veolia Monthly Operations, Treasurer's Report, Zoning Code Enforcement, Highway Department and Executive and Administrative Report

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Council Discussion:

Councilman Higgins asked Manager Sheola when the Borough will be going out for bids for the Borough Garage. Manager Sheola stated that the committee will be attending an open house for the DPW garage after which they will meet and come up with a more solid number.

Councilman Higgins asked the Borough Manager is Ebay is the only way the Borough sells municipal items. Manager Sheola indicated that sometimes the Borough will have a public auction and sometimes an auction is held on Ebay.

Councilman Higgins asked Manager Sheola for the backup that goes with the letter from the Borough Engineer regarding the park drainage issue. Manager Sheola will make a copy of the backup for Councilman Higgins.

Mayor Van Deursen asked Manager Sheola why the Speed Machine on loan from the Township is no longer on North Prospect. Manager Sheola indicated that the Borough was only able to borrow the machine for a few days. Mayor Van Deursen suggested borrowing the machine again as soon as possible and placing the machine facing north in order to obtain the speed of the southbound traffic.

At this time a motion was made by Housel, seconded by Woykowski that the speed machine be obtained for measuring southbound traffic on Prospect Street; as long as it fits in with the Township's schedule. It is recommended that this be done by the end of February.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Councilman Higgins questioned the balance in the Recreation Commissions Accounts. He asked if the balance in the Recreation account was \$53,000.00. Manager Sheola stated that he would verify that amount with the Borough Treasurer and will have an answer by the Budget Meeting on Saturday, February 10th.

VOUCHERS & CLAIMS:

Mayor Van Deursen entertained questions or additions to the vouchers and claims for payment.

Councilman Higgins questioned the bill for Smith Motors. Manager Sheola stated that this was a bill for break repair on one of the police cars. Councilman Higgins inquired about the Engineering costs for Fund 04 in the amount of \$41,333.00 for work that dates back to July of 2006. Councilman Higgins asked why the Borough is not paying these bills on time. Manager Sheola stated that some of the bills came in late and others may have been held until the money was available to pay them. Councilman Higgins asked if there was a policy when bills are to be submitted and presented for payment. Manager Sheola stated the bill should be sent to the Borough and paid as expeditiously as possible.

Councilman Higgins also stated that there are nine different bills charged to the Streets General Account. Councilman Higgins asked what that account is. Manager Sheola stated that it is a type of Misc. account. These bills are for the engineering work done in 2006 for road work scheduled to be completed in 2007. Councilman Higgins also stated that there were only two roads scheduled to be worked on in 2007 so why is there nine bills charged to the Streets General Account. Manager Sheola indicated that the reason is because the Borough was waiting until the end of the year to transfer money into this account. Councilman Higgins stated that the Borough could not transfer money into a capital account.

Councilman Housel indicated that Ordinance number 8-2005 was for Myrtle Avenue and none of these other bills should be charged to Ordinance 8-2005. Manager Sheola stated that he believed Ordinance 8-2005 was a large multi-purpose ordinance.

Councilwoman Woykowski stated that there are too many bills being applied to Ordinance 8-2005 and Council needs to know what exactly is being charged to this account. Manager Sheola stated he will need to go back and look at each voucher and will have a report prepared by Saturday's budget meeting.

Councilwoman Oakley stated that this is something that occurs often. Bills submitted to the Borough for payment need to be submitted in a timely manner.

Councilwoman Woykowski also indicated that the bill list should be as detailed and as accurate as possible. Manager Sheola informed Council that right now the finance department is working off of Excel spreadsheet versus the regular finance software until the year end process is completed.

Councilman Higgins stated that he would like to amend his motion to pay the bills with the exception of those items under Fund 04 Fiscal Engineering until further clarification is obtained; this motion was seconded by Councilman Turner.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Hearing no further comments it was therefore moved by Higgins, seconded by Oakley that the vouchers and claims be paid in the amount of \$1,866,725.59 as reflected in the debit/credit memorandum on file in the Collector-Treasurer's office. This amount does not include the items in the Fund 04 Fiscal Engineering account.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park Drainage Project

This item was tabled until the February 20, 2007 Meeting when the Engineer will be present.

Phase II Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation NJDEP Approval Letter

Manager Sheola explained the communication from the NJDEP stating that the state has completed all necessary inspections and all payments have been made to the Borough by the Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund. Councilman Higgins commented that this was a very favorable report.

