

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2020~7:30 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 regularly scheduled Public Meeting of September 14, 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 meeting has been posted on the Township Bulletin Board, Electronic Message Board, WCTV and on the Township Web Site.

SALUTE TO THE 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: Mayor Calamari; Administrator Robert Tovo; Township Attorney Poller and Township Clerk Witkowski.

Council President Feeney stated she did send an email this evening to take a poll of council members regarding who would be comfortable coming to the Council Chambers for the next Council Meeting (October 5th), she would be comfortable with coming in, does anyone have an objection? Council members replied no. Council President Feeney stated she would like to meet with both the Mayor and Administrator to work out arrangements in setting up the courtroom. Mayor Calamari stated that is fine. Council President Feeney wished all children and their families who are returning to school a happy first week of school.

UPDATE FROM GRANT WRITER David Biunno

Mr. Biunno stated he was asked to call in due to some council members having some questions regarding grants. Councilwoman Morgan stated she has a few questions regarding Green Acres grants, clean-up. Mr. Biunno replied Green Acres doesn't give grants for clean-ups, they would give money/funding for two categories, one is to purchase a property, making it into a public park or the other category would be park improvements, landscape, redesign, irrigation, equipment, ADA compliance, of an existing park facility. Councilwoman Morgan stated it is semantics, if she changed the word from clean-up to landscape/redesign, would there be funding? Mr. Biunno replied absolutely, there would be funding for that, the next funding round was anticipated to be November, he doesn't know where the State budget stands at this point, the Governor has imposed budget cutbacks with regard to Green Acres and other programs also. Councilman DeSena asked is the Township a Green Acres Community as we speak? Mr. Biunno replied every community is a Green Acres Community, the question is whether you are eligible for 50% financing or 75% financing, he would guess each project the Township gets would be a 50% funding project, the other 50% would either be either from your own finances or a through Green Acres loan, which would be 20 years and interest free. Councilman DeSena asked has the Township ever applied for Green Acres that makes all of our parks Green Acres? Mr. Biunno replied not that he is aware of,

he has been here for 11 months, there is nothing that he aware of that the Township has ever applied for it, he can research that, also speak with the Business Administrator. You can use Green Acres funding as a match for an Open Space Project through Bergen County, which requires a dollar-for-dollar match, or conversely you get a Green Acres Grant. You can go to the County Open Space fund and get some additional money from them as a matching grant, using one grant to piggyback the other, so you are not matching out of pocket dollar for dollar. Councilman DeSena asked if the Township takes Green Acres money, do we then lose control of having Township first on the fields? Mr. Biunno replied that is not correct, the Township doesn't lose control, he did a six-million-dollar project in Roselle for Green Acres, built a new football field, they run it through the Recreation Department, the Township would put up a schedule, you would establish priority events for the Municipality. Municipal Partners, you are obligated if someone out of town wants to use it, you would have to give them access, but you do that by setting up a schedule and paying fees to use the facility, things of that nature. Councilman DeSena asked once the Township gets a dollar of Green Acres money, the Township would have to open up all their parks to outside organizations, correct? Mr. Biunno replied that is not true, only the park that you use the funds for, that is subject to the Green Acres obligation. Council President Feeney asked can a fee be attached to the use? Mr. Biunno replied yes, the outside facility would have to get a date that is available, most municipalities establish a schedule, a calendar of events and priorities, whatever dates are left, they would have to come in, apply, pay a fee, cannot be an outrageous fee, but a fee to use the facility. Council President Feeney stated New Milford funded their turf field by using Green Acres money, they have an application and fee attached outside of the times that the school and town are using the fields themselves. Mr. Biunno stated that is correct, if established someone wants to use the field, they would have to go through the application process, use the dates that are available, and pay the fee, access is being given based upon priority first established by the municipality. He would strongly recommend also in cooperation with the Board of Education, there is nothing improper with establishing the schedule up front, if someone wants to come up to the Township and use the field they can, they cannot be denied. Attorney Poller stated having been here for quite some time, he was pretty certain the Township has taken Green Acres monies, he did reach out to Paul Azzolina, who confirmed this as well. Mr. Biunno stated he can reach out to Green Acres and find out what the Township has applied for, what has been awarded, caveat is that everyone is working remotely in Trenton, he does know several people directly, and will reach out, find out exactly what the parameters are of the funding that was received. Attorney Poller stated it was a while ago, but he believes it was Kennedy Park, Viviano with sewer, something along the lines of historical use and characterization of the property. Mr. Biunno stated based upon what he knows of the Township now, the Township would be eligible for 50% funding, and 50% loan from Green Acres. Councilman DeSena asked what grants has the Township applied for or can apply for that are in the Green Acres category? Mr. Biunno replied we applied for the grant at Sherry Field for a dog park. This is something you can piggyback on with the Green Acres application, you can also submit up to 3 applications, but they need to be prioritized. He stated with regard to the cost of the Sherry Field dog park, you may want to look at a larger program as a priority, that is something that needs to be discussed with Council, Business Administrator regarding priorities, there is money for acquisition and money for development. Council President Feeney asked Administrator Tovo to reach out to the various departments, since you were very proactive in getting the grant writer, maybe put something together. Councilwoman Morgan stated that is great, but she feels this is something the Green Team needs to be part of. Mr. Biunno stated he has gotten millions of dollars for other towns; you have to be in it. He suggests it be looked at very closely, there is some lead time, when the application opens, we will have about 30 days to get everything in, letters, plans, layout, what needs to be done, letters of community support, which is part of the process. He will discuss this with

the Business Administrator, prioritize what the Township wants to go after, so once the application comes out, we are ready to hit the ground running, not making the decision at that time. A mandatory resolution does need to accompany the application, which he can draft once it is decided what the project is. Councilman DeSena asked does seriocomic censuses have anything to do with the grants, how much is received? Mr. Biunno replied yes, that determines if you were a different demographic, more of an urban community would get 75% of funding as opposed to 50%, it is based on the merits of the application, that is the only sociotechnical impact. How much of the funding you will get you will have to go either through one or more sources of funding, he has gotten grants in several communities where the finances were not an issue. Councilwoman Morgan asked is there an opportunity for a green building grant, renewable energy, incentives that will be given to us for using solar with regard to the DPW or Firehouse? Mr. Biunno replied he has not specifically, it depends whether or not you will be going solar, he is not sure where it is with regard to the design, he also would need to speak to the architect whether it is LEED certified building, things like that may be able to get radioethanol dollars. Councilman DeSena stated both he and Councilman Cumming were on the building committee team for the firehouse, exploring the avenues of putting in green infrastructure wasn't cost feasible, a full assessment was done. Councilman Cumming stated that is correct, all of the furnaces and cooling systems were assessed. Councilman DeSena stated the architect did a full investigation, a firehouse is typically not a LEED certified building, it would have been too expensive to do that, it adds 40-50 percent of the building cost, therefore not feasible. Councilwoman Morgan asked can something be done with the DMF building? Councilman DeSena replied that has not been designed yet, he doesn't know what the architect would do there. Council President Feeney stated maybe the grant writer can look into this. Mr. Biunno stated he will add that to the wish list. He is aware of what is needed in the Township, but he doesn't have the crystal ball stating that this grant comes out tomorrow or next week, but when it does come out, he will go after it, with COVID, the grant schedule has become a little eschew, at the Federal, State and County level. Council President Feeney asked when is the next cycle? Mr. Biunno replied the next applications will be announced in November, he has not heard if they have been cancelled or postponed, he will get more of an update and get back to Council, he has not heard anything of the funding round. Councilwoman Morgan stated this is something that can be explored further, and Mr. Biunno can follow-up with her. Mr. Biunno stated of course. Councilman Cumming asked is there any money out there for energy management, such as lighting/heating sensors? Mr. Biunno replied if Councilman Cumming is speaking about energy efficiency grants, he will look into it, sometimes through the BPU there is something available. Councilman Cumming stated he was contacted regarding the PSE&G 70/30 grants; the Ambulance Corps furnace was one that was left out. Mr. Biunno asked who does Councilman Cumming deal with at PSE&G? Councilman Cumming replied he deals with the people who do the auditing and Wilden Energy, this is an energy firm that PSE&G hires for their direct install plans. Mr. Biunno requested more information from Councilman Cumming, he does have a very good relationship with PSE&G, and will look into it for Councilman Cumming. Council President Feeney requested Administrator Tovo set up a meeting between herself, Mr. Sears, Councilwoman Morgan, members of the Green Team, Grant Writer, Councilman Cumming, so we can come up with a plan. Mayor Calamari stated just a reminder, three council members cannot meet. Council President Feeney stated we will work on that. She asked Mr. Biunno are there any PPE grants available? Mr. Biunno replied himself and Rio, the OEM Coordinator have been dealing with several reimbursement grants through the County and FEMA, we applied for the first round through the Fire Department, which was denied, we will be going to the second-round tomorrow. Council Presidents Feeney thanked Mr. Biunno for his time. Mr. Biunno stated he will reach out to the Administrator tomorrow regarding what was discussed tonight and set up a schedule.

