BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – Budget Meeting March 22, 2010

The Budget Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Cioni, Boyle, Higgins, McDonald, Gleba, Valentine, Housel -

Present

Also Present: Rich Phelan, Borough Manager

Kristine Blanchard, Borough Clerk

Mayor McDonald led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor McDonald 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.

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to Introduce the 2010 Municipal Budget – Resolution 74-2010.

Resolution 74-2010 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Cioni and adopted.

Council Discussion: Councilman Higgins asked what the increase is over last year's budget. Manager Phelan stated it is 29.82 cents over last year. This includes the \$100,000 for the forensic audit and \$125,000 loss of state aid.

Roll Call: Housel, Cioni, Valentine, McDonald, Boyle, Higgins – Yes

Gleba – No

Ayes: 6, Nays: 1 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #74-2010 INTRODUCTION OF 2010 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 2010.

BE IT RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Star Gazette in the Issue of April 1, 2010 and the governing body of the BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON does hereby approve the Introduced Budget for the year 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the hearing on the Budget will be held at Borough Hall, on April 20, 2010 at 7:30 (p.m.) at which time and place objections to said budget for the year 2010 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Councilwoman Gleba requested an updated list from the Borough Manager, outlining his recommendations on decreasing the municipal budget. She noted that most of the items on the original list had been approved by Council at the previous budget meeting and would like to know exactly what type of requests from the Borough Manager still need Council's decision and input.

Motion made by Housel, seconded by Gleba to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk