

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – December 18, 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, Turner – Present  
Housel 8:15 p.m., Oakley 8:40 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**

**Highlands Council – Eileen Swan**

Mayor Van Deursen introduced Ms. Swan and asked her to give an overview to Council on the Highlands Master Plan and how the Highlands Council hopes to progress in the future.

Ms. Swan thanked the Governing Body for inviting her to the meeting. It is a great opportunity to discuss the work of the Highlands Council. The Highlands Council released the draft master plan in November, 2006. A re-draft was done based on comments that were received. On November 30<sup>th</sup> the Highlands Council released the final master plan. The public comment period will be until February 28, 2008; with three public hearings scheduled. The plan could be adopted as early as April/May 2008. There is mandatory compliance for municipalities that fall into the preservation area; and optional compliance for municipalities in the planning area. Washington Borough is entirely in the planning area.

Ms. Swan explained that the re-draft is different in organization then the previous draft. In terms of what the Borough will be considering; the Borough will have two choices when looking at planning to be consistent with the state plan; you can endorse the Highlands Master Plan or the Borough can opt for plan conformance. Any benefits received by plan endorsement will automatically accrue to the Borough with plan conformance.

In addition to receiving all benefits by plan endorsement; plan conformance will offer additional benefits such as planning grants, legal shield and legal representation, transfer of development rights, and priority for Green Acres funding. Ms. Swan stated that the focus of

redevelopment should be communities such as the Borough. A good example is existing Brownfields; this would be an area that would be looked at to revitalize and correct. Mayor Van Deursen explained that the purpose of the plan is to preserve environmentally sensitive areas. The Borough respects that and we also have an opportunity for more growth in our downtown. The Highlands is also interested in sending development to the right areas. They are very interested in helping the Borough by providing us with grant money to do the exploration and the planning. It costs the Borough a lot of money to do the things that we want to do. The Borough will need to consider this seriously.

Councilman Higgins asked what kind of relationship the Highlands Council has with other state agencies. Ms. Swan stated that they are required to consider our plan and work with the Highlands. If the Borough considers plan conformance we would be advocates for the Borough with state agencies.

Mayor Van Deursen thanked Ms. Swan for her informative presentation.

### **MINUTES:**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained additions or corrections to the minutes of the Special Meeting November 26, 2007 Joint Meeting with Planning Board, Executive Session November 26, 2007 Joint Meeting with Planning Board, Special Meeting November 28, 2007 Joint Meeting with Planning Board, Executive Session November 28, 2007 Joint Meeting with Planning Board, Regular Meeting December 4, 2007, and the Executive Session December 4, 2007.

Hearing no comments it was moved by Higgins, seconded by Turner that the minutes of above minutes be approved.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Higgins, Van Deursen, Cioni, and Turner - Yes  
Oakley – Abstain from November 26 Special Meeting and November 26 Executive Session.  
Housel – Abstain from November 26 Special Meeting and November 26 Executive Session, and November 28 Special Meeting and November 28 Executive Session.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

The following communications were entered into the Record:

1. NJLM Re: Police Standards Committee – Report Issued
2. Washington Township Re: Ordinance 7-22 To Permit Service Stations in the HC Zone to Operate 24 Hours per Day

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:**

Motion made by Housel, seconded by Oakley to close the public portion of the meeting.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 13-2007 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 85-81 of the Code of the Borough of Washington, On Street Parking for Handicapped Parking (Final Reading/Public Hearing)**

Ordinance 13-2007 was moved by Turner, seconded by Housel.

It was further moved by Turner, seconded by Housel that the Clerk read Ordinance #13-2007 by title only.

The Clerk read Ordinance #13-2007 by title only and stated that this ordinance had been published in the Star Gazette as required by law; a copy was posted on the bulletin board and copies available upon request from the Clerk's office.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

Public Hearing:

Hearing no comments from the public Councilman Higgins motioned to close the public hearing seconded by Councilwoman Oakley.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

Council Discussion: None

Mayor Van Deursen entertained a motion to adopt on final passage.

Motion made by Councilman Higgins, seconded by Councilwoman Oakley to adopt Ordinance 13-2007 on final passage.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**ORDINANCE # 13 - 2007**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 85-81 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, ON STREET PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING**

**WHEREAS** the handicapped parking designation in front of 9 – 11 School Street is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was installed; and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Council deem it to be in the best interest of the Borough to remove the restriction to permit additional parking on the street; and

**WHEREAS** a request has been made by a medical doctor on behalf of his patient to install handicapped designated parking in front of 49 State Street; and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Council have determined that there is sufficient justification to designate a handicapped parking space at 49 State Street and that it is in the best interest of the Borough to do so.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY THAT SECTION 85-81 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

1) The following paragraph is to be deleted in its entirety: “School Street: west side, beginning at a point 125 feet north of the northerly curb line of East Washington Avenue at its intersection with School Street and extending 22 feet northerly therefrom.”

