

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

September 8, 2014

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Council President Thomas Sears with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Peter Calamari, Steve Cascio, Richard Hrbek, Thomas Sears. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney. Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator. Councilman Glenn Beckmeyer arrived at 8:00 pm.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act this meeting was listed in the Township Council Annual Meeting List which was published in the Ridgewood News, forwarded to the local newspapers, posted on 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 states the September 11th Annual Ceremony as noted in The Record will take place at 5:00 pm at the monument at Veterans Square. The Garden State Parkway bridge repair, roadway inspections, concrete, complete resurface of the overpass at Exit 168 were completed a day ahead of schedule. Mayor Sobkowicz would like to thank Ferreira Construction, the police department and Administrator Cavallo for organizing everything. Phase 1 of the road program has a few changes; one being southern end of Hoover from Lincoln to Manhattan will be delayed due to future work by United Water in the 2nd quarter of 2015. A letter was written to Untied Water requesting that they be responsible for paving Hoover from Lincoln to Manhattan and they replied in writing that they will be responsible for paving that portion of Hoover Avenue. Due to that and other adjustments that we have been making, we are able to add 3500 linear feet to Phase 1 of the program, so Beech Street paving was extended to go from Cross all the way to Cypress and the Sussex Road section was also extended. There is one area to be finalized and which we will be working on that this week. Milling will be done September 15th and 16th and paving will be done September 17th to 19th, weather permitting. Residents who live in the areas of the road program have been sent letters regarding if need be, to change their gas or water services well before this time. Bid specs for Colonial Boulevard will be advertised next week. The sidewalk at the Municipal Building will be done on September 9, 2014. On Saturday, September 13th there will be two ribbon cutting ceremonies at the Town Center. Eye Level Learning will be from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and Foundations Therapy will be from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Mayor Sobkowicz states residents can attend and learn more about these businesses. Eye Level Learning is tutoring and educational programs and Foundations Therapy is certified to do physical therapy as prescribed. The Knights of Columbus Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 14th at their building on Pascack Road. It is a great afternoon of food, fun and games to raise money for charity. If anyone is interested call 201-664-0422 to get tickets. Mayor Sobkowicz attended the final game for the over 35 Softball League on August 26th. The yellow team beat the white team for this coveted title and the right to keep the trophy until next year. It is important to recognize the calls to services the ambulance, fire and police make in the course of their work. The Washington Township Ambulance Corps from January to August of this year responded to 450 calls, 270 in the Township of Washington and 180 were with the mutual aid in surrounding towns. This number does not cover what the surrounding towns answer for us. The Fire Department had 106 calls during the same time period. The Fire

