

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

March 9, 2015

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 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.

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

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz stated that Randy Ciocco has had a 41 year career at the Township of Washington, starting out as a Police Officer and becoming the Chief of the Department. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke at length with regard to Mr. Ciocco, his achievements and letters she received from different organizations when he was the Chief of Police thanking him for how he has helped them out. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that he has been a great asset to this community. Mayor Sobkowicz thanked Mr. Ciocco and stated it was great to see all of these people from the department who showed up out of respect to honor Mr. Ciocco.

Mr. Ciocco – Mr. Ciocco thanked everyone and especially to his department he is glad to see everyone here. Thanked the residents of the Township who allowed him to pursue a career that he loved. He also thanked his mentor, Captain Joe Sacchi who could not be here tonight. Captain Sacchi started in 1961 and there is quite a career between them both. He would also like to thank the department and his PBA Local. He stated to the Mayor and the Council that the department needs their support, equipment and training, these things that are happening in law enforcement can happen anywhere and anytime. He stated this is a terrific group and thanked everyone again.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz stated that Marie Weber has worked at the Township since 1997. Marie was the go to person in the Road Department; she handled all of the calls. Mayor Sobkowicz stated people would tell her how courteous and how well Marie did her job. Mayor Sobkowicz stated Marie may be back and help the Township again in six months. Mayor Sobkowicz thanked Mrs. Weber for all of her work in the Township, it is really appreciated.

Mrs. Weber – Mrs. Weber stated she worked at the Township for 18 years, loved her job and loved the people she worked with. She stated everyone treated her with kindness, respect and generosity. She stated it was a happy 18 years.

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to approve the February 23, 2015 Public & Conference Minutes.

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

Nays: None.

## REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz stated on February 10, 2015 Captain Hooper, Chief Hackbarth and herself attended a meeting with Superintendent Dr. Gonzalez with the Westwood Regional School district. The PARC testing was discussed along with the façade project that the students will be doing when school ends in June. They were approved by the New Jersey Department of Education. If you are facing the school, the façade on the east side of the building will be redone. On February 17<sup>th</sup> Congressman Garrett was in the district and his aid called and asked if she would spend time and give feedback on issues, which she did. She was very grateful to get that time. On February 18<sup>th</sup> the Police Department held its 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Awards Contest for children grades K-6. There were three themes and the students had to draw the posters, freehand drawing, and they did an absolutely outstanding job, the artwork was excellent. She thanked all the businesses, organization, individuals and Township officials for their generous contributions. We were able to award more than \$2,500 in gifts to the students. The winning posters will now be submitted to the national contest, and hopefully we will get a winner there. Captain Hackbarth runs this contest and he is assisted by Sergeant Glock. The American Automobile Association presented to the Township Police Department an outstanding achievement award for all of their traffic safety programs. Vic Fadini, our chairman of the safety committee, announced last week that the Township qualifies for the Gold Award again; this is the second time in the past few years. There are only about 7 towns in the JIF that receive the Gold Award, that would mean get \$2,000 monetary award to purchase safety equipment. She is really proud of the police and all of the emergency services because what they do have an impact on whether or not the Township receives this award. Administrator Cavallo tried the Swiftreach 911 system with regard to a water main break we had a week ago on Gabriel Way. She stated he notified 86 households about the water main break and that United Water would be working there and the time. She stated it worked very well and residents indicated to her the message was very clear and it was well worth having a new system. Asked everyone to please go to the Township website and update how you would like to be notified, either by cell phone, work number, text or email. She stated postcards will be sent to residents reminding them to do this and also if someone doesn't want to do it by website, you can contact us and it will be taken care of for you. On March 8, 2015 the library sponsored a Saint Patty's Day event with Irish step dancers and an Irish band. About 90 people showed up for this event, it was very good and everyone had a great time. She attended the Blue and Gold Dinner event on March 8<sup>th</sup> for Pack 228. The leaders of that group are recognized for their hard work and the scouts are recognized for all of their accomplishments as they move to the new levels. The Webelos bridged over to Boy Scouts. That troop won a trophy at the Westwood Holiday Parade for Best Float and they gave it to her so it can be displayed at Town Hall, they are very proud of winning this. At the Pascack Valley Mayor's Meeting the guest speaker was our County Executive Jim Tedesco who gave a lot of information about the new consolidation of the County Police and the Sherriff's Department, which will save about 200 million dollars over the next 25 years. Mr. Tedesco also addressed the Avalon fire, New Jersey Transit, and the corporations who are leaving the area. He believes that one of the most important things in Bergen County in the next few years will be to train medical workforce. A lot of the hospitals in the area are forming affiliations with colleges to be teaching colleges for medicine. Bergen Community is now offering a new medical program so people in our area can

get these positions. The Fire Department is bringing back the Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast which will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, the price is \$5.00 and she hopes the event will be packed. This year tables will be set downstairs in case someone cannot walk up the stairs. She is happy that this is being done on our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She would like to thank the Fire Department for redoing the entire bathroom downstairs to make it nice. The Fire Department is also getting ready for their Annual Antique Custom Car Truck and Motorcycle Show, which will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and last year it was packed and it was great. The Planning Board met on March 4<sup>th</sup> the only application we had was a dog grooming and daycare place at the shopping center. We do have a lot of questions from the board members and a lot of information that we need, they will have to come back at the end of the month. They will be having people drop off their dogs for the day and there are a lot of questions as to who would walk them during the day and where and so on. There is also the issue if it is an allowable use at the shopping center. The first committee meeting for the Memorial Day Parade was held and the parade itself will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>. She asked everyone to reserve that date for the patriotic event which starts at 10:00 am. Town Day will be held Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Our first Budget Meeting was held on Saturday, and she thanked the council for their willingness to spend the entire Saturday morning, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm so we can start with the larger departments. We did get through our Recreation Department and the Police Department. The budget that is being presented right now is a .98% increase, which is about \$32.00 a house assessed at \$464,000. She stated it is getting harder and harder to stay under the CAP because we have to keep more and more surplus since everything is rising higher than the 2% law that we have to stay under. The medical coverage went up 10.1% for a family and 6.1% for husband and wife and for single. As for surplus, in 2013 \$920,000 was used as a revenue to bring to the budget, in 2014 1.1 million to keep it under 2% and this year \$1,325,000.00 to keep it under the 2%, luckily we have good surplus. January, February and the beginning of March so far on storms, salting and plowing we have spent \$85,000 already, that includes last Thursday's storm, which includes manpower, salt, repairs and fuel. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> the Touchdown Club of the Westwood Regional Athletics held a special event to honor the football team that won the North 1, Group 2 State Championship, it was postponed to March 4<sup>th</sup> and she couldn't get there since there was Planning Board Meeting. Immaculate Heart Academy won the Bergen County Basketball tournament by beating Immaculate Conception. Our next Shredding Day will be March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, bring your recycling, shredding, electronics and all of your old medications to the Police Department. For February 2014 we recycled 112 tons for \$4, 416.00 in revenue, this February we only recycled 87 tons which brought in \$3,200.00. She stated that she and the township attorney have been participating in the Hillsdale Planning Board meetings since last year with regard to Golden Orchards. This project is right next to Northgate, the first time it was proposed was 2007 and it was introduced with 16 homes, which will be between Hillsdale and the Township. Now it is back with 37 homes, mostly all in Hillsdale. It is important that we represent the Township to make sure we are not adversely affected by the water runoff and drainage issues there. Another problem is that 4.2 acres of the 14 approximately 30% is in the Township and we probably get nothing in revenue since there are only 6 homes that kind of border a little bit. This would be Hillsdale getting all the revenue and we would get all of the water. It is necessary for us to be involved. Northgate hired its own attorney John Lamb who is their legal counsel and they also have an expert Dr. Stephen Boswell on water issues. When there are projects that touch two towns, approval is needed from both towns. At the last meeting we attended two weeks ago they came up with the idea that they are only build apartments in Hillsdale, but they didn't bring a plan of this, they wanted the Planning Board to vote and approve a plan without a plan in front of them. The Hillsdale Planning Board voted our way and didn't move forward with it, so there is still a chance to