NEW BUSINESS

Petition to Governor Re: Change in School Funding Formula

Councilman Turner stated that this petition is basically a moot point due to Governor Corzine abandoning the possible change in school funding formulas. Councilman Higgins suggested that a Resolution be adopted and sent to the Governor stating that the Borough of Washington would like to see him continue his effort to adopt changes in the school funding formula.

Timing of Sub-Committee Meetings

Councilman Turner stated that he would like the Council's opinion on holding committee meetings in the late afternoon or during the evening hours. Mayor Van Deursen explained that most committee meetings are held during the evening hours with the exception of the Redevelopment Committee due to the dynamics of the committee. Councilwoman Woykowski stated she has concerns over this meeting being held during the day the public's inability to attend or have input during these meetings. Most people work during the day. Mayor Van Deursen stated that this topic can be revisited by the Redevelopment Committee to see if everyone would be in favor of moving the time of this meeting.

Policy on Sub-Committee Spending of Taxpayer Dollars

Councilman Turner explained that this was due to the spending of grant money and Council not having a clear view of what was being spent. This concern has been taken care of by the report generated by the Manager recently. Councilman Housel asked if any grant money appropriated by the Borough needs to be approved by Resolution. The Borough Attorney indicated that yes that would need to be done by Resolution.

Councilman Woykowski stated that in addition when grant applications are submitted for Council approval all of the supporting documentation needs to be attached.

Resolution #44-2007 Redemption of Lien Block 31 Lot 6

Resolutions 44-2007 through 48-2007, 50-2007 and 52-2007 were moved on a motion made by Turner, seconded by Oakley and adopted.

Resolution 44-2007
A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on December 27, 2006 to Tatar Rice, 39 Larsen Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551, in the amount of \$968.43 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2005 in the name of Glosser, Jessie Estate, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 44 Taylor Street, Block 031 Lot 006, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #412-06; and

WHEREAS, I, Kay F. Stasyshan, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 01-18-07 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Fernwood Funding, LLC claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Tatar Rice, by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$4,568.40, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #412-06.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector was notified by Tatar Rice that Certificate #412-06 was not recorded, therefore the amount of \$40.00 needs to be refunded to Fernwood Funding, LLC, 92 Main Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of February 2007 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Tatar Rice, 39 Larsen Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551 in the amount of \$4,568.40 and a check to Fernwood Funding, LLC, 92 Main Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057 in the amount of \$40.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 031 Lot 006 from the tax office records.

Resolution #45-2007 – Redemption of Lien Block 31 Lot 8

Resolution 45-2007
A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on December 27, 2006 to Tax Lien

Consulting LLC, 10 Adam Labar Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302, in the amount of \$459.15 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2005 in the name of Glosser, Fredrick L & Jessie E, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 48 Taylor Street, Block 031 Lot 008, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #413-06; and

WHEREAS, I, Kay F. Stasyshan, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of

Washington, do certify that on 01-18-07 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Fernwood Funding, LLC claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Tax Lien Consulting LLC, by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$489.28, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #413-06.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of February 2007 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Tax Lien Consulting LLC, 10 Adam Labar Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302 in the amount of \$489.28.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 031 Lot 008 from the tax office records.

Resolution #46-2007 –Redemption of Lien Block 54 Lot 5

RESOLUTION # 46-2007
A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on December 27, 2006 to Royal Tax Lien Services, LLC, 179 Washington Lane, Jenkintown, PA 19046, in the amount of \$7,178.31 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2005 in the name of Kasper, Horst M, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 70 Route 31 North, Block 054 Lot 005, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #418-06; and

WHEREAS, I, Kay F. Stasyshan, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 01-16-07 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, 101 Foundation Inc. claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Royal Tax Lien Services LLC, by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$7,477.44, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #418-06.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of February 2007 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Royal Tax Lien Services LLC, 179 Washington Lane, Jenkintown, PA 19046 in the amount of \$17,427.63 (this amount consists of \$15,427.63 Certificate Amount + \$2,000.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 054 Lot 005 from the tax office records.