Public Service Announcement read by Council President Feeney

CORONAVIRUS

For the latest updates/messages on the Coronavirus, please visit the Township website.

ELECTION 2020 - Vote by mail ballots (prepaid 1st class postage) shall be mailed to all “active registered voters” without the need for an application to receive a Vote by Mail ballot on or before October 5 for the November 3rd General Election. For any questions and additional information, please check our Elections/Voting webpage regularly. Voting Machines are strictly for voters who are blind, physically disabled or illiterate; all other voters will be given a provisional ballot. Any voter wanting to use the voting machine must fill out a disability certificate/affidavit. The poll worker will then call the Board of Election to verify the voter has not sent in their Vote by Mail ballot, only then can a voter enter the booth to vote.

2020 CENSUS

Currently the Township has 86.9 % response rate, let us make it 100% by reaching out to your family, neighbors and colleagues. If you have not responded, Census takers will be knocking at your door, please take a moment to speak with them. They will wear masks, follow local public health guidelines, have a valid photo ID badge and they may also carry bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo. Please visit 2020census.gov to complete your 2020 Census, today.

MAIL/DROP BOX

A blue drop box has been placed outside of Town Hall for all correspondence addressed to the proper department. Taxes-*No cash* should be placed in the drop box and all payments must be in a sealed envelope.

PROPERTY OWNERS

If your property is adjacent to a township owned property and you are interested in purchasing such parcel, please send a letter/email of interest to Mayor Peter Calamari.

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

The Library is has begun re-opening - Curbside pick-up will be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 1pm - 4pm. For residents who are homebound, delivery will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 1pm - 4pm. Please visit the website for further information.

TOWN PARKS

Parks, playgrounds and restrooms are open for recreational purposes. All facilities will be sanitized on a regular basis and social distancing and face coverings should be utilized.

NEXT PAPER SHREDDING/E-RECYCLING EVENT will be held on Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Municipal Complex Parking Lot. No books, binder clips or three ring binders.

GARAGE SPACE. We are looking for anyone willing to donate a space large enough to store the backup ambulance rig over the winter months. If you are able to help, please call the Ambulance Corp directly at 201-664-3784.

DPW REMINDERS – Loose leaves must be in barrels or paper bags for curbside pick-up. Please visit our website for further information.

Mayor Calamari stated he is sorry to report long time past Administrator, Agnes Smith, passed away last Friday, please keep her and her family in your prayers. Her obituary is available online and in today's Record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Limit to five (5) minutes)

****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. THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT, THE SPEAKER WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES, COUNCIL WILL RESPOND AT THE END****

A motion was made by Councilman Cuming, seconded by Councilman DeSena to open the Public Discussion.

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

Nays: None.

