

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC MEETING

JULY 9, 2012

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Meeting in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Council President, Richard Hrbek. Members present: Steven Cascio, Joseph D'Urso, Richard Hrbek. Absent: None. Mr. Goetz arrived at 8:22 p.m. and Mr. Beckmeyer arrived at 10:05 p.m. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Catherine Steinel, Administrator.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act this meeting was listed in the Township Council Annual Meeting List which was published in the Ridgewood News, forwarded to the local newspapers, posted on Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

The Clerk read the total of various bill paid, a copy of which is attached and made part of these minutes.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Hrbek introduced Assemblyman Schroeder. Mr. Schroeder spoke about Vincent Grasso, a young resident and aspiring singer, who has recently won a regional classical singing competition and is moving on to the national competition as a finalist. He will be going to college next year. The Mayor joined Mr. Schroeder in congratulating Vincent. Mr. Schroeder read a proclamation from the State Legislatures. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke about the Grasso family and Mrs. Grasso's volunteerism to the town, before reading her Township accommodation congratulating Vincent on his achievement in the competition.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Sobkowicz reiterated her congratulations to Vincent Grasso. She reported on two utility projects. She, the Fire Chief, and the Township OEM Director attended a meeting with United Water on June 26 in regard to a major project in Hillsdale. If needed, the Township with help Hillsdale with emergency services during an extensive project in Hillsdale which will not start until going in front of the Hillsdale Planning Board. An emergency United Water project was recently started on the corner of Hampshire Road and East Glen Avenue at the pumping station. One pump failed and repairs are being made. The Mayor said that she received a commitment from United Water officials to pave curb to curb after the major repair is made. This commitment came to town hall in writing. The major gas line replacement project along Washington Avenue by PSE&G will hopefully be ending by August 3, 2012. Traffic warning notices relating to the project have been mailed out and are available on the website. Mayor Sobkowicz congratulated the Police Department and Ambulance Corp. for their swift response to a recent accident on the corner of Linwood Avenue and Pascack Road. She said that she attended the recent Junior Police Academy graduation ceremony. Police overtime and dispatch hours were announced. The recent Shredding and E-waste recycling event was well attended. The Mayor congratulated, DMF Acting Supervisor, Tom Clossey, who has taken courses and passed the state exam to become a Certified Public Works Manager. Desnagging is still being done along the brook. Grass clippings will continue to be picked up until October 26, 2012. The purchase of a bucket loader is on the agenda for DMF. The Mayor stated that she is looking for money in the budget to sod Memorial Field instead of going out to bond for the project. Some drainage aspects of the project will not be included in the Mayor's plan but should not affect the playing field. The Safety First Committee recognized that the DMF received a positive evaluation from the Joint Insurance in 2010 but no certificate of

awards were issued. After inquiries were made by the Township's JIF representative, the DMF will be now issued a gold certificate and \$1,500 monetary award. The 2012 Open Space Grant application is available and administrative talks are underway as to a specific project to apply for. The CCO ordinance is in effect and complications are being worked out. The Mayor stated that the Administrator is working on a variety of problems and issues. Verizon Wireless cell tower plans are being submitted to the Council for review soon and then the application will go on to the Planning Board. The Mayor gave a report on the Planning Board meetings which took place in June. She gave recycling rebate figures for the previous month.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio stated that at the recent Shared Service meeting with Hillsdale and Westwood representatives discussed sharing a municipal court system, The County Prosecutor's Grant has been dropped by the three towns.

Mr. D'Urso – No report

Mr. Hrbek – Mr. Hrbek congratulated Vincent Grasso.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to approve the minutes for January 23, 2012 Closed and Public, and the minutes for May 21, 2012 Public, Conference, Closed

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek

Nays: None

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to open the public portion of the meeting.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek.

Nays: None

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra spoke about the history of Independence Day and compared the message to the present Township Council. She said that the Zoning Board did not follow the Master Plan or the MLUL when they voted on the Sky Trading application. She stated that the parks and land owned by the municipality are not being properly maintained, including the front of town hall. Mrs. D'Ambra said that the house next door to Memorial Field is in disrepair and should be fined. Homes have gone down in value and the people of this town are not getting the services they should.

Agnes Smith, 646 Valley Court – Mrs. Smith said that she asked the Council to meet with the Turnpike Authority regarding exit 171 in December of 2011 and March 2012. Mr. Hrbek said that the Council met with the county engineers in regard to the issue. Mrs. Smith stated that the Township is being treated as a freeway and the Township should take the case to court. She said that the Township needs to have a reevaluation.

David Snyder 191 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder asked that the Council not delay in doing a reevaluation. He said that he spoke to Robert Schroeder about painting striped bicycle lanes on several streets. Mr. Schroeder told him to get in touch with Kathleen Donovan for permission to stripe the lanes of Pascack Road. Mr. Snyder said that he agrees that the Memorial Field project should be decided by the voters in a referendum. He asked if the CCO is in effect and was told yes. He asked for an update on the Verizon project. Mr. Poller stated that Mayor and Council has looked at the final drawing and after Council approval, the application will go to the Planning Board. Mr. Snyder

stated that he would like the Township of Washington signs to be updated. He wants to see new signs. He gave examples of signs in neighboring towns.

