

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2020 Tuesday~7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Feeney

STATEMENT:

Welcome to the regularly scheduled Public Meeting of February 18, 2020 of the Township of Washington Township Council. Adequate notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the Township Clerk to at least two (2) newspapers in January and this notice has been posted on the Township Bulletin Board and on the Township Web Site.

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SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Council President Feeney

ROLL CALL:

Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney

Let the record reflect also in attendance: Mayor Calamari; Township Administrator Tovo; Township Attorney Poller and Township Clerk Witkowski

PRESENTATION:

Service Award to William Cicchetti
Former Police Chief & Director of Public Safety Mayor Peter Calamari

Mayor Calamari – Thank you to everyone for coming out to honor ex-Chief Cicchetti and his 50 years of service. We have had a great relationship since I was a kid, I am honored to be here to present a plaque for his service. I have asked a few people to speak on his behalf tonight because they worked with him every day.

Captain Calamari – Twenty-seven years ago when I joined the Department, Bill Cicchetti was my training officer, in a way he becomes your father, he is your first exposure, he did a fantastic job in finding the balance of doing the job, while making sure I was safe. Over the years since then I have come to him, personally and professionally, he has been honest, sympathetic and straightforward throughout my career, and I am grateful and appreciative, thank you.

Ex - Chief Hooper – In 1977 Bill was my training officer, he did a great job, he was a great mentor throughout the years, he would never hurt the Department or the residents of the Township.

Chief Skinner – On behalf of the Department and the residents, thank you for your 50 years of service. Like everyone else, we all have personal stories about Bill, who always made sure we were okay, thank you for all that you have done for us.

Ex-Chief Bill Cicchetti – I thank everyone for their support over the years, the Department is like family, everyone is treated with respect, which makes him proud. Thank you to all of the former Mayors, Jack Stapleton, Janet Sobkowicz and Rudy Wenzel.

Mayor Calamari (reading the plaque inscription):

“Township of Washington proudly presents this Service Award with sincere appreciation and recognition to William Cicchetti, former Police Chief and Director of Public Safety, with gratitude for your devotion and support for over 50 years of outstanding, loyal and meritorious service to the Police Department and Community. You serviced proudly, honorably, faithfully with exceptional leadership, congratulations on a job well done. Presented by the Mayor and Council, February 18, 2020.”

Mayor Calamari and Council thanked Mr. Cicchetti for his service.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL:

Tom Sears on behalf of the Township of Washington Green Team.

- Support for plastic bag ordinance
- New Jersey State Forestry Tree Management
- April 25 clean-up day for Township
- “Fill it Forward” project

Styrofoam Recycling Project – Began in the middle school, 7th and 8th graders in December, he also had a training session. In seven weeks of recycling the Township outdid most of the Valley in bringing the Styrofoam down to the recycling, the middle school had two large bags, they did a great job. At this time, we have 15 bags in the recycling center. We received a congratulations from the Bergen County Recycling Group, a well-done from the Bergen County HUB, an environmental group which consists of 12 towns. The kids did a great job and were very enthusiastic.

Plastic bag/e-recycling-clean-up – Two years ago it was done twice, a lot of plastic bags in waterways, trees, the next date is April 25th, with Diane Grimaldi leading the project. In doing research, speaking to the community/vendors, got ideas, had a Green Team meeting, they all agreed this ordinance is the best one that suits the township, it doesn't penalize the vendors as harshly as other ones do and he would like to go forward with this one, which we will present to Council. Council President Feeney stated Councilwoman Morgan and herself are in full support of this, please let us know when your next meeting is. Councilman DeSena stated you also have my full support.

Community Forestry Management Plan – This has been worked on for one year, it is down to the State for approval. This plan is a five-year plan, it breaks down each year for the next five years, in what the Green Team and Township are responsible for. It is 47 pages, we worked with the horticulturist, preliminary work needs to be done, but we should be able to achieve this. This year we would like to have a spreadsheet, with every tree permit, where the tree was taken down, how many trees. We have an I-tree program down at the State, which shows a canopy, a circle of the Township which keeps the air clean, from 2009 to 2019, the Township has lost 21% of canopy, contractors are taking down 3 to 4 trees at a time. The Green Team is concerned with the number of trees being taken down, the loss of canopy, and the increase in carbon monoxide coming into the Township. They are requesting 100 trees from the New Jersey State Forestry to plant at Sherry, Gardner and Clark Fields to offset the pollution. With more roads being widened, more trees will be needed. PSE&G did take down many trees, they will be replacing them with smaller trees, that will not interfere with power lines. Council President Feeney requested that Administrator Tovo follow-up with PSE&G. The Green Team feels it is important to keep kids involved, with the Mayors approval, they will be holding a poster contest for 6th and 7th graders, with the top 3 getting awards. At the 1st clean-up, 1,000 pounds of garbage was removed behind the shopping center, and 1,000 pounds of garbage was also removed at Lincoln Park, garbage included plastic bags, water bottles, Bergen County Hazmat had to be called in due to the large amount of paint cans. Sheds will be going up for e-recycling to come to town, more recycling equals more plastic. At this time, we will not be collecting televisions, please don't bring them to the yard. As a result of the phone drop off, twenty-three cell phones have been recycled.

Fill it forward project – The bottle has a digital sticker, every time it is filled, 2 cents go towards a fund for a Third World Water project, it is an app, parents can also be involved,

they can scan up to 3 times. A pupil scanning it three times a day, will save fifty-pounds of plastic per week, 11,000 pounds per year. Funds are still being raised for the program, we are half-way there, met with a few other banks, Vision Bank is excited to be involved and currently we have Oritani Charitable. IHA did reach out, as well as the Bergen HUB, the Township is being the leader in this endeavor. Every Green Team member had an input, from writing letters, to doing research. Thank you to Township Clerk Witkowski for all of her help.

Sneakers project – If we collect 100 sneakers per month, through fundraiser, brand new sneakers \$3.00, used \$1.00, those that cannot be used \$0.50. There is a meeting with the library, and environmental groups. The sneakers are sent to a recycling facility.

Grant Writer – thanks to the Administrator, and the Mayor. He met with the Grant Writer, what we need to do, and put money in for, as we are working on the trees and dog park. He has not heard from the engineer regarding mapping out the trees, or the dog park, the first time they met was eight months ago, we are waiting to find out what the Engineer marked out. The sites are Sherry, Gardner, Birch and Beech, as well as a portion off of Woodfield Road, which is Township property, which we saw six or seven people were walking their dogs. Administrator Tovo stated he spoke to the Engineer, he is mapping it out, should have it by mid-March.

Spring Clean-Up will be held on April 25th, we will be working at Martini Park, walkway on Woodfield, the bridge, there is junk pile at that location, we will also go back to Lincoln Park. The goal of the Green Team is to make Lincoln Park a nature park, there is a walkway that was built, but needs to be redone. We are waiting to have some mark outs, so we know the property line.

Community Garden Kick-Off will be held at the Library, with Councilman Cumming doing a presentation. This year a sprinkler system has been installed.

Councilman Cascio requested School Street be looked at, it is not school property, there is debris in that area. Mr. Sears stated he will add it to the list.

Council President Feeney asked if a survey will be done by the Community Forest Management Plan? Mr. Sears replied yes, there are a number of hazardous trees, he will also give the dates for the horticultural lecture.

Upcoming Events VFW #6192

March 29th is the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, took a course, and went down to Washington DC and attended a Commemorative Presentation of the Vietnam War, he received in the mail a letter recognizing his completion of that course. He did meet with Senator Cardinale, a proclamation was written, it is currently down at Trenton. The goal is to have a presentation at Bethany Church on Saturday, March 28th, he would like the community, as well as Council, to be a part of that presentation.

New rules – Veterans Administration – The first rule is, if you part of the Veteran's Medical Plan, a Medical ID Card from the VA is needed, the Veteran can go to an urgent care facility three times per year for free, if a prescription is needed, they can be taken to local pharmacies, and get them filled for free. We do have a list of urgent care and pharmacies in a five-mile-radius that participate. He also thanked Councilman Cascio for the information he also gave. The information will be posted on the Township webpage, WCTV and e-board. Currently there are 523 Veterans in the Township.

A conversation followed on moving the monuments for the Veteran's to the Memorial at the Library before Memorial Day. Mayor Calamari stated he is very proud of the Green Team, working with Mr. Sears, the work they have been doing, and thanks Council for the funding the Green Team and continued support.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT read by Council President Feeney.

RECYCLING DAY CHANGE - In an effort to better service the residents of Washington Township our curbside recycling hauler has requested a new pick-up day. To minimize weekend activity conducted by Buldo in the Township they have requested that Wednesday become the new recycling pick-up day. This change will become effective on March 4, 2020 starting with the Northeast Zone, followed by Northwest and South Zone on March 11, 2020.

2020 Township Baseball and Softball registration is now open online. Please visit the Township website for further information. Registration after Feb 15th, will be assessed a \$25 late fee per family.

PET LICENSING: The \$5.00 late fee is now in effect, after March 1, the late fee will be \$25.00.

CENSUS 2020: In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. Please visit the Township website for further information.

Freeholder Germaine Ortiz of Bergen County will be attending the March 2, 2020 Council meeting to give a brief overview of the 2020 Census.

Sign up for Township email notices by texting the word TOWNSHIP to 22828 and entering your email address.

Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 4th at the Firehouse, all are invited to attend.

A conversation followed on the recycling day change, as well as the contract, which is currently month to month. Attorney Poller stated he will review the contract for the next meeting.

MAYOR APPOINTMENT (with Advice and Consent of Council)

Appointment of Temporary Finance Officer

Mayor Calamari stated he will read the appointment, before Council votes, he will have Attorney Poller explain the reason this is being done.

Mayor Calamari – To the Township Council of the Township of Washington, in as much as vacancy has occurred in the position of Chief Financial Officer of the Township and the Township requires the services of a Chief Financial Officer on a temporary basis, and until a permanent Chief Financial Officer is selected and appointed, and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of New Jersey provide authorize the appointment of a Chief Financial Officer,

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby appoint Robert Tovo to assume the position of Temporary Chief Financial Officer for a period not to exceed one year, commencing on the date of the vacancy of the position of Chief Financial Officer, of the Township of Washington, subject to advice and consent of the Township Council, which I hereby respectfully request.

Attorney Poller stated the search is on to get replacement for a Chief Financial Officer, we do need a temporary Chief Financial Officer because we can't award contracts without having a Chief Financial Officer, the Statute does provide for the appointment of a temporary Chief Financial Officer, up to a year, the primary reason we are doing this as quickly is we can is to get contracts certified, to pass resolutions and award bids. As an example, the road program would not be able to be awarded without having a Chief Financial Officer. As far as the ongoing work of the Temporary Chief Financial Officer, the financial work, financial statements, and certification of availability of funds to be

done. Council President Feeney asked is there any way it can be done for a shorter period of time? Mayor Calamari stated he thought the minimum was a year. Attorney Poller stated it is up to a year. Mayor Calamari stated he apologizes for not knowing that, we do have some feelers out there and he expects to have a better idea by our next regularly scheduled meeting, he doesn't see this lasting 45, 60 days at the most before we have a replacement. In light of my misunderstanding, if the Council wants to change it to a lesser period of time, he doesn't have a problem with it. Attorney Poller stated the Statute provides for a period not to exceed one year, as of the date of the vacancy. Councilman DeSena stated if this such a concern, why didn't we let Ms. Curran stay two more weeks and finish the work she was doing. Attorney Poller stated it would not have covered the award of the bid, the bid award was just a base bid, Councilman DeSena stated he wanted to table it, it was way past the two weeks, that aspect of the award of the bid is irrelevant. Council Presidents Feeney stated it would have been two weeks over, we do need to move forward. Councilman DeSena stated do we have an insurance policy for Administrator Tovo, as stated, and why is he doing all of this research. Attorney Poller stated he wasn't asked about the insurance, he will check with the insurance consultant to see if there was coverage, he is pretty sure there would be, the Statute does provide the temporary appointment of a non-certified officer. Councilman DeSena stated we are in week 3, there is nothing posted on the League of Municipalities website for this vacancy, he has not found any ads on the internet. Council President Feeney asked Mayor Calamari is there a plan in place? Mayor Calamari replied there is a plan in place, he will have a much better update at our next regularly scheduled meeting (March 2nd), there are some applicants. Councilwoman Morgan asked can we set a shorter term, for example three months? Council President Feeney asked can the resolution be amended? Attorney Poller replied yes, is the consensus three months. Councilman DeSena asked is Administrator Tovo a holdover? Attorney Poller replied he is not a holdover, not to exceed one-year. Councilman DeSena stated he is more comfortable with three months. Councilman Cascio stated three months is fine. Attorney Poller stated the resolution will be changed from one-year to three months.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS OF CONSENT of temporary Finance Officer

A motion was made by Councilman Cumming, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 20-161.

Ayes: Councilman Cumming, Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney.
Nays: Councilmen Cascio, DeSena.

