

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC PORTION/CONFERENCE MEETING

JULY 23, 2012

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Conference Meeting in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Council President, Richard Hrbek. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steven Cascio, Fred Goetz, Richard Hrbek. Absent: None. Mr. D'Urso arrived at 7:40. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek and seconded by Dr. Cascio to approve the public meeting minutes for June 11, 2011

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Goetz, Hrbek

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Beckmeyer

DISCUSSION PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

Nays: None

John Kral, 54 Hemlock Drive – Mr. Kral stated that he has come to the Council meeting after attending a recent Planning Board meeting in regards to a re-occurring flooding situation his property experiences. He showed pictures of his property during rainy conditions. Ms. Steinel said that she met Mr. Kral recently and has since found out that there is a malfunctioning drainage pit on an easement near his property. The Township engineer and DMF have assessed the problem. The applicant of a proposed minor development now in front of the Planning Board has also been approached to make improvements to the drainage situation. A specific drainage pit will be cleared out to get relief quickly.

John Azarian, Azarian Management, Washington Township Center – Mr. Azarian requested to speak to the Council in regards to the signage at the shopping center on Pascack Road. Mr. Hrbek said that the topic will be discussed in the Conference portion of the meeting.

Terry Kipriadis, Gyros and Goodies, Washington Township Center – Mrs. Kipriadis said that several tenants of the shopping center are at the meeting tonight. She stated that the strict sign ordinance makes it difficult for passing traffic to see what stores are in the Center. She said that five stores are struggling and are in danger of closing. New signage will make a positive difference.

Ada Gozzillo, Vincent's Trattoria, Washington Township Center – Mrs. Gozzillo said that since taking the red trattoria sign down from the Shopping Center runway, as they were ordered by the Township to do, the restaurant has lost business. She said that she is begging for the Council to help the tenants by changing the signage ordinance in order to allow her to put the signage back up.

John, Verizon Store, Washington Township Center – The Manager of the Verizon store said that almost every day he has people come into his store saying that they never knew that the store was in the Center. Signs help get new customers into the store. Changing the sign ordinance will benefit the town as well as the tenants in the Center.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder stated that the Center needs the sign ordinance changed and that they also need a marquee installed to advertise the stores in the Center. He said that these changes will help the Center and increase the desirability of the Township overall.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Mrs. Lipnick said that she lives across the street from the delivery area side of the Shopping Center. The conditions on that side include a berm where landscapers park and congregate for lunch and then leave food and garbage which are attracting rats. The rats are traveling over to her property. She asked that the Shopping Center management company place garbage cans at the site, bait the site for rats and clean up the area.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asked if the sound system in the Courtroom could be improved or fixed. He stated that he is a member on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the audience has complained that they cannot hear the testimony of those providing testimony for applications and also the comments of the board members. He was told that the issue has been addressed. Mr. Ullman asked for clarification on a dialog that took place at the last meeting in regards to professionals and certain employees in the salary ordinance. Mr. Ullman asked about work that is being done on the side of town hall in regard to soil elevations in preparation for the erection of the cell tower. He asked if the engineer is aware of the existing elevations to make sure that the base height is not adjusted to make the tower higher. He asked if the Township has the ability to change the cell tower plans prior to the commencement of work. He asked if a quality generator could be contracted through Verizon and be placed on the site for the benefit of the Township.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience a motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to close the Public Portion of the meeting.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, 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. Beckmeyer seconded by Mr. D'Urso to introduce and pass Ordinance 12-12 at second reading by title.

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

Nays: Councilperson None

Abstain: Mr. Goetz

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

Ayes: Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek

Nays: None

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 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 be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to open the public hearing and there being no questions or comments was closed on a motion by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to pass Ordinance 12-12 at second and final reading, submit same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilpersons Goetz

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. Goetz to introduce and pass Ordinance 12-13 at second reading by title.

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

Nays: Councilperson Beckmeyer

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

Ayes: Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek

Nays: Councilperson Beckmeyer

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A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to open the public hearing and there being no questions or comments was closed on a motion by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to pass Ordinance 12-13 at second and final reading, submit same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

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

Nays: Councilperson Beckmeyer

The clerk read Ordinance 12-11 entitled: AN ORDINANCE UNDER CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON SETTING FORTH THE RATE OF COMPENSATION AND MANNER OF PAYMENT OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN SAID MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to introduce and pass Ordinance #12-11 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, D'Urso, Hrbek

Nays: Councilperson Goetz

Abstain: Councilperson Cascio

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, D'Urso, Hrbek

Nays: Councilperson Goetz

Abstain: Councilperson Cascio

WHEREAS, Ordinance 12-11 entitled: AN ORDINANCE UNDER CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON SETTING FORTH THE RATE OF COMPENSATION AND MANNER OF PAYMENT OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN SAID MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR 2012 was introduced and passed at first reading by title at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 23rd 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 6th day of August 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 Mr. Beckmeyer.

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

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Richard and Michele Marinello posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 4427, Lot 7.02, 3 Morgan Court; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated July 16, 2012, C.O. No. 10-405,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated June 15, 2012,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$412.00 to the above.

WHEREAS, John and Roseann Lynch posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 3309, Lot 11, 440 Colonial Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official issued approval dated July 10, 2012, C.O. No. 11-449,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated April 10, 2012,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$370.00 to the above.

Raffle License #860, #861, #862 was approved for Ramsey Public Education Foundation by the Township Council of the Township of Washington.

After a short discussion, a motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Office of Health of the Township of Washington (the "Township") administers certain health services programs for the Borough of Emerson ("Emerson") and the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Health is required to establish and maintain a program of recognized standards of performance as set forth in the New Jersey Administrative Code, Title 8-Chapter 52, effective as of February 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Health Awareness Regional Program of Hackensack University Medical Center ("HARP") has been selected by the Township of Washington to provide to the Office of Health and its programs with Emerson and the Township various services in connection with such standards of performance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that the Township of Washington approves the health services agreement proposed by HARP which is on file with the Township, and hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute said agreement with HARP for the above stated purpose.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilperson Goetz

Diane Grimaldi, Deputy Township Clerk

Richard Hrbek, Council President