

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

March 23, 2015

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Council President Peter Calamari with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steve Cascio, Dave Frank, Thomas Sears and Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Matthew Cavallo, Business 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 Bergen Record, forwarded to the local newspapers, posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to approve the March 9, 2015 Public, Conference & Closed Session Minutes. (All Vote)

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz stated Mr. Vic Fadini is the Township insurance consultant. She stated every year the Township is evaluated by JIF in all of our safety procedures, involving police, fire, ambulance and road department. She stated 2014 is the third year the Township received a monetary award and a plaque, and she is extremely proud of that. Mr. Fadini will now give us some more information on what the Township does to receive this award.

Mr. Fadini – Mr. Fadini states it is a combination of things. Mr. Fadini spoke at length of what is required by the Township, such as videos and classes each department takes. He stated a big factor is the loss of time due to accidents. He stated it is a point system. He stated it is \$2000.00 that goes to the Township and he is very proud of that.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz stated each department goes to their classes and wear their safety equipment they are supposed to be wearing. She stated that JIF also conducts on spot inspections. A few months ago such inspection was conducted while the DPW was collecting leaves and everything was fine. She stated that last year the Township was one of six towns that had no loss of time due to injuries.

Mr. Fadini presents the Township a check for \$2000.00 and a plaque.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to open the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

George Lahood, 293 Murray Hill Terrace, Bergenfield, New Jersey – Mr. Lahood stated we are the current tax lien purchaser in the Township of Washington, we being One People One World House of Worship. a church which is in accordance with modern principals of Christianity. He stated he has acquired two tax liens, one property being on 741 Wayne Place and one on

Cosman Street. He spoke of what he would like to do with the Wayne Place property and working with council for a resolution. He also spoke of communicating with the Building Department and Planning and Zoning Departments. He stated he hopes to be submitting a proposal or request for a proposal to the Township. He spoke of the land being developed. Mayor Sobkowitz would like to know what the address of the house on Cosman Street is. He stated it is at the end of the street. Mr. Calamari recommended that Mr. Lahood reach out to Administrator Cavallo for guidance on the process.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura spoke of the Home Rule in the State of New Jersey. She stated the most important thing to pay for is the education for children. She spoke at length with regard to the artificial turf being a priority for a select group. She also stated she has gotten names to see if the taxpayers really want to fund this, believes council is afraid to put it to a vote because the people of the township will vote this down. She stated she is up to over 700 hundred signatures. She stated that she noticed lacrosse playing on the Washington School field and no one was playing on the high school field which is paid by the taxpayers of this town. She stated she has been going around talking to a lot of people of this Township, and the feedback is the people are very aggravated with the Mayor and the Council. She stated she pays a lot of taxes and doesn't want to pay for this turf, suggests that the parents and the Rec Board that are asking for this. She feels she is representing people that council is not listening to. She stated that the council and mayor do not have their priorities in check. She stated the roads need to be taken care of, the Fire House and the DPW is renting equipment since the DPW trucks are all broken down. She spoke of the intersection and the hazardous gasoline underground that has now reached Washington Commons. She stated most people have said to her why do these kids need artificial turf for and this is not a priority. She is asking council to do the right thing and reconsider their decision to realize there are people in this town and do not want this. She spoke also of the hidden costs. She would like an answer as to why this cannot be put to a referendum vote by the Mayor and Council. She also has something she is going to hand to council with regard to field turf surface with ACL tears. She spoke of natural grass and chemicals, turf toxins and what is used when a weed grows on artificial turf. She would like an answer as to why this cannot be put to a referendum vote, since August she has been going around town talking to people. Mr. Calamari stated council is elected to make decisions both small and large, and to spend money wisely. He further states voters have the choice at election time on who they select. She stated she has spoken to a thousand people, has 700 signatures and believes council will not put it to a referendum vote because the people of this town will vote it down and the special interest groups will not get their artificial turf.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra stated she agrees with Ms. Plantamura and spoke of the Council's responsibilities to the Township. She also spoke at length with regard to the bond and the artificial turf. She stated what is important are the Firehouse and the disarray of the Department of Public Works building. She also spoke of the dirt being removed from Memorial Field, the clay underneath and if any testing was done on that field. She would like to know if Mr. Beckmeyer gave any documents to Mr. Ullman with regard to Memorial Field. Mr. Beckmeyer stated after conferring with the Township attorney, the attorney stated to him that he could release his information to Mr. Ullman, which he did. She stated she believes borings should be done at Memorial Field. Mr. Frank stated it is included in the engineering study. Mr. Calamari stated that a lot of facts seem to be getting misstated; it is not a three million dollar project, the difference between anything done whether natural grass or artificial turf would be around \$400,000 difference. He stated all the things that need to be done to that field need to be done, no matter natural grass or artificial turf.

Linda Murphy, 675 McKinley Avenue – Ms. Murphy spoke of the bond and what the bond states. She has asked if there are any plans that might show what this layout would look like. She stated there are residents that have

no concept what is going to look like, and other things can be done with the \$150,000. She stated she signed she doesn't want the turf because no one understands what is going to be done. She stated Memorial Field has been a disaster since 1971, and would like to know why the grass doesn't grow there. She spoke of the other fields in the Township and will the town residents have access to this field and who will be involved in the maintenance. She stated council is not being specific and is not saying what they are doing with the resident's money. She stated when people voted council in, people didn't know that turf was coming to Memorial Field. She asked are there any plans on what this might look like. Mr. Beckmeyer stated spoke of an initial study done years ago and a layout. There was a discussion of MKW. Mr. Beckmeyer stated the bond is to hire an engineering company, solicit bids and to get approval by the council, final design, and a certified construction estimate will be given. There was a discussion of what will stay at Memorial Field. Mr. Beckmeyer also spoke of the grass and the drainage, clay underneath, the usage and what is underneath artificial turf and how that works with water. She stated pictures need to go up and be more informative. She asked if cameras will be installed at the intersection of Pascack and Washington Avenues. Mr. Calamari stated that is a county intersection he is sure that will be taken into account when the intersection is redone. She asked if there are panic buttons underneath the desks of the workers in the town hall. Mr. Calamari stated he doesn't want to address that since it will give away the security of town hall. Dr. Cascio stated a couple of years ago a study were funded of all the fields, Memorial, Gardner, Clark and Sherry Fields, and a couple of smaller fields by MKW. She stated she did OPRA them and they weren't in the file in the Clerk's office. She will OPRA them again. Mr. Sears stated for council to make a legitimate decision an engineering study is needed and the field will not be locked as long as he is a councilman. He further states he has looked at health and fields both ways, when the engineering comes back we will have a cost. He stated there is no guarantee it will be approved but if money is going to be spent, an engineering study is needed. There was a discussion of engineering studies and being informed. Mr. Sears stated with regard to the intersection, County Executive Jim Tedesco put five new pedestrian crossing signs there, one has been runnd down. Mr. Sears did receive a call from District 39 representative Bob Auth who indicated there will be a meeting set up with Senator Cardinale, Holly Shepisi, and himself to discuss the intersection in a few weeks and how they can support the town going forward. Ms. Murphy spoke of the intersection and the problem being the drivers. There was a discussion of putting cameras at the intersection.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked if a budget meeting being advertised in The Record on a Friday, March 13th for a Saturday meeting on March 14th, which is not 48 hour notice, if that is considered a legal meeting. Administrator Cavallo stated it if it was in the newspaper on Friday, that means the newspaper was notified on Wednesday, that is common-law. There was a discussion on the 48 hour notice. She also spoke of the new signs at the intersection of Pascack and Washington Avenues. She also spoke of the children being the special interest group and the conditions of the roads and the large amount of streets that need to be redone in town. She asked if there is any update on the firehouse. Mr. Sears stated there has been money appropriated to redo the bathroom in the firehouse downstairs. She spoke at length of the need for a new firehouse and new DMF building. She spoke of the plaque presentations and the fact that she was notified via email and doesn't really want a plaque from the Township, and did not accept the plaque at the meeting. She stated that the plaque was then delivered to her home. She spoke of the past retirees and the fact that they received no plaques. She would like Mr. Calamari to take the plaque back and believes it is a waste of the Township's money. She asked when the plaque for the pavilion for Ceil Ritter will be done. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the pavilion has had a new roof put on it and it has been painted, and the pavilion will be dedicated when the weather gets warmer. Mr. Calamari stated he doesn't look at the plaques as a waste of money; all good things have to start sometime and someplace. Mrs.

Ozment believes these plaques were politically motivated. Mr. Calamari stated he championed the idea for the plaques and received consensus among most of the councilmen. Mr. Calamari stated we did plaques for everyone who retired last year.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson spoke of safety being important for kids and seniors. He also spoke of the defibrillator and the intersection being all about safety. He spoke of safety for the children walking in the area of Washington School and that walking in the area is not really safe. He believes the Board of Education should be spoken to again and they should be reminded if a student is late, they are not getting educated and if a teacher is late they are not doing their jobs. He stated the traffic patterns in that area are a real problem. The children's safety is of the utmost importance to all of us. He spoke of ADA compliance and facilities being accessed by everyone.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Ms. Lipnick spoke of the article in Community Life on March 12th regarding shared programs with Westwood and why Mayor Birkner had to go public with regard to bills not being paid. She stated the town entered into an agreement with Westwood with regard to the Community Center. She would like to know how much that bill could possibly be for one monitor, cost of special events and some refreshments. She stated her children used it many years ago. She estimated the bill is approximately \$2500, and if that bill is not being paid, how can the town afford anything else. She then read from the article and stated this is an outrage. She spoke of many years ago when the Township tried to help out the swim club and we invested heavy dollars in equipment and personnel, then it failed. She would like to know if that equipment was donated to Westwood. Mayor Sobkowicz replied yes it was. Ms. Finnerty stated she does not understand why this bill cannot be paid. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the time when they tried to have the program in the Township, and everything was donated to Westwood to start up the Teen Center. Mayor Sobkowicz stated in the past few years as Mayor, she has asked for lists of who goes there, who leaves there, who controls it, and security. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she has gotten some feedback from parents that there have been some problems there and she has been asking for this information. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she did have a meeting scheduled with Mayor Birkner a couple of weeks ago, but he forgot. A Shared Services Agreement is being prepared and it will be on the next council agenda. Mayor Sobkowicz stated before that is done a list is needed of what the regulations are, since she has gotten feedbacks from parents that the program is a little bit loose. Mayor Sobkowicz stated about two weeks ago after asking for it for four years she did receive a sign in list, on one page there was 45 Westwood, 4 Township, 37 Westwood and 6 Township. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she paid for one of the aids, there are 3 every Friday, and they want half of the special events, but she is going to make a limit on how much the Township is going to contribute based on the number of children we have in the program versus Westwood. Ms. Lipnick asked how can it be based on the number of children going in since it is a shared service with our sister town, a joint agreement. Ms. Lipnick spoke at length of what this looks like to the reputation of the Township and the Mayors should have met and spare the town the embarrassment. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she has to make sure that things are going correctly there our children are there in the program and she needs to know who signed up for that program.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman stated to Dr. Cascio he did request the information and was told it was deliberative and therefore couldn't be provided. Mr. Ullman would like to know what Resolution No. 15-162 is regarding. Administrator Cavallo stated the Township has a dedication by rider trust fund called Accumulated Leave, money gets added to that account by a line item in the general budget call Accumulated Leave Compensation. At the end of the reserve year, monies that are left in that account can be transferred to the Trust Fund for use of when a person leaves we pay them what they owed Terminal Leave. Administrator Cavallo stated this town has done what a lot of towns haven't down is cap terminal leave or limit terminal

leave so the only departments that have this are our Police Department and three or four employees of the DMF. This resolution takes unused money from the 2014 budget, unspent money and moves it to the accumulated leave line item so at the end of the year we can evaluate. If we see 3 Police Officers retiring next year, instead of having to raise this money in next year's budget to pay them, we can take it out of our Dedicated Trust Fund, but if money was not in that Accumulated Leave Compensation line item by the end of March of the subsequent year we can't move it. This came as a recommendation from the auditor. There was a discussion of the Terminal Leave Policy and it was modified in 2011, where anybody at that point who had terminal leave was capped earned no more days, so whatever they earned up to that point. Administrator Cavallo stated with regard to the Police Officers, instead of gaining terminal leave days, they get a terminal leave pay the following February based on their sick time performance from the previous year. Mr. Ullman asks if the terminal leave policy addresses the bridging of services. Administrator Cavallo replied no. If someone left the Township for a period of time and then came back they would start at zero, that is the Police Department and DPW, since they have set contracts, a municipal employee is set by the salary ordinance. Vacation cannot be carried over; they can carry over 10 days of sick time banked up to 30, which is not paid at the end of their service. Mr. Ullman asked if consolidating the DMF with another town was discussed at budget meetings. Mr. Calamari stated not that he recalls, the appropriate time to bring that subject Capital Budgets and we have not done any capitals in any departments yet.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso asked if the Capital Budget was received from the Mayor. Mr. Calamari stated it was included, but we haven't gotten to it yet. He asked if council has looked where savings can be made, has the CFO given a report on debt load. He stated there are options to save such as outside dispatching with Westwood. He spoke of priorities and that the DMF garage needs to be focused on. He spoke of the intersection of Pascack and Washington Avenues and what is needed in that area. He stated instead of working on debt load since the taxes went up try to save somewhere. He stated it is embarrassing to see an article that the township is not paying a bill and past vendors also were not being paid because the Mayor didn't want to pay them. He stated we need to save money in this town, not spend it. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the operating budget really doesn't affect the debt load. Our debt load is below 10% at this point which our make regular dollar very flexible.

Beatrice Napier, 324 Hudson Avenue – Ms. Napier would like to know why the fields are closed. Administrator Cavallo stated the fields are not closed, they are used by recreation activities or sporting events, where the general public cannot go on the field during the time a lacrosse game or football game is going on. He stated there are no gates on Memorial Field and there will be no gates on Memorial Field when the new fence is put in. There was a discussion of Clark Field. Mayor Sobkowicz stated Memorial Field is open all the time unless it is very wet; it is the most used field in town. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that Round Up was what ruined the grass in 2009, which was sprayed on new sod and it killed the sod. Mayor Sobkowicz stated Clark Field sometimes during baseball season it is quite dedicated to that use, Sherry Field and Gardner Field you can use all the time. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the plans from MKW and what they depicted.

Francine Florio, 15 Windsor Gate, Upper Saddle River – Ms. Florio would like to know if the Township of Washington has a VIP incentive program. Administrator Cavallo stated no we do not.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to close the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES

2ND Reading Ordinance No. 15-04

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-04 entitled: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MEMORIAL FIELD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, MAKING AN INITIAL APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$142,800 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Frank, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-04 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-153 was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 15-04 entitled: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MEMORIAL FIELD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, MAKING AN INITIAL APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$142,800 BONDS OR NOTES OR 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. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to open the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso stated he is not in support of this, believes the priorities are not in order. He stated that council was elected by the people and the person with the 700 signatures has to mean something to council. He stated that Mr. Frank is not an elected official wasn't elected by the people and shouldn't have a vote in this matter or he should abstain himself. Mr. Calamari stated that Councilman Frank has all the duties of a councilperson. Mr. D'Urso stated something needs to be done with that field, there is a lot of controversy going on, doesn't believe this is the right thing to do at this particular time. He stated maybe in the future when the other big more important ticket items are addressed first.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked if the Township has a bonding attorney that has been approved. Mr. Poller stated if the bonding attorney is under \$17,500, the bonding attorney is hired under \$17,500. She stated it is been done in the past and why isn't it being done now. Mr. Poller explained if the bonding attorney is under \$17,500 there is no requirement to have that resolution. Mr. Poller also explained there is no requirement if it not anticipated that the bonding attorney expenses are going be over \$17,500. Mr. Poller stated certain things have been done in the past, and at this time things are changing and being updated. There was a discussion of bonding that was done in the past and if it goes beyond the \$17,500 a resolution would be done.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman would like the process explained once this ordinance is past. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she is not sure if there will be an RFP or just an engineer hired to do the job. There was a discussion of the needs study proposal for the DMF, which ranged \$13,000 to \$66,000. Mr. Beckmeyer stated when the engineer is hired; he will do a complete set of drawings, specifications and bid documents to go out to public bid for a contractor to give a number to actually build the field, a whole package. Mr. Beckmeyer stated with regard to the DMF building is a needs study with options of what you can do, how much space you would need, at that point when the needs study is received we will see which route we are to go, and at that point we would go to an architect to do the actual specification, bid drawings and documentation, cost estimate, on that job to go out to bid.

Mr. Beckmeyer stated the needs study for the DMF is similar to what was done by MKW done five years ago. There was a discussion of what the MKW studies involved. Dr. Cascio stated MKW suggested turf at that time, but they didn't specify it had to be turf. Mr. Ullman asked what will be given to the engineer to do this, the scope of the project. Administrator Cavallo stated the engineer will be provided with the study MKW had done, if the council decides this is the layout that we like, we would give that to the engineer. There was discussion of what would be given to the engineers, what the township is going to be told to the engineer, and the steps council would take to start designing it. Mr. Calamari then explained his understanding of what will be told to the engineer, as per Mr. Ullman's request. Mr. Ullman asked if this is approved, the next step would be for the council to provide direction to the administration on what plan and what scope. Mr. Calamari stated at this point he doesn't know the order, whether the engineer is hired first and our requirements or given directly or whether we come to the requirements first and then hire an engineer. Administrator Cavallo stated it doesn't matter either way, an engineer will be hired and he will be given directions. Mr. Calamari stated he hopes it is done simultaneously.

Sean Dunn, 759 Clinton Avenue – Mr. Dunn stated he is a member of the special interest groups in reference to the field. He stated he is a 47 year resident of the Township, and for about 40 years he has been on the field in some capacity, as a young adult and a coach. He stated at that time, the field didn't get that much use since soccer and lacrosse wasn't around. He stated we are offering more for the children, which he believes is phenomenal. He stated the field does take a beating, and in some respects it is dangerous. He stated it is embarrassing when you visit other towns and the facilities are beautiful, and ours can be also. He stated the field is not a representation of the town the way the field looks right now. He stated his three children use that field for all of their sports. He stated it will be beneficial to the children and the special interest is the children. He stated the prior person stated she has been out collecting signatures for months in the heat and the cold, myself and my fellow coaches out there have been standing out in the heat and the cold for 20 years coaching sports and not making a dime, but doing it for the love of the sport and for the kids in this town. He stated some of the volunteers at the time didn't even have kids in the sports program. He stated this field will be good for the children and it will benefit the town aesthetically.

Vic Fadini, 698 Kennedy Drive – Mr. Fadini stated that periodically the town is evaluated by the Joint Insurance Fund, which is our insurance carrier, and we are written up about the dangerous drainage condition at Memorial Field. He stated that as the rain and water come down towards Pascack Road, it affects the basketball court, the pavilion and the children's playground area, so that becomes a dangerous situation. He stated the town has been told by JIF by not correcting it, the town is leaving itself wide open for additional liability exposure.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson thanked Mr. Dunn for coming up to speak if it was not for guys like him our kids would not have a community. He stated it is good community, and hopes council invests wisely.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

A motion was made Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Frank, to pass Ordinance No. 15-04 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

2ND Reading Ordinance No. 15-05

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-05 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FEES FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-05 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-154 was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 15-05 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FEES FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to open the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso would like to know what fees went up. Mr. Beckmeyer stated it is \$10.00 across the board. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the administrator does have a spreadsheet on each sport, with the exception of basketball which went up \$20.00. Mr. D'Urso asked if council is aware of monies that come out of the recreation are used to pay for dinners for a special interest group in this town. Mayor Sobkowicz stated Golden Seniors. Mr. Calamari the line item for Golden Seniors was raised. Mr. D'Urso asked if volunteer coaches are paid stipends as has been done in the past. Mr. Calamari stated that he hasn't seen anything like that. Administrator Cavallo stated under the budget Golden Seniors is a separate section of the budget. Dr. Cascio asked how is the \$10.00 fee for the teen center going to work. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the teens will sign up here get a card so we know who from town is going to the teen center. She stated she doesn't have a problem with the program we have very few teens that attend compared to Westwood. She further stated the teen signs up once and they can attend every Friday, it is open enrollment and they can sign up at any time.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

A motion was made Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears, to pass Ordinance No. 15-05 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Cascio

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.

There was a discussion of Resolution No. 15-162.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 15-155

Engineering Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, Helen Rock posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 4319, Lot 2, 404 Park Place; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated October 21, 2013, C.O. No. 13-611; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated February 20, 2015; and

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 \$461.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-156

Recreation Refund

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following recreation fees:

Carmelina Passanante
136 Sussex Road
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Lacrosse
Refund Amount: \$45.00

Resolution No. 15-157

Appointment of Professional Planner

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (the "Township"), Bergen County, has a need to acquire services for the Township' and

WHEREAS, the contract for such services is not being awarded under what is termed the fair and open contract provisions as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A-20.5, and

WHEREAS, the planning services awarded hereunder is comprised of professional services to be rendered to the Township of Washington, and such professional planning services may be in excess of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, T & M Associates has submitted a proposal with respect to the rates for said services to be rendered to the Township for the year 2015 which is the anticipated term of this contract; and

WHEREAS, T&M Associates completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Washington in the previous one year, or made any contribution as per the terms of Township ordinance, and has agreed that the terms of appointment will prohibit T & M Associates from making any reportable contributions during the term of the contract or making any contribution in violation of the terms of Township ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the availability of funds for such services shall be determined in the Township's annual budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Washington Council, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with T&M Associates as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract herein has been awarded to T&M Associates to provide the goods or services as described herein. This contract was not awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. As such, the undersigned does hereby attest that T&M Associates, its subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company has neither made a contribution that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A.

19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16, in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c.19, affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any political party committee in the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, or make any contribution which is not in conformity with Township ordinance, when the contract is awarded, or to any candidate committee of any person serving in an elective public office of said municipality when the contract is awarded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution, and that a notice of the award of said contract shall be published according to law.

Resolution No. 15-158

Appointment of Township Engineer

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington, Bergen County has a need to acquire engineering services to be rendered to the Township as Township Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the contract for such services is not being awarded under what is termed the fair and open contract provisions as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, Christopher P. Statile, P.A. has been appointed Township Engineer and its professional engineering services will be in excess of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Christopher P. Statile, P.A. has submitted a proposal with respect to the rates for said services to be rendered to the Township for the year 2015 which is the anticipated term of this contract; and

WHEREAS, Christopher P. Statile, P.A. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Washington in the previous one year, or made any contribution not in accordance with the terms of the applicable Township ordinance, and has agreed that the terms of appointment will prohibit Christopher P. Statile, P.A. from making any reportable contributions during the term of the contract or making any contribution not in conformity with the terms of the applicable Township ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the availability of funds for such services shall be determined in the Township's annual budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Christopher P. Statile, P.A. as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract herein has been awarded to Christopher P. Statile, P.A. to provide the goods or services as described herein. This contract was not awarded through the "fair and open process" as defined under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. As such, the undersigned does hereby attest that Christopher P. Statile, P.A., its subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company has neither made a contribution that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16, in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c.19, affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any political party committee in the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, or make any contribution which is not in conformity with Township ordinance, when the contract is awarded, or to any candidate committee of any person servicing in an elective public office of said municipality when the contract is awarded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification be placed on file with this resolution, and that a notice of the award of said contract shall be published according to law.

Recreation Trust Fund

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures or moneys by dedication by rider.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey does hereby request permission of the Director or the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures under the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-39, as amended by P.L. 1999, c.292, for the exclusive purpose of depositing and expending funds paid by individuals to offset the costs of operating municipal "fee-based" recreation programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution No. 15-160

2nd Quarter Temporary Appropriation

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to Appropriations and no adequate provision has been made in the 2015 temporary budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total temporary budget resolution adopted in the year 2015 including this resolution total \$5,592,528.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 an emergency temporary appropriation be made for:

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>BUDGET AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS | |
| MUNICIPAL CLERK | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$ 15,000.00 |
| TAX ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$ 8,000.00 |
| LEGAL SERVICES | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$ 7,000.00 |
| Tax Appeals | \$ 15,000.00 |
| INSURANCE | |
| Worker's Compensation Insurance | \$ 15,000.00 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS | |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$ 800,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Community Policing | \$ 500.00 |
| Police Car Cameras | \$ 500.00 |
| Computer Software Licenses | \$ 12,000.00 |
| POLICE DISPATCHERS | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$ 20,000.00 |
| OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 280.00 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | |
| Physicals | \$ 400.00 |

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| FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE | \$ | 20,000.00 |
| MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR | | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$ | 675.00 |
| PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS | | |
| DEPT. OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES | | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$ | 185,000.00 |
| RECYCLING | | |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 100,000.00 |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT (CONDO'S) | \$ | 9,500.00 |
| HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS | | |
| PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES | | |
| Salaries & Wages (Board of Health) | \$ | 6,500.00 |
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER | | |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| PARKS & RECREATION FUNCTIONS | | |
| DEPT. OF RECREATION | | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$ | 15,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 15,000.00 |
| Golden Seniors Committee | \$ | 2,000.00 |
| MAINTENANCE OF PARKS | | |
| Rental of Athletic Facilities | \$ | 5,000.00 |
| CODE ENFORCEMENT & ADMINISTRATION | | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$ | 25,000.00 |
| STATUTORY EXPENDITURES | | |
| Public Employees Retirement System | \$ | 117,444.00 |
| Police & Fire Retirement System | \$ | 559,157.00 |
| MAINTENANCE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY | \$ | 163,725.00 |
| UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES | | |
| SEWER | | |
| Bergen County Utilities Authority | \$ | 200,000.00 |
| JOINT HEALTH SERVICES | | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$ | 9,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 7,000.00 |
| OTHER | | |
| Reserve Body Armour Fund | \$ | 2,669.00 |
| TOTAL TEMPORARY EMERGENCY | \$ | 2,342,350.00 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution No. 15-161

Budget Transfers – Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides if it should become necessary during the first three (3) months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in an appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose setting forth the facts, adopted by not less than 2/3 votes of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2014 Budget Appropriations:

| <u>Account</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Law and Council O/E Prof Serv | \$ 8,000.00 | |
| 4-01-20-155-260 | | |
| Law - Tax Appeals | | \$ 8,000.00 |
| 4-01-20-160-200 | | |

Resolution No. 15-162

Budget Transfer – Accumulated Leave Compensation

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides if it should become necessary during the first three (3) months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in an appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose setting forth the facts, adopted by not less than 2/3 votes of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2014 Budget Appropriations:

| <u>Account</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Police S&W Regular Salaries | \$102,479.10 | |
| 4-01-25-240-110 | | |
| Police S&W Vacation Buy-Back | \$2,632.91 | |
| 4-01-25-240-160 | | |
| Police S&W Personal Day | \$500.00 | |
| 4-01-25-240-170 | | |
| Police S&W Steppend | \$807.02 | |
| 4-01-25-240-195 | | |
| Police S&W Police Chief | \$93,930.20 | |
| 4-01-25-240-199 | | |
| Accumulated Leave Compensation | | \$200,349.23 |
| 4-01-30-415-000 | | |

Resolution No. 15-163

Budget Transfer – Snow Removal

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides if it should become necessary during the first three (3) months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in an appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose setting forth the facts, adopted by not less than 2/3 votes of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2014 Budget Appropriations:

| <u>Account</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|
| DMF-Pks O/E Bldg Mt | \$3,398.31 | |
| 4-01-28-375-420 | | |
| DMF-Pks O/E Eq Pur | \$2,000.00 | |
| 4-01-28-375-490 | | |
| DMF-Pks O/E Pk Exp | \$6,707.46 | |
| 4-01-28-375-610 | | |

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| DMF-Pks O/E Pk Mt Exp | \$11,970.83 | |
| 4-01-28-375-640 | | |
| DMF-Pks O/E Vandalism | \$200.00 | |
| 4-01-28-375-740 | | |
| DMF-Pks O/E Port-A-Johns | \$510.00 | |
| 4-01-28-375-780 | | |
| DMF-Pks O/E Field Striping | \$144.23 | |
| 4-01-28-375-781 | | |
| DMF-Pks O/E Tree Trim/Removal | \$2,150.00 | |
| 4-01-28-375-782 | | |
| Police O/E Tire Exp | \$4,000.00 | |
| 4-01-26-315-001 | | |
| Fire O/E Tire Expense | \$1,174.36 | |
| 4-01-26-315-002 | | |
| DMF O/E Tire Expenses | \$0.00 | |
| 4-01-26-315-003 | | |
| Police O/E Veh & Eq Repair | \$7,000.00 | |
| 4-01-26-315-004 | | |
| Fire O/E Veh & Eq Repair | \$122.48 | |
| 4-01-26-315-005 | | |
| DMF O/E Veh & Eq Repairs | \$11,247.71 | |
| 4-01-26-315-006 | | |
| Police O/E Equipment Part | \$708.92 | |
| 4-01-26-315-007 | | |
| Fire O/E Equipment Parts | \$523.38 | |
| 4-01-26-315-008 | | |
| DMF O/E Equipment Pts | \$727.37 | |
| 4-01-26-315-009 | | |
| Police O/E Vehicle Parts | \$1,895.52 | |
| 4-01-26-315-010 | | |
| Fire O/E Vehicle Parts | \$600.00 | |
| 4-01-26-315-011 | | |
| DMF O/E Snow Removal | | 55,080.57 |
| 4-01-26-290-850 | | |

Resolution No. 15-164

Budget Transfer – LOSAP

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides if it should become necessary during the first three (3) months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in an appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose setting forth the facts, adopted by not less than 2/3 votes of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2014 Budget Appropriations:

| <u>Account</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| FIRE PROT-O/E CLOTH ALLOW | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| 4-01-25-266-000 | | |
| LENGTH OF SERV AW PROG (LOSAP) | | \$ 1,500.00 |

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| 4-01-25-272-000 | | |
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| TOTAL | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |

Resolution No. 15-165

LOSAP Certification – Fire Department

WHEREAS, The Township adopted Ordinance No. 99-10 which created the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191 requires that the Township of Washington Fire Department furnish the Township Council with an annual certification list of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the award program for the previous year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the Township Council hereby approves the list of the volunteer members of the Township of Washington Fire Department certified by the Department LOSAP Coordinator, Chief and Director for the year 2014, a copy of which list is attached here as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this list has been posted for at least thirty (30) days in the squad building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the thirty (30) day posting period the Township Treasurer will issue a check to cover volunteers on the attached list to Lincoln Financial

Resolution No. 15-166

LOSAP Certification – Ambulance Corps

WHEREAS, The Township adopted Ordinance No. 99-10 which created the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191 requires that the Township of Washington Volunteer Ambulance Corps furnish the Township Council with an annual certification list of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the award program for the previous year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the Township Council hereby approves the list of the volunteer members of the Township of Washington Volunteer Ambulance Corps certified by the Corps LOSAP Coordinator and President for the year 2014, a copy of which list is attached here as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this list has been posted for at least thirty (30) days in the squad building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the thirty (30) day posting period the Township Treasurer will issue a check to cover volunteers on the attached list to Lincoln Financial.

Time Noted: 9:21 pm



Elaine Erlewein
Acting Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: April 7, 2015

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

March 23, 2015

Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steve Cascio, Dave Frank, Thomas Sears, Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Matthew Cavallo, Administrator; Ken Poller, Attorney.

CURRENT BUSINESS

2015 Budget – There was a discussion of having one long meeting or two shorter meetings. Next budget meeting will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Another meeting is also scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 9:00 am if needed.

Codification of Ordinances – Mr. Calamari stated is in the budget. Mayor Sobkowicz stated we are going to have to start going through the ordinances.

Roads Program – Mr. Calamari stated a copy of the analysis was given to council and will be discussed at the capital part of the budget. Administrator Cavallo stated he will distribute a copy of an ordinance with regard to road openings that Mr. Beckmeyer discussed. Administrator Cavallo stated our ordinance is in need revision.

Firehouse Building – Mr. Sears stated the bathroom has been completed downstairs. Mr. Sears stated the firehouse did lose a furnace, and it will take 3 to 4 weeks to get a fan, which will run into when the Pancake Breakfast which may have to be cancelled. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that PSE&G is coming to look to see what they can do. Administrator Cavallo stated he will have a game plan, PSE&G is coming between 12:00 – 4:00 tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Beckmeyer asked if the Firehouse Committee met and have we gotten anything from them. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she knows they have met, but she has not gotten a report from them.

Department of Municipal Facilities – Mr. Calamari stated in our packets we did receive three proposals. Administrator Cavallo stated council received 3 of the 5 lowest. Administrator Cavallo stated that the funds need to be allocated first, and hopefully Friday that decision can be made when we go over the Capital Budget, we would need to allocate \$20,000 which we have in fund balance and don't have to bond.

Memorial Field Improvements – Mr. Calamari stated at this point it speaks for itself.

VFW Property – Habitat For Humanity – Administrator Cavallo distributed the second draft of the developer's report from Jacey Raimondo, she did apologize for her lack of communication over the past few weeks, she did have a family emergency. Administrator Cavallo stated Ms. Raimondo has offered to meet with us at any time to go over what we want to do, and at this point it is in our court at this time. Mr. Sears stated he would like a meeting together to work this out. Any questions should be forwarded to Administrator Cavallo. Administrator Cavallo stated this agreement is for two senior and two Veteran, that can be changed, and it will be in our final ordinance when we sell the property once we get through the legals. There was a discussion with regard to affordable housing and COAH, which is in limbo at this point. Mr. Poller stated he has been in contact with the Planner and will have more on the issue.

Intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue – Mr. Calamari stated he was happy to see the new signs up. Mr. Sears stated one sign was not even up a week and someone ran it over. Mr. Sears stated that Assemblyman Robert Auth did call him, who was contacted by Senator Cardinale. Mr. Sears stated they would like to meet here to discuss on they can assist us on Exit 171 and also getting funds for the intersection. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she also did a response from the Chairman of the DOT and

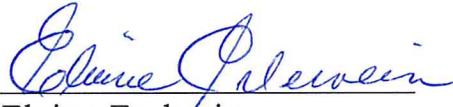
he said an agreement has to be reached. A meeting with the County will be the week of April 6. Mr. Sears stated he has been getting calls. There was a discussion of getting photos or videos of the traffic back-up on Exit 171.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to adjourn.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Time note: 9:43 pm



Elaine Erelwein
Acting Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: April 7, 2015