

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

October 5, 2015

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Council President Peter Calamari with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Steve Cascio, Dave Frank, Thomas Sears and Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator. Glenn Beckmeyer arrived at 8:00 p.m.

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.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz stated Town Day has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She hopes everyone can make that date. The rescheduling occurred due to the weather that was predicted. Charlie Brown's will have their "Donation Days" on September 15 and 16 to help the Ambulance Corps raise money for the chest compressor. She did see quite a few people from the town on the night she went to Charlie Browns and we are now waiting for corporate to tell us the amount we will be receiving. The Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, November 7th at the DMF garage from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Buldo purple garbage bags are available at the Town Hall Monday through Friday, in the Finance Department in the morning and Zoning Department in the afternoon, however they are still available in Kings in Hillsdale and now also in the Kings in Ridgewood. A&P does continue to sell the Waste Management blue bags. She is asking everyone to increase their recycling as much as possible. She stated this September we were 24 tons below last September. She and the administrator are meeting with a company called Waste Zero, which was referred to her by Mr. Hanson. We are going to give them information with regard to how many households are in the Township and the amount of garbage. They will evaluate the per bag program and the impact on the environment by encouraging recycling. As we approach the leaf season, please note that grass and garden debris will still be picked up until Friday, October 26th and household debris was completed on September 18th. The Leaf Flyers will be going out this week and the program will start on November 2nd. Our Shredding and E-recycling event will be held on October 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Debris can be dropped off at the DMF yard and then circle around to the shredding and e-recycling truck and also you can drop off unwanted drugs at the Police Department. With regard to the Road Program 2015, Hampshire Road was paved and Standish will be completed as soon as Ridgewood completes the curbs on their side of the road. The repairs to Julia Court are will be completed tomorrow, and the paving of Julia Court will be done soon. The water connection for the new home on Julia Court was completed today, so now that all utilities are complete we can proceed with the paving. Colonnelli Brothers who were the contractors for Julia and Woodfield, will be going back to Woodfield to finish up the drainage/culvert work as soon as PSE&G moves the gas line, hopefully it will be by Wednesday, and once that is completed it should take about two to three weeks. The paving of the remainder of the roads did begin on September 30th. All the roads are now milled; paving resurfacing began today and should be completed by the end of October 16th. Our engineer or his inspector will be on site or can easily be

any questions. United Water will be replacing the water main on Walnut Street between Cross and Washington on or around October 12th. That project will take about four weeks and then the road will be paved by United Water during the 2016 Road Resurfacing Program. Chris Statile our Township engineer has a meeting with Joe Femia and Eric Timsak, the county engineers, on October 7th to discuss the intersection. Not even two months after Councilman Sears and me went to Trenton to seek assistance in this matter, the Commissioner Jamie Fox resigned and there is a New Acting Commissioner. With regard to responding to calls from January to September the Police Department received 7,580 calls, the Ambulance Corps 421 calls and the Fire Department 152 calls. Currently the officers in the Police Department are in their second round of gun qualifications, two years are required. Our two new police cars should be arriving next week, certain emergency equipment is currently being installed at the dealer, and the radios will be installed locally. Sergeant Glock and Lieutenant Calamari went to the State Police Headquarters for TACT Training; they are the terminal agency coordinators for the State computers. Officer Cangelosi attended the Bergen County Police Academy for impaired driving and breathalyzer training. Flyers for both recreation wrestling and recreation basketball should be out by the end of this week. Please check the library website, there are some interesting programs going on. The library will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner on October 24th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the cost is \$45 per person. Also a new Knitting Club will begin on October 8th at 6:30 p.m. and they will be meeting every month on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. A representative from Hillsdale Travel will also be at the library on October 6th at 2:00 p.m. giving a lecture, answering questions and giving tips on the popular river cruising. Also at the library on October 21st at 10:00 a.m. there will be someone to assist in Food Stamp eligibility. Fall Story Time and Lego League are also back. The Haunted House is also back and it is bigger than ever. It was originally scheduled for October 24th, but it may be moved to October 31st due to Town Day. The Crazy 8 Math Club for grades 3-5 are invited to participate in Math is Fun Bouncy Dice Explosion and Glow in the Dark Geometry. Our Open Space Trust Fund Application was submitted for the revitalization of the basketball court. Also the 2015 DOT Aid Grant was put in for the rest of Colonial Road and Mountain Avenue as a secondary project. Our Administrator Cavallo was very busy in September with the Road Program, the Master Plan review, the purchase of police and road department vehicles, the purchase of police equipment, including radars and mobile computers, which are on the agenda this evening, property maintenance issues, personnel, dealing with other agencies and Best Practices.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio spoke of Town Day being rescheduled for October 24th. He spoke of an incident that occurred on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the shopping center where petitioners were legally obtaining signatures. He stated those petitioners were stopped by law enforcement officers of the Township of Washington. He stated that two individuals did come to him with regard to the incident; he then called the Police Department and was told that complaints were filed against these individuals. He stated he has advised these individuals that if they wish to file a complaint with regard to the incident, they can do so with the Bergen County Prosecutors Office, State Attorney General's Office as well as the Federal DOJ Department of Civil Liberties. He stated they are allowed to circulate petitions and he does hope that no more incidents occur down at the shopping center, or any other public or private or quasi-public area.

