

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
OCTOBER 17, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Washington Borough Planning Board was called to order by Chair VanDeursen at 8:00 P.M. in the second floor Court Room/Council Chambers of the Borough Hall. Chair VanDeursen read the following statement into the record: "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 Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of the Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law." Chair VanDeursen led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Valentine, Post, McDonald, Turner  
Pohorely, Stone, VanDeursen  
Absent: Aron  
Also Present: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Meeting of September 12, 2011: No discussion. Therefore, it was moved by McDonald seconded by Post to approve the minutes as presented.

ROLL CALL: Valentine, Post, McDonald, Turner  
Pohorely, Stone, VanDeursen  
Ayes: 6; Nays: 0; Abstentions:1(Turner)  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: None**

**APPLICATIONS: None**

Quick Chek will be coming back before the Board with an amended minor site plan. Jeff Hackett has not submitted revised application.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

2012 Budget:

Master Plan Re-Exam – Clerk made copies of proposals from the Planner and Engineer. Proposal discussed. Mayor McDonald does not think the re-exam is needed at this time. Not many changes have been made since last re-exam and also COAH may change. Board feels the land use ordinance update is more important. However, per Planner’s email, the re-exam should be done first. Andrew Turner stated that the Borough is pretty much set and that there are not many tracts of land available for development. He questioned whether this work needs to be done at this time.

Email from the Engineer reminded the Board of grant money available to complete the re-exam, riparian buffer ordinance and the land use ordinance if the Borough was a participant in the Highlands Plan conformance.

John Valentine stated that he did not expect the large bills from the professionals and would have had only the Board members review the code book. He feels Council should review the Highlands plan again.

Propose for 2012 budget: budget remains at 2010 levels. The Board will request three projects as follows contingent upon receiving grant money: Master Plan Re-Exam - \$30,000; Land Use Ordinance - \$15,000; Complete Riparian Zone - \$2,500. The clerk will ask the CFO where on the budget worksheet to request the projects.

The current budget needs an additional \$5316.75, due to work performed on the code book and solar/wind ordinance, which has been requested from Council. Next year copies of the budget detail will be made available to Board members at each meeting to avoid going over budget.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

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**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: None**

No public in attendance

**UNAGENDIZED STATEMENTS:**

Pat Post noted that Howard's Appliance sign has been taken down.

Holiday get together will be the first Saturday in December. Same as last year. Order from menu/pay own way.

November meeting is the third Monday this year due to a Council meeting conflict – November 21, 2011

Andy asked about the Wells Fargo sign – variance will be heard before the Board of Adjustment on October 25, 2011.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

No discussion

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by McDonald, seconded by Valentine. All in favor.  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia L. Titus, Planning Board Clerk