rectify the issue. It was stated at the meeting that they would build a retaining wall, but still all the drainage pipes and water will be coming into the Township. As of this time we have to be vigilante with that project. The Road Department did a great job during the storms, we have had sporadic complaints, but for the amount of snow it was good. The final road condition was given to council at the budget meeting on Saturday, the plan is to continue with that road program in conjunction with the Valley Cooperative and the roads will be selected from the independent study we had done. Probably on March 18<sup>th</sup> United Water will do their water main replacement. Last year we had to stop repaving part of Hoover because of this project. A letter will be going out tomorrow to the people effected, they have their own internal so they whole project has to be done by May 31<sup>st</sup>. United Water has agreed they are going to repave Hoover from Lincoln to the end, curb to curb for stopping us last year. She did state in a letter to the residents that the roads will not open any roads for ten years unless it is a verified emergency. If anyone in that area wants to change well service, they will have to do is soon.

### REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He has nothing to add to the Mayor's report, it was very in depth. We do have a budget meeting tonight, so at this time he has no report.

Mr. Beckmeyer – Mr. Beckmeyer thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He has asked our Administrator to pull out our road opening ordinance, which we have in our town. He stated that the Mayor did state that the roads should not be opened up for ten years, and we do have to revise our ordinance. He stated that there are ordinances in other towns that once you pave, unless it is an emergency you cannot have the utilities come in and start ripping up the roads two days after they are paved, it is a waste of money and doesn't do the road any good. He has asked the administrator to do some research on this subject. That ordinance needs to be upgraded, that as an investment when we do pave the roads they are protected for as long as possible. If it is an emergency that is different, but just to dig up the road we will not allow that. Also would like to congratulate a high school athlete from Washington Township that attends Don Bosco, Zack Chakonis in winning the New Jersey State Gold Medal in wrestling in Atlantic City. He was undefeated this year and has received a scholarship to wrestle at Northwestern University, which is something to be proud of.

Mr. Sears – Mr. Sears thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He stated he is continuing with the intersection of Pascack and Washington Avenue. He has been talking to some of the county engineers and giving them some data on the amount of accidents from the parkway going straight up. He also has composed letters to be sent out to our District 39 representatives asking them to look into why Exit 171 is blocked for a right hand turn and if they can assist us in getting that right hand turn open in that intersection. Hopefully we can continue this dialogue, he understands there is some work to do but keeping a dialogue going between us and the county it will benefit us in the long run. He is working on fundraiser with the Ambulance Corps for an Automatic Chest Compressor, which is a machine that sits over the chest and gives compressions without doing them by hand. It was also demonstrated on WCTV. His goal is to get two for the Township. The machines run between \$13,000 and \$16,000, they are less than 15 pounds, it sits right over the chest, you then hit two buttons and it measures the chest and chest depth and gives 100 chest compressions. The battery runs for an hour and we can transport while this machine is still going since it can be plugged into a converter into the ambulance to keep the chest compressions going. There is no doubt in his mind that this is going to save lives. He does have some information today and we do have over \$3,300 in donations already. He hopes that more people donate and he will also put this on the website. Money can be sent to the Ambulance Corps Heart Machine, and you can also go to the library and donate money there for the heart machine. His goal is to obtain two, if there is

enough for one it will be put in service. The Township of Washington will be the first to one in the Valley to have this machine.

