

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
SPECIAL MEETING-BUDGET  
Thursday, April 16, 2020-7:00 P.M.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A VIRTUAL MEETING  
WITH REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT  
DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Feeney

STATEMENT:

Welcome to the Special Public Meeting of April 16, 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 on April 7, 2020, and this notice has been posted on the Township Bulletin Board and on the Township Web Site.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the following business and any other items that may be on the agenda, 2020 Budget Meeting.

SALUTE TO FLAG: Council President Feeney

ROLL CALL: Via Conference Call

Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney. Let the record reflect also participating via conference call Peter Calamari, Mayor; Robert Tovo, Administrator and Township Clerk Witkowski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Feeney would like to inform everyone that she has formed a COVID-19 Task Force, information will be posted on the township website, there will be a button for the Task Force. Donations of food, toiletries are requested, there will be drop-off boxes located The Fresh Grocer, Rite-Aid and Town Hall, we will also be doing grocery shopping, prescription pick-ups and meal deliveries for seniors. More information will follow, a message will be going out via Reverse 911 and email notification.

**\*\*TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION PORTION OF THE MEETING, PLEASE DIAL IN ON 201-664-4659. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD, AND WE ASK THAT ONLY ONE PERSON SPEAK AT A TIME. PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THE END OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION, NO MORE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED\*\***

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Council President Feeney advised there is a five (5) minute time limit.

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

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

Nays: None.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman stated in the previous budget meeting there were discussions of PERS/FICA, how did we miss the pension contribution in the budget? Administrator Tovo replied he did research it, the copy of the budget the council did not calculate it at the end. The master budget that he and the Mayor have it is in the proper line item, with the proper total. There was a number used that was overinflated, not knowing where it would be, the number we are looking at now is closer to the actual number, it did not capture the \$140,000 line item. Council President Feeney asked is this due to the Edmunds update? Administrator Tovo replied originally it was not accepting the number, when the number was moved to a new line item, it was accepted, it is now fixed. Mr. Ullman asked is this the budget that was received by council or is this in a budget that is monitored offline, but is not in front of them? Administrator Tovo replied the budget that council has, you are correct, that number was not captured as part of the total, but it does in the master budget that we have here. Council President Feeney asked when will council have the updated pages? Administrator Tovo replied by Tuesday, at the recap meeting. Council President Feeney asked, so it is certain pages, not all pages? Administrator Tovo replied correct. Mr. Ullman stated it is in the grand total at the bottom of the report, but it is not reflected in the totals being looked at? Council President Feeney replied for the section. Mr. Ullman asked so the overall amount to be raised is not increasing by that? Council President Feeney replied that needs to be confirmed when the pages are received. Mr. Ullman asked can't that be answered now? Administrator Tovo replied at the bottom, it is very consistent with the adjusted number, we made sure we overestimated in other areas. Township Clerk Witkowski requests that everyone speaks one at time. Ullman stated the answer is we are over-planning the other line, it is okay that there is \$140,000 in pension? Council President Feeney asked is the \$140,000 number in or not in the bottom of the budget? Administrator Tovo replied in the bottom number. Mr. Ullman stated as per the explanation it is only in the bottom line of the budget because other lines are over, if reduced, it is going to be a plus

or a minus. Council President Feeney asked Administrator Tovo is the \$140,000 included in the budget? Administrator Tovo replied it is. Councilman DeSena stated it is not included in the township budget. Administrator Tovo stated not as a result of that line item, CAP expense made up for the \$140,000. Councilman DeSena stated so what the Administrator is saying is he and the Mayor are going to revise the capital expenses and encumber that somewhere else, which we have not seen yet. Mr. Ullman stated it is an error, individual pensions were not captured, mis-budgeted, and overages in other lines, which will cut those back and magically appear. He stated last year we were under \$34,000 in FICA/Medicare because someone who was preparing the budget did not foresee that there would be additional staff, couldn't do the straight calculation of the budget, asking is the \$220,000 going to be adequate, are we hoping it is or has someone done the calculation to make sure it is correct. Council President Feeney stated she is going to stop this conversation, she is going to say she will get back to Mr. Ullman on this, she doesn't like this back and forth, she feels we should have concrete answers. In addition, she also wants to find out who was preparing these numbers, did this come from Ms. Curran, where did the number come, was it an estimate, she doesn't want to sit here point fingers and post blame, she just wants to get the facts and move on. Mr. Ullman stated it is interesting Ms. Feeney mentioned Ms. Curran, he has asked Council President Feeney who was actual doing the accounting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, the question has been outstanding for two months. Council President Feeney stated she doesn't disagree with Mr. Ullman; she has not received the answers. Mr. Ullman stated it is absurd, it is two months, he withdraws the question, he will bury the Clerk's office with OPRA requests to, it is easy, he will get the answers, he is withdrawing his question, to Council President Feeney and the Township Clerk will have OPRA requests in the morning. Council President Feeney asked every time Mr. Ullman has asked a question, has he, yes or no received a response from her, has she told him she did not have all the answers. Mr. Ullman stated Council President Feeney did tell him three weeks ago, a month ago, that you would get back to him, he did receive an email that stated she would follow-up with a response shortly, three weeks, a month is not shortly. He stated the answer of "I haven't gotten a chance to speak to everyone" is not satisfactory to him, it is an answer, but it is not satisfactory after two months. Council President Feeney stated that is Mr. Ullman's opinion.

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

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

Nays: None.

## DISCUSSION

### 2020 Budget

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Councilwoman Morgan stated she needs some clarity regarding what is coming out of this Cheerleading line item, since there are a few lines, Cheerleading Safety Equipment, Cheer Music and Cheer Fees. Administrator Tovo stated the recommendation is to combine them all into the one-line item below, totaling \$9,775. Councilwoman Morgan asked is that everything regarding Cheer, including Cheer Music. Administrator Tovo replied yes it would, we have to make an adjustment to the number, adding the balance of Cheer Music (\$475) to the \$9,975. Councilwoman Morgan spoke of her concern of adding 60 cheerleaders to the mix, we are going to need to expand budget wise. Council President Feeney asked how much was taken in for Cheer. Councilwoman Morgan stated there was a conversation about which programs are self-funded. Councilman DeSena asked what are coaches fees? Councilwoman Morgan stated they are teen Cheer coaches, high school students, they are paid a nominal fee of \$8 and something cents per hour, parents are all volunteers. Councilman DeSena asked if Councilwoman Morgan went through the budget, knowing what the costs would be. Councilwoman Morgan stated she went through the budget for last year, the parents purchased the uniform, moms are coaches, there is no cost for that. Mr. Twomey stated at last year's budget meeting, we did speak about adding 40/50 girls in the 1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade group. Councilman DeSena asked what other costs do we have other than coaches. Councilwoman Morgan stated we tried sharing equipment among five squads, which was not feasible, the girls would like to have their own pom-poms, the older girls they get lost/damaged, she would like to have more in the equipment budget, a one-time purchase. Mr. Twomey asked would it be better on having each participant buy their own and be responsible for their own, instead of buying for the team. Councilman Morgan stated it would be another \$60 every year. Councilman DeSena suggested they buy their own uniforms and pom poms. Council President Feeney stated do we have an idea of the fees taken in and spent, where the budget is, where we need to be with the uniforms and pom-poms, we could re-use the pom-poms, we don't use them that often, less than once a week, we need to look at the numbers. Councilman DeSena stated we do need to figure out the numbers. Councilman Morgan stated she will speak with Eamonn about the numbers. Mr. Twomey asked it is time to upgrade the uniforms, he knows that does need to be done at a certain age. Councilwoman Morgan replied they were all replaced about three years ago, Junior/Senior/Pee Wee, the new program was self-funded, the parents did purchase them on their own. Mr. Twomey stated the Cheer Uniforms/Safety Equipment that is on the budget for \$5,000, we could leverage that for pom-poms as well as instructional programs, does the program need to buy anything in 2020? Councilwoman Morgan stated she is not sure, the program is growing, a lot of newbies, we do need to buy uniforms. Mr. Twomey stated it is a good thing that the program is growing, they are starting much younger. Councilwoman Morgan stated as long as we combine the line items into one line, she doesn't have a problem with being able to use what we need from that line item. She doesn't want to have an issue where she wants to buy pom-poms, or

needs the music and there is not enough money in that line item, having it in one line item it is more flexible. Council President Feeney stated it would be \$9,975 with the music increase. Councilwoman Morgan stated she is fine with \$3,300.

0-01-28-370-122	Recreation – Cheerleading Program	REC \$3,300	Budget \$3,300
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Summer Recreation Program

Councilman Cascio asked why the increase in the Summer Rec Program? Mr. Twomey replied it increased from 350 to 450 kids, more supplies are needed, portable basketball hoops, the growth of the program required more money. Councilman Cascio asked is it self-funded? Mr. Twomey replied yes. Councilman Cascio stated he received the spreadsheet, wants to make sure all the number match up, it is pretty much self-funded, he is in agreement.

0-01-28-370-125	Recreation- Summer Recreation Program	REC \$55,000	Budget \$55,000
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Administrator Tovo stated regarding the Teen Program, it is not an actual, the bill came late. Councilman Cascio asked it is a contractual increase, the \$1,500? Administrator Tovo stated the number does vary. Council President Feeney asked do you know what was spent in 2019? Administrator Tovo replied he does not, but he can get those numbers. Councilman Cascio stated he would like to see the actuals.

0-01-28-370-126	Recreation – Teen Program	REC \$1,500	Budget \$1,500
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Mr. Twomey stated the \$10,500 includes helmets, last year we bought twenty-four, they gave us four for free, this year we will do the exact same thing. He stated maybe sixty-five left, still good, and are only three to four years old. Helmets are now dated, cannot be used after ten years after manufacturer, end of next year we should be almost fully stocked.

0-01-28-370-401	REC – Football Uniform/Safety Equipment	REC \$10,500	Budget \$10,500
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\*Note: Combine all football into one line total \$19,500

Councilman DeSena asked why the increase in lacrosse? Mr. Twomey replied we did not get around to dropping the fee like we spoke about last year; the money was all collected the additional \$65. Council President Feeney asked what will go on this year with lacrosse (coronavirus)? Mr. Twomey stated he has been getting emails on a daily basis, from both leagues, girls and boys, we are being told to follow school schedule. The program may be extended to June/July two or three weeks, things are being moved around, there has been a lot of conversation. Council President Feeney asked is there a contingency plan, credit, refund? Mr. Twomey replied that is up to the township, the eighth graders

can get a refund, and maybe the others can have a credit on their account. Councilman DeSena stated with Community Pass there is a fee if all that money is refunded back, there is a credit card fee involved, so you pay more on the front and back end. Council President Feeney stated maybe a credit on their account, instead of a cash refund. Mr. Twomey stated you may want to limit the refund to 8<sup>th</sup> graders, since they are leaving the program, or leave it in the account for another child, most everyone uses at least one, if not two-three programs in the township. Council President Feeney requested Mr. Twomey keep Council aware of what is going on regarding the season. Mr. Twomey stated once the kids are back in school, they will do everything in their power to get some sort of program, but he will keep council in the loop. Council President Feeney asked to email the Township Clerk, she will then forward to Council. Councilwoman Morgan asked what is going on with softball season? Councilman DeSena stated we are in the same boat, as soon as we can play, we will try and get some sort of season in for baseball and softball, we are working with the May 15<sup>th</sup> date, opening of schools. Council President Feeney stated we should verify with the schools.

0-01-28-370-405	REC – Lacrosse Uniform Safety Equipment	REC \$15,000	Budget \$15,000
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\*Note: Combine all lacrosse into one line total \$33,000

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Recreation School Rent

Administrator Tovo stated he will double check the amount. Mr. Twomey stated we have less teams, less boys, the amount should be less. Councilman DeSena stated it was \$15,000 last year, we should keep it the same. Councilman Feeney stated we can approve it, it is in line with last year, Mr. Twomey what do you think. Mr. Twomey stated last year we had Bethany, he doesn't believe we will get it back this year, so the numbers will increase, we had to go back into Jesse George school this year, we did not use it previously. He stated he doesn't think it is considered overtime hours, but he did question many of the hours, they were saying we had the gym at midnight on a Saturday night, the kids are out by five, so he thinks they are cleaning up their piece of this, they are not trying to slide it through because we are looking closer. Councilman Cumming asked should there be a line in there for Bethany? Mr. Twomey replied we are still trying to use it, we had a partnership, but they got another option, we are trying to get it back because it was really beneficial to our kids as Jessie George has a really small gym. Bethany had six basketball courts, a large gym, it was a great experience. Councilman Cumming asked does Mr. Twomey want to leave the budget line the same? Mr. Twomey replied yes, he would like to leave it as is. Mayor Calamari stated it was an error on Bethany's end and our end a little bit, they did not understand once we did it they wanted it year after year, last year they inadvertently gave it to another place, but now they know we want it, they will work with us.