Mr. Sears – Mr. Sears stated another meeting will be held on October 7 with regard to the intersection. He stated there will be a Pascack Valley Petition Drive to open up Exit 171 on the webpage. He stated as soon as it goes online please sign your name; we do have a list of state, local and county officials that the petition will be forwarded to. He spoke of school security and his concerns, he would like to reach out to the school board to see what type of security

systems the schools have in place. He stated Town Day will be held on October 24th, there are still spots open; he thanked everyone who has participated. He stated we have reached our goal with regard to the heart compression machines. Funds were raised for two heart compression machines and 8 AED machines which will be placed in four police cars, fire department and ambulance corps. He thanked everyone for contributing to the fund. He stated he did receive a couple of calls with regard to the petition drive that is going on. He stated people were told to sign the petition whether they are for the field or against the field. He stated he would really like it explained to the public that they are signing a petition against the turf field instead of trying to trick someone into signing it. He would appreciate this being corrected.

Mayor Sobkowitz – Mayor Sobkowitz stated she does have a meeting with the school superintendent on October 13th and she will review the security issue.

Mr. Frank – Mr. Frank stated he had a couple of questions with regard to the Road Program and he contacted the Township Engineer, Administrator Cavallo and the Mayor, all the questions were answered and they are doing a great job. He stated he was also approached by a couple of friends who were down at the shopping center and who also stated they were told to sign the petition whether they were for or against the field. He stated they felt they were being lied to and he doesn't believe that is right.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated everything has been covered, there is no sense in repeating them.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Absent: Councilman Beckmeyer.

Nays: None.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of a letter she had written to Mr. Steve Harris, Administrator, of the Unclaimed Property Administration with regard to the town having an obligation to advertise outstanding checks. She spoke at length of the various meetings that were held in 2011, the members that were on council, the amounts of the various checks, what transpired at those meetings and the checks being cancelled by a resolution on December 5th 2011 on the advice of the auditor. She stated the cancellation of these checks is not right and it should have been advertised and the state notified. She stated she did find one of them, TJ Termite and Pest Control and they stated the Township never notified them. She stated these people were hired by the Township and their information was with the Township and they should have been contacted. She stated if this is not corrected, she will contact the Attorney General's Office.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked what is the official date that the bond ordinance for Memorial Field would be considered final, that is the final estoppel period. Ms. Erlewein replied October 20th. Mrs. Ozment asked if the mayor has signed the ordinance. Mr. Calamari replied yes. She asked about a COAH resolution that was adopted this past spring. Mr. Poller spoke at length with regard to that particular resolution. She spoke at length with regard to an article in the paper with regard to Rutherford exiting the housing consortium. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to the consortium. Mr. Poller stated we are part of the group of more than 200 towns, and there is a new group which is being recommended which is Econsult. She stated she thinks it is important for the town to have said something, since we are not saying anything at all. Mr. Poller spoke of the prior closed session, there being a resolution that was adopted in open session and that resolution is available.

Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth spoke of the attendance at the prior meeting and the meetings being televised. He asked what the status of

the signs "State Law You Must Stop for Pedestrians in Crosswalks." Mr. Calamari replied it was referred to the Police Department and he will follow up with them and have something for Mr. Bernroth at the next meeting.

Agnes Smith, 646 Valley Court – Mrs. Smith spoke of Exit 171 and bringing this subject to the courts to open the exit. She spoke at length with regard to the surrounding towns being less populated and the area being built up. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the discussion that was had with Mr. Fox and the online petition. Mr. Sears stated it is important that everyone sign the petition. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that Exit 171 also will affect how the intersection is done. Mrs. Smith spoke at length with regard to the CFO's past employment with the Township and the Mayor indicating that this woman would never be hired. A discussion followed on why this CFO was hired. Mrs. Smith spoke of the current status of the community.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder spoke at length with regard to the decrease of 68% of the original price of homes that were sold within the Township in the past 12 months. He spoke of moving here 10 years ago and the changes that have occurred since then. He spoke of the ranking of the school system. He stated that even though the CFO is part time, she should show up to meetings to answer any questions. He spoke of televising meetings and he feels the reason they are not being televised is that everyone on the dais is embarrassed. He spoke of the sidewalks and the "Stop for Pedestrian Signs" in crosswalks and where he feels they should be located.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura spoke of the behavior she has witnessed in the Township over this past weekend. She spoke of the people on the committee being respectful to everyone and bravo to them since they are out there trying to make things better for the people of this Township. She stated if anyone spoke derogatory with regard to this committee, to Mr. Sears or Mr. Frank, sometimes you cannot believe what you hear. She spoke of Mr. Beckmeyer, Mr. Calamari, whom she did not see personally, and Mr. Twomey spying in the shopping center. She spoke of someone that is employed in this town is slandering her name on Facebook. She stated she owns the Dairy Queen on Kinderkamack Road and she is inviting anyone who wishes to sign the referendum petition to do so at that location on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated since Ms. Plantamura mentioned his name he would like to clear up he was not at the shopping center on Saturday. He did go to the shopping center after Church on Sunday for brunch and did have a respectful conversation with two people that were there. He would like to clear the record from his standpoint that he was not there spying.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asked if there is an update on the VFW. Mr. Poller spoke of the resolution that was authorized and he is waiting for Jacey Raimondo to get back to him with regard to the funding. A conversation followed with regard to who would be considered for the housing. Mr. Poller explained the criteria and that it would there would be a 55 and over age requirement. Mr. Ullman asked that current disabled Veterans that do not meet the age requirement be considered. Mr. Ullman asked what the timeline would be with regard to having firm numbers and a firm plan to go out to bid from Mr. Statile with regard to the bond. Administrator Cavallo stated once the ordinance has passed its stopple period, it will be given to the engineer and it would take about six weeks. Mr. Ullman spoke of misinformation that has been presented by others not being spoken about. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to the refurbishment of the parking lot being included in the 2.2 million. Administrator Cavallo replied the parking lot was omitted. Mr. Ullman spoke at length with regard to not hearing pushback on the issue of the parking lot not being included. Mr. Ullman also spoke of the online petition with regard to Exit 171 and why it is needed since the council speaks for the taxpayers of the town. Mr. Frank replied the petition that is going online is also going to be opened up for our neighboring towns as well as the Township.

Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road – Mr. Bruno stated the pricing for the bleachers and the basketball court. Mr. Bruno spoke of coming to meetings for updates and if anyone in town has an opinion they should attend the meetings

to voice their opinions. A lengthy conversation followed with regard to the CFO being present at meetings to answer questions. Mr. Calamari spoke of the auditor stating the Township is in good financial shape. Mr. Bruno spoke at length of the audit report and the items that need to be corrected. Mr. Bruno also stated the Administrator has his contact information, and he would be happy to speak with the CFO with regard to his opinion.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Ms. Lipnick spoke of the public parking in the town, that being unless noted by a yellow stripe or sign which indicates No Parking, parking is allowable. She spoke of an occurrence in which someone was parked visiting a friend, sitting in her vehicle writing cards and a police officer coming by and telling her to move her vehicle because the Mayor doesn't want anyone parked in front of her home. Ms. Lipnick feels this is an abuse of power. She then spoke at length with regard to her walkway going to her front door. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she did see a vehicle parked in front of her home with the engine running for a while, did not recognize the vehicle and did contact the police to check it out. She indicated the police officer did call her back, stated it was okay, but she never told them cars cannot park in front of her home. Mayor Sobkowicz asked Mrs. Lipnick if she can forward to her the date the Van Lines tractor trailer was at the shopping center that Mrs. Lipnick spoke about at the last meeting.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso spoke of his wife's past experience with regard to contacting the police department when a vehicle was parked in front of their home. He also asked if there are any updates with regard to the A&P. Mr. Calamari stated he did speak to management of the shopping center who indicated to him three or four stores are ready to come in and, they do not expect any down time. A conversation followed with regard to the status of the JYCC and if the Township has expressed any interest in purchasing the property. A discussion also followed with regard to the CFO being present at meetings for any questions that the public may have. Mr. D'Urso also spoke of an occurrence that happened on Sunday when he was at the shopping center along with his wife and another couple. A lengthy conversation followed as to the responsibility of the Clerk, which is set forth in the statute, once the petitions are given. Mr. D'Urso stated this all could have been avoided had there been a referendum, which one councilman asked twice for.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson thanked Mr. Sears on his efforts with regard to the heart machines and AED machines. He spoke of the negative energy going against the positive energy in this town. He spoke at length with regard to the community needing this upgrade, and hopes everyone is playing by the rules. He also spoke at length with regard to improving Exit 171, and focusing energy to move forward with the next project, and showing surrounding towns that Washington Township is a great place to live. He stated that Exit 171 is a county wide issue going north on the Garden State Parkway and perhaps it may be a good idea to look south as well.

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

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

Nays: None.

PUBLIC HEARING 2015 BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENT APPLICATION

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.

Administrator Cavallo – Administrator Cavallo stated back on August 17th the council authorized a submission of a \$30,000 matching grant to the Bergen County Open Space Recreation Farmland and Historic Trust Fund. He spoke of where this section is located on the tax bill. He stated we applied to

rehabilitate the Memorial Field basketball court. He spoke at length with regard to what was applied in the past and what was received. He stated that the program does require a public hearing. He stated in the Pascack Valley Sub Region, which include Emerson, Hillsdale, Montvale, Old Tappan, Oradell, Park Ridge, River Vale, the Township, Westwood and Woodcliff Lake there were six submission totaling \$202,550. The available Pascack Valley Region Sub Funding is \$124,000, based off current year funding of the Open Space Trust Fund, which does not include what could be added if previous projects fall short and they will separate that into the different regions. He stated four towns did not apply for grants, the average submission was about \$30,000, some towns such as Emerson submitted for \$20,000, where Montvale applied for \$55,000. He stated the projects other towns applied for. He stated at this time we will open this up to the public if they wish to ask any questions with regard to the application itself. The project is in the planning stages, it would be to rehabilitate and get the basketball courts up to code, remove the concrete/asphalt berm that is around it so that the court is in a playable and safe condition. The application has been submitted, it is for a \$30,000 matching grant so if we do receive funding, as in the past, it would need to be funded and it would probably be funded out of Capital Surplus.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra asked about getting a grant for Sherry Field for a basketball court. She spoke at length with regard to the condition of Sherry Field and the pile of dirt that is located in the corner. Administrator Cavallo explained what that pile of dirt is for. Dr. Cascio stated that the basketball court over at Clark Field is in good condition.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked how much was put in the estimate for the basketball court. Administrator Cavallo explained what the engineer's cost is and what would have to be funded. Mrs. Ozment spoke of past experiences with regard to obtaining grants.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asked would it be funding of 100% of the project or partial funding. Administrator Cavallo explained the process with Mr. Albert DeMarco who runs the Open Space Trust Fund. Mr. Ullman spoke at length with regard to the numbers that are in the engineer's estimate with regard to the basketball court. Mr. Calamari stated it is a budget estimate, not necessarily a cost estimate. Mr. Ullman asked what is the true cost going to be. Administrator Cavallo stated until the point the engineer is told to go forward, this is a budget estimate. Administrator Cavallo spoke at length with regard to what is required for the grant application. He stated this application is based on concept estimate. A discussion followed with regard to the estimate and the amount needed to be funded. Administrator Cavallo explained what would happen if we only receive a partial grant.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to close the public hearing.

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

Nays: None.

ORDINANCE

Introduction 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, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

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

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

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-284 was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears.

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

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, 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, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 5th day of October, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 19th day of October, 2015, 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.

The Consent Agenda was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Frank, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

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

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 15-285

Capital Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2015 was adopted on the 18th of May, 2015; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the following amendments to the adopted capital budget section of the 2015 Municipal Budget be made.

FROM
CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
2015

1 PROJECT	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	4 AMOUNTS RESERVED IN PRIOR YEARS	PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR CURRENT YEAR 2015					6 TO BE FUNDED IN FUTURE YEARS
				5a 2015 Budget Appropriations	5b Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized	
In-Car Computers (NCIC)		\$ 30,000			\$ 1,500			\$ 28,500	
Patrol Car Radar Units		9,000			450			8,550	
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS		\$ 39,000			\$ 1,950		\$ -	\$ 37,050	

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017
Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirement

1 PROJECT	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	4 ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME	5 FUNDING AMOUNTS PER YEAR					
				Budget Year 2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
In-Car Computers (NCIC)		\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000					
Patrol Car Radar Units		9,000		9,000					
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$ 39,000		\$ 39,000					

**3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017
SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS**

1 PROJECT	2 Estimated TOTAL COST	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Surplus	6 Grants in Aid And Other Funds	7 BONDS AND NOTES			
		Current Year 2015	Future Years				General	Liquidating Self	Assessment	School
In-Car Computers (NCIC)	\$ 30,000			\$ 1,500			\$28,500			
Patrol Car Radar Units	9,000			450			8,550			
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$ 39,000			\$ 1,950	\$ -	\$37,050				

**TO
CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
2015**

1 PROJECT	2 Project Number	3 Estimated Total Cost	4 Amounts Reserved in Prior Years	5a 2015 Budget Appropriations	6 PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR CURRENT YEAR 2015				
					5b Capital Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized	6 To Be Funded in Future Years
In-Car Computers (NCIC)		\$ 30,000				\$ 30,000			
Patrol Car Radar Units		6,000				\$ 6,000			
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$ 36,000				\$ 36,000			

**3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017
SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS**

1 PROJECT	2 Estimated TOTAL COST	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Surplus	6 Grants in Aid and Other Funds	7 BONDS AND NOTES			
		Current 2015	Future Years				General	Liquidating Self	Assessment	School
In-Car Computers (NCIC)	\$ 30,000				\$ 30,000					
Patrol Car Radar Units	6,000				\$ 6,000					
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS	\$ 36,000				\$ 36,000					

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the capital budget section adopted by the Township Council on the 5th of October 2015.

Resolution No. 15-286

Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, United Water posted escrow monies for the use of off-duty police officers to provide traffic control for the Hoover Avenue water main replacement in the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, United Water is requesting the return of escrow monies that remain in their escrow account, as the project is now complete; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township on this project; 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 \$10,735.54 to the above.

Time Noted: 9:19 p.m.


Elaine Erlewein
Township Clerk


Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: October 19, 2015

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

October 5, 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: 9:25 p.m

CURRENT BUSINESS

Roads Program – Administrator Cavallo spoke with regard to the time line of the paving program. There was a discussion with regard to Woodfield Road, the gas line that runs under the culvert and what PSE&G is doing in that particular area. There was also a discussion of the lake being drained. The contractor for the concrete curbs is way behind in the curbing. Standish Road will be paved once the concrete curbs are installed.

Department of Municipal Facilities – Administrator Cavallo stated he does have a couple of meeting dates and he will follow-up with the architect on Monday.

Intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue – Administrator Cavallo explained the online petition process with regard to Exit 171. He stated it is similar to a program called “Capwiz” which lobby groups use, but we are using the Township website. He also explained what would be in the petition/letter that the person signs. He stated with regard to the intersection the county contacted the engineer directly, and we were copied with regard to a meeting. The administration is not invited; the assistant county engineer will be meeting with the Township engineer. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to Option 2B, which was approved by the previous council which involves two lanes of traffic in either direction with a turning lane. The township engineer has been made aware of this. A discussion followed with regard to how to get the word out regarding the petition. An email will go out and a press release will also go out. Administrator Cavallo stated he will bring it up at the administrator’s meeting which is coming up and the Mayor will bring it up at the Mayor’s meeting. Mr. Calamari asked about taking out an ad in the local paper to advertise the petition. Administrator Cavallo stated he will get a press release out and go from there.

Best Practices – Administrator Cavallo spoke of the Best Practices, which is a work sheet of 50 questions that the DLGS came up with in 2010 which calls for towns to take inventory of their “Best Practices” which in turn equates to the receipt of State Aid. He spoke at length with regard to the new questions and a few answers that did change from last year. He stated in order to receive 100% funding a municipality must answer 40 – 50 in the affirmative, N/A or prospective. He stated the Township answered 41. He spoke at length with regard the questions that were new this year and the changes that were made from the last year. A discussion followed with regard to the dates set by the State for which budgets are to be introduced and adopted. “Best Practices” requires a discussion, not approval. He stated that the CFO and he both reviewed it; it is certified by us and submitted to the State. He explained the process which is then done by the State with regard to the 565 municipalities, and the 21 counties. He stated based on this “Best Practices” we will receive 100% of our discretionary State Aid. He spoke at length with regard to number 15, land building improvement fixed assets and our fixed asset threshold. A discussion followed with regard to questions that were changed.

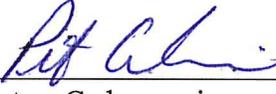
A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears to adjourn.

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

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 9:45 p.m.


Elaine Erlewein
Township Clerk


Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: October 19, 2015