Mr. Frank – Mr. Frank stated at the request of the Township he attended the elected officials training last week in Hillsdale. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that for every elected official who attends training we save \$250.00 off our bill, so she would like everyone to attend. It can also be done online.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated he was effected by the water main break and he did receive a call from the new reverse 911 system. It was very clear and concise. He also stated on the Caller ID it did come up as the Township of Washington, so he knew it was something important and not just a solicitation call.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

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

Nays: None.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra asked if the Township requires criminal background checks for the youth program employees and volunteer coaches. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that it was done originally with a CANCA Grant that the Township received, the only ones that need to be done now are new coaches. There was a discussion with regard to the CANCA Foundation Grant, doing the background checks last year and that the new coaches do have to go through a background check. Mayor Sobkowicz stated there is no ordinance on it, but the administrator did get some samples on it to put it into an ordinance. Mrs. D'Ambra also asked if the coaches are required to go to the Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Program. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that some of them have gone to it, it will be checked out. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of Golden Orchards and the flooding that will happen at Northgate. Mayor Sobkowicz stated it is a very serious situation and we do attend every meeting. There was also a discussion of the bridge between Woodfield Road and Cleveland which is full of garbage and whose responsibility it is to clean it up. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of Exit 171 being a problem for the past 30 years due to the fact that he ex-mayor of Woodcliff Lake has a home on Glenn Road. She spoke at length with regard to that area and the traffic. Mr. Poller spoke at length with regard to Exit 171 and the design of Exit 171 and the lawsuit which was initiated 25-30 years ago, in which there were two plaintiffs the Borough of Woodcliff Lake and the Borough of Saddle River. As a settlement the Parkway Authority settled with Woodcliff Lake and the Borough of Saddle River, which is a court document, it is a settlement of record of no right turn on Exit 171. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to that area and the difficulty of a new lawsuit, since there is a binding court document. Mayor Sobkowicz stated during a meeting with the Turnpike Authority and their County Engineer Gary Ascolese, he proposed a 90 day study to see how traffic would change, Woodcliff Lake would not agree to it.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment spoke of Mr. Poller's answer to Mrs. D'Ambra and from that answer she would like to know if a lawsuit will be started since it has been spoken of for quite some time. Mr. Poller answered yes, things are shifting, alignments are shifting and there have been some developments, trying to get the best alignments to do what we need to do at the right time. Mrs. Ozment asked Mr. Calamari to explain Ordinance No. 15-04, which he did and it is his understanding that first there needs to be money to fund to hire an engineer. There was a discussion on how an engineer would be hired, qualifications and knowledge. There was a discussion of a Professional Services bonding attorney for 2015. She asked why this council is afraid to put this kind of a question to a referendum and the condition of the field which has been going on for years. She stated that someone does have 600 signatures and the people of the Township of Washington what they actually feel about doing this. She is against doing something where it seems that the people would like it to be put on a referendum. She stated 30 people have called her and she did indicate to them to come to a meeting but they are

afraid since they see intimidating group of recreational people in the back. She spoke at length with regard to putting this on referendum and the field does need something. She also stated this has been going on for years but this decision has been made rather quickly. She would like each of this council to answer why they will not allow this to be put to a referendum, but would like the reporter to maybe call each member of council and ask them why they do not want this put to a referendum.

Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth stated that the population of this Township should have something to say at the voting machine as to whether they would like to see the field, one way or another.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson stated that the council has done a lot of research on the field, there are engineers on this council. He spoke with regard to council doing the research and the public trusts their vote. He stated there is no reason to throw this out, it is a very complicated issue but council has researched it and looks forward to council's decision.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman would like to know if turf is the only option being looked at with regard to Ordinance 15-04. Mr. Calamari stated yes, it is. Mr. Ullman would like to know if all the options have been looked at with regard to the field, since there are no records of soil analysis, herbicides or an agronomist report or is the only option that has been looked at is the one that the recreation department put forward. He stated based on the OPRA Request he has made, he doesn't believe the research has been done and this ordinance should not be limited to artificial turf. He stated that he has asked to look at the information for the 2.2 million, and the administrator's analysis of the expense. He has been told that those are deliberative documents and not subject to OPRA, that they cannot be looked at. He asked if the \$150,000 that is being authorized, is that part of the 2.2 million. Mr. Calamari stated he believes it is. An explanation was given by Administrator Cavallo. Mr. Ullman implores the council not to limit themselves to an artificial turf solution, and to get a natural grass specialist in to give an opinion. He asked what is going to be done with the football teams and softball teams that are not going to be able to participate since the number of fields are going to be cut in half, and if that has been analyzed. Mr. Calamari stated he believes that has been analyzed, he doesn't have his specific notes on it. Administrator Cavallo stated that the number of fields on that field has not been decided yet, the only determination is you can't play two games at the same time, which they don't do at this time. Mr. Ullman would like to know if the numbers will ever be part of the public domain. Mr. Beckmeyer stated that the clerk does have rules she has to follow from the State and if she does have any questions, she is to ask the attorney. Mr. Beckmeyer stated he can provide Mr. Ullman a copy of his numbers, since he does have them. Mr. Ullman asked Mr. Poller how can numbers be circulated that are not available. Mr. Poller stated that working documents are not OPRA'able, you can't make exception to give it to one person, they are deliberative documents, the clerk is following what she needs to follow. Mr. Poller stated that whether a councilman can give something that is not a closed item he will check into that. Mr. Beckmeyer stated that he believes in transparency and would like to have Mr. Ullman look at them. Mr. Calamari would like to get Mr. Poller's opinion first.

Scott Spezial, 75 Washington Avenue – Mr. Spezial would like to applaud council's decision in start going forward in trying to correct a lot of the problems that are constantly plaguing Memorial Park. He spoke of the situations that have been dealt with in the past 15 years. He is offended by certain thing people have said in the paper and someone saying the recreation people are in the back of the room and are not friendly. His goals are and council's goals are the same, what we are asking and in favor of are to solve the problems that are occurring on the field. He spoke at length of the problems and what has been done in the past to correct those problems, and the many issues that cannot be corrected. Council is being asked to make those choices and those decisions, that is why you are elected. He spoke at length of the rebuild he was part of in 2010 and the use of natural grass six different times

without success. He stated he is more concerned about the long term study of pesticides, chemicals and poisons that are put on natural grass. He also spoke about water restrictions which are controlled by the DEP, the well conditions which have changed and if there is grass it might not be watered properly. He stated long term solutions are leaning more and more towards an artificial turf with the correct drainage. He spoke at length of the drainage that now occurs in that area and the maintenance issues. He also spoke of the lights that are currently in the area and their conditions. He stated this is a priority for the safety of all the people that use the field, in providing safe conditions in the town where young athletes can go on the field and not only for special interest groups, for everyone. He stated that council has done their homework, taken all of the information, analyzed it and we are asking for you to make a decision. He stated that he does not believe the decision is yes or no, turf or not turf, both sides will be heard. He stated the people have made their choice in electing this council and now the council has to make the decision. He stated that this doesn't have to go to the town for a referendum, because then every decision you make should go to a referendum. He stated this council is put up there to represent the taxpayers and solve problems. He stated the problems at Memorial Field have come to a head now and they are spiraling out of control. He stated he is hoping that once the studies are achieved that you see a path of revision, a path of safety, a path of low maintenance and a path of something the entire town can be proud of. He stated that it is difficult to read things in the paper about this person or that person. He stated that he is proud of this council, they have done their job and he will continue to listen and provide any necessary information he can.

Eamonn Twomey, 187 Devon Road – Mr. Twomey spoke of the engineering plan which is for turf, and if there was to be an engineering plan for both, you would then have to have two studies, one for grass and one for turf since it is a totally different subsystem. He understands the decision was made to go with turf field, and both options are not being looked at because that would be \$300,000 to do the same type of study since it is two different sub-bases. He then spoke at length with regard to the two different systems. He would like to thank council for taking this under consideration.

Vic Fadini, 698 Kennedy Drive – Mr. Fadini stated after reading all the editors to the editor one phrase keeps on sticking out, special interest. He stated the special interest is the kids who play football, soccer, lacrosse, softball players and baseball players. He stated the kids and the recreation people that are going to use that field, those are the special interest.

Bob Kenyon, 440 Washington Avenue – Mr. Kenyon stated with regard to Pascack and Washington, that out of all these years nobody ever went to the County, now someone did and he hopes there are going to be some good results. He stated with regard to the field, an engineer should have been hired a long time ago. He believes this study should go out to a few people and supervised by an engineering company. He stated someone should contact Glen Rock with regard to their turf field since they did have rubbish coming up. He stated that Boswell Engineering is doing the football fields for Elmwood Park High School and someone should go out there so you can decide what you want to do.

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

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

Nays: None.

## ORDINANCES

### Introduction Ordinance No. 15-04

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-04 entitled: AN 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 first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-145 was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Frank.

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

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-04 entitled: AN 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 was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 9h day of March, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road, Township of Washington 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 Bergen Record, 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.

Introduction 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 first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Abstain: Councilman Cascio.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-151 was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Abstain: Councilman Cascio.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-05 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FEES FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 9h day of March, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road, Township of Washington 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 Bergen Record, 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.

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio would like to pull Resolution No. 15-150 for a separate vote.

The Consent Agenda Resolutions No. 15-146 though Resolution No. 15-149 was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

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

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 15-146

Tax Refund

WHEREAS, an overpayment for the 1st quarter property taxes was received from two lenders, Roundpoint Mortgage and Corelogic Tax Service.

WHEREAS, under the N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, tax overpayments shall be refunded to the payer:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Corelogic RTS  
One Corelogic Drive  
Attention: Tax Refunds (DFW 1-3)  
Westlake, TX 76262

Shapiro, Block 3201.Lot 2, Qualifier C141D      \$ 2,382.00  
141 Windsor Circle

Resolution No. 15-147

Engineering Refund

WHEREAS, Jeanette McCullough Losquadro posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 4508, Lot 57, 158 Hickory Street; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated January 14, 2015, C.O. No. 13-714; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated January 15, 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 \$412.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-148

Engineering Refund

WHEREAS, Patrick & Chiara Preciose posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 3101, Lot 4, 668 Leigh Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated December 30, 2014, C.O. No. 14-348; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated December 17, 2014; 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 \$510.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-149

Engineering Refund

WHEREAS, Walid & Nahed Hamzeh posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 2108, Lot 15, 662 Burke Street, and;

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated February 17, 2015, C.O. No. 13-403, 13-403+A, 13-403+B, 13-403+C; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated January 16, 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 \$383.00 to the above.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to approve the following resolution, Resolution No. 15-150.

Ayes: Councilman Beckmeyer, Frank, Calamari,

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

Abstain: Councilman Sears.

Resolution No. 15-150

Reappointment – Elaine Erlewein, Acting Township Clerk

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington wishes to reappoint Elaine Erlewein as Acting Township Clerk pursuant to law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Elaine Erlewein is hereby reappointed as the Acting Township Clerk for a statutory period of one year until March 1, 2016.

Time Noted: 10:01 pm

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to approve the following resolution, Resolution No. 15-152.

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

Nays: None.