Jeffrey Sims, 211 Yorktowne Court – Mr. Sims spoke of his concern, as are most of the neighbors at Washington Commons, of the noise coming from Season due to the outdoor parties, police officers have been helpful, but there have been no resolutions. He is understanding of the fact that Season has been out of business, they have been very good neighbors, however, they are allowing the disc jockeys to run the show, Season staff should be in the position to tell the disc jockey to turn down the noise level. He understands there is a noise ordinance, they are complying with the hours, but not the noise level, which is earth shattering, no one seems to be able to stop it. He spoke of property values dropping due to people coming to see the units, but are concerned with the noise. He spoke of the noise level, the screaming, and would like to know how Council will help them. Council President Feeney thanked Mr. Sims, Council will comment at the end of Public Portion, she did reach out to the Mayor to let him know, even herself, where she lives, she did hear the music from Season's, she responded to emails she received indicating that the Mayor and Administrator are currently in talks with Season trying to come to a resolution. Mayor Calamari stated he would like to comment at the end of public portion. Councilman DeSena stated he would like to comment now. Council President Feeney stated she would like to comment at the end, she just wanted to let Councilman DeSena know.

Sergio Minervini, 123 Windsor Circle, Washington Commons – Mr. Minervini stated he has been a resident for several years, he feels terrible for those living on Yorktowne Court, he lives all the way in the rear of the Washington Commons complex, and he can hear the noise. He stated if he was a resident or owner of Yorktowne Court, he would be livid, wanting an answer immediately, this is a disturbance of the peace, it is unacceptable and a disgrace that the Township is allowing this happen, this is noise pollution. He stated people are struggling beyond the ownership of Season and they are pulling this nonsense, this is not right, not fair and not correct.

Philip Selby, 202 Yorktowne Court – Mr. Selby stated he has been a resident for twenty-five years, this is a quality-of-life conversation, and noise disturbance complaint regarding Season's, which is out of control. He spoke of the sound levels, which have been permeating his home since the first outside event Season held this Summer, and many residents are harboring the same complaint. He has reached out to Ms. Witkowski, the Township Clerk, Mayor Calamari, the

Police Department, Township Administrator Tovo, and Bernadette, the Administrator's Assistant for advice and further action, he also understands Council President Feeney was aware of the situation, he also met with the General Manager at Season's. He stated in the past, when there was a sound issue, the Police Department would handle it with Season quickly and efficiently, but the details with moving the parties outside, with music and DJs have totally missed its mark. He stated this is a formal sound complaint he is bringing before Council after many weeks of reaching out for some resolution. He stated the sound endangers the comfort and peace at home, he can hear the music with windows and the television on, there is no chance of enjoying our backyards or front yards, we haven't been able to do so all Summer, he was forced to invite his guests inside his home to finish a meal due to the sound being intolerable. He spoke of the non-stop music, loud base and real estate issues during walk-throughs. This needs proper attention for the restoration of a proper level of comfort and sense of peace.

Janet Sobkowicz, 849 Robinwood Road – Ms. Sobkowicz stated years ago when Rudy Wenzel was Mayor work needed to be done at Memorial Field, at that time money was lent to the Township at a 2% interest rate, that meant that every field the Township has is a Green Acre Field, a few times groups have come in willing to pay to use the fields.

Joan DelGreco, 211 Yorktowne Court – Ms. DelGreco spoke of the addition being put up at Season with the marble, which echoes the noise. She spoke of calling the Police, Season being a horrible neighbor, being ignored, dispatchers not knowing what is going on, and the decibel levels/noise being very loud making it unable to speak to the Police when they responded to her on Saturday, they had to shout to each other, no summons were issued, there seems to be a lot of double talk, which insults the taxpayers.

Megan Callea, 6 Katharina Place – Ms. Callea asked with all of these pending developments, what is being done holistically to see if our schools and infrastructure can handle this overdeveloping, and the impact of traffic in the area.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso stated he is in favor of Council returning to Council Chambers. He asked if a vote was taken for the new format, and if this format will continue once Council is back in Chambers. He also would like an update on the drainage issue at Viola Terrace which Boswell is looking into, also if Viola Terrace is still on the paving schedule for 2020. He asked if there has been a current traffic study at Pascack and Washington, as well as Van Emburgh. He stated there is a Capital Improvement List of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, they want to finish Exit 168 on the Garden State Parkway, he hopes an elected official has reached out, when he was involved there was a discussion regarding Exit 168, that is to have an extender, 168A and 168B, eliminating the left-hand turn just passed Exit 168, where traffic would be able to exit. He suggested Council reach out and be pro-active, not reactive.