0-01-28-370-733	REC – School Rent Basketball	REC \$22,000	Budget \$22,000
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\*Note: Combine with 01-28-370-403

Football:

Council President asked why the increase? Mr. Twomey replied we can leave it at \$750 or combine that line item with the uniform and make it \$11,000. Council President Feeney stated we will take it out.

0-01-28-370-761	REC – Football Other Equipment	REC \$1,000	Budget \$750 <b>DECREASE \$250</b>
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\*Note: Combine with 0-01-28-370-401

Basketball:

Council President Feeney asked is the \$2,500 going to be sufficient? Mr. Twomey stated we did have to buy more basketballs, the ones we had were shot, he thinks it would be safe to pull \$3,500, combining the lines. Councilman DeSena stated uniforms were bought last year. Mr. Twomey replied yes, but we have a line item for that, combining that it should be \$9,500, looking at the numbers. Councilman DeSena stated there is \$2,150 for travel, then \$2,000 for rec uniforms. Mr. Twomey stated line item 0-01-28-370-799 is for league fees, \$100 per game, seven home games times the number of teams we have, it has been \$13,000 for a number of years, depending on how many teams we have, basketball ref fees (0-01-28-370-783) is for the rec program. Mr. Twomey stated with lacrosse we have an account at Oritani/Valley Bank, we pay directly, get reimbursed, league and rec fees come out of a special sports account, tax free account. Councilman DeSena stated they have it all going to you, so Mr. Twomey may want to speak to account payable. Mr. Twomey stated he has had that conversation a number of times, we opened the account for that reason. Councilman DeSena stated they have it all going to you, just to cover yourself, an account for each sport. Council President Feeney asked Mr. Twomey would like to increase the line item 0-01-28-370-763 to \$4,500? Mr. Twomey replied yes. Mayor Calamari stated other equipment went to uniforms, why don't you zero out this line item and add it to the bottom. Council President Feeney stated that is a good idea.

0-01-28-370-763	REC – Basketball Other Equipment	REC \$2,500	Budget 0 <b>DECREASE \$2,500</b>
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\*Note: Combine with 0-01-28-370-403

0-01-28-370-403	REC – Basketball Uniform/Safety Equipment	REC \$5,000	Budget \$9,500 <b>INCREASE \$4,500</b>
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\*Note: Combine with 0-01-28-370-763

0-01-28-370-768	REC- Cheer Music	REC \$275	Budget \$475 <b>INCREASE \$200</b>
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Administrator Tovo stated the number (0-01-28-370-775) has been tracking lower. Council President Feeney asked are these for field trips? Councilwoman

Morgan replied field trips are self-funded. Council President Feeney asked is this for face painting, water slide at Bethany? Councilman DeSena replied you can look at the budget transaction audit trail, the expenditures were put in as plusses, it went down from \$18,000, then in June the expenses were added as revenue instead of deducted, the entries are incorrect. Council President Feeney stated reconciliation on this account is needed. Administrator Tovo stated he agrees. Council President Feeney stated last year's number tracked low, it may be an accounting error, so we will leave this open.

0-01-28-370-775	REC – Summer Recreation Activities	REC \$18,000	<b>FLAGGED</b>
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Teen Program

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Mr. Twomey stated Rec-Teen Program (0-01-28-370-126, amount \$1,500) is for the people running the program, Rec-Teen Program Expenses (0-01-28-370-776, amount \$2,000, page 60) is for events and activities.

Mr. Twomey stated the fee will go up due to background checks.

0-01-28-370-781	REC – Football League & Ref Fees	REC \$6,500	Budget \$6,500
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Mr. Twomey stated we played more games away than at home, which resulted in more rec fees.

0-01-28-370-785	REC – Lacrosse League & Ref Fees	REC \$9,000	Budget \$9,000
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Councilman DeSena asked did Community Pass increase? Administrator Tovo replied it is an increase to their fees, the bill has been received.