Resolution #47-2007 –Redemption of Lien Block 54 Lot 5.01

RESOLUTION # 47-2007
A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 19, 2000 to Frank E Bachkai, 2 Glen Eagles, Lebanon, NJ 08833, in the amount of \$201.04 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 1999 in the name of Kasper, Horst M, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 76 Route 31 North, Block 054 Lot 005.01, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #327-00; and

WHEREAS, I, Kay F. Stasyshan, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 01-16-07 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, 101 Foundation Inc. claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Frank E Bachkai by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$348.66, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #327-00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of February 2007 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Frank E Bachkai, 2 Glen Eagles Drive, Lebanon, NJ 08833 in the amount of \$348.66.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 054 Lot 005.01 from the tax office records.

Resolution 48-2007 – Redemption of Lien Block 54 Lot 5.01

RESOLUTION # 48-2007
A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on December 27, 2006 to U.S. Bank-Cust/Sass Muni V dtr, Tax Lien Services Group, 50 South 16th St #1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$6,361.22 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2005 in the name of Kasper, Horst M, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 76 Route 31 North, Block 054 Lot 005.01, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #419-06; and

WHEREAS, I, Kay F. Stasyshan, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 01-16-07 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, 101 Foundation Inc. claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by U.S. Bank-Cust/Sass Muni V dtr by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$6,627.67, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #419-06.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of February 2007 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to U.S. Bank-Cust/Sass Muni V dtr, Tax Lien Services Group, 50 South 16th St #1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of \$7,727.67 (this amount consists of \$6,627.67 Certificate Amount + \$1,100.00 Premium)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 054 Lot 005.01 from the tax office records.

Resolution 50-2007 – Redemption of Lien Block 29 Lot 4

RESOLUTION # 50-2007
A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on December 27, 2006 to Arthur Frustaci, 1178 Fifth Avenue, Alpha, NJ 08865, in the amount of \$2,060.85 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2005 in the name of Orlofski, Keith C, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 21 E Stewart Street, Block 029 Lot 004, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #410-06; and

WHEREAS, I, Kay F. Stasyshan, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 01-30-07 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Countrywide Home Loans, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Arthur Frustaci, by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$2,194.26, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #410-06.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of February, 2007 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Arthur Frustaci, 1178 Fifth Avenue, Alpha, NJ 08865 in the amount of \$2,194.26.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 029 Lot 004 from the tax office records.

Resolution 52-2007 – Redemption of Lien Block 76.01 Lot 3

RESOLUTION # 52-2007
A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on December 27, 2006 to Park Finance LLC, PO Box 109, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927, in the amount of \$276.44 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2005 in the name of Jacqmein, William L Estate of, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 127 Railroad Avenue, Block 076.01 Lot 003, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #420-06; and

WHEREAS, I, Kay F. Stasyshan, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 01-31-07 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Frances Jacqmein POD William R Jacqmein, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Park Finance, LLC, by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$3,545.86, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #420-06.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of February, 2007 by the Mayor and

Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Park Finance, LLC, PO Box 109, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 in the amount of \$3,545.86.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 076.01Lot 003 from the tax office records.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Resolution 49-2007 Amend the Temporary Budget

The following Resolution was moved on a motion made by Oakley, seconded by Higgins for discussion.

Discussion:

Councilman Higgins asked Manager Sheola if this is a Temporary Budget increase. Manager Sheola explained that it was an increase to the original Temporary Budget. Manager Sheola explained that after the initial adoption of the Temporary Budget which is 26.25% of last years budget; municipalities may increase their Temporary Budgets in 1/12th increments until final adoption of the municipal budget.

RESOLUTION #49-2007
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AMENDING TEMPORARY CURRENT FUND
APPROPRIATIONS

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 2007 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 – 2007 BUDGET

General Government:

General Administration (Administrative and Executive)

Salary and Wages	6,950.
Other Expenses	4,000.

Mayor and Council

Salary and Wages	2,208.
Other Expenses	1,751.
Elections (Municipal Clerk)	
Salary and Wages	4,128.
Other Expenses	750.
Financial Administration	
Salary and Wages	2,000.
Other Expenses	750.
Audit Services	
Other Expenses	6,000.
Revenue Administration (Collection of Taxes)	
Salary and Wages	7,100.
Other Expenses	700.
Tax Assessment Administration	
Salary and Wages	6,100.
Other Expenses	550.
Legal Services	
Salary and Wages	6,143.
Other Expenses	650.
<u>General Government:</u> (Continued)	
Engineering Services	
Other Expenses	2,000.
<u>Land Use Administration:</u>	
Planning Board	
Salary and Wages	650.
Other Expenses	500.
Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Salary and Wages	400.
Other Expenses	480.
<u>Code Enforcement:</u>	
Local Code Enforcement	
Salary and Wages	4,675.
Other Expenses	400.
<u>Insurance:</u>	

Insurances	
Workers Compensation	16,639.
Unemployment Compensation	2,000.