Resolution No. 20-161

Appointment of temporary Finance Officer-Robert Tovo

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer of Township of Washington, Bergen County, and the Township of Washington has the need for a temporary Chief Financial Officer pending the selection and appointment of a permanent Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.13(f) and N.J.A.C. 5:32-2.5 provide that when a vacancy occurs in the office of chief financial officer following the appointment of a certified municipal finance officer to that office, the governing body or chief executive officer, as appropriate, may appoint, for a period not to exceed three (3) months and commencing on the date of the vacancy, a person who does not hold a municipal finance officer certificate to serve as a temporary chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Robert Tovo to assume the position of Temporary Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Washington subject to the advice and consent of the Township Council which has been requested by the Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby consents to the appointment of Robert Tovo to the position of Temporary Chief Financial Officer for a period not to exceed three (3) months commencing on the date of the vacancy of the position of Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Washington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman DeSena, seconded by Councilman Cascio, to approve the following minutes:

October 7, 2019 Regular Meeting
October 7, 2019 Conference Meeting

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming, to approve the following minutes:

October 21, 2019 Regular Meeting (ac)
October 21, 2019 Conference Meeting (ac)

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, DeSena.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney.
Recuse: Councilman Cumming.

A motion was made by Councilman DeSena, seconded by Council President Feeney, to approve the following minutes:

November 6, 2019 Regular Meeting
November 6, 2019 Conference Meeting

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Five Minute Time Limit)

Council President Feeney advised there is a five-minute-time limit.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan, to open the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
 Council President Feeney.
Nays: None.

Joe D’Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D’Urso asked will Administrator Tovo be handling the duties of a Treasurer? Attorney Poller replied no, you don’t need a Treasurer, Treasurer was a position that was superseded by the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer position was maintained because employees had the position of Treasurer. Mr. D’Urso asked the CFO and Finance Director are the same person? Council President Feeney replied not to exceed three months, it is not a holdover. Mr. D’Urso asked did Council come out of Closed Session for any formal action at the last meeting? Attorney Poller replied no. Mr. D’Urso asked if DPW has to be out by a certain date? Attorney Poller replied as per the NJDEP we have a soil remediation date in 2021. Mayor Calamari stated we are looking for a temporary home for the DMF building, while the work is going on. Mr. D’Urso spoke of renting temporary Quonset sheds, placed right next to the Dog House, there is Township property there. Mayor Calamari stated we are looking at those as temporary, no matter where they go. Mr. D’Urso asked where will the firetrucks go once the new building starts to go up? Mayor Calamari replied the new building will go up while the old building is standing. Mr. D’Urso stated he was not happy with the last budget meeting, he feels the Council Vice-President should have ran the meeting, it is a Council function. Council President Feeney stated Council was aware the Mayor was not going

to be there, he had a previous meeting that was scheduled, she has stopped the clock, her daughter had a high fever, she was a the pediatrician with her, she also knows that the Council members did know, she is sorry no one said anything at the meeting about her absence, however, a high fever she will be at the pediatrician with her child. Mr. D'Urso stated Council President Feeney cuts people and Council off, don't let it get to your head too quick. Council President Feeney stated Mr. D'Urso has 15 seconds. Mr. D'Urso stated the Council should have ran it. Councilman Cumming stated he ran the meeting, it was up to Administrator Tovo to explain the individual items, he was not running the meetings, he asked several times to move on, votes, and he was in control, the Administrator was kind enough to fill in the blanks.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman stated he would like a reply regarding the background checks. Council President Feeney stated she did respond to Mr. Ullman's question publicly at the last meeting, as of 2019 no background checks were completed. Mr. Ullman asked will Administrator Tovo be paid additional compensation for his appointment as CFO? Administrator replied no he will not. Mr. Ullman spoke of interviewing Mr. Tovo for the Administrator's position, he doesn't believe he is a trained accountant, CPA or Certified Municipal Finance Officer, he heard the primary reason for his appointment was to accept bids, award bids, he believes Ms. Curran did a lot more, such as processing entries, accounting, who is running finance in the absence of the CFO? Council President Feeney stated she will get back to Mr. Ullman, she doesn't know all the names of everyone in the office, she will have to get back to you on who is doing what, who is responsible for what since Ms. Curran is not in the position any longer. Mr. Ullman asked has the Township entered into agreements with outside firms, individuals, to do accounting functions, he heard Alex from Lerch, Vinci is doing the rollover, the firm was also mentioned at the budget meeting, are they performing all of the day to day operations of finance? Administrator Tovo stated primarily the AFS. Mayor Calamari stated they were scheduled to do that function while the CFO was here. Mr. Ullman asked are they doing any work for the Township outside of that? Administrator Tovo replied they are not. Mr. Ullman asked who is signing off the certification of funds, he did notice they are not on the current resolutions? Council President Feeney stated we didn't have a CFO, now that Administrator Tovo is temporary CFO, yes, he will sign off on them. Mr. Ullman stated the forensic accountant was voted down, he feels contrary to what was said, a regular audit and a forensic audit are quite different, a forensic accountant will dive into issues, uncover and revisit specific entries, issues that were raised, look for issues, tearing the entries, balance sheets and income statements, something a general Auditor would not, a general Auditor does basic testing, they come in and look a handful of entries across the General Ledgers, they do basic testing to see if there are controls in place. Council President Feeney stated in her conversations with Mr. Mai that is not accurate, he stated he drills deep down into the General Ledger, tests actual transactions against what was paid, he found the bills with Azzolina, as well as payroll issues, when she spoke with him, we were doing interviews, he was very clear that they do currently drill down General Ledger, the process, test that against what is actually hitting the system. Mr. Ullman stated he would disagree, he does have professional experience, it like going to your General Practitioner, saying you have a stomach ache, versus going to your Gastroenterologist and having a colonoscopy, that is the difference, Mr. Mai, who he respects, he has to disagree with. Council President Feeney stated she pulled the 2018 audit findings, she did go through some of the items that he had in his recommendations, in her opinion, a \$10,000 bill would be a great expenses for something that he already found, identified and made his recommendations, which were made. Councilman DeSena stated this is the second time noted from the dais we heard that you interviewed auditors, have we interviewed auditors or have we not interviewed auditors? Council President Feeney stated Councilman DeSena stated you are aware that she met with Mr. Mai previously, she did meet with Mr. Vinci of Lerch, Vinci, Councilman Cumming as well. Councilman DeSena stated Council was never told there was an interview set up. Council President Feeney stated if you would like to be informed in the future, she will do so. Councilman Cumming stated we just barely met on Monday, a good meeting qualified individual. Council President Feeney stated we will be interviewing another firm. Councilman DeSena stated he would like to know when that is going to happen, he doesn't need to attend. Council President Feeney stated she is waiting to hear back from the firm with a date.

Anthony Conti, 490 Ridgewood Boulevard North – Mr. Conti stated on February 3rd, Resolution No. 20-160 was passed, which stated Township was looking to either acquire, lease or purchase the swim club, did anything transpire on that during the Closed Session meeting. Attorney Poller stated we are not at liberty to tell you what took place during at a Closed Session meeting. Mr. Conti stated it says in the resolution, acquire, lease or purchase swim, he has to assume Council is looking to do that, correct? Attorney Poller replied he is not going to characterize what Council is specifically doing or not doing, the subject matter was discussed, swim club was discussed, that is all that happened in Closed Session. Mr. Conti stated so the Township people know what your intentions are with the swim club? Attorney Poller stated they cannot, they are not going to release what the discussion was until there are minutes and there is a vote to release the minutes. Mr. Conti asked when would that take place? Attorney Poller replied it is up to the council. Council President Feeney stated Mr. Conti your questions have been answered. Mr. Conti stated he is going to ask as many questions, and the same question over and over again, until he gets an answer that he is comfortable with, not that Ms. Feeney is comfortable with, but what he is comfortable with. Mr. Conti stated at the last meeting, he asked Councilman Cumming and others if they were looking to put the DPW at the swim club, he stated he believes that it is a rumor, can anyone answer if it is rumor or not a rumor? Attorney Poller stated Council doesn't answers rumors, you can ask. Council President Feeney stated there is no rumor from this Council. Mayor Calamari stated as everyone knows the existing building has to come down, we are looking at a number of different places, you only get this opportunity about every 50 years. It would not be good of us to explore every opportunity before we put up a new building to see if there are better locations than where it is now. We are looking at different locations, nothing has been decided, when it gets narrowed down, he would expect to have community input, based on where it is. Mr. Conti asked how did the meeting with Holly Schepisi go, and the NJTA? Councilman DeSena stated it was cancelled, he and the Mayor both received an email that it was cancelled, postponed. Mr. Conti asked is Council eliminating the need for fingerprinting with background checks? Council President Feeney replied it is on the agenda to be discussed, first reading. She stated we have been informed fingerprinting only identifies the person as to who say they are, that is what we have been informed by the company that are doing it. Mr. Conti stated drivers licenses are now being given to illegal immigrants. If someone comes in with a driver's license, saying who they are, approved at the DMV by not being fingerprinted, why would the Township eliminate fingerprinting because that is how you find out who someone is, to get a gun permit fingerprints are needed, they will be around children, you have to be fingerprinted, you have to know. He understands it is a hassle but he doesn't feel it is a good idea not to do it, it might save a life, that is his opinion.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura stated she received a Rice Notice regarding Zoning Board appointments, she was told it was going to be discussed at the February 3rd Council meeting, she would like to know if she was discussed, as well as the cut-off date to submit names to the Zoning Board? Council President Feeney stated the date was January 31st, it was announced at the Council meeting. Ms. Plantamura stated she was told it was December 31st, she was already an alternate. Councilman DeSena stated the advertisement is clear, it is January 31st, anything received after that date, should not be accepted. Council President Feeney stated we did have one applicant that was sent on February 1st, he was traveling, stuck due to weather, and asked if he could submit his on February 1st, it was granted because he sent a request before January 31st. Ms. Plantamura asked when will she be discussed at a Council meeting? Council President Feeney replied it is on the agenda for tonight, we do not know if you are going to be discussed specifically. Ms. Plantamura asked is a Rice Notice required every time a person is to be discussed, or does that continue meeting to meeting? Attorney Poller replied only if you choose to be discussed in Closed Session, if it is discussed in open session, there is no Rice Notice. She stated the road paving was in the budget last year, how are the monies factored in for this year, since it wasn't done last year? Councilman Cumming replied he did express concerns, he has no answer to the question, we will be using the full amount of monies. Mayor Calamari stated since that is a capital project, we can expand multiple years on it, so the same money would have been for last year, we will be paying for it the beginning of this year.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment stated she received a letter from Buldo on February 7th regarding the date change of recycling, did the Council or Administration know? Councilman DeSena replied the Council did not know. Administrator Tovo replied we were in discussion with them when the letter was sent out. Mrs. Ozment stated she finds it strange that nothing was said at the February 3rd meeting, four days later this letter was received. Administrator Tovo stated as he said we had a conversation with Buldo, nothing was final when that letter was sent out. Council President Feeney stated Buldo sent that letter out without the acknowledgment of the Township, it was supposed to be a joint announcement, they went ahead and sent the letter, the vendor did that on their own. Mayor Calamari stated Buldo did apologize for the error. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the seating change, what the seating has been in the past and why it is being done. Attorney Poller stated one of the main reasons was that he used to sit next to the Council President, who very often has procedural questions, so when Mrs. Feeney became Council President, she made it clear that she would like to reinstate the Attorney being next to her the same way. Mrs. Ozment stated Attorney Poller is also the attorney for the Mayor. Attorney Poller stated no, that is not true, he is the attorney for the Township, he represents the Council, the Mayor, and the taxpayers, the reason he is being changed is to be next to the Council President, for the same reason he is here for 28 years. Council President Feeney stated the reason she moved the Council Vice-President is if she is absent, that he can next to Attorney Poller. Mrs. Ozment asked if Valley Bank and the synagogue went in front of the Planning Board regarding changing their signs? Mayor Calamari stated Valley Bank called a sign expeditor to change all of their signs, from Oritani to Valley, the bank was scheduled for an unveiling of the sign, we did inform them they needed to submit an application, which they did last week. He did send out an email to the Planning Board, they synagogue does not have an application before the Planning Board. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the Governor mandating the use of plastic bags, therefore eliminating wasting time on Council introducing an ordinance, but people not realizing that many trees will come down to make paper bags, reusable bags do get dirty. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the name change from DMF to DPW, the lack of Zoning Board candidates, the last few meetings being cancelled, and Golden Orchards application likely doing the same thing as Gorga Place.

A motion was made by Councilman DeSena, seconded by Council President Feeney, to close the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES

Adoption, 2nd Reading: None

Introduction, 1st Reading:

Ordinance No. 20-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON (CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS) ELIMINATING FINGERPRINTING AS A REQUIREMENT

Council President Feeney requested a break. (Time noted: 9:02 p.m. to 9:14 p.m.)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan, seconded by Councilman DeSena, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 20-02 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Councilman Cascio.

A motion was made by Councilman Cumming, seconded by Councilman Cumming, to approve Resolution No. 20-162.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 20 – 162

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 20-02 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON (CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS) ELIMINATING FINGERPRINTING AS A REQUIREMENT was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 18th day of February, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 2nd day of March, 2020 at 7:30pm, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Complex, 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 office of 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.

Ordinance No. 20-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON (CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS) ELIMINATING FINGERPRINTING AS A REQUIREMENT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that Chapter 15 (Criminal History Background Checks) of the Code of the Township of Washington is hereby amended as follows:

1. The definition of “Criminal History Record Background Check” under § 15-1 [Definitions] is hereby amended as follows:

“CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD BACKGROUND CHECK

A determination of whether a person has a criminal record by cross-referencing that person's name with those on file with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Identification Division, and/or the New Jersey State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police. Fingerprinting shall not be a requirement in connection therewith.”

2. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

3. All Ordinances or any provisions of any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies and not otherwise.

4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication and in accordance with the Charter, and subject to such emergency resolution as may be adopted pursuant to Section 17-32 thereof. [R.S. 40:69A-181 (b)].

INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTION(S): None

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

All of the following items have been determined to have the unanimous consent of Council and will be enacted in one motion. Should any item require independent consideration, any Council Member may have such item removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilman DeSena requested Resolutions 20-163 and 20-166 be pulled for a separate vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan, to approve Resolutions 20-164 and 20-165.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Resolution 20-164

Authorize refund of engineering escrow monies, KA Store/Township Stationery in the amount of \$164.90

WHEREAS, KA Store/Township Stationery posted engineering escrow monies for new signage at Washington Town Center; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval, C.A. 19-435, dated 12/9/19; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has been paid in full and has recommended release of escrow, per his correspondence of February 6, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of escrow in the amount of \$164.90 to the above.

PROJECT ID: KASTORE001

Resolution 20-165

Authorize the Mayor to execute Right-of-Way Use Agreement on behalf of the Township with Cross River Fiber

WHEREAS, Cross River Fiber LLC (“Cross River”), is a telecommunications facility authorized to provide service by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU); and

WHEREAS, Cross River has requested approval to install its telecommunication facilities aerially on existing utility poles or in an underground conduit in the Public Rights-of-Way within the Township of Washington for the purpose of owning, constructing, installing, operating, repairing and maintaining a telecommunications system; and

WHEREAS, Cross River was approved by the BPU to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-19, Cross Fiber is required to obtain consent and approval of the Township of Washington (the “Township”) Council as a condition of such access; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:30A-124(a) provides that the municipality may not impose any fees, taxes, levies or assessments in the nature of franchise, right of way, or gross receipts fee, tax, levy or assessment against telecommunication companies but that the municipality may impose reasonable fees for actual services made by any municipal, regional or county governmental agency; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Township of Washington and its citizens to grant consent to Cross River; and

WHEREAS, the consent granted is for the non-exclusive use of the Public Rights-of-Ways for the purpose of owning, constructing, installing, operating, repairing and maintaining a telecommunications system subject to the terms and conditions of the attached Rights-Of-Way Use Agreement between the Township of Washington and Cross River Fiber LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington as follows:

1. Permission and authority are hereby granted to Cross River to install telecommunications system on existing poles or in existing conduits, in the public rights-of-way in Washington Township in order to provide communications services to the public, and to operate, maintain and repair said facilities, subject to the terms and conditions of that certain Rights-of-Way Use Agreement annexed hereto which has been executed by Cross Fiber;

2. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute said Rights-of-Way Use Agreement on behalf of the Township.

Discussion Resolution No. 20-163

Council President Feeney stated payment 19-00225 of February 15, 2019, there is a bill that should have been applied to the prior year. Administrator Tovo stated we are not sure if that is a typo, or if it was applied to the wrong year, the employee will back tomorrow, she has been out sick. Council President Feeney stated it will be removed from the bill list. Councilman DeSena asked on page 5, Tri-County Mechanical, LLC was that for emergency drain jetting? Administrator Tovo replied he will double-check he believes it was for Police Department back-up.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming, to approve Resolution No. 20-163, except for 19-000225.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 20-163

Authorize payment of bills, February 3, 2020 – February 13, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington as per Ordinance No. 19-25, § 7-61 Payment of claims; expenditures, the list of claims below have been reviewed and approved by the Department Head, Township Administrator, Mayor and Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the following list of bills, representing the time frame of 02/03/2020 to 02/13/2020:

TOTAL	2019 Reserve	\$34,727.28	
TOTAL	2020 Current	\$49,478.39	
TOTAL	Capital Fund	\$46,970.84	
TOTAL	Animal Control	0.00	
TOTAL	Grant Fund	0.00	
TOTAL	Trust Fund	\$517.50	
TOTAL	Escrow Trust	\$2,604.66	
		GRAND TOTAL:	\$134,298.67

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following claims have been paid by the Treasurer prior to the Bill List Resolution as per Ordinance No. 19-25, in the following amounts, in categories not requiring prior Council approval:

TOTAL	County of Bergen-Quarter 1 2020 Tax Levy	\$1,051,990.00
TOTAL	County of Bergen-Quarter 1 2020 Open Space Levy	\$45,081.00
TOTAL	County Board Judgement-Habitat for Humanity	\$1,555.02
		GRAND TOTAL: \$1,098,626.02

Vendor Name	Description	Amount	Check Id
REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	Kenwood TK7360HV VHF Dash	861.99	38562
WB MASON CO., INC.	KEY TAGS, BATTERIES, POST-ITS	42.16	38540
WB MASON CO., INC.	PD/ Chief and Capt. Cards	31.80	38540
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2019 VERIZON RD OPEN IN#136319	776.25	3437
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2019 ROAD IMP PROG IN# 135994	15,033.00	3437
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2019 ROAD IMP PROG IN# 136636	3,225.75	3437
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2019 VERIZON RD OPEN IN#135997	569.25	3437
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2019 ROAD IMP PROG IN# 136317	4,710.00	3437
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPLEX	517.50	3437
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPLEX	51.75	3437
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPLEX	51.75	3437
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2018 STORMWATER REP I# 135995	51.75	38554
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2019 GENERAL ENGINEERING-Aug	3,750.00	38554
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2019 GENERAL ENGINEERING-Sep	3,750.00	38554
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2019 GENERAL ENGINEERING-Nov	3,750.00	38554
D & E UNIFORMS	French Blue Dress Blouse	350.00	38524
D & E UNIFORMS	Cross Strap B/W	42.95	38524
D & E UNIFORMS	D Rings BW	16.00	38524
D & E UNIFORMS	Trooper Hat Complete	149.80	38524
D & E UNIFORMS	Chief's Trooper Hat Complete	119.90	38524
D & E UNIFORMS	Ties DK Navy	21.00	38524
D & E UNIFORMS	Ties French Blue	21.00	38524
D & E UNIFORMS	Reversible Hat Cover	38.85	38524
D & E UNIFORMS	Reversible Rain Coat	175.95	38524
ATLANTIC TACTICAL INC.	SMITH & WESSON 311041 M&P15T	740.37	38542
ATLANTIC TACTICAL INC.	AIMPOINT PRO PATROL RIFLE	788.80	38542
ATLANTIC TACTICAL INC.	STREAMLIGHT PROTAC RAILMOUNT	240.00	38542
ATLANTIC TACTICAL INC.	MAGPUL RSA-QD RAIL SLING ATTCH	56.00	38542
ATLANTIC TACTICAL INC.	5.11 SHOCK 36" RIFLE CASE	127.48	38542
CERTIFIED SPEEDOMETER	PD/ Patrol Veh. Calibrations	160.00	38518
ROTHSTEIN, RUSSELL	REFUND ESCROW MONIES	24.25	8731
LAM, DOYAL & LUI-LUI	HOMESTEAD REBATE RFD Q4 2019	463.69	38558
HUDSON TIRE EXCHANGE INC.	GOODYEAR EAGLE RS-A 245/55R18	1,080.00	38534
HUDSON TIRE EXCHANGE INC.	Firestone 265/60R17	706.20	38534
AT&T	LONG DISTANCE CHARGES-2020	148.94	38526
AT&T	LONG DISTANCE COURT CLERK-2020	12.83	38526
VERIZON	2020-POLICE DESK 201-664-1140	411.10	38522
VERIZON	2020-POLICE 201-664-1157	73.14	38522
VERIZON	2020-COURT FAX 201-664-7194	82.19	38522
VERIZON	2020-ADMIN FAX 201-664-8281	38.47	38522
VERIZON	2019-BLDG FAX 201-666-0338	41.36	38522
VERIZON	2019-FIRE HOUSE 201-666-0750	77.88	38522
VERIZON	2020-ROADS FAX 201-664-6928	37.22	38522
RICOH USA, INC	CLERK COPIER	101.51	38546
RICOH USA, INC	POLICE COPIER LEASE	135.36	38546
NESTLE WATERS NORTH AMERICA	2020 - BOTTLE WATER DELIVERY	251.28	38552
BERGEN COUNTY FUEL/MECHANICAL	2019- VEHICLE FUEL DMF - OCT	1,990.11	38545
BERGEN COUNTY FUEL/MECHANICAL	2019 VEHICLE FUEL FIRE - OCT	133.03	38545
BERGEN COUNTY FUEL/MECHANICAL	2019-VEHICLE FUEL POLICE OCT	1,999.83	38545
Original Italian Pizza	Pizza on 12/2/19 DMF	80.00	38547
MARKERTEK	BEYERDYNAMIC MPR-210-B	978.00	38525
DERIENZO, THOMAS JR.	FIRE OFFICIAL SERVICES 2018	8,500.00	38550
HAWKINS, DELAFIELD & WOOD	2019 bond issuance	13,435.00	3436
HAWKINS, DELAFIELD & WOOD	2019 official statement	2,625.00	3436
HAWKINS, DELAFIELD & WOOD	2019 bond prep and meetings	2,375.00	3436

HAWKINS, DELAFIELD & WOOD	2019 bonds misc. research work	1,450.00	3436
HAWKINS, DELAFIELD & WOOD	2019 bonds phone repro, other	150.59	3436
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	2019-1099 FORMS/ENVELOPES	163.50	38520
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	2019-1099 FORMS/SHIPPING	17.00	38520
GIANNANTONIO & ROTH, LLC	Attend ZBA Meeting	250.00	38560
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	Legal Advertisements	49.50	38528
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	Legal Advertisements	12.65	38528
SILK ABSTRACT CO.	REUND TAX OVERPAYMENT	293.65	38559
SERGO, RICH & JEN	REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT	368.00	8733
MATHUSEK, MARCHELLA	REFUND ESCROW MONIES	244.00	8732
COLLIS, MICHELLE	REFUND ESCROW MONIES	478.75	8734
TRI-COUNTY MECHANICAL LLC	Emergency Drain Jetting	1,250.00	38553
AMERICAN WEAR INC.	INVOICE# 648404 1/9/20	94.05	38536
AMERICAN WEAR INC.	WIPER RED 18X18	14.00	38536
AMERICAN WEAR INC.	INVOICE# 645782 1/2/20	94.05	38536
AMERICAN WEAR INC.	WIPER RED 18X18	14.00	38536
CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION	PLOW BLADES FOR NEW TRUCK	681.00	38532
ARISTA TROPHIES & AWARDS	ID BADGES FOR INSPECTORS	36.00	38541
TREASURER STATE OF NJ	2019 DCA FEES - 4TH QTR	1,953.00	38531
S & S WORLDWIDE, INC	S&S, ASSORTED ITEMS CAMP	147.34	38557
S & S WORLDWIDE, INC	S&S, ASSORTED ITEMS CAMP	351.05	38557
S & S WORLDWIDE, INC	S&S, ASSORTED ITEMS CAMP	50.69	38557
S & S WORLDWIDE, INC	S&S WORLDWIDE ASSORTED ITEMS	5,490.07	38557
AMERICAN WEAR INC.	INVOICE 651042 1/16/20	94.05	38536
AMERICAN WEAR INC.	WIPER RED 18X18	14.00	38536
AMERICAN WEAR INC.		5.00	38536
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	NEUTRAL FLOOR CLEANER	9.49	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	TAPE 2 PACK	14.88	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	TV MOUNT	79.97	38529
WESTWOOD BRUSHLESS CAR WASH	December 2019 Bill	140.00	38543
APPROVED SURGICAL SUPPLIES, INC	Oxygen Tank Refill	29.00	38533
APPROVED SURGICAL SUPPLIES, INC	Oxygen Tank Refill	53.00	38533
CQ FLUENCY, INC	Phone Interpreter	19.80	38551
VADALA, ALBERTA J.	Alternate Violation Clerk	48.00	38556
VADALA, ALBERTA J.	Alternate Violation Clerk	48.00	38556
H & H WEB MANAGEMENT	WEBSITE MANAGEMENT- 1ST QTR	1,500.00	38538
LOUIS J. LAMATINA, ESQ.	Review docs, prepare Resolution	270.00	8730
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Weller 40 Watt Led Soldering	24.97	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Harris Products Group	10.47	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Everbilt Galvanized Carriage	37.80	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Everbilt Hex Nut (50-Pack)	20.70	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Carriage Bolt 20 Pack	15.48	38529
WESTWOOD REGIONAL BD OF EDUCAT	Custodial overtime	292.50	8725
MARINI BROS CONSTRUCTION CO	605 Monroe Ave. Inlet	2,000.00	3438
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	2020 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	0.00	38519
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	MNJTX1 SS TAX COLLECTION	2,275.00	38519
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	MNJFN1 SS FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	3,410.00	38519
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	MNJER1 SS ELECTRONIC REQS.	975.00	38519
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	MNJDE1 SS ESCROW ACCOUNTING	975.00	38519
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	MNJAL1 SS ANIMAL LICENSING	543.00	38519
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	M-NJ-WPT WIPP TAX ANNUAL	1,240.00	38519
DORL, MELINDA	Transcription Services	144.00	38549
DORL, MELINDA	Transcription Services	225.00	38549
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	Default App. 34 Maple	8.06	8727
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	Default App. 34 Maple	14.30	8727
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	Legal Ad - PB-19-26 Cedar	9.30	8727
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	2020 Meeting Dates	27.28	38528
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	PLAN BD-3501/11 #72783	783.00	8726

