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AGENDA

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NJ

**May 4, 2021
7:00 PM**

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Express-Times (Warren County Edition) and posted on the Boroughs website stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.

ROLL CALL Conry, Cox, Duchemin, Heinrich, Noone, Norris, Higgins.

AUDIENCE/COUNCIL APPEARANCE

- Remarks, petitions, statements and testimony from guests
- Ms. Charissa Buskirk, Mission Engagement Manager, Abilities-Zoning Issues

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes:

April 20, 2021

Library Appointment

Tristan LaFerriere

Agenda-Continued

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES 2nd Reading

- **ORDINANCE 2021-03-ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**
- **ORDINANCE 2021-04-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 76 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED “SHADE TREE COMMISSION”**

RESOLUTIONS

- **RESOLUTION 2021-69- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF BALANCE IN ESCROW ACCOUNT OF ANDREW PERKINS HELD IN TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**
- **RESOLUTION 2021-70-AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**
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VOUCHERS

REPORTS

RECAP

COUNCIL REMARKS

Remarks, Reports, Discussions

EXECUTIVE SESSION-if needed

ADJOURNMENT _____ P.M.

**CALENDAR YEAR 2021
ORDINANCE 2021-03
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Washington in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington hereby determines that a 2.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 71,690.58 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Borough of Washington hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

DRAFT ONLY-SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Washington shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$ 100,366.81, and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Borough of Washington be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ORDINANCE 2021-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 76 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "SHADE TREE COMMISSION"

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Washington has determined upon consultation with the Shade Tree Commission that it would be advantageous to increase the number of Commissioners from five (5) to seven (7) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:64-1;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that § 76-3 of the Borough Code be amended in its entirety as follows:

There shall be a Commission consisting of seven (7) residents of this municipality, which Commission shall be known as the "Shade Tree Commission of Washington Borough, New Jersey." The seven (7) persons shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve without compensation. In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, his or her successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term. The terms of office of said Commission shall be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:64-2.

RESOLUTION 2021-69

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF
BALANCE IN ESCROW ACCOUNT OF ANDREW PERKINS
HELD IN TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, Andrew Perkins noted that he is no longer intending to subdivide his property at this time and has requested the return of the balance remaining in escrow account #7763830047 in the amount of \$895.00 to be released;

WHEREAS, both the Planning Board Engineer and Attorney have advised they have no outstanding invoices and no objections to the closure of this account.

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 Andrew Perkins in the amount of \$895.00.

RESOLUTION 2021-70

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY
COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (“MCCPC”) was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of education, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, Washington Borough desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency, to **renew** its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body, County of Warren State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Governing Body of the Washington Borough hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2021, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said Agreement is for **renewal** of membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2026.
2. The Washington Borough Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.
4. All appropriate Washington Borough officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.