Public Safety:

Police Department	
Salary and Wages	115,930.
Other Expenses	7,000.

Civil Emergency Preparedness	
Salary and Wages	950.
Other Expenses	200.

Fire Department	
Other Expenses	3,000.

First Aid Organization	
Other Expenses	3,000.

Uniform Fire Safety Act	
Salary and Wages	2,000.
Other Expenses	400.

Municipal Prosecutor	
Salary and Wages	3,320

Public Works:

Road Department	
Salary and Wages	30,000.
Other Expenses	8,500.

Garbage Collection	
Other Expenses	47,000.

Public Buildings and Grounds	
Salary and Wages	0.
Other Expenses	5,000.

Health and Human Services:

Animal Regulation	
Salary and Wages	1,500.
Other Expenses	500.

Parks and Recreation:

Recreation Commission

Other Expenses	2,000.
<u>Education:</u>	
Library	
Salary and Wages	20,000.
Other Expenses	4,000.
<u>Utilities:</u>	
Electricity	
Other Expenses	7,700.
Street and Traffic Lights	
Other Expenses	3,000.
Telephone	
Other Expenses	4,000.
Water	
Other Expenses	1,500.
Natural Gas	
Other Expenses	3,900.
Heating Oil	
Other Expenses	2,000.
Utilities (Continued)	
Sewage Disposal	
Other Expenses	1,000.
Gasoline and Diesel Fuel	
Other Expenses	7,500.
<u>Solid Waste Disposal:</u>	
Solid Waste Disposal	
Other Expenses	19,000.
Statutory Expenditures:	
Social Security	30,000.
<u>Municipal Court:</u>	
Municipal Court	
Salary and Wages	15,000.
Other Expenses	2,000.

Public Defender
Other Expenses 250.

TOTAL AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATIONS: 428,674.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Cioni, Van Deursen, Oakley – Yes
Higgins, Turner – No

Ayes: 5, Nays: 2
Motion Carried

Resolution 51-2007 – 2006 Overpayment to be Applied to 2007 Taxes

The following Resolution was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Oakley and adopted.

RESOLUTION #51-2007
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLYING 2006
OVERPAYMENT TO 2007 TAXES

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector’s records, there exists an overpayment from a previous year’s quarter on the following property;

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>NAME OF OWNER/ PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
002.11/010	Ruela, John Jack & Mary Elizabeth 63 Alvin Sloan Avenue	2006 4R	2,765.73

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector’s office has received a letter from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage concerning the overpayment that the overage be applied to the 1st and 2nd Quarter 2007 taxes.

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 to apply the overpayment to the 1st and 2nd Quarter 2007 taxes.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays:0
Motion Carried

Resolution 53-2007 – Approval of Sewer Refund

The following Resolution was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Oakley and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 53-2007

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

BLOCK/LOT	PROPERTY OWNER/ PROPERTY LOCATION	AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED
71/20	Saad & Erien Girgis 100 Wilson Terrace	\$ 45.10

The former owner made an overpayment during the closing procedures on the above property location. A refund of \$45.10 should be mailed to:

Saad & Erien Girgis
6201 Windhaven Pkwy. Apt# 821
Plano, Texas 75093

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, Cioni, Turner, Higgins, Oakley, and Van Deursen

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Resolution 54-2007 – Approval of Sewer Refund

The following Resolution was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Oakley and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 54-2007

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

BLOCK/LOT	PROPERTY OWNER/ PROPERTY LOCATION	AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED
76.01/3	Estate of William L. Jacqmein 127 Railroad Avenue	\$ 744.02

The property owner paid a significant amount on the delinquent sewer account after the lien holder had previously paid off the same delinquency. A refund of \$744.02 should be mailed to:

Jacqmein ,William L.,Estate of
127 Railroad Avenue
Washington, NJ 07882

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, Turner, Higgins, Oakley, Cioni, Housel, and Van Deursen.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Resolution 55-2007 – EDU Change Block 35 Lot 47