2) The following paragraph is to be added: “State Street: southern side, beginning at a point 335 feet east of the easterly curb line of Grand Avenue and extending 22 feet easterly therefrom.

**Ordinance 15-2007 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 9-2007 “An Ordinance Fixing the Salary and Wages of Certain Municipal Officials and Repealing Portions of Prior Inconsistent Salary and Wage Ordinance.” (Final Reading/Pubic Hearing)**

Ordinance 15-2007 was moved by Higgins, seconded by Housel.

It was further moved by Higgins, seconded by Housel that the Clerk read Ordinance #15-2007 by title only.

The Clerk read Ordinance #15-2007 by title only and stated that this ordinance had been published in the Star Gazette as required by law; a copy was posted on the bulletin board and copies available upon request from the Clerk’s office.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

Public Hearing:

Hearing no comments from the public Councilman Higgins motioned to close the public hearing seconded by Councilwoman Oakley.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

Council Discussion: Manager Corica explained that this Ordinance corrects a typographical error in the original ordinance and also addresses the Managers contract.

Mayor Van Deursen entertained a motion to adopt on final passage.

Motion made by Councilman Turner, seconded by Councilwoman Oakley to adopt Ordinance 15-2007 on final passage.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**ORDINANCE # 15-2007**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 9 – 2007 “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY AND WAGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND REPEALING PORTIONS OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCES”**

SECTION 1. The annual salaries, wages and salary and wage ranges for the

following named municipal officials and employees of the Borough of Washington are amended beginning 1 January 2008 as follows:

POSITION TITLE  
RANGE

SALARY OR WAGE

**SCHEDULE A - FULL-TIME CLASSIFIED**

Assistant Supervisor, Streets	\$39,229 - \$57,620 AN
Clerk	\$12,740 - \$24,491 AN

**SCHEDULE B - PART-TIME CLASSIFIED**

Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$1,500 AN
Clerk-Typist	\$8.50 - \$14.73 Hr.

SCHEDULE C - UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE

Municipal Manager	\$80,000 - \$120,000 AN
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SECTION 2. All other sections of Ordinance 9 – 2007 remain unchanged.

**REPORTS:**

It was moved by Higgins, seconded by Oakley that the that the Council acknowledge, receive and file the Issues and Details Report, Police Activity Report, Municipal Court, Borough Engineer's Report, Highway Department Reports, and Treasurers Report October 2007.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Redevelopment Committee:** No Report

**DPW Garage:** No Report

**Sewer Committee:** No Report

**Streets Committee:** No Report

**Finance Committee:** No Report

**Shared Services Committee:** The meeting scheduled with Washington Township was postponed due to bad weather; it will be rescheduled after the first of the year.

**Senior Services:** No Report

**Website Committee:** No Report

**Curfew Committee:** No Report

**Pedophile Ordinance Committee:** No Report

**Bid** – Mayor Van Deursen stated that Councilman Higgins, Councilwoman Woykowski and the Borough Manager met with Mr. Sheldon to review the Business Improvement District Ordinance. She stated it was a very productive meeting. She also reported that the BID committee would report to council the second meeting of the month.

**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.

Hearing no comments or questions the vouchers and claims were approved for payment in the amount of \$ 11,348,232.76.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of Raffle Applications for the Washington PTO and St Joseph’s Church**

Motion was made by House, seconded by Higgins to approve the Raffle Applications for Washington PTO and St. Joseph’s Church.

Roll Call: Housel, Higgins, Turner, Woykowski, Cioni – Yes  
Van Deursen, Oakley – Abstain from St. Joseph’s.

**Resolution 281-2007 Void and Replace Check**

Resolution 281-2007 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Oakley and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

### **Resolution 281-2007**

**WHEREAS**, Check #051972 was written November 21, 2007 in the amount of \$1,613.00 on Washington Borough's Operating Fund and payable to Macmillan; and

**WHEREAS**, the check was returned to the Treasurer's office from the incorrect vendor and the accounts payable clerk has stated that the check was incorrectly assigned the wrong vendor code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington that the Treasurer be authorized to void check #051972 and issue a check in the amount of \$1,613.00 to Macmillan Oil.