Department does get called out for things other than fires, such as car accidents. The Police Department had 5,130 calls to service, including everything from 911 calls to carrying weapons; most calls were motor vehicle stops at 1,041. The Police Department applied for and received a \$5,000 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety called "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over". This was enforced from August 15th to September 1st; the hours being 8:00 pm to 4:00 am, a total of 9 officers worked this detail. There were 28 details, with 96.5 hours of overtime paid for they the grant. The statistics with regard to this grant are the officers made 158 motor vehicle stops, 98 verbal warnings and 99 summonses. Captain Hackbarth report the department had an excellent month in August with regard to motor vehicle enforcement in general as officers supported this program whether they were on that detail or their regular tour time. The Township Police Department has been short staffed, due to retirement, injuries and an officer leaving for another position. A number of personnel changes occurred to fill these gaps. Chief Glenn Hooper who grew up in the Township and has been in the department for 38 years is the new Chief of Police of the Township of Washington. Chief Hooper was recommended by Director Cicchetti, former Chief Ciocco and Mayor Sobkowicz. Mayor Sobkowicz states she has seen and respected Chief Hooper since she was a councilwoman. Chief Hooper is an outstanding, hardworking, knowledgeable, experienced and dedicated individual and is a credit to this community. Captain Gregg Hackbarth has been a valuable force in the police department for more than 30 years, dealing in traffic related matters, projects and special events. Captain Hackbarth applies for grants, and he qualified for the AAA Traffic and Crystal Award. Lieutenant John Calamari has been on the force for 21 years and is currently head of the Detective Bureau handling criminal and supplemental investigations. In addition, Lieutenant Calamari is the domestic violence liaison officer and the juvenile officer. Thomas Lawton is a first responder, CPR instructor who has received CPR lifesaving awards and received the Chief's Award for a courageous act in an arrest. Sergeant AJ Pecora is the fire arms instructor and active shooter liaison to the school and also processes all fire arm applications. Sergeant Michael Glock has been assisting Captain Hackbarth in traffic related matters and now as sergeant has a much larger role in the traffic bureau as well as continues to serve as our fire arms instructor. Police Officer Riedel is a fire arms instructor and serves in traffic enforcement and DWI arrests. Our new police officers are Christopher Osenbruck, David Ferrazzano and Michael Ferrarini. Clayton Kenny is the newest dispatcher recently completed training and working on his own. Dispatching schedule is as follows, for the midnight shift, full time five days a week. For the day shift, we have a dispatcher that works five days a week, except two weeks a month where he works four days a week. For the afternoon shift, we have a full time dispatcher who works five days a week. For the weekend we have a part timer who works as much as possible and we also have another special dispatcher who works when needed. The Veterans of War, Post 6192 is holding a special POW missing in action memorial service on September 17th at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center at Town Hall. The public is invited to attend the presentation. Steve Kohlreiter the head of the VFW is going to be attending as well as Kathryn Donovan. The Annual Family Fall Festival Town Day will be held on October 25th at Memorial Field, rain or shine. This year we will have the Ragamuffin Parade at 10:00 am, starting at Finnerty Place and going to the library parking lot for the judging and awards, then going to the Haunted house at the library until 12:00 and then going to the Fall Family Festival until 3:30 pm. Last year the Haunted House was very impressive. It will be a great day for residents of the community to spend time together, enjoy food and beverages, bouncy rides, crafts, and popular games such as the fishbowl contest and music. Popcorn will be prepared and served by the Washington Township Police Department. A new special attraction will be the dinosaur museum which allows up close and

hands on experience will some real dinosaur fossils. If anyone is interested in joining the committee festival committee, the committee meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm, third floor of the Municipal Building. Saturday, October 11th will be the Shredding and E-Recycling event at the Municipal Complex from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, no decal is needed. October 11th the Ambulance Corps will be hosting a fundraiser with physic medium Jeffrey Wands. Please support this event and help our volunteers raise funds for the supplies they need. The Township Library is sponsoring a photo contest called a "Tour of the Township" focusing on themes such as the history of the Township, nature in the Township and families in the Township. Participants must be 18 years or older must submit an 8x10 photo by 5:00 pm this Wednesday, September 10th. The Friends of the Library will be hosting a reception on Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 pm with the winners of this contest. There is Mold Awareness Seminar at the library on Saturday, September 27th, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Adult CPR Classes are also being held at the library and those classes are being offered September through December. Registration can be done by visiting the library's website. In the month of August 2014 recycling was 93.27 tons, which is about almost exactly the same as August of 2013. Mayor Sobkowicz would like to thank the Fire Department Director Brendan O'Sullivan and Chief William Biliias and the Fire Board for being very responsive and proactive in the purchasing, researching and meeting with various professionals to get proposals and bring in new members. The Director has activated a committee of current and former fire officers to develop a vision and plan for the future of that department. Ambulance and Fire Department have also been conducting training. Mayor Sobkowicz states herself and Chief Hooper attended a meeting on Tuesday, August 26th with Mayor Birkner, Chief Regino, Keith Rosado and the new school superintendent Dr. Ray Gonzalez to provide an avenue of communication with regard to projects, budgets and a school walk though was also conducted. At the Planning Board meeting of September 3rd the Township had three cases, approval of the removal of 60 trees to construct a single family home at the corner of Beech and Washington, but the Township reserves the right to amend the landscaping plan after the construction. The Township considered an application for a 96 inch monument sign with self- illumination at the Bethany Church which will be reviewed at a later date pending additional ground rights, rather to go to the self- illuminating. There was also a public hearing for the Stagger Lee application of four homes, one of which runs on Linwood and then there is going to be a private driveway behind, which has received a favorable stronghold from the board. Mayor Sobkowicz thanks Administrator Cavallo for being proactive in working on the road program with engineer Statile, GSP 168 bridge repairs, and a lot of zoning and maintenance issues and purchasing. Administrator Cavallo also prepared an RFP for banks that went out this week and various other projects around town. Mayor Sobkowicz states Administrator Cavallo is also taking a course on municipal budgets to help the Township with this task that is coming up soon.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio thanked everyone for coming out and hoped everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. The council is ready to get back to work. During the summer months hard of hard to get your head wrapped into business, but Dr. Cascio believes council is ready to do so.