The following Resolution was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Higgins and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 55-2007
A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST SEWER BILLINGS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 70, SECTION 28B OF
THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington commenced operations of a municipal sewer utility in January of 1999; and

WHEREAS, certain facts have come to the attention of the Borough to justify modification of sewer service charges which have been reviewed by the Borough Manager; and

WHEREAS, notice has been provided to the owner(s) of the property or properties listed below of the action proposed to be taken with the date, time and place where the Mayor and Council will meet to consider change(s) in the E.D.U.'s assigned to the property or properties listed below; and

WHEREAS, all parties affected by this resolution will be notified of the action taken, in writing, and notified of an opportunity to appear, in person, at a formal hearing of the governing body, if dissatisfied with the decisions made herein.

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 changes in the sewer service charge(s) are approved:

BLOCK/LOT	NAME/ADDRESS	REASON/ADJUSTMENT
94/27	Matthew L. Burke 55 Youmans Avenue Washington, NJ 07882	Change in Use (2) to (3) E.D.U.s Effective: Feb. 2007

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to all parties affected by this resolution and advise them of their right to protest the decision and request a formal hearing before the governing body, as provided in Chapter 70, Section 13. If no protest is filed, the decisions contained herein shall be considered final.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays 0
Motion Carried

Resolution 56-2007 – Appointment of Tina Truman to the Planning Board

This Resolution will be tabled until the first meeting in March 2007.

Resolution 57-2007 Grace's Law

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

RESOLUTION 57-2007

WHEREAS, Bill A289 (Grace's Law) is currently being considered by the Assembly Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bill A289 provides for Hearing Aid Insurance Legislation, which is vital to many residents of New Jersey and especially to the Gleba family of Washington Borough; and

WHEREAS, the passing of this bill would provide insurance coverage for hearing aids for children fifteen years of age and younger.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, that we support the adoption of A-289; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Warren County seeking their support for A289, as well as copies to the members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and the sponsors of this bill, Assemblymen Roberts, Cohen, and Bateman.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution 58-2007 – Tax Appeal Block 35 Lot 47

The following Resolution was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Turner and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 58-2007

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER ADDED ASSESSMENT APPEAL
OVERPAYMENT TO CURRENT YEAR TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$355.26 on 2006 4th Quarter Added Taxes paid on property located at 286 Belvidere Avenue, also known as Block 035 Lot 047 and in the name of Fischer, Richard B and Steven A; and

WHEREAS, this overpayment was created by an Added Tax Appeal #21-06-02A being granted on the Added Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector with the approval of the homeowner wishes to apply this overpayment to the 2007 1st Quarter Added Taxes.

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 to apply the overpayment in the amount of \$355.26 to the 2007 1st Quarter Added Taxes

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

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Resolution 59-2007 – Tax Appeal Block 2.12 Lot 4

The following Resolution was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Turner and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 59-2007

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER ADDED ASSESSMENT APPEAL
OVERPAYMENT TO CURRENT YEAR TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$30.99 on 2006 4th Quarter Added Taxes paid on property located at 94 Alvin Sloan Avenue, also known as Block 002.12 Lot 004 and in the name of Tadikonda, Uday and Lakshmi; and

WHEREAS, this overpayment was created by an Added Tax Appeal #21-06-01A being granted on the Added Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector with the approval of the homeowner wishes to apply this overpayment to the 2007 1st Quarter Added Taxes.

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 to apply the overpayment in the amount of \$30.99 to the 2007 1st Quarter Added Taxes.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Resolution 60-2007 – Resolution to Encourage Attendance Officer

The following Resolution was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Oakley and adopted with changes.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Oakley explained that this Resolution is a result of a recommendation by the Curfew Committee. The Borough should start billing the school district for the time of the police officers who must deal with the truancy issue. This Resolution will put the School Board on notice that they should consider a Truancy Officer prior to the consideration of the Curfew Ordinance by Council.

Councilman Housel suggested another whereas in the Resolution stating that the Borough of Washington Police Department has expended considerable time and resources to handle the duties of the attendance officer that they should be entitled to reimbursement.

Council agreed to add the additional statement suggested by Councilman Housel.