Bea Napier, 324 Hudson Avenue – Mrs. Napier asked where the proposed DMF vehicle will be housed. Mr. Hrbek stated that the new vehicle will be replacing the old one but no definitive answer can be given at this time as to where it will be housed.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asked the status of the municipal generator and if the municipality was still renting a generator. The Administrator said the municipality is renting a generator at \$1,500 per month plus additional cost for a conduit. She has written a proposal to go out to bid and the specifications are being gone over. Negotiations with the cell tower company to finance a generator are also being pursued. The first bidding process was done last year; a second bid went out earlier this year. Details of the bid specs were discussed. A generator at the municipal building is a necessity. Mr. Ullman asked if there is a plan in place for the township-owned VFW property. The Mayor and Administrator have met with the planner and they are going over suggestions the planner has given. Mr. Ullman asked if the Township has looked into buying a used bucket loader as opposed to buying a new vehicle. Mr. Ullman asked if any precautions are going to be taken to house a new piece of equipment on the municipal property.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to close the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek.

Nays: None

ORDINANCE

The clerk read Ordinance 12-12 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$162,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$154,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to introduce and pass Ordinance #12-12 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilperson Goetz

The following resolution was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilperson Goetz

WHEREAS, Ordinance 12-12 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$162,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$154,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION was introduced and passed at first reading by title at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 9th day of July, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 23rd day of July, 2012 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road, Township of Washington, NJ at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise in the Ridgewood News a newspaper circulated in this Township, the introduction and notice of further consideration for final passage and public hearing of this ordinance as required by law.

The clerk read Ordinance 12-13 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MEMORIAL FIELD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$160,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$152,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to introduce and pass Ordinance 12-13 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek

Nays: None

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Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek

Nays: None

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CONSENT AGENDA

Item #4 of the Consent Agenda was removed and voted on separately.

The following resolutions were part of the Consent Agenda and were made available to the Governing Body and the Public prior to the meeting.

The Consent Agenda was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey granted an adjustment in taxes for Block 4428, Lot 2, owner, C&N Assoc. LLC, 439 Ridgewood Road for the years 2010 and 2011. Assessment was reduced by \$50,000, and 2010 taxes were reduced by \$929.00.

WHEREAS, under the New Jersey Statute 54:3-27.2, refund of excess taxes is to be refunded. Thomas Olson is attorney for plaintiff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer, Jacqueline Do, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Brach, Elchler LLC and C&N Assoc. LLC
101 Eisenhower Parkway
Roseland, NJ 07068

(2010)	\$ 905.50
(2011)	\$ 929.00
TOTAL	\$1,834.50

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Township of Washington Health Department to provide Sanitarian;

WHEREAS, Steve Shayne will provide such Sanitarian services for the year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract is \$10,920.00 and funds will be provided for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, it has been certified that this meets the statutes and regulations concerning the award of said contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Steve Shayne to perform Sanitarian services for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$10,920.00
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A11-5[2]; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 14.5 that sufficient legally appropriated funds will be available for this purpose subject to appropriating of funds in the 2012 Budget.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington ("Township") issued to and served on Edward Boner a notice for violations under Section 173-7C of the code of the township of Washington occurring at property commonly known as 508 Ridgewood Boulevard North, Township of Washington (Block 2303, Lot 17); and

WHEREAS, Edward Bonner failed to comply with such notice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 173-24 of the Code of the Township of Washington, a Tax Lien Certificate dated June 7, 2012 was issued by the Township's code Enforcement Official in the amount of \$960.96 which was approved by resolution of the Township Council authorizing the Township Treasurer to impose on such property a municipal tax lien in the amount of the Tax Lien Certificate; and

WHEREAS, Edward Bonner made payment directly to the Office of the Tax Collector of the Township of Washington on June 22, 2012 in the amount of \$960.96 in satisfaction of said municipal tax lien:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township hereby acknowledges receipt of payment in the amount of \$960.96 by Edward Bonner in satisfaction of said municipal tax lien, and hereby authorizes the release of the municipal tax lien established by the Tax Lien Certificate and township Council resolution on the property commonly known as 508 Ridgewood Boulevard North, Township of Washington (Block 2303, Lot 17).

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2012 was adopted on the 7th of May, 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said adopted capital budget section,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen that the following amendment to the adopted capital budget section of the 2012 Budget be made:

FROM

CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
2012

1	3	5b	5e
PROJECT	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	Capital Improvement Fund	Debt Auth.
DMF-Bucket Loader	\$135,000	\$6,750	\$128,250
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$135,000	\$6,750	\$128,250

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2012-2014

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE AND FUND REQUIREMENT

1	3	5
PROJECT	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	FUNDING AMOUNTS PER YEAR Budget Year 2012
DMF-Bucket Loader	\$135,000	\$135,000
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$135,000	\$135,000

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2012-2014

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1	3	4	7
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TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$135,000	\$6,750	\$128,250

TO

CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
2012

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Acq. New and Add.			
Vehicular Equipment	\$162,000	\$8,000	\$154,000
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Vehicular Equipment	\$162,000	\$8,000	\$154,000
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$162,000	\$8,000	\$154,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

Mary Ann Ozment, Township Clerk

Richard Hrbek, Council President