### **Resolution 282-2007 to Dedicate Revenues Received by the Borough for Developer's Escrow.**

Resolution 282-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Oakley and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #282-2007**

**A RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE REVENUES  
RECEIVED BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON  
FOR DEVELOPERS' ESCROW**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.40A:4-39 allows the Director of the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs to approve the dedication by rider to the municipal budget those items of revenue not subject to reasonable accurate estimation in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 authorizes any municipality to accept gifts made to it and is empowered to utilize such gifts in the manner set forth in the conditions of the gift provided that the gift shall not be put to any use which is inconsistent with the laws of the State of New Jersey of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, donors who wished to donate monies to the Recreation Commission in memory of their deceased commissioner, Gayle Payne and have done so in the amount of \$645.46 as of December 31, 2006.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that such monies received by the Borough of Washington be placed in a specific trust fund and such trust fund shall be considered a "Dedication by Rider" to the budget of the local unit per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 for the purpose stated above.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that two certified copies of this Resolution are forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Governmental Services of the Department of Community Affairs for his or her consideration.

**Resolution 283-2007 Budget Transfer**

Resolution 283-2007 was moved on a motion made by Turner, seconded by Cioni and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION # 283-2007**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides for the transfer of excess appropriations by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership of the governing body during the last two months of the fiscal 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, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriation transfers are hereby approved:

<b><u>Transfer From</u></b>	<b><u>Transfer To</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE	POLICE	\$5,000
Other Expenses	Salary and Wages	
POLICE	POLICE	\$5,000
Other Expenses	Salary and Wages	
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	POLICE	\$5,000
Other Expenses	Salary and Wages	
ANIMAL CONTROL	POLICE	\$1,700
Other Expenses	Salary and Wages	
PUBLIC EVENTS	POLICE	\$2,000
Other Expenses	Salary and Wages	
ROADS	POLICE	\$1,300
Other Expenses	Salary and Wages	
COURT	COURT	\$463
Other Expenses	Salary and Wages	
TOTALS OF ALL TRANSFERS		\$20,463

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer for implementation.

**Resolution 284-2007 Change Orders #4 and #5 for Marvec Construction Downtown Streetscape.**

Resolution 284-2007 was moved on a motion made by Turner, seconded by Housel and adopted.

Council Discussion:

Councilman Turner asked why the Borough is responsible for the engineering mistake. Manager Corica indicated that the Borough did give the direction to the Borough Engineer. Mayor Van Deursen stated that the Borough does need to take some responsibility for this.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION # 284-2007**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING  
CHANGE ORDERS # 4 AND # 5 FOR MARVEC CONSTRUCTION  
FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington is providing a new streetscape project in the downtown business district; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time during the construction process, various field changes and adjustments are necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the project engineers, Hatch Mott MacDonald have recommended the following Change Orders:

# 4 Install curb ramp delineations for handicapped access as required by NJDOT:  
Increase \$2,880

# 5 Install driveway opening at 28-30 West Washington Avenue: Increase \$3,016.00

**WHEREAS**, the original contract was issued in the amount of \$1,178,763; and

**WHEREAS**, previous change orders and this change order total \$80,050, which is less than 20% of the original contract price; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington wishes to accept the change order for this work as it is in the best interest of the Borough of Washington. A Certification of Available Funds is attached and made part of this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey approve Change Orders #4 and #5 and authorize the Borough Manager to execute the change orders on behalf of Washington Borough.

**Resolution 285-2007 Authorizing the Release of Funds from Developer’s Escrow.**

Resolution 285-2007 was moved on a motion made by Turner, seconded by Higgins and adopted.

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

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Abstain – 1  
Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION # 285-2007**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM  
DEVELOPER’S ESCROW ACCOUNT HELD IN TRUST BY THE  
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

**WHEREAS**, John Inscho Plumbing & Heating has posted review and/or inspection fees with the Borough of Washington prior to work beginning on this project at 32-34 Washington Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds were posted in the Developer’s Escrow account to cover the cost of review and/or inspection services; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Engineer Robert Miller, C.M.E., P.E. has determined that all outstanding bills have been paid for inspection and review services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1000.00 to John Inscho Plumbing & Heating , 164 Free Union Road, Belvidere, NJ 07823.

**Resolution 286-2007 Award of Contract for the Borough Department of Public Works Garage.**

Resolution 286-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Cioni and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION # 286-2007**  
**OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF**  
**WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR**  
**A MUNICIPAL GARAGE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11, the Local Public Contracts Law, bids were advertised for a Municipal Garage; and

WHEREAS, on 8 November 2007 sealed bids were publicly opened and read;

WHEREAS, six (6) bids were received ranging in price from \$1,307,054 to \$1,783,000 for the Garage and from \$1,513,000 to \$2,318,000 for the Garage and the alternate Salt Storage Shed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the bids and had determined that the low bidder for the Garage and alternate Salt Storage Shed is Consolidated Building Corp. , 440 E Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204 with a low bid of \$1,513,000; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Attorney has reviewed the documents of the low bidder and has determined that they are in order;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds, per the attached.

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 a contract be awarded to Consolidated Building Corp. , 440 E Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204 in the amount of \$1,513,000 for a Municipal Garage and alternate Salt Storage Shed.

