

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 223

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BY THE ISSUE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00 FOR SUNDRY PURPOSES; FIXING THE FORM, NUMBER, DATE, INTEREST, AND MATURITY THEREOF; MAKING A COVENANT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE NOTE; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF THE REQUIRED DOCUMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY FOR THE NOTE; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION, SALE AND DELIVERY THEREOF.

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the indebtedness of the Township of Washington, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, be increased for the following purpose: construction of new municipal building; and

WHEREAS, the local government unit has received preliminary realistic cost estimates from professional consultants indicating the sum of \$1,000,000.00 will be needed to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase of debt, together with its nonelectoral indebtedness and its lease rental indebtedness presently outstanding, will not cause the limitations of the local government unit debt incurring power, pursuant to constitutional and statutory authority to be exceeded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township of Washington, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of same, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the aggregate principal amount of the Note of the Township of Washington, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, proposed to be issued, is \$1,000,000.00, same to be issued for the foregoing purposes and same to be incurred as nonelectoral debt.

SECTION 2: The period of useful life of the improvements for which this obligation is to be issued is estimated to be in excess of 25 years.

SECTION 3: Said indebtedness shall be evidenced by one general obligation Note, in fully registered form, in the sum of \$1,000,000.00, dated and bearing interest from the earliest date of possible issue of said Note under the statutory time requirements as set forth in the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved the 28th day of April, 1978, being Act 52 of 1978 Session and known as the Local Government Unit Debt Act, at the rate of interest of 4.85% for the initial five-year term, and, thereafter, the rate of

interest will be adjusted every five years to correspond with the Federal Home Loan Bank five-year advance rate; provided, however, that during the initial twelve years of the obligation, the rate shall not exceed 5.5%, and during the final eight years of the obligation, the rate shall not exceed 5.70%. This payment shall continue until the entire note is paid, including accrued interest and overdue interest, in accordance with the repayment schedules attached hereto.

The local government unit reserves the right to anticipate any or all installments of principal or any payment of interest at any time prior to the respective payment dates thereof, without notice or penalty.

The principal and interest of said Note shall be payable at the office of the sinking fund depository selected for the Note as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 4: The said Note is hereby declared to be a general obligation of the Township of Washington, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. The local government unit hereby covenants that it shall include the amount of debt service on the Note for each fiscal year in which such sums are payable in its budget for that year; shall appropriate such amounts to the payment of such debt service; and shall duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid the principal of

the Note and the interest thereon at the dates and places and in the manner stated in the Note according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and for such proper budgeting, appropriation, and payment, the full faith, credit and taxing power of the Township of Washington is hereby irrevocably pledged.

The amounts which the local government unit hereby covenants to pay in each of the following fiscal years are attached as an Exhibit.

SECTION 5: The form of said Note shall be substantially as set forth in the attached Exhibit N.

SECTION 6: The said Note shall be executed in the name and under the corporate seal of the local government unit by the Chairman and Vice Chairman and attested to by the Secretary. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deliver said Note to the purchaser, and receive payment therefor on behalf of the local government unit. The Treasurer and Secretary of the local government unit are authorized and directed to prepare, verify and file the debt statement required by Section 8110 of the Act and to take other necessary action, including, if necessary or desirable, any statements required to qualify any portion of the debt from the appropriate debt limit as self-liquidating or subsidized debt.

SECTION 7: Merchants National Bank of Bangor is hereby designated as the Sinking Fund Depository for the obligation herein authorized, and there is hereby created and established a Sinking Fund, to be known as "Sinking Fund 2002 General Obligation Note" for the payment of the principal and interest thereon which shall be deposited into the Sinking Fund no later than the date upon which the same becomes due and payable. The Treasurer shall deposit into the Sinking Fund, which shall be maintained until such obligation is paid in full, sufficient amounts for payment of principal and interest on the obligation no later than the date upon which such payments shall become due. The Sinking Fund Depository shall, as and when said payments are due, without further action by the local government unit, withdraw available monies in the Sinking Fund and apply said monies to payment of principal and interest on the obligation.

SECTION 8: The Treasurer and Secretary of the local government unit are hereby authorized to contract with Merchants National Bank of Bangor for its services as Sinking Fund Depository for the Note and paying agent for the same.

SECTION 9: In compliance with Section 8161 of the Act, the members of the governing body have determined that a private sale by negotiation rather

than public sale is in the best financial interest of the local government unit. Therefore, the general obligation Note in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, herein authorized to be issued and sold is hereby awarded and sold to Merchants National Bank of Bangor (Lender) in accordance with its proposal to purchase the said Note at par; provided the said Note is dated the delivery thereof to the Merchants National Bank of Bangor (Lender) and is in the form set forth in this Ordinance as Exhibit N; and further provided that the proceedings have been approved by the Department of Community and Economic Development if such approval is required under the provisions of the Act.

SECTION 10: The action of the proper officers and the advertising of a summary of this Ordinance as required by law in The Express Times, a newspaper of general circulation, is ratified and confirmed. The advertisement in said paper of the enactment of the ordinance is hereby directed within fifteen (15) days following the date of final enactment.

SECTION 11: All ordinances or parts of ordinances not in accord with this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED THIS 22nd day of May, 2002.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

By: David Hess
David Hess, Chairman

By: David Renaldo
David Renaldo

By: Daniel Crafa
Daniel Crafa

ATTEST:

By: Mary Ann Dulaney
Mary Ann Dulaney, Secretary