Frank Romano, 101 Windsor Circle, Washington Commons – Mr. Romano stated the Washington Commons Condo Association supports the residents. There needs to be a reasonable solution, a more active stance.

Jessica, 188 Devon Road – Jessica spoke of the fence that was put up at the pedestrian walkway at the Town Center, as well another fence being put up being put by the library, which leads to there being no walkway to support the local businesses. She stated the only way now to gain access is to walk along the busy main street. She stated it seems confusing to her since it was a safe way to access that area, the residents that live on this block are disappointed, one of the reasons she bought the home was for easy access to the shops.

Diane Ferrara, 743 Amherst Drive – Ms. Ferrara spoke of the application of 450 Pascack Road, the community wide push-back leading to the application being withdrawn. She stated the community did speak with an attorney, who suggested this withdrawal of the application is a window of opportunity for the Council to be pro-active and protect Open Space, Memorial Field is the heart of the community. She stated the attorney did make such recommendations one is the Council pass a resolution directing the Planning Board to look at this piece of land to see what can be done to protect it from a development of that this kind, through the Master Plan, to protect and preserve Open Space, aesthetics of the Township. Council could also use this opportunity to have that area zoned for conservation easement, making the home a non-conforming use, which would preserve that land, Open Space, and the trees for our Township. The Master Plan provides for preservation, it would not be spot zoning. She stated that area could also be used as parking for our school, the home could be taken by eminent domain, but given the possibility of zoning it for Open Space in conformity with our Master Plan, that would not be necessary. She stated the Master Plan states independent adult living is confined to Block 2506, which is already built out, there is a concern with Bethany, which is zoned as OR, and could be zoned for units in the future. She is speaking on behalf of many residents, and hopes the Council takes this opportunity to be pro-active in the preservation of Open Space, this area is not suitable for independent senior housing. She asked can the Council pass such a resolution that was suggested, will the Council get back to us, she would like to know. Council President Feeney stated it will be addressed at the end.

Julianne Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Ms. Lipnick stated the barricade, at the shopping center, by the gate area, was put up many years ago that was an emergency entrance to the shopping center, which creates a hazard, the plans in the Building Department list it as such. She stated by closing off the pedestrian walkway kids are now sitting on the barricade, in the driveway, also sitting in the street, cars had to swing out of the way to avoid the kids. She stated she did have a conversation with Chief Skinner regarding the cars and trucks using the north driveway to enter the shopping center to avoid the traffic light, which happens very frequently. Chief Skinner stated he would put a patrol car in that area. She asked if the green house, south on Pascack Road, on the westbound side, she believes it is number 101, is abandoned or vacant.

Anthony Conti, 490 Ridgewood Boulevard North – Mr. Conti asked if there was a traffic study done on Washington and Pascack, also if there was any traffic study done at the Garden State Parkway exit. He spoke of an accident that occurred that morning which backed up traffic to Jackson, and the addition of more traffic, which would become treacherous. He also spoke of the Memorial Field property, which would be good for parking, as well as a dog park, he also appreciates the comments regarding Season's, but at this time the owner is trying to make a living, shutting down such a business would affect the taxes. He asked that residents be kind to business owners.

Councilwoman Morgan asked whoever is hitting a button to please stop, a resident is trying to speak, if it is an error, be careful, but it is rude. Council President Feeney agrees.

Antonio Udina, 876 Ridgewood Boulevard East – Mr. Udina echoes the comments of Ms. Ferrara regarding the property of 450 Pascack Road, they were great options. He spoke of preserving the property, the rain water system that is on the property, the impact on eco system on the property if there is development and the detention pond, in which water sits for days before it is absorbed. He stated it is unfortunate what is happening with the Season property, but if we allow a huge development, it will happen again, there will be similar complaints.