PSE&G-CCMC	RIDGEWOOD RD 6504238502	18.45	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	MANHATTAN / PASCACK 7225593102	24.39	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	SUTTON WY 7225597418	51.71	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	651 PASCACK RD 7225599909	49.82	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	WASHINGTON AV SCHOO 7225690604	42.05	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	CROSS ST 7225733702	20.70	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	536 RIDGEWOOD FIELD 7225735306	20.07	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	PASCACK RD P60071 7225736108	34.98	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	HAMPTON CT SL GREEN 7225737406	69.82	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	670 WASHINGTON AVE 7225774409	109.01	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	CALVIN ST & HUDSON 7225781200	6.28	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	NORTHGATE RD 7225875507	147.77	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	350 PASCACK RD BORO 7225879707	4,335.57	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	7 HAMPTON CT 7225923307	17.64	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	350 PASCACK POLICE 7225927906	526.21	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	POND CT SL 7225975900	141.97	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	SUTTON WAY 7225979000	194.54	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	470 PASCACK RD 7225982109	1,231.60	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	DANBURY CT 7226060000	357.16	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	LAFAYETTE AVE 7226062704	92.44	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	350 HUDSON AVE 1 7226064103	589.71	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	670 WASHINGTON AVE 7226067900	1,226.08	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	VARIOUS LOCATIONS 7226201909	4,979.32	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	593 CROSS BASEBALL 7225980203	108.44	38527
PSE&G-CCMC	VAN EMBURGH & WASH 7226200309	12.75	38527
TCTA OF BERGEN COUNTY	2020 ANNUAL DUES-JOI APAR	50.00	38539
D'ANGELO, ROBERT, JR.	Emergency Repair	76.48	38548
D'ANGELO, ROBERT, JR.	GT/1290JT083 Hose No. 12.90	47.41	38548
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Behr Ultra 1 Gal. #S520-5	35.98	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Behr Ultra 1 Gal. #S470-3	71.96	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Wooster 1 in. Pro Thin Angle	18.97	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Wooster 5-Piece Pro Roller	19.96	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Handy Paint Pail 1 qt. Red	10.46	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Handy Paint Pail 1 qt. Clear	4.16	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	9 in. Plastic Tray Liner	6.26	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Linzer 4-Piece High-Density	5.78	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	3 in. x 3/8 in. High-Density	3.97	38529
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	9 in. x 3/8 in. High-Density	9.29	38529
MONTALBANO, VINCENT J.	Reimbursement for Child Safety	95.00	38530
FERRARINI, MICHAEL	Reimbursement for Child Safety	95.00	38555
NORTHWEST BERGEN REGIONAL	HEALTH OFFICER JANUARY 2020	2,978.50	38535
NORTHWEST BERGEN REGIONAL	HEALTH OFFICER FEBRUARY 2020	2,978.50	38535
NORTHWEST BERGEN REGIONAL	HEALTH OFFICER MARCH 2020	2,978.50	38535
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	PUBLIC NOTICES	55.04	38528
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	ZBA LETTERS OF INTEREST	18.15	38528
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	AWARD OF 2020 PROFESSIONALS	91.30	38528
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	2020 COUNCIL MEETING DATES	82.50	38528
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	R20-125 CIVIL RIGHTS	111.10	38528
OFFICE BUSINESS SYSTEMS	2020 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	1,132.00	38537
BERGEN CTY MUNICIPAL CLKS ASSO	SUSAN WITKOWSKI, RMC	100.00	38517
BERGEN CTY MUNICIPAL CLKS ASSO	CORNELIA LISA, ASSOCIATE	100.00	38517
BERGEN/PASSAIC COUNTY REG ASS	2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES	25.00	38521
BERGEN/PASSAIC COUNTY REG ASS	CORNELIA LISA	25.00	38521
JACOBS AND BELL LAW OFFICES	Conf. w/L. Lamatina	135.00	8729
LOUIS J. LAMATINA, ESQ.	Review Docs, Prepare Resolution	270.00	8730
LOUIS J. LAMATINA, ESQ.	Mtgs. 10/30/19,12/4 & 12/18/19	750.00	38544
LOUIS J. LAMATINA, ESQ.	Mtgs. 1/8/20 & 1/24 & 2/5/20	750.00	38544
AVAYA, INC./ CIT	2020-TELEPHONE LEASING-JAN/FEB	1,022.54	38523

Discussion Resolution No. 20-166

Councilman DeSean stated he is happy, as requested, that Administrator Tovo revised the resolution to include the three alternates, paving three more streets, Palm Street, Pershing Avenue and Webster Avenue.

A motion was made by Councilman DeSena, seconded by Councilman Cascio, to approve Resolution No. 20-166.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 20-166Acceptance of bid and awarding contract for the 2019-2020 road improvement program to American Asphalt & Milling Services, LLC

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2020, the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Township") received bids for the repaving of Township roads; that the construction costs for Robinwood Road and Woodfield Road, Section 2 (Finnerty Place to Devon Road) are being funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation through grants, while the remaining work is being funded by the Township, such project being identified by the Township Engineer as file WT-108 (hereafter "the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township received thirteen (13) bids, and the Township Engineer has submitted its final recommendation dated February 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, American Asphalt & Milling Services LLC, with offices located at 96 Midland Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey 07032 (hereafter "American Asphalt") was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the work to be performed in connection with the Project with a bid in the amount of \$739,176.98 for the work reflected in the Base Bid and Alternate Bids A through C; and

WHEREAS, this contract shall be charged to Account No(s). C-04-55-919-713 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Temporary Chief Financial Officer, and these funds shall be certified by the Temporary Chief Financial Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the bid of American Asphalt with respect to the Project reflected in the Base Bid and Alternate Bids A through C be and is hereby accepted conditioned upon the review and approval thereof by the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon review and approval of the award by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, a contract shall be awarded to American Asphalt for the Project in the contract amount of \$739,176.98 for the work reflected in the Base Bid and Alternate Bids A through C; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized, upon the review and approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation as set forth above, to execute a contract on behalf of the Township with American Asphalt in the contract amount of \$739,176.98 for the above stated purpose as reflected in the Base Bid and Alternate Bids A through C consistent with said bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged to Account No(s). C-04-55-919-713 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Temporary Chief Financial Officer.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to adjourn to Conference Session.

Ayes: Councilman Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Time noted: 9:23 p.m.

/s/ Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk

/s/ Stacey Feeney
Council President

Approved: February 16, 2021

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
CONFERENCE MINUTES
February 18, 2020

CURRENT BUSINESS

I. Administration

1. PBA contract, final verbiage *follow up* – Administrator Tovo stated latest correspondence with the Attorney was today, there is some minor verbiage issues that our Attorney and the PBA Attorney need to work out, he assures me that the resolution is forthcoming, the email states within days. Council President Feeney stated just to clarify, it is the PBA Attorney, not the Township. Administrator Tovo replied that is correct, as soon as he receives it, he will forward it to the Township Clerk to disseminate to Council.

2. FLA/summer recreation hours *follow up* – Attorney Poller stated he has nothing to report.

3. abandoned houses, Pascack Road, property maintenance *follow up* (rt) – Administrator Tovo spoke to Mr. Setticas regarding those homes on Pascack Road, as per the Code/Ordinance, it appears that Mr. Setticas has done all he can do, there is nothing that can propel the Township to a tear-down, as long as they are being maintained. Councilman DeSena asked considering how they look, does that mean they are being maintained, trees are growing out of the gutters. Administrator Tovo replied they are not attractive, there are no structural issues, but as per the Code there are not many options. Councilman DeSena asked with Council's consent can Attorney Poller review our code, create an abandoned house ordinance, so these homes can be torn down. Council President Feeney asked can this be grandfathered into the pre-existing ordinance. A conversation followed on the current ordinance in 2018. Attorney Poller stated he will reach out to Mr. Setticas. Council President Feeney requested at follow-up at the March 2nd meeting.

II. Council

A. Ordinances and Legislation

1. plastic bag ordinance sample (green team, dm, sf) – Council President Feeney stated Mr. Sears, along with herself, did provide some ordinances, including Glen Rock. Councilman DeSena asked if we can have Attorney Poller prepare this sooner than later, he prefers the Glen Rock ordinance, the format. Councilwoman Morgan stated she would like to visit the paper bag issue, somehow tweak it, reusable bags, and paper bags. Council President Feeney stated maybe a five-cent credit. Councilman Cumming stated there are grants for littering, reusable shopping bags. A conversation followed on stores charging 10 cents extra for using paper, as well as rewarding customers, by taking five cents off a bill for customers who do bring their own bags, or having the stores choose what to do, since it is their business. Councilwoman Morgan stated regarding reusable bags, she does wipe them down with Lysol wipes, it is worth the effort, we know it needs to be done, we don't need New Jersey to tell us to do it. Councilman Cascio stated it would be exempt for meat, produce, seafood, due to leakage, that is in the Glen Rock ordinance. Council President Feeney stated we can reach out to the businesses, get their opinions would they be willing to give five-cents. Councilman DeSena stated in Paramus, it is creating an issue, there are brown bags everywhere, it does result in cutting down more trees, there needs to be an incentive not to use paper or plastic, we should speak to Attorney Poller regarding the five-cents. Councilman Morgan stated it is usually a credit, stores do that, if you go in with your own bags, a five-cent credit off of your bill. Councilman DeSena suggests talking to Foodtown, see what they say. Mayor Calamari stated he did speak to

the manager of Foodtown, they are open to anything, but would like us to get back to them. Attorney Poller stated he will get back to Council.

2. DMF name change to DPW, *follow up* (sw) – A vote was taken by Township Clerk Witkowski to confirm authorizing the name change from DMF to DPW.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Township Clerk Witkowski stated she will notify General Code.

3. ZBA candidates meeting date to discuss *follow up* – Council Presidents Feeney stated she personally have gone through the candidates, that were submitted, the additional information, she is comfortable with voting at the next meeting. Councilman DeSena asked what additional information is Council President Feeney referring to? Council President Feeney replied there was some additional information that came from the Township Clerk, she has not sent it out yet. Township Clerk Witkowski stated she will send out a follow-up email. Council President Feeney stated it will be on the next meeting. A conversation followed on having them discussed in open or closed. Attorney Poller stated generally speaking it is in open session, if the applicant wants it in Closed, there needs to be a Rice Notice. Councilman DeSena spoke of what occurred when he was appointed to the Zoning Board, he did come before the board in public, gave his qualifications, as did his colleagues. A conversation followed on having the applicants come to a meeting to say something, if they choose to do so, when the Council would vote. Attorney Poller stated many times names were submitted, there were no open dialogue.

B. Financials

1. amend fee schedule, Recreation, Lacrosse and Basketball (et) Mr. Eamonn Twomey is not present. Councilman DeSena stated he has asked for a breakdown of expenses of the Rec Program in 2019, versus the expenditures, offsetting of other sports, before changes are made, not arbitrarily lowering the fee, then having a problem. Township Clerk Witkowski stated basketball fees were mentioned at a budget meeting last year, as per the minutes, but never followed-through. Council President Feeney recommended a follow-up, getting that information. Administrator Tovo stated he will work with Mr. Setticas, our goal is to make sure all of our programs are self-funded, or make a decision to offset with taxpayers dollars, it does need to be evaluated with the new CFO, so there should be no rush to change fees now. Council President Feeney stated we will postpone it for the new CFO to be on board but we need to watch the time frame.

C. Miscellaneous

III. 2020 Budget Discussion – Budget will not be discussed tonight. Next Budget Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22nd, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Township Clerk Witkowski will advertise.

Attorney Poller requested to remove COAH from Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution No. 20-167

Tax Appeals/ Property Acquisition

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Council President Feeney to approve Resolution No. 20-167.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Closed Session

Resolution No. 20-167

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

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

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

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

1. Any matter which, by express provision of federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provision of subsection a. of this section.

2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

3. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendation, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance, and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

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

5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of

real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

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

7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in subsection b. (4) of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, herein in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer. **TAX APPEALS, PROPERTY AQUISITION**

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

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

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

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

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

 X The Township Council anticipates that an open session will not be necessary.

Time Noted: 9:46 p.m.

/s/ Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk

/s/ Stacey Feeney
Council President

Approved: February 16, 2021