**Resolution 287-2007 Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County.**

Resolution 287-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Higgins and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION # 287-2007**  
**OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF**  
**WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, TO ENTER INTO AN**  
**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH POLLUTION**  
**CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN**  
**COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Borough has participated in an interlocal agreement with the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County, the "Authority" to dispose of the Borough's bulky waste; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has offer to renew the Agreement for the year 2008 at the same rate of \$68.00/ton; and

WHEREAS, the Borough finds that it is in its best interest to renew the Agreement for another year; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds will be included in the 2008 municipal budget to cover the expected costs of the agreement.

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 Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the Borough and the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for the year 2008 for an amount not to exceed \$68.00/ton.

**Resolution 288-2007 Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the Borough of Washington and the Township of Mansfield for Street Sweeper Services.**

Resolution 288-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Oakley and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 288-2007**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION**  
**OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH**  
**THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is the owner of a street sweeper with vacuum attachment (“Sweeper”) and has staff trained in its use and operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough can provide street-sweeping services to Mansfield through a Shared Services Agreement without adversely affecting the quality of that same service as currently provided within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the sharing of the street sweeper will allow Mansfield to sweep their streets without the significant investment of capital for a new sweeper and will provide income to the Borough to help offset the costs of storage and maintenance of the Sweeper; and

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement is authorized under *N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the Interlocal Service Agreement has been reviewed by the governing body and is attached to this resolution.

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement shall be known as the WASHINGTON-MANSFIELD STREET SWEEPER INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT.

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

The WASHINGTON-MANSFIELD STREET SWEEPER INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT, in the form attached to this resolution, is hereby approved, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Washington.

**Resolution 289-2007 Approving the Interlocal Agreement for the Plowing of Snow.**

Resolution 289-2007 was moved on a motion made by Turner, seconded by Oakley and adopted.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried.

**Resolution 289-2007**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION  
OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON  
FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Borough of Washington wishes to use municipal equipment and manpower for certain snow removal services on Board of Education property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough can provide snow removal services to the Board of Education through a Shared Services Agreement without adversely affecting the quality of that same service as currently provided within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the sharing of snow removal services benefits both the Borough and the Board of Education by increasing the efficiency of snow removal and decreasing the costs; and

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement is authorized under *N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the Interlocal Service Agreement has been reviewed by the governing body and is attached to this resolution.

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement shall be known as the WASHINGTON BOROUGH-WASHINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SNOW REMOVAL INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT;

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

The WASHINGTON BOROUGH-WASHINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SNOW REMOVAL INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT, in the form attached to this resolution, is hereby approved, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Washington.

**Resolution 291-2007 Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator**

Resolution 291-2007 was moved on a motion made by Turner, seconded by Housel and adopted.

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

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Abstain – 1  
Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION # 291- 2007**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey law provides that each municipality shall have an Emergency Management Coordinator as prescribed by App. A;9-40.1 ; and

WHEREAS, Dirk Higgins will be required to obtain the requisite training and qualifications to hold the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Washington within one year of his appointment; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by Dirk Higgins are professional services that are vital to the health, safety and welfare of the community;

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

1. That the Mayor hereby appoints Dirk Higgins as Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Washington for the un-expired term of his predecessor, effective December 18, 2007 and ending June 30, 2009.

**SWEARING IN OF OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR  
DIRK HIGGINS.**

The Oath of Office was administered to Dirk Higgins Emergency Management Coordinator.

Manager Corica suggested a Budget Meeting to discuss capital items be scheduled on January 8, 2008 at 7:30. Council concurred.

**RECAP**

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilwoman Oakley wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Higgins suggested the Borough Manager write letter to schools regarding the budget hearings. He also thanked Council for a good year and for coming together as a team during a tough first six months.

Councilman Turner stated that Council had a very historic and productive year.

Councilwoman Woykowski agreed with Councilman Higgins and Turner. She thanked Councilman Cioni and Higgins for coming on board and adjusting so quickly.

Councilman Housel asked for a status of the fire hydrant by Railroad Avenue that the Fire Department requested to be moved. Manager Corica stated that a meeting has been set up for after first of year with NJ American Water

Mayor Van Deursen appreciates the comments from Council and her sentiments are the same. She stated she is enjoying being the Mayor and being part of a team that is working for the community.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Higgins motioned to enter executive session; this motion was seconded by Councilman Turner after a five minutes recess.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

### **Resolution 290-2007 Executive Session**

#### **RESOLUTION 290-2007**

**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:**

Potential Litigation  
Real Estate Acquisitions

Hearing no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Higgins, seconded by Turner that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

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Mayor Marianne Van Deursen

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Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk