



Washington Township 2023 Budget and the Hawk Pointe PILOT

The Township Committee was able to achieve a minimal tax rate increase that has not been realized for a long time. This achievement has been accomplished despite rising pension costs, insurance rate increases, jumps in gasoline prices and the impacts of COVID-19.

The Township Committee recently adopted the 2023 budget which not only maintains the same level of services that residents have received in past years, like public safety and quality of life, but has also increased our commitment to serve the public. Fiscal responsibility is one of our top priorities and by working together, over the past several years, we have addressed financial challenges while continuing to make improvements that are vital to the future of residents and our community.

SO, WHAT EXACTLY IS A PILOT AND HOW DOES A PILOT AGREEMENT BENEFIT THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON?

PILOT, which stands for payment-in-lieu-of-

taxes, among other benefits, were created by the New Jersey State Legislature pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. to help NJ municipalities efficiently and responsibly improve their ratable base, redevelop underutilized and dilapidated properties, encourage private investment, create job opportunities, promote balanced growth, and create economic development opportunities that are essential to long term financial health.

The State of New Jersey developed PILOTs to include that municipalities retain a significant amount more of the annual payment than they would under a conventional tax.

On August 16, 2016, the Washington Township Committee adopted a resolution declaring that approximately sixty-five acres were an "area in need of redevelopment." This area is located within the Hawk Pointe community which includes housing units and commercial/retail space.



Naming the Pavilion at Meadow Breeze Park

“MICHAEL A. KOVACS PAVILION”

The Township Committee adopted Resolution 2023-107 honoring posthumously Michael A. “Mike” Kovacs in recognition of the important contributions that he made during a long and distinguished career in service to the public as an elected official serving on the Washington Township Committee, his service to his country in the United States Navy, and his volunteerism in coaching various sports teams during his lifetime.

Mike began serving the residents of the Township of Washington as a member of the Township Committee in 1990 and retired from his seat on December 31, 2020. During his time on the Township Committee, Mike served as Mayor for most years, in which he always kept the welfare of the residents of Washington Township primarily in his decision-making.

During Mike’s tenure on the governing body, substantial public improvements were made which included the purchase of property to expand Meadow Breeze Park, the purchase of the New Jersey American Water Company property now known as Roaring Rock Park, the purchase of the property on Millpond Road and Route 57 which includes the historic Autogiro Port

buildings of Earle Eckel, farmland preservation, improvements and renovations of municipal buildings just to mention a few.

Mike dedicated himself not only to serving the residents of the Township of Washington but kept the cares and concerns of the employees of Washington Township close to his heart. This and other admirable qualities while serving on the Township Committee earned Mike the distinction of being affectionately called by many “Uncle Mike.”

Mike proved himself to be a treasured member of our community for decades and was highly respected in the County of Warren as well as in the State of New Jersey. Mike was inducted into the 2012 New Jersey League of Municipalities Mayors Hall of Fame on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.



Please join us at the Meadow Breeze Park pavilion to recognize Michael A. Kovacs for his exceptional lifetime service and dedication on the 85th anniversary of his birth, September 9, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. for the formal naming of the Michael A. Kovacs Pavilion.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Robert Klingel, Mayor • Mark Rossi, Deputy Mayor

Ralph Fiore, Committeeman • Michael J. Kovacs, Committeeman • George Willan, Committeeman

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building at 211 Route 31 North, unless otherwise noted.

Township Committee

Third Wednesday of every month - 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Commission

Second Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission

Third Monday of alternate months (Jan-Nov) - 7:00 p.m.

Land Use Board

First Wednesday of every month - 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee

First Tuesday of every month - 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Park & Recreation Bldg., 33 Little Philadelphia Rd.

Washington Township Youth Association

Third Monday of every month - 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Park & Recreation Bldg., 33 Little Philadelphia Rd.

Web-site: www.wtyan.org

NJDEP Reassigning All Tier B Municipalities to Tier A Municipalities Under MS4 Permit Program

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has sent notification to the Township of Washington regarding the reassignment from a Tier B to a Tier A designation under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit program. The NJDEP has moved to reassign all 101 municipalities that were formally classified as a Tier B to the Tier A designation. The general reasoning provided is the need for additional protections from pollutants discharged into impaired waterways.

Some of the more significant proposed changes to the MS4 Permit include:

- Requiring all (including new) Tier As to develop a Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) in stages over the 5-year permit term to address water quality impairments, Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL), and protect high-quality waters;
- Requiring mapping of all MS4 stormwater infrastructure;
- Removing authorizations for leaf composting operations at municipal maintenance yards under Tier A, and requiring authorizations under the new Wood Waste Recycling & Leaf Compost General Permit to be issued concurrently with the Tier A renewal;
- Increasing street sweeping from monthly on some municipal roads to all municipal roads 1-3 times per year, depending on presence of storm drain inlets;
- Requiring the review of de-icing additive ingredients;
- Requiring municipalities to finish storm drain inlet retrofits by end of the 5-year permit cycle;
- Adding a minimum inspection frequency for public and private Best Management Practices (BMPs) to ensure proper maintenance;
- Adding a requirement for municipalities to require

commercial/industrial facilities to cover salt piles year-round when not in use (such as mall parking lots);

- Requiring enhanced Best Management Practices at Municipal Maintenance Yards, requiring covering of additional types of materials stored in the yards and including links to the Wood Waste Recycling & Leaf Compost General Permit;
- Requiring removal of piles of excess residual salt on roads/parking lots deposited during spreading operations;
- Requiring measurable time frames for stream scouring and illicit connection program remediation;
- Requiring municipalities to establish dedicated stormwater webpages;
- Increasing frequency of some employee stormwater training to reflect annual Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) updates;
- Adding the road erosion sediment control requirement back into the permit; and
- Enhancing the Stormwater Management Design Review (SWMDR) training requirement to require a short update course to cover rule amendments.

Compliance with the MS4 Permit has always been an expense for Tier B municipalities and reassignment to a Tier A designation and the addition of the new elements will mean additional costs. For Tier B municipalities now reassigned as Tier A, the cost of compliance will be even higher as this will be the first time being required to meet the existing Tier A permit requirements in addition to the potential new requirements. The above-mentioned requirements include but are not limited Ordinances, Programs and Management/Control/BMP's and Inspections as follows:

Ordinances-6	Programs-3	Management/Control/BMP's and Inspection-7
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pet Waste Ordinance• Wildlife Feeding Ordinance• Litter Control Ordinance• Improper Disposal of Waste Ordinance• Yard Waste Ordinance• Privately-Owned Salt Storage Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Street Sweeping Program• Stream Scouring Program• Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Herbicide Application Management• Roadside Vegetative Waste Management• Excess De-Icing Material Management• BMPs at Municipal Maintenance Yards• Roadside Erosion Control• Inspection and Maintenance of Stormwater Facilities• Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting



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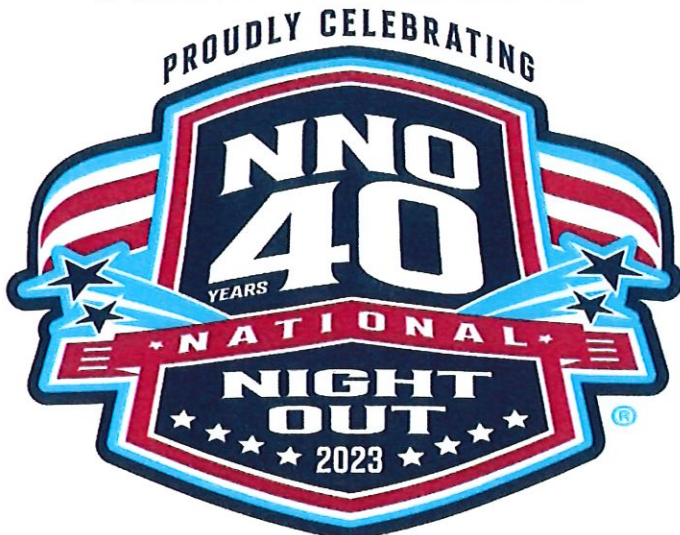
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OPERATION CHILL!

A tasty reward for staying cool – that's Operation Chill! Designed to enhance relationships between police and young people, Operation Chill allows law enforcement officers to reward kids they observe doing good deeds or exhibiting positive behavior with a coupon good for a free small Slurpee drink at any participating U.S. 7-Eleven, Speedway or Stripes store.



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Washington Township Police Department is pleased to welcome you and your family to come together as a community at this year's National Night Out being held on:

August 1st, 2023
6:00pm until 9:00pm
at the Meadow Breeze Park and Pavilion
in Washington Township, NJ.

This is a perfect opportunity to meet your local first responders and have some fun at this **FREE** family event.

This collaboration between law enforcement and the community is made possible thanks to the local volunteers, donations from local businesses and our families like you! We would love to see you and together we can continue to promote strong police-community partnerships.