Jim Walsh, 713 Fern Street – Mr. Walsh stated he is not sure of the current plans for the intersection of Pascack and Washington, the application is in front of the Zoning Board, one of the issues is that area is a C1 Tributary, which runs north/south along that property, per the deregulations that property cannot be filled within 300 feet, he believes that is the buffer. He stated the backyards of residents of Meisten and Birch are drained off through that C1 Tributary, it is a concern in this neighborhood. He stated Chris Statile, who at the time was the Board engineer found a default in the application, which stated it was 25 acres, when it is actually 50 acres, which takes the application all the way up to the middle of the road. He is in favor of improvement of the intersection, he is just concerned of what will happen on that land with the improvements that will be made.

Brian Sinclair, 864 Ridgewood Boulevard East – Mr. Sinclair understands the application was pulled for 450 Pascack Road, he is concerned if the developer comes back with a Plan B, maybe this is our time to look at things, especially for the safety of our children, the playground in the back is 30 feet from where that building is proposed, that is a concern, it is a good time to think about how not to allow that.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming, to close the Public Discussion.

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

Nays: None.

Council Comments on Public Discussion:

Council President Feeney stated she lives in Northgate, she has experienced the noise from Seasons, it is not normal every day noise, it is excessive. The noise has been documented, the neighbors have been discussing this and they are asking for help, it is time for Council to work together to put this a more positive direction, with an immediate impact. Washington Commons has been impacted the most. Season does have a right to operate a business, she hopes we can come to a resolution. Regarding 450 Pascack, she does agree we should explore our options, there needs to be some conversations. At the Virtual Council meetings, the format allows everyone to have their say, five minutes are allowed, no interruptions, questions are then answered, we may have to get back to residents at a later time, the project tracker will be discussed at every meeting, with the intersection update, Council can ask any questions they need to. She feels this format allows for a professional, positive meeting without any negative connotations going back and forth, and doesn't allow people to have their say. She is sorry to hear Mrs. Lipnick's comments regarding the children in the area, thank you for letting us know what is going on and with a follow up on 100 Pascack Road to get back to you. She apologizes to Mr. Conti for the disrespectful pushing of the button during the call.

Councilman Cumming stated the comments are well taken regarding 450 Pascack, he understands the concerns, but it has been canceled, the back and forth is really not necessary. He wonders if it would be fair to all the taxpayers in the Township to buy a property to have a parking lot, he feels there needs to be more discussion. Regarding Seasons, the residents at the Commons has his sympathy, the noise ordinance specifies more than 70 decibels, 50 feet over the property line, if you have to move inside it seems that it would measure more than that high. There seems to be a need for a compromise, that is people have their events, Season making a living and residents existing in a comfortable environment.

Councilman Cascio stated regarding Seasons, he was unaware until tonight of the situation, Council can ask the Administration to enforce the laws that are on the book and take a firm stand, the ordinance can be tweaked if need be. Regarding Mr. D'Urso's question, he did speak with the Turnpike regarding exits A&B, there would be some difficulty with the westbound exit to alleviate the left-hand turn, he asks the Administration to reach out to the Turnpike Authority. The Township did try and acquire 450 Pascack, through Green Acres, we could not agree on a purchase price on the property, he is not in favor of making it a parking lot, he would like it to become Open Space. He is not sure if it is Planning or Zoning Board regarding rezoning, also discuss spot zoning. He doesn't believe a traffic study was done at Van Emburgh and Washington, if it has been done, he would like Council to be provided a copy. Councilman DeSena suggested an origin and destination study be done at Pascack and Washington, as well as Washington and Van Emburgh.

