

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

October 19, 2015

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 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 Dr. Cascio, to approve the September 28, 2015 Public, Conference & Closed Session Minutes. (All Vote)
Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.
Nays: None.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears, to approve the October 5, 2015 Public & Conference Minutes. (All Vote)
Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.
Nays: None.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz stated that purple and blue bags are no longer available A&P, but they are available at Town Hall, Kings in Hillsdale, and Kings in Ridgewood. She stated that Foodtown/Nicholas Markets bought the A&P in the Township of Washington. She stated the actual closing is the week of November 2nd. The person that will own it is Nick Bianchi, and he has three others Foodtowns, located in Cedar Grove, Colonia and North Haledon. She stated his son will be the manager of this particular store. She did have many conversations with him this week and he is very receptive to provide the same services that we had from A&P, especially with regard to the bags. She does have another meeting with him on Wednesday. She stated it will be a seem less transition with no down time in going from A&P to Foodtown.

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.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment spoke of an activity that Washington School has held for the past couple of years called “Fun Fitness Day.” She stated it was not held this past Friday, and the reason being is that Washington Township told the school they could not use the field. She stated it was for 300 children and these children had to walk around the macadam and conduct their activities there. Mr. Calamari replied he will look into the matter. She also spoke of the tax sale notice that was in the paper, the positions of Director of Finance and Director of DMF. She also asked what would happen to the Health Department when Mr. Levy retires. She spoke at length with regard to the letter that Mr. Calamari wrote in the paper and signed as Council President. She feels it would have been better if Mr. Calamari signed it as himself, not as Council President.

Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth asked what is the status with regard to the signs that state “State Law You Must Stop for Pedestrians in Walkways.” Mr. Calamari replied he spoke to the Captain about it. The Captain indicated to him that it could be a safety hazard for vehicles potentially hitting those signs. He stated he respects the Captains opinion enough to take his advice on it. Mr. Bernroth stated some towns put the signs by the curb so vehicles do not hit them as they are driving past. Mr. Bernroth would appreciate if Mr. Calamari would speak to the Captain again and give him the idea of putting the signs on the curb, not in the middle of the street. Mr. Calamari replied he will speak to the Captain again.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura read from a Letter to the Editor written by Republican Candidate Jim Hanson and his comments of items he felt were peculiar and inappropriate. She stated she invited people to come to her place of business because of fear of retribution that they were getting in this town. She then read from her list of what she thinks is peculiar and inappropriate. She then made comments about the process of obtaining petitions on Saturday, October 3rd and various incidents which occurred, and the fact that the police audio has disappeared from that day. She spoke at length with regard to her being threatened in this Township and the dates of such incidents and what occurred. She also spoke of postings about her on Facebook being rude and slanderous. She stated that people thanked her for doing this. She spoke of the coaches being certified and residents calling her to complain of the methods of coaching.

Stephen Vecchione, 927 Ridgewood Boulevard East – Mr. Vecchione asked if something can be done with regard to providing restrooms at the field adjacent to George School. Mayor Sobkowicz replied that would be up to the school. Mr. Calamari replied we can reach out to the school and see if the school can be opened for restrooms when the field is being used. Mr. Vecchione asked if a school crosswalk warning can be put in front of the first driveway into the High School and also better signage at the area of Pasack Road by Washington School in front of Memorial. Mr. Calamari replied he will look into that.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman questioned Mr. Calamari’s Letter to the Editor, specifically with regard to the cost of a special election and the committee moving forward. Mr. Calamari stated he is not upset with either, he is happy to see the democratic process at work. A discussion followed with regard to advertisements and press releases. Mr. Ullman asked when the updated budget estimate of 2.45 on Memorial Field will be posted on the website. Administrator Cavallo replied it will be posted tomorrow. Mr. Ullman asked if signs are put in a public right of way, who they would be removed by. Administrator Cavallo replied you can contact the Building Department.

Beatrice Napier, 324 Hudson Avenue – Mrs. Napier lived in this Township for over 50 years and she is now afraid to have an opinion. She spoke at length with regard to being upset by this bickering and ashamed of what is going on in this town.

Bob Gilson, 288 Beech Street – Mr. Gilson spoke at length with regard to the collection of leaves in the Township. He also spoke of the non-availability of blue garbage bags at the A&P for over a month. Administrator Cavallo spoke at length with regard to trying to contact Waste Management for the past three weeks, he did get in touch with someone and we should have the blue bags by Wednesday of this week. Mr. Gilson stated the leaves and the garbage collection should be basic services. He also spoke at length with regard to the leave pick-up schedule. Mayor Sobkowicz explained how the zones work with regard to leaf pick-up. A discussion followed with regard to the filling of potholes on County Roads.

Diane Grimaldi, 441 Van Emburgh Avenue – Ms. Grimaldi asked when the online petition will be available for Exit 171. Administrator Cavallo replied it should be online within a day or two. Ms. Grimaldi asked if there is schedule for culverts and storm drains to be cleaned out. Administrator Cavallo replied

the DMF did have the truck last week and were cleaning the storm drains out. He will find out how often we get the truck.

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

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

Nays: None.

ORDINANCE

2ND Reading Ordinance No. 15-18

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-18 entitled: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$36,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT TO FINANCE THE COST OF IN-VEHICLE COMPUTERS AND PATROL CAR RADAR UNITS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-18 at second reading by title.

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

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-287 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. 15-18 entitled: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$36,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT TO FINANCE THE COST OF IN-VEHICLE COMPUTERS AND PATROL CAR RADAR UNITS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

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

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

Nays: None.

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

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

Nays: None.

A motion was made Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears, to pass Ordinance No. 15-18 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, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 15-288

Confirm Endorsement of the 2016 Community Development Block Grant ADA Compliant Improvements – Memorial Field ADA Improvements

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant of \$50,000 has been proposed by the Township of Washington for ADA compliant improvements to Memorial Field in the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Township of Washington, and;

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Division of Community Development at the County of Bergen to expedite the implementation of the aforesaid project.

Resolution No. 15-289

Confirm the Endorsement of the Community Development Jefferson Senior/Veteran Project

WHEREAS, a Bergen County HOME Investment Partnerships application of \$400,000.00 has been proposed by Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County, Inc. for Jefferson Senior/Veteran Project in the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, HOME funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Township of Washington, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid HOME application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey hereby confirms the endorsement of the aforesaid Jefferson Senior/Veteran Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Division of Community Development at the County of Bergen to expedite the implementation of the aforesaid project.

Resolution No. 15-290

Confirm Endorsement of 2016 Community Development Block Grant ADA Compliant Improvements – Jack Woods Center

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant of \$44,292.76 has been proposed by the Township of Washington for seating for the Jack Woods Senior Center in the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Township of Washington, and;

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Division of Community Development at the County of Bergen to expedite the implementation of the aforesaid project.

Resolution No. 15-291

Increasing Threshold for Non-Expendable, Tangible Personal Property

WHEREAS, fixed assets are currently defined by the Township as assets with an initial, individual cost of at least \$2,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the threshold for "nonexpendable, tangible personal property", as defined in N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6 "Accounting for Governmental Fixed Assets", was increased from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for both municipalities and counties, in Local Finance Notice CFO-96-13 effective January 1, 1997 and brings the threshold to a level comparative with the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice CFO-96-13 also increased the useful life of all nonexpendable, tangible personal property from at least one (1) year to at least five (5) years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey hereby increases its fixed asset limit as defined in N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6, Accounting for Governmental Fixed Assets, to the maximum limit of \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of at least five (5) years for all nonexpendable, tangible personal property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution No. 15-292

Increasing Bid Threshold

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3* permits the Governor of the State of New Jersey, in consultation with the Department of Treasury to adjust the bid threshold every five years in direct proportion to the rise and fall of the index; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has increased the minimum bid threshold from \$36,000 to \$40,000 for entities subject to the Local Public Contracts Law whose purchasing agents possess a Qualified Purchasing Agent certificate awarded by the Division of Local Government Services effective July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Business Administrator Matthew A. Cavallo possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the State of New Jersey Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby increases its bid threshold to \$40,000 in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a)*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2*, the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution No. 15-293

Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Washington and Teamsters Local 125 representing the Department of Municipal Facilities

WHEREAS, the Township and the Teamsters Local 125 have negotiated a Collective Bargaining Agreement governing the terms, conditions, and benefits of certain employees of the Department of Municipal Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Agreement was the result of good faith Collective Bargaining negotiations with the bargaining unit represented by Teamsters Local 125;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the Contract attached hereto is hereby authorized and ratified for endorsement by the Mayor and Township Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator shall, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:13A-8.2, file with the Public Employee Relations Commission an electronically signed and dated copy of this contract.

Resolution No. 15-294

Approving 2016 Police Towing Contractors

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.49 authorizes the Township to regulate the business of removal and storage of motor vehicles and to set rates and charges for the same; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 233, Article XI application is been made to the Township of Washington for approval to provide towing services when called by the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, applications were made and review thereof were conducted by the police, application fees were received and insurance certificates as required were provided; and

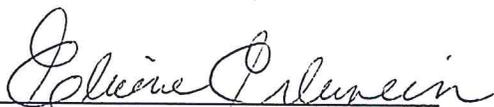
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following applicants are approved for light duty towing services for calendar year 2016:

1. Bergen Brookside Towing Corp, 1 Emerson Plaza East, Emerson, NJ
2. Rich's Automotive, 50 Chestnut Street, Emerson, NJ
3. City Wide Towing, 205 Chestnut Street, Ridgewood, NJ

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following applicants are approved for heavy duty towing services calendar year 2016:

1. Bergen Brookside Towing Corp, 1 Emerson Plaza East, Emerson, NJ
2. City Wide Towing, 205 Chestnut Street, Ridgewood, NJ

Time Noted: 8:17 p.m.



Elaine Erlewein
Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: November 9, 2015

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

October 19, 2015

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

Time Noted: 8:23 p.m

CURRENT BUSINESS

Roads Program – Administrator Cavallo stated the road program is complete with the exception of line striping on certain roads. He stated 17,824 feet of roadway was paved, which is in addition to the 14,743 feet paved last year. In the past two years 18.6% of the roadways in the Township have been paved. He stated the COOP Program has not begun yet and he is happy the Township left the program. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke at length with regard to what happens when milling and paving are done late in the season. Administrator Cavallo stated once the curbs are complete on the Ridgewood side of Standish Road, then the paving will take place.

Department of Municipal Facilities – Administrator Cavallo stated the mayor, the Superintendent of the DMF and himself have a meeting scheduled for next Monday with the architect who is then going to present their study and findings. He stated we will then present it to council.

Intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue – Administrator Cavallo stated Mr. Statile and himself did meet with the County Engineer, two Assistant County Engineers and the Deputy Chief of Staff on the 30th of September. He stated at that point he received a newly revised revision version of the plan. He asked that it be emailed and he did receive it via email today at 5:00 o'clock. They did indicate to him they do have one more thing to add which they will send next week. He stated he will send out what he has to council this week.

2016 Council Calendar – Council is in agreement with the dates for the 2016 council meetings.

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

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

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 8:28 p.m.



Elaine Erlewein
Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: November 9, 2015