RESOLUTION #15-152

Closed Session

WHEREAS, the public is invited to attend all Meetings (whether denoted public or conference sessions) of the Township Council in accordance with its general practice and the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey declared that the public has a right to attend all meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon in any way except as set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12), which provides for the exclusion of the public from the portion of a meeting at which certain enumerated matters are to be discussed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that, because of the nature of the subject matter to be discussed, the public should not be present at that portion of the meeting of the Township Council at which certain specific matters encompassed by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 are to be discussed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that, pursuant to the express provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the public be excluded from the meeting or portion of the meeting (denoted as an “executive” or “closed” session) in which the following matters are to be discussed:

1. Any matter which, by express provision of federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provision of subsection of a. of this section.
2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
3. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendation, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance, and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual

admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

4 Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.

7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in subsection b. (4) herein in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer. Litigation on Tax Appeals

8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

9. Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is not possible as yet to fix the time when or the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Closed Session can be disclosed to the public. It is anticipated that the subject matter under discussion will be made public when finalized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice is hereby given that the Township Council may find it necessary to take action at the conclusion of the executive/closed session; that such action if taken, will occur in open session; that you are invited to stay in the Municipal Building during the executive/closed session; that the doors to the Council chambers will be opened and an announcement will be made if the Township Council will be going into open session; and you may be present during such open session.

It is unknown at this time if an open session will be necessary\_\_\_\_\_

The Township Council anticipates that an open session will be necessary: Yes.

Time Noted: 10:18 pm

A motion was made by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Dr. Cascio to close to Closed Session and go back into open session.

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

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 10:43 pm.

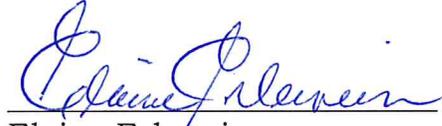
A discussion followed with regard to the budget meeting schedule.

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

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

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 10:47 pm



Elaine Erlewein  
Acting Township Clerk



Peter Calamari  
Council President

Approved: March 23, 2015

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

March 9, 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 – Mr. Calamari stated the first budget meeting was on Saturday, a few of the major departments. He stated time allowing tonight we will try and continue the meeting. Our next budget meeting is tomorrow, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Codification of Ordinances – Mr. Calamari stated the line item was not reached in the budget yet.

Roads Program – Mr. Calamari stated the roads program is moving along. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke with regard to doing this in other towns and the process of ratings and giving values to each roadway. Mr. Frank asked if any consideration is given as to how busy some roads are and looking at the streets in detail. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of ratings, how it was done in the past and that knowledge is needed on what type of vehicle traffic is on the roadway.

Firehouse Building – Mayor Sobkowicz stated they are moving along very well with the bathroom.

Department of Municipal Facilities – Administrator Cavallo stated that he has come to the conclusion that formal recommendation cannot be made until there is funding. Mr. Sears would like copies of the needs studies. Mayor Sobkowicz stated there is enough in the Capital Account payment, that will be looked at tomorrow.

Memorial Field Improvements – Mr. Calamari asked if anyone has anything additional they would like to add.

VFW Property – Habitat for Humanity – Mr. Calamari asked if there is anything new with Jacey Raimondo. Administrator Cavallo stated he did speak with her and she is on time sensitive grants. Dr. Cascio asked if Administrator Cavallo had heard anything with regard to the occupancy of Veteran's. Administrator Cavallo stated she is running that past the attorney that is drafting the agreement, seeing if they can do a Veteran's preference or just seniors. Dr. Cascio asked if there is a problem with doing it a deed restriction just for Veteran's. Mr. Poller stated that would have to be researched. There was a discussion of deed restrictions as a municipality. There was a discussion if deed restrictions could be put on the property once the property was sold.

Intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue – Mr. Calamari stated he believes all the updates were given during the meeting and does anyone have any further comments. Mr. Sears stated he did speak with some of the engineers and the man hours per accidents. Mr. Sears stated he was in the police station and there were two accidents and they occurred one right after the other.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Calamari to go into Closed Session.

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

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 10:18 pm

  
Elaine Erlewein  
Acting Township Clerk

  
Peter Calamari  
Council President

Approved: March 23, 2015