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**AGENDA**

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**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NJ**

**Special Meeting  
March 30, 2024  
9:00AM  
FIREHALL  
WASHINGTON BOROUGH**

**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 and Star Ledger and posted on the Boroughs website stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL** Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Musick and Conry.

**AUDIENCE/COUNCIL APPEARANCE**

Remarks, petitions, statements and testimony from guests

**2024 Budget Discussions**

**ORDINANCES 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

*Public Hearing and Adoption will be held on April 16, 2024*

**ORDINANCE 2024-05**

CALENDAR YEAR 2024

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Budget Introduction**

**ADJOURNMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

**ORDINANCE 2024-05**  
**CALENDAR YEAR 2024**  
**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 2.5% 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 Borough Council of the Borough of Washington in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.25% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 0.75 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$23,385.48 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Borough Council 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.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council 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 2024 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 3.25%, amounting to \$101,337.07, and that the CY 2024 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.

Introduce: March 30, 2024

Public Hearing/Adoption: April 16, 2024