Councilman DeSena stated he didn't know about the noise issues at Seasons, there should be better communication with Council. Council President Feeney stated she was told as a resident of the area, she wasn't told until later as a Council member, she didn't want to take advantage of her position on the Council. Councilman DeSena stated Council President Feeney also knew about the withdrawal of the application at 450 Pascack. Council President Feeney stated she just found out today, there was a post on Facebook about it that the application was withdrawn. Councilman DeSena stated we should immediately reach out to our Grant Writer, Mr. Biunno regarding purchasing 450 Pascack to discuss making it a passive park, the Township did receive a grant to purchase the property, however the powers that be, Administration at the time chose not to purchase the property, this needs to be a priority with Mr. Biunno. He stated he did reach out to the Chief Engineer at the Turnpike Authority, it is for a northbound Exit B, so the left-turn lane would have direct access to go left.

Councilwoman Morgan stated she echoes everyone's thoughts on revisiting purchasing the property at 450 Pascack. She stated the Mayor will be addressing the noise at Seasons. Regarding Jessica and Ms. Lipnick comments, she understands it is an inconvenience, but rather than a child loses their life because of an inconvenience of someone walking twenty feet to their left instead of a straight shot across the berm, it is a safety issue, and when it comes to children being safe, she will take that road every time, if anyone has a better solution, please share. She stated we have received positive feedback from other towns, who have watching the meeting, thanking us for putting up the fence.

Mayor Calamari stated the Administrator Tovo will address the Season issue. He agrees with reaching out to Mr. Biunno, our Grant Writer, to prioritize the applying for Green Acres Funding for 450 Pascack. He agrees with Councilwoman Morgan regarding the shopping center, safety first and foremost, with that being said he did have a meeting with the Police Department, they are meeting with the engineer on site to see if there are some long-term solutions that may solve 99% of the issues.

Administrator Tovo stated the Season issue was brought to his attention last week, before that time it was strictly enforced within the Police Department. He spoke of hiring a special police officer, retired, who can control this situation so it stays within reasonable limits. In speaking with the Police Chief, one summons was issued to Season and once summons was issued to a DJ for failing to turn the music down upon request. The Police Department will be meeting at Season tomorrow to advise if there is further non-compliance, Season will be shut down. A conversation followed regarding the decibel level, which the ordinance does not specify. Council will be provided with some sample ordinances to review which include decibel levels. Councilman Cumming stated he does have a decibel counter, which he will share with the Police Department. Administrator Tovo received an email today from Boswell Engineering, the sewer

pipe issue will be remedied on Viola this week, pricing, with paving thereafter. American Asphalt will be coming back in to work on Devon, Woodfield and Stratford, as PSE&G will be done on Wednesday. Councilman DeSena asked when will the remaining work on Robinwood and all the roads that are missing catch basins be completed? Administrator Tovo replied when American Asphalt is back in the Township, they are waiting for PSE&G. Council President Feeney asked if Administrator Tovo advised American Asphalt of the emails received by residents? Administrator Tovo replied he did, they were forwarded to the appropriate personnel to remedy those complaints. Administrator Tovo stated Boswell is tracking the exit on the Garden State Parkway, there has been no funding for the project.

Break taken from 9:08 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

ORDINANCES

Adoption, 2nd Reading: None

Introduction, 1st Reading: None

INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTION(S): None

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

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.

Council President Feeney asks, does anyone have any resolution(s) to be removed from consent agenda for discussion? Councilmembers replied no.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 20-272

Authorize payment of bills August 27, 2020 to September 9, 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 08/27/20 to 09/09/20:

TOTAL	2019 Reserve	\$0	
TOTAL	2020 Current	\$153,105.79	
TOTAL	Capital Fund	\$129,255.25	
TOTAL	Animal Control	\$409.80	
TOTAL	Grant Fund	\$0	
TOTAL	Trust Fund	\$0	
TOTAL	Escrow Trust	\$33,461.25	
		GRAND TOTAL:	\$316,232.09

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, since the last bill list was submitted.

TOTAL	WESTWOOD REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$2,439,942.00
TOTAL	TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$51,115.50
	TOTAL:	\$2,491,057.50

Vendor Name	Description	Amount	Check Id
DELUXE INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	International 2020 HV507 SFA	117,319.50	3471
AT