0-01-28-370-800	REC- Online Registration Site	REC \$3,500	Budget \$3,500
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0-01-28-370-000	REC- Senior Exercise Program	REC \$4,000	Budget \$4,000
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\*Township Program

Mr. Twomey stated we don't know where we after May 15<sup>th</sup>, but if we are back to school, we have to plan for 460 or more kids in our Summer Recreation Program, he would like to plan accordingly for it, that is his biggest concern, more families are moving into the township. Council President Feeney stated with the school year being pushed because of the Middle School, a lot of parents are asking about programs extending a little bit longer. Councilwoman Feeney stated the problem with that is counselors go back to school. Mayor Calamari stated if the program gets delayed a few weeks due to Corona, they would like to extend it to get the full six weeks in, that is on the table also. Councilman DeSena asked how would that be handled since counselors would be back at school? Mayor Calamari stated we are working on between people that could help us from Bethany and

our own people, it is in the early stages, we are talking about it. Council President Feeney stated we may be able to reach out to some of the aids that work in the school system.

Mr. Twomey disconnected via conference call.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Via Conference Call Daisy Velez – Director of Public Affairs

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Councilman Cumming stated he already gave his opinion on the Directors, increasing to \$100, as a token of our appreciation, certainly they are worth more no one voted for it. Councilman DeSena stated if we raise the salary of one Director, we have to raise them all. Councilwoman Morgan stated there has not been a raise since 2015.

A motion was made by Councilman Cumming, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to raise the Directors Stipend to \$1,350.

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

Nays: Councilmen Cascio, DeSena.

Councilman DeSena asked Council President Feeney if that motion was to raise all Directors? Council President Feeney replied all Directors.

0-01-20-406-100	Public Affairs – S&W Director	REC \$1,250	Budget \$1,350 <b>Increase \$100</b> <b>*NOT PASSED</b>
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Council President Feeney stated regarding the Holiday Party, the request is \$8,000, but Admin Request is \$9,000, she is assuming there was an increase? Administrator Tovo replied that is correct. Councilman DeSena stated due to the crisis that is going on, he would like to defer the Holiday Party this year. Mayor Calamari stated he respectfully disagree, he considers the Holiday Party an appreciation party, the staff is going above and beyond, especially during these times. Councilman DeSena stated he is not saying it's not warranted Mr. Mayor, but we cannot afford it under these economic times. Councilman Cumming stated keep it at \$8,000, if at all possible do not cancel it, he would like to show his appreciation to employees. Councilwoman Morgan stated she is okay with the \$9,000. Council President Feeney stated Councilman DeSena would like to defer it for a year. Councilman DeSena replied that is correct. Council President Feeney stated Councilman Cumming would like to leave it at \$8,000. Councilman Cumming stated he would go with \$9,000, but would like to keep it at \$8,000. Councilwoman Morgan stated it is a thankless job, she would be fine with the \$8,000. Council President Feeney asked Councilman Cascio what is his opinion? Councilman Cascio replied he appreciates the

workers, all they do, but he would like to keep this budget lower and keep it at \$8,000.

A motion was made by Council President Feeney, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to keep the line item at \$8,000.

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

Nays: None.