Mr. Hrbek – No report this evening.

Mr. Calamari – No report this evening.

Mr. Sears – Mr. Sears states at the Veterans of Foreign War event that is being held on September 17th, six member of the Township will receive the Bergen County Military Service Medal from our county executive. Please come out and appreciate and share this with them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to approve the August 4, 2014 Closed Session Minutes. (All Vote)

Ayes: Councilpersons Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to approve the August 18, 2014 Public, Conference, and Closed Session Minutes. (All Vote)

Ayes: Councilpersons Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra states with regard to Pascack Road and Manhattan, the button that is pushed to cross the street, appears to be broken. Mrs. D'Ambra would like someone to get in touch with the County and have them come down and check the buttons, since they appear to be broken on both sides. Mrs. D'Ambra also spoke of the fire department floor and the aquaer under the land, and that may be the reason why the floor is sinking to a degree. Mrs. D'Ambra states that could be drilled to see the water level. Mrs. D'Ambra further states that there maps pertaining to where water is flowing in the county. Mrs. D'Ambra states this should be looked into before something is done with the floor in the fire house. Mr. Sears states that he will pass this information to Councilman Beckmeyer. Mrs. D'Ambra asks what type of engineer is Councilman Beckmeyer. Mr. Sears states he believes he is a civil engineer. Mrs. D'Ambra asks what the status with regard to the VFW property is. Mr. Sears sates that there will be a discussion tonight at the table with regard to some issues and procedures. Mrs. D'Ambra would like to know if there are any other types of monies from the county or other organizations available with regard to the VFW. Mr. Sears states he doesn't believe so.

Roy Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth spoke of the signs that state "State Law Stop for Pedestrians" that are in crosswalks of surrounding towns but not in the Township. Mr. Bernroth would like to know why. Mr. Sears states he can't answer that, but Mr. Sears will speak to the Public Safety Officer. Mr. Bernroth spoke to both police captains, and they are not against having those signs, but they feel they are being shot down because of the cost. Mr. Sears states we will look into it and get back to you. Mr. Bernroth believes they should be in certain places, not every crosswalk but at certain crosswalks. Mr. Bernroth states in Westwood, vehicles do stop for him when he is crossing the crosswalk. Mr. Sears states he will look into it.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder spoke of the beautification of the Township, with regard to new signs and a way to raise money for new signs. Mr. Snyder asks would the mayor and council consider having some form of identification of an advertiser to help purchase the signs. Mr. Snyder is willing to get involved and help with a fundraiser. Mayor Sobkowicz asks Mr. Snyder to give her a month or two, and she may have some good news for him. Mr. Snyder also spoke of having a beautification program on the Township corners, especially as someone comes in by Bacari Grill or on Washington Avenue and Pascack Road. Mr. Snyder spoke of Stone Hill, and the way that property is landscaped. Mr. Sndye spoke of having someone maintain the areas, and putting a little sign that is maintained by them. Mr. Snyder spoke of the cell tower, Verizon and ATT&T. Mr. Snyder states it is a disgrace that they

have not returned a phone call to the attorney or a councilman. Mr. Poller did advise Mr. Sndye that there has been communication with the attorneys and hopefully we will get an answer from the attorneys soon. Administrator Cavallo has filed an inquiry complaint with the Board of Public Utilities and is still waiting for a reply. Mr. Snyde spoke of Exit 168, and putting a blinking caution light at that location since that location does have accidents on a daily basis. Mr. Snyde would like to know if the Mayor and Council would consider having a blinking caution light at that location and does the Township need to go to the county for approval. Mayor Sobkowicz states that yes, the Township does need to go to the county for approval. Mayor Sobkowicz further states she would like to get a report on accidents at that particular location since she hasn't received one recently. Mr. Sears this will be put on the agenda for discussion.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment congratulates the new police chief and new captain. Mrs. Ozment would like for future reference, as it was done years ago, to have the promotions performed during council meetings so everyone can attend since not everyone can attend on a Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Ozment would like to know what Phase 2 of the road program is and has the engineer gone out to look at the streets. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the condition of her street, Adams, which has six United Water openings. Mrs. Ozment further states today, at 1:00 o'clock she saw a truck from an outside concern, finishing off one of the openings that happened January 5th. Mrs. Ozment states that every time there is a bad winter, pipes freeze and there are leaks. Mrs. Ozment again asks what streets will be done in Phase 2. Mayor Sobkowicz states the engineer is looking at the roads and it will be prepared with the next budget. Mayor Sobkowicz further states that Colonial will be done this week. Mrs. Ozment with regard to the Fire and Ambulance Corps, on Sunday afternoon there was supposed to be a helicopter. Mrs. Ozment would like to know why the helicopter never showed up. Mr. Sears states the papers to get the helicopter did not arrive in time, the paperwork needed to be done 24 hours in advance. Mrs. Ozment would like to know if it can be rescheduled, since it is important if anyone should need a helicopter. Mr. Sears states he also would like to have that drill and he will ask the director. Mrs. Ozment would like to know why there was an RFP in the paper for general banking services. Administrator Cavallo states it is to RFP the institutions where the Township holds its funds in, it does not have to be done, but if you wanted to change a bank, an RFP needs to be done. Administrator Cavallo further states we are looking at the interest rates of different banks to see where we can get more bang for our buck. Mrs. Ozment asks with regard to the disposal of obsolete equipment, which equipment is it. Administrator Cavallo states it is the old copier in the basement of this building that we are cleaning out, anything that is capitalized. There was a discussion with regard to the value of the copier. Administrator Cavallo states when Township is getting rid of Township property, council needs to be notified.

Carl Hopson, 686 Chestnut Street – Mr. Hopson asks if the permit he has had for the past 21 years with regard to the dumping of household debris, if that permit is still valid. Mr. Sears states yes, it is fine. Mr. Hopson would like to know whom would he speak to with regard to debris a homeowner has in their yard that is older than 15 years, such as a boat. Mr. Sears states that Administrator Cavallo can be called. Mr. Hopson states on August 17th he did call someone at the 201-664-3268 number. Mr. Sears states that would be the Road Department. Administrator Cavallo indicates to Mr. Hopson he can call 201-664-4404 to discuss this situation with him. Mr. Hopson spoke of a flooding concern he has in the area where he resides, he has reason to believe that a drains that were put at both ends of the property, have sunk or there is some sort of hole. Mr. Hopson further states the last person he spoke to was Tom, and a person named John did come out in August to inspect it, but there

were no results from that inspection. Administrator Cavallo asks Mr. Hopson to call his office to discuss 686 Chestnut Street and the drains at both ends of the property.

Michael Sklar, 305 Fern Street – Mr. Sklar states he was on contact with Administrator Cavallo with regard to the bamboo situation that has destroyed his backyard as well as cost him four figures in terms of replacement and preventative. Mr. Sklar states Administrator Cavallo was immediate to research this, what can be done, and did come up with some results. Mr. Sklar understands that this subject is going to come up for discussion. Mr. Sears states yes, it is. Mr. Sklar states that Administrator Cavallo indicated that it can be contained, and has brought some plans that are logical, but the person that lives next door to Mr. Sklar is not logical. Mr. Sears asks what address is the bamboo located. Mr. Sklar replies 303 Fern Street. Mr. Sklar states the bamboo is troubling, not to mention the fence is falling down and there is a swimming pool. Mr. Sklar states it is a troubling situation. Mr. Sklar spoke of a pothole on Wearimus Road going up the hill, which can really damage a vehicle. Mr. Sklar states the one closest, going from east to west has been filled in, but no more than 50 feet after that there is another pothole. Mr. Sklar spoke of the permit that is needed for use at the sanitation/dump area. Mr. Sklar has lived in the Township for over 30 years, and during that time residents were told to affix the permit on their vehicle. Mr. Sklar has changed vehicles, and the weather has caused the sticker to disengrate. Mr. Sklar would like to know why he is liable to pay another \$10.00 for a sticker. Mayor Sobkowicz states everyone has been paying the \$10.00. Mr. Sklar states he followed the rules, why is this not grandfathered in. Mr. Sklar is not complaining about the \$10.00 just curious on why he has to pay that. Mayor Sobkowicz states everyone has been paying, in order to use the facility you need a permit. Mayor Sobkowicz further states that Council President Sears stated that everyone needs a decal to use the facility. Mr. Sklar states that he followed the rules, and now this thing is made up with surcharging everyone ten dollars. Mr. Sears states this is not made up. Mr. Sears states he himself changed cars, and paid \$10.00 to get a new permit. Dr. Cascio states this was discussed at the last meeting. Dr. Cascio further states that this resident followed the rules, had the sticker for 30 years, and just because he changed vehicles he should not be penalized for following the rules, since people do change vehicles frequently. Dr. Cascio does not see this on the Conference Session for tonight, but would like this matter to be discussed at the next meeting. Dr. Cascio believes that residents that have paid for the stickers in the past are being penalized. Dr. Cascio states residents are paying plenty in taxes and he does not believe residents should pay \$10.00 to get rid of their debris. Mr. Sears states this will be put on for the next Conference Session.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance #14-10 Introduction

The Clerk read Ordinance # 14-10 entitled: AN ORDINANCE UNDER CHAPTER 55 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON SETTING FORTH THE RATE OF COMPENSATION AND MANNER OF PAYMENT OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN SAID MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR 2014

Mr. Hrbek – Before we go forward, just to be clear, changes were the breakdown of the administrators salary, into the prior administrator, new administrator, breaking down the clerk's position and the clerk's salaries into the previous and current and the adjustment of one or two of the directors to \$1,250.

Administrator Cavallo – This ordinance also includes the breakdown of the Health officer's salary, which was not originally broken down and the Chief of Police.

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Calamari to introduce and pass Ordinance #14-10 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution # 14-154** was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Calamari.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance # 14-10 entitled: AN ORDINANCE UNDER CHAPTER 55 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON SETTING FORTH THE RATE OF COMPENSATION AND MANNER OF PAYMENT OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN SAID MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR 2014 was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 8^h day of September, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage of public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 22ND day of September, 2014 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 Hudson Avenue, 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 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.

Ordinance #14-11 Introduction

The Clerk read Ordinance # 14-11 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW FENCING AT MEMROIAL FIELD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$110,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$104,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

Mr. Hrbek – Just to be clear, we already went out to bid on this and rejected the bids.

Administrator Cavallo – We went out to bid under the former administrator and went back out to bid right after I started here. We received the bids back, when I went back to review the bids, I also went to see where the money was coming from and there was no bond ordinance for this. We did receive a matching grant from the county, for roughly about \$38,000, but we cannot move forward with the award until there are funds. The award is on hold at this point until we have funds available.

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to introduce and pass Ordinance #14-11 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution # 14-155** was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance # 14-11 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW FENCING AT MEMROIAL FIELD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$110,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$104,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 8^h day of September, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage of public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 22ND day of September, 2014 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 Hudson Avenue, 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 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.

Ordinance #14-12

The Clerk read Ordinance # 14-12 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$575,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$547,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

Mr. Hrbek – The expected life of this equipment is five years, that is typical for depreciation

Administrator Cavallo – With the mileage and the strain they are put through the winter they don't usually last more than five or six years. We do have a couple that are over that and they are falling apart.

Mr. Hrbek – That is typical what you would see for a replacement schedule for a plowing vehicle.

Administrator Cavallo – Yes.

Mr. Hrbek – These were discusses at budget time.

Administrator Cavallo – That is correct. They were both in the capital budget, capital plan. The dump truck was listed as \$200,000 recent quote, estimates; speaking to the companies again they went up to about \$220,000 that is why there is an amendment to the capital budget on the resolution.

Mr. Hrbek – Both vehicles will have plows.

Administrator Cavallo – That is correct; both vehicles will have plows and salters.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to introduce and pass Ordinance #14-12 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution # 14-156** was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.
Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance # 14-11 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$575,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$547,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 8^h day of September, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage of public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 22ND day of September, 2014 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 Hudson Avenue, 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 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. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.
Nays: None.

RESOLUTION #14-157

Engineering/Soil Moving Escrow/Batraki

WHEREAS, Rima and Samer Batraki posted engineering and soil movement escrow along with a Performance Bond on premises known as Block 2503.04, Lot 20, 59 Edgewood Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated August 12, 2014, C.O. No. 13-076,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated August 13, 2013,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money and the performance bond in the amount of \$2017.00 to the above.

Resolution # 14-158

Engineering/Soil Moving Escrow/ DiGennaro

WHEREAS, Elizabeth DiGennaro posted engineering and soil movement escrow on premises known as Block 1101.01, Lot 4, 777 Wearimus Road; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated September 2, 2014, C.A. Nos. 13-657 and 13-657A,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated August 18, 2014,

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 \$27.00 to the above.

Resolution # 14-159

Engineering Escrow/Alam

WHEREAS, Richard Alam posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 3104, Lot 38, 630 Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated September 2, 2014, C.O. No. 14-093,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated August 25, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$461.00 to the above.

Resolution #14-160

Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has advised the Mayor of obsolete equipment that is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36* authorizes the disposition of personal property not needed for public use without public sale when the estimated fair value of the property to be sold does not exceed the applicable bid threshold in any one sale; and

WHEREAS, the items of equipment set forth below have an aggregate value of less than the bid threshold:

- Canon Copy Machine
Model: Image Runner 210S
Serial Number: NPP02215

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to dispose of said equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the obsolete equipment referenced above which is no longer needed for public use by the Township shall be disposed of according to the manner as prescribed by law.

Resolution #14-161

Rebuild/Repower of Tarrant TA-25 Leaf Loader Timmerman Equipment Company

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington Department of Municipal Facilities (the "Township DMF") requires the repair and repowering of a Tarrant TA25 Leaf Loader; and

WHEREAS, Timmerman Equipment Company, with offices located at 3554 Route 22 West, P.O. Box 71, Whitehouse, NJ, 08883, has submitted a quote in the amount of \$23,713.39, which said amount is below the bidding threshold required for a qualified purchasing agent; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington Administration requires a 10% contingency on top of the proposal amount since the quote is based only on a visual inspection of the unit and additional parts may be needed to complete the repair of said leaf loader; and

WHEREAS, the total amount to be awarded to Timmerman Equipment Company is as follows: \$23,713.39 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$2,371.34 for a total award of \$26,084.73; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Treasurer has encumbered the funds which are available and allocated in Ordinance #13-20, Account # C-04-55-884-952;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Council hereby approves the quote received by Timmerman Equipment Company for the total amount of \$26,084.73 for the above stated purpose.

Resolution #14-162

2014 NJDOT Local Aid Improvements – Road Resurfacing of Colonial Boulevard

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (the "Township") will be participating in the 2014 New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") Local Aid Improvements for Colonial Boulevard (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has the need to advertise for bids for such Project which requires a contractor to perform the services needed for the road resurfacing of Colonial Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to adopt a resolution to authorize the solicitation of bids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that the Township of Washington hereby authorizes the solicitation for bids as referenced above by the Township Administrator.

Resolution #14-163

Recreation Refunds

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

Jodi Prezzia
281 Walnut Street
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for 3 Summer Recreation Trips
Refund Amount: \$28.00

Lisa Valas
274 Colonial Boulevard
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Football Registration
Refund Amount: \$180.00

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION
September 8, 2014**

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

UPDATES

Commuter Parking – Mr. Sears spoke of the commuter parking and amending the current ordinance. Mr. Sears would like council to review the ordinance and send comments so this can be ready for the next season. Mr. Sears states there will be different type of stickers, which would change color from year to year and the fee will increase to \$100. The stickers will be required to be affixed to the vehicle so it will be easier for the police officer. It will be one sticker per household. Dr. Cascio asks how often the police are checking. Mr. Sears states that he was told by the Captain that they are checking once a week. Dr. Cascio states that he believes that people are being penalized keeping it one sticker per household. Mr. Calamari states it would prevent people from getting multiple permits and selling them to people from other towns. Mr. Sears states that he would like to move forward on this. It was stated that letters go out in November, permits run from January through December and it is on a first come first serve basis. Mr. Sears states that there are 36 spaces and we cannot issue more than 50 permits. There was a comment with regard to having a lottery in the past and the number of permits issued by past council.

Capital Projects – Mr. Hrbek spoke at length with regard to projects, the framework and numbers. Mr. Hrbek's feeling is that the discussion on Memorial Field is great, but he asks that council buys themselves two years' time for the DMF building, what needs to be done at the firehouse, and after those are done at budget time the options with Memorial Field can be addressed. There was a discussion with regard to the DMF Building that a planner is needed. Administrator Cavallo states that the firehouse does have their committee, but we cannot move ahead until we know exactly what is going to be put in the firehouse, whether it be a ladder truck or bucket truck. Mr. Sears states new trucks cannot be bought until the floor is fixed. There was a lengthy discussion with regard to fixing the floor of the firehouse, taking the floor out or dropping the floor. There was also a discussion of the types of trucks that can currently fit into the firehouse, the height of the trucks, and the current measurements of the firehouse. Administrator Cavallo states when it comes to picking out a ladder truck you are looking at a year's time. There was a discussion of calling the engineer with regard to fixing the two bays and gaining some room in doing that. Mr. Beckmeyer states resetting the floor three or four inches is not a problem, but going down two feet, he doesn't believe that can be done. When you drop that much, the foundation is being undermined. There was a lengthy discussion of finding out exactly how bad is the floor underneath by cutting the floor. Mr. Beckmeyer states he will call and talk to the engineer. There was a discussion with regard to drainage, and that the engineer put three drains in the plan. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke at length with regard to the volume of water and if that area is drainable. The engineer indicated to Mr. Beckmeyer that he is confident the area is drainable. Mayor Sobkowicz states to move forward with that. Administrator Cavallo states that being getting rid of the potholes and the addition of three drains. There was a discussion with regard to capital projects, the numbers being verified and adding another column on the excel worksheet. Administrator Cavallo states the main thing he worked on with recreation is confirming the numbers, each year being different. The figure is about \$106,000 that is not including renting

fields at the Knights of Columbus when the Township field is not available or saturated. This year the Township did not rent it out, but last years the Township spent \$4,500 for renting the field at the high school. Administrator Cavallo states the numbers the recreation department gave were very close, not exact but his numbers are not exact either. Administrator Cavallo states it will be more expensive now since the Athletic Association requires the use of organic chemicals. Administrator Cavallo states he did meet with Mr. Statile, and Mr. Statile did give us a scope of work normally used for a needs study. Administrator Cavallo states that a he DPW cannot move forward until a needs study is done, which would be done by the architect. Mr. Beckmeyer states that Mr. Statile did give us a scope of work, if council is happy with the scope of work being proposed by Mr. Statile or would like to make changes. A needs study is what is needed for the DPW facility. Administrator Cavallo states the Director of the Road Department will also get a copy. Administrator Cavallo further states to please give him any comments you may have. Councilman Beckmeyer and Administrator Cavallo will work on this.

A fee for Memorial Field – There was a discussion if fees are being charged for the use of Memorial Field and at this time they are not. Administrator Cavallo states someone can use the field by requesting a permit and a providing a certificate of insurance if they are not a Township agency, they cannot be denied. Mayor Sobkowicz states it depends on what is being done. Mr. Hrbek states people have not been able to use the field. Mayor Sobkowicz states nobody has been turned down, and all other towns charge for the use of the field. Mr. Hrbek states we don't have an ordinance that charges residents of the Township to use the fields, and the Township did accept Green Acres. Mr. Hrbek further states if a resident of the Township wants to use the field for a family picnic, and they go through the proper channels, they can't be denied and by denying them the use of the field, we are breaking the law. Mayor Sobkowicz states unless it is being used. Mr. Hrbek states that the Mayor made the statement that nobody has been denied. Three people have come to Mr. Hrbek and stated that they were denied and they are stating that the Mayor did it. Mayor Sobkowicz states there may have been a reason for it. Mayor Sobkowicz further states at one time a team was playing on the field for three months and we need to know about it, they need to give us an insurance rider. Mayor Sobkowicz states that a study is being done for all the surrounding towns, there is a spreadsheet being put together, not only for the field but also for the Senior Center and other areas in town. The school is collecting a lot of money and everyone is coming to the Township to hold events since they don't have to pay. Mayor Sobkowicz further states the use of the Senior Center, the lights, heating, air conditioning, that has to be paid for and also the clean-up. Dr. Cascio asked with regard to the field, does the DPW get paid extra to pick up garbage on the field. Mayor Sobkowicz states that the bags need to be picked up and also having someone at DPW on a Saturday morning is very expensive, since it is overtime, which is time and a half. Mayor Sobkowicz further states that every other town is charging, so they are coming here since we do not charge. Mr. Sears states council will have something on this at the next meeting.

Bamboo – Administrator Cavallo spoke at length with regard to a Bamboo Ordinance and what several towns are doing. Administrator Cavallo did speak to someone at the Municipal's Managers Association and they do have two ordinances, not specifically on bamboo, but on evasive species and different types of vines that grow. Administrator Cavallo spoke of the towns that do have ordinances on the books, two of them are changing their ordinances since they find them impossible to enforce. We as a town cannot go on a person's property and force them to take care of the bamboo on the property. With regard to Mr. Sklar, the Township cannot do anything since the Township does not have any ordinances on the books for bamboo. Administrator Cavallo is looking for guidance from council with regard to

having an ordinance. There was a discussion with regard to having an ordinance which would prohibit further plantings of evasive species, what defines an evasive species and how the ordinance would be enforced. Administrator Cavallo states poison ivy and poison oak are enforced through the health department. Mr. Poller states property owners have rights and there is a law that deals with private disputes. There was also a discussion of passing an ordinance stating that you can't plant bamboo, not getting into other species. Mr. Poller states the idea of being able to stop the growth is beyond what a municipality can do, but planting something going forward might be something that can be done. There was a discussion of having educational programs that can educate residents, such as the Rutgers Cooperative. Administrator Cavallo states that currently there are two companies in New Jersey that deal with bamboo removal. Dr. Cascio's personal belief is it is a neighbor dispute. The bamboo runs underneath the ground, it could be coming from three houses down. Administrator Cavallo has already advised Mr. Sklar that this is a neighbor dispute. Mr. Calamari states maybe we can put something on the website educating residents.

Police Hours Dispatching – Mr. Sears states a letter was sent to the Police Chief with regard to civilian and police dispatching on May 29th and council still has not yet received a response. Mayor Sobkowicz states that she has spoken to Mr. Sears a couple of times on this subject. Mr. Sears states the council voted to see the hours for civilian and police dispatching for the time since January. Mr. Sears states this was requested by council as a whole, the Police Chief has not given council anything and council is being ignored. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke at length with regard to all three shifts everyday which are covered by full time dispatchers, there is on part timer on weekends that works as much as she can. Mayor Sobkowicz further states a third dispatcher started this month. Mr. Sears spoke at length as to what he would like, such as a spreadsheet with the total number of hours for civilian dispatchers and total amount of hours for police dispatching. Dr. Cascio states that the police department does not keep good records, and this was requested by the previous council also, this is just poor management. Mayor Sobkowicz states in her monthly report it was stated we have three full time dispatchers now covering every shift, five days a week. Dr. Cascio states this is poor records management, the police department should be able to produce this very easily, and they are not able to produce any records or they can't manage themselves, bottom line is this is not hard. Mayor Sobkowicz states what would happen if a dispatcher was not available, how those shift would be covered. Mr. Sears states he would like an Excel spreadsheet. Mr. Sears will send another letter. Mr. Sears further states when the full council is requesting something, that request should not be ignored.

UPDATES

Mr. Sears states that mostly everything in priority was covered in updates, except for VFW/Habitat for Humanity.

VFW/Habitat for Humanity – Administrator Cavallo states there is a meeting with Jaycee Raimondo on Wednesday, he is not sure of the time.

Mr. Sears states that we came up two pages of procedures and steps that need to be established before going forward with Habitat for Humanity.

A motion was made by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Dr. Cascio to go into closed session.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

Elaine Erlewein, Acting Township Clerk

Thomas Sears, Council President