RESOLUTION # 60-2007

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON ENCOURAGING WARREN HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO EMPLOY ATTENDANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, there appears to be an increase in the number of juveniles who are not attending school when they should be; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:38-27 provides that children ages six to 16 shall be in school and that habitual absence from school may deem the child a juvenile delinquent; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:38-28 and 18A:38-29 provide for a method whereby an Attendance Officer may locate any child between the ages of six and 16 and return the child to a parent, guardian or school and that such Attendance Officers have full police power in the fulfillment of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Borough Police Department has been expending considerable time and resources handling this issue when it should be within the purview of the local and regional school districts; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the school districts to fund the Attendance Officer positions and adhere to the mandates of Title 18A; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington strongly encourages the Warren Hills Regional School District to employ and utilize Attendance Officers as outlined in NJSA 18A:39, et. seq.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution 61-2007 – To Endorse Assembly Bill 1404

The following Resolution was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Turner and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 61-2006

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON ENDORSING ASSEMBLY
BILL #1404**

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Michael Doherty and Assemblyman Joseph Vas have introduced Assembly Bill #1404; and

WHEREAS, A-1404 would provide for a \$500 income tax deduction for every qualifying volunteer firefighter, rescue and first aid squad member; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers who make up the local fire departments and rescue and first aid squads make countless sacrifices with respect to the family, careers and are called upon to protect and serve all residents of New Jersey; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council of the Borough of Washington wholeheartedly endorses A-1404 and encourages the full New Jersey Legislature to vote in favor of this measure and that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Assemblyman Doherty, Assemblyman Vas, Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow and Senator Leonard Lance along with all other communities within the 23rd District.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

Resolution 62-2007 – To Approve the Designation of Certain Delineated Lots as an Area in Need of Redevelopment.

The following Resolution was moved on a motion made by Cioni, seconded by Oakley and adopted.

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION # 62-2007

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN
DELINEATED LOTS AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. §40A:12A-1 to -49 (also known as The Local Redevelopment and Housing Law) (hereinafter referred to as the “LRHL”) authorizes a municipal governing body to exercise redevelopment and rehabilitation functions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the LRHL the Mayor and the Council, through Resolution # 85-2006 previously authorized the Planning Board to investigate whether the Borough contained areas in need of redevelopment within the meaning of the LRHL; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has conducted its investigation, has held public hearings, and has complied with all the requirements of the LRHL, and as a result has prepared a report recommending that sixty three (63) lots in the Borough be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the sixty three (63) lots identified as being in need of redevelopment are delineated on the map prepared by Clarke, Caton & Hintz, dated March 21, 2006, and attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council have received the report from the Planning Board recommending that the identified lots be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council have considered the report of the Planning Board, and the transcripts from the public hearings; and

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that the identified lots meet the statutory requirements for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Washington, being satisfied that the designation of the identified lots as an area in need of redevelopment will benefit the Borough by enabling it to establish a comprehensive plan for the revitalization of the area, wish to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The area delineated on the map prepared by Clarke, Caton & Hintz, and attached hereto, is hereby determined to be an area in need of redevelopment according to the criteria established in N.J.S.A. § 40A:12A-5.
2. The Planning Board shall prepare a redevelopment plan for submission to the Mayor and Council for their consideration and review, in accordance with N.J.S.A. § 40A:12A-7.

3. The Planning Board's redevelopment plan shall be submitted to the Mayor and Council within forty-five (45) days of this referral.

4. The municipal clerk shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of Community Affairs, pursuant to N.J.S.A. § 40A:12A-6.

5. Within ten (10) days after receipt of the approval of this Resolution by the Commissioner of Community Affairs (if required), notice of this Resolution shall be served on all persons who filed written objections hereto and also provided the Borough with an address to which such notice may be sent.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Resolution 63-2007 – Transfer of Reserve Appropriations.

Resolution 63-2007 was moved by Higgins, seconded by Oakley for discussion.

Discussion:

Council discussed this Resolution and its relation to Resolution 37-2007 defeated at the last Regular Council Meeting. It was decided that this does need to be listed as a new Resolution due to the additional line item added.

Roll Call: Housel, Cioni, Van Deursen, Oakley – Yes.
Higgins, Turner, Woykowski – No

Motion Defeated.

Resolution 63-2007 was moved for further consideration by removing the transfer of \$20,000 from Social Security to Engineering. This was moved by Higgins, seconded by Turner and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 63-2007

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

WHEREAS, various 2006 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by purchase orders and/or encumbered at the time of appropriation transfers between 2006 budget accounts during the last two months of 2006; 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 the 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:

<u>TRANSFER FROM:</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
General Administration Other Expenses	Traffic Lights Other Expenses	147.00
General Administration Salary & Wages	Heating Oil Other Expenses	429.00
Fire and Safety Code Enforcement Other Expenses	Police Department Salary & Wages	1,000.00
Fire and Safety Code Enforcement Salary & Wages	Police Department Salary & Wages	876.00
Planning Board Other Expenses	Police Department Salary & Wages	1,000.00
Street and Roads Salary & Wages	Police Department Salary & Wages	1,906.00
Public Buildings & Grounds Other Expenses	Solid Waste Other Expenses	1,906.00
General Administration Salary & Wages	Police Department Salary & Wages	1,000.00

<u>TRANSFER FROM:</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Tax Assessment Administration Salary & Wages	Police Department Salary & Wages	280.00
Disposal Costs Other Expenses	Solid Waste Other Expenses	12,425.00
Streets and Roads Salary & Wages	Solid Waste Other Expenses	10,094.00
Streets and Roads Other Expenses	Solid Waste Other Expenses	2,840.00
General Administration Salary & Wages	Legal Other Expenses	200.00
Celebration of Events Other Expenses	Traffic Lights Other Expenses	147.00
Celebration of Events Other Expenses	Telephone Other Expenses	1,000.00
<i>Total Appropriation Transfers</i>		<i>35,250.00</i>

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Resolution 64-2007 – Authorization for the Signing of Professional Services Agreement with Clark Caton Hintz.

The following Resolution was moved by Turner, seconded by Higgins and adopted with the following change:

It was recommended by Council to insert a line that reads, “Not to exceed the budget amount set by Council for the year 2007.”

RESOLUTION #64-2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITHOUT SEEKING COMPETITIVE BIDS.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional planning services in the area of downtown planning, landscape design and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et. seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Clarke Caton Hintz of Trenton, New Jersey has agreed to perform professional engineering services, as outlined in the proposed Agreement for Professional Planning Services attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided by, Clarke Caton Hintz of Trenton, New Jersey constitutes professional services that need not be bid pursuant to the Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et. seq.).

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into the attached agreement with Clarke Caton Hintz, Trenton, New Jersey for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007;
2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as professional services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5; and
3. The necessary funds are available in the 2007 Municipal Budget and expenses will not exceed the 2007 Appropriation set by Borough Council.
4. Notification of the contract award shall be printed in the Star Gazette.
5. That an executed copy of the contract between the parties be on file with the Office of the Clerk and be available for public inspection in accordance with the law.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Raffle Application for St. Josephs Church.

The Raffle Application for St. Josephs Church was motioned for approval by Higgins, and seconded by Turner.

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

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

Approval of Special Liquor License Application for St. Josephs Church.

The Approval of a Special Liquor License Application for St. Josephs Church was moved by Higgins, seconded by Turner and approved.

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

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

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Mayor Van Deursen polled Council for remarks.

Councilman Housel had no comments.

Councilwoman Woykowski had no comments.

Councilman Cioni had no comments.

Councilman Turner had no comments.

Councilman Higgins stated that the email from Hatch Mott McDonald was unacceptable; specifically the tone of the letter. Council's sentiments in regards to this should be communicated to Hatch Mott McDonald by the Borough Manager.

Councilwoman Oakley had no comments.

Mayor Van Deursen had no comments.

RECAP

Manager Sheola will follow up with Washington Township to borrow the speed machine again sometime before the end of February. Manager Sheola will follow up with the Borough Treasurer on the Recreation reports. Manager Sheola will also provide a summary of all expenditures charged to Ordinance 8-2005. In addition he will discuss the size of the pipe at the Borough Park with Hatch Mott McDonald. Manager Sheola will prepare a Resolution for Council's consideration in regards to the school funding formula. Manager Sheola will also provide the bills charged to the Midtown Escrow account by Clark Caton and Hintz.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved by Housel, seconded by Oakley that Council go into Executive Session.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 65-2007

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

It was moved by Higgins, seconded by Oakley that Council go out of Executive Session and back into open session.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Motion Carried.

Hearing no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Oakley, seconded by Turner that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Marianne Van Deursen, Mayor

Kristine Blanchard, RMC
Borough Clerk