0-01-20-406-230	Public Affairs - Holiday Party	REC \$9,000	Budget \$8,000 <b>DECREASE \$1,000</b>
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Ms. Velez stated in order to beautify our township, we did discuss to do some snowflakes downtown, it is an additional expense, we can start small, do a few poles at a time and go from there, but \$2,000 would not cover that. Ms. Velez stated there are twelve poles from Bacari Grill to Crest Place, they are on sale during the Summer, we can purchase them for under \$4,000, we can go smaller grow from there. Council President Feeney asked has Ms. Velez coordinated with the DMF? Ms. Velez replied she has not, but if we do get these snowflakes, we would need to find a better storage facility for them. Administrator Tovo stated he is aware of that. Councilwoman Morgan asked do we have the poles to support that, would we need to reach out to PSE&G. Administrator Tovo stated PSE&G is putting in new poles, our request was approved, he can reach out. Councilman DeSena asked are they putting a 110 outlet on each pole? Administrator Tovo replied correct there is a circuit on the pole. Councilwoman Morgan stated she loves the idea, surrounding towns do this as well. Ms. Velez replied this can be added to the Tree Lighting. Councilman Cumming asked how would they be turned on? Ms. Velez replied for the most part they would be on a timer. Council President Feeney stated she feels a photo cell would be best. Councilman Cumming stated we do need an uplift after this period of time, it is a nice idea. Council President Feeney stated twelve poles, \$4,000, is that correct? Ms. Velez replied yes, on sale, depending on when we would purchase them throughout the year. Council President Feeney stated she feels the snowflake is a wise choice. Councilman Cumming asked how big would they be? Ms. Velez stated, off hand, three to five feet, depending on the shape of the snowflake, weighing around 18-24 pounds, depending on the size, the company will come out and take a look to see what would work. Council President Feeney asked is mounting included, brackets, everything that is required? Ms. Velez replied yes, that would be part of the installation. Councilman Cumming asked Administrator Tovo does the Township have a bucket truck? Administrator Tovo replied no, we do not have one, but we do borrow from our neighbors when needed. Council President Feeney asked is Council okay with this, twelve poles, \$4,000, buy in bulk, which is cheaper, correct? Ms. Velez replied yes, the more you buy the cheaper it is, again it is more the time of the year, if you get them in the Summer, they are more affordable. Councilwoman Morgan stated she is okay with the \$4,000. Councilman Cumming stated he agrees. Mr. Velez stated this would be one time, then during the follow year get a few more. Councilman

Cascio stated he is okay with it. Councilman DeSena stated it is a great idea, but can we afford it this year, people may not be able to pay their taxes, but we are putting up snowflakes, that is just his opinion. Councilman Cumming stated he doesn't disagree with that, but he is okay with the \$4,000. Council President Feeney stated this would be a one-time expenditure, is there anywhere else to put in the budget. Mayor Calamari stated he doesn't think it is enough to put in Capital, might as well put it in operating.

A motion was made by Councilman Morgan, seconded by Councilman Cumming to increase the following line item.

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

Nays: Councilman Cascio, DeSena.

0-01-28-406-240	Public Affairs – Holiday Decorations	REC \$2,000	Budget \$4,000 Increase \$2,000 <b>*NOT PASSED*</b>
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Mayor Calamari stated this is to pay the person who is maintaining the Facebook Media page \$500 per quarter.

0-01-28-406-250	Public Affairs – Social Media	REC \$2,000	Budget \$2,000
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Ms. Velez stated we use the printing for banners that go up, advertisements that go across Pascack for Town Day, Summer Concerts. Councilman Cumming asked can Ms. Velez can you do \$3,000. Ms. Velez replied yes, she can. Council agrees.

0-01-28-406-470	Public Affairs – Printing	REC \$4,000	Budget \$3,000 <b>DECREASE \$1,000</b>
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Ms. Velez asked she is not sure what the \$1,000. Administrator Tovo stated a number of bills did come in late. Councilman Cascio stated he would like to see the bills. Council President Feeney requested Administrator Tovo bring the bills to the next meeting. Administrator Tovo replied yes.

0-01-28-406-500	Public Affairs – Miscellaneous	REC \$1,000	<b>FLAGGED</b>
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Councilman Cascio asked why the increase in the calendar line item? Ms. Velez replied we probably would not have as many advertisers, and the printing costs are increasing. Councilman Cascio asked why do you think there will be left advertisers and more printing costs? Ms. Velez replied based on the situation everyone is raising their prices and less advertisers. She believes Bernadette manages the calendar. Mayor Calamari stated that is correct, sponsorship is down, last year to this year was the transition from Oritani Bank to Valley Bank,

they did not to commit to the funding, it may be a one-time increase now that Valley is officially in, we are hoping next year it will go up.

0-01-28-406-510	Public Affairs – Calendar	REC \$3,500	Budget \$3,500
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Ms. Velez stated the \$12,000 has covered Memorial Day, 9/11, Veterans Day and Tree Lighting, but as we are trying to grow our community, there are a few ideas that she wanted to bring to council, this was before the pandemic hit, we had some ideas such as a 5K family run/walk most likely on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, Food Truck Festival, Farmer’s Market, she understands the situation is rough right now, we are not looking to increase the budget, this is something for next year, but it is something she would like Council to keep in mind as we move forward, she thinks right now the \$12,000 is fine. Councilman DeSena stated hopefully next year we can get in touch with the Councilwoman from Westwood and join with their 5K run/walk with the hospital next year, maybe we can all sit down and go over it for next year. Ms. Velez stated it would be nice for us to do it as one.

0-01-28-420-001	Holiday Celebrations & Remembrances	REC \$12,000	Budget \$12,000
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Note: Move to Public Affairs budget.

### Town Day

Ms. Velez stated Town Day (0-01-30-420-002), right now there is a zero budget for it, we have been encouraged to use some of the money from the trust account, however, if there is anything, we can put into this line item. We are not going to get sponsorships as we did last year come October, many businesses unfortunately will be shut down, or will not be able to sponsor us as they have done in the past. Council President Feeney asked does Ms. Velez have a recommendation? Ms. Velez stated last day Town Day cost about \$22,000 or so, maybe a little less, we did a great job with it, brought in \$19,000 in sponsorships, even if \$10,000, so we do not deplete the trust. We only have \$37,000 in the trust; she would say maybe \$15,000 or \$20,000. Council President Feeney stated it may be our last Town Day if you deplete the trust. Ms. Velez replied that is correct. Council President Feeney stated so let us have a discussion, it would be for \$10,000 in order to keep Town Day going. Councilman DeSena stated the Mayor needs to make the recommendation, Council President Feeney cannot ask for it. Mayor Calamari stated he backs Daisy’s request. Council President Feeney stated she is just opening up the discussion, Councilman DeSena, about what you think about the \$10,000. Councilman DeSena stated he wants to make sure the Mayor is okay with it, there is \$37,000 in the trust, we have been taxed on it, let’s use it up. Councilwoman Morgan asked what do we do in the Fall of 2021, we have to put the monies in there. Councilman Cascio stated if the economic situation is better at that time, we go back to what was done prior. Councilman DeSena stated he would like to discuss this. Council President Feeney stated we just did.

A motion was made by Council President Feeney, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan, to increase the following line item to \$10,000.

Ayes: Councilman Cumming, Councilwoman Morgan stated yes, it is a great idea, we don't want to deplete the trust fund and Council President Feeney

Nays: Councilman Cascio. Councilman DeSena stated no, he thinks we could use the extra money in the escrow, Council President Feeney stated thank you. Councilman DeSena continued and stated (addressing Council President Feeney) he has a right to speak and explain his vote Council President Feeney it is part of the rules he is allowed to speak; she cannot cut him off, from either a yes or a no, those are the rules.

0-01-28-420-002	Town Day	REC Zero	Budget \$10,000 <b>NOT PASSED</b>
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Council President Feeney asked Ms. Velez are there any other line items she would like to discuss? Ms. Velez replied no, this is great, we definitely need community activities together, keep it on a positive track, we appreciate everyone's help.

Councilman Cumming stated his family will donate one snowflake, Council President Feeney stated she is in one for snowflake and Councilwoman Morgan stated she is in for one snowflake, maybe we can get five.

Ms. Velez disconnected via conference call.

Council President Feeney stated the Library Presentation will be on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, during our regular meeting, we will also continue with the budget during Conference of that meeting. The next budget meetings will be held on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, please advertise for 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Cumming stated with regard to the electric bills for the Firehouse, Administration and DMF, he met with Dina (Tarabocchia) on Wednesday morning, something was wrong, it has been corrected, we are going to have new figures, the electric and the gas will be properly proportioned, as well as a column for what we are paying off on the LED lights. He stated the number will come in shockingly lower, what it would be we will have saved much more than \$6.00 per household, multiplying that by the numbers of homes in the Township, will give us a bit extra in the budget, it was mis-accounted, it just had to be put in the proper locations.

Councilman DeSena asked Administrator Tovo when will Council have the new Capital that was referenced to at the beginning of the meeting that adjustments were made to, and the new budget pages? Administrator Tovo replied early next week. Councilman Cumming asked Administrator Tovo if he gets together with Dina, after he and Dina are done rearranging the figures, putting them where

they belong, could those pages be reprinted for the Council please, pages 56-59. Administrator Tovo stated no reason why it cannot be done. Councilman Cumming replied thank you.

A motion was made by Councilman Cumming, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to adjourn.

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

Nays: None.

Time noted: 8:40 p.m.

/s/ Susan Witkowski

Township Clerk

/s/ Stacy Feeney

Council President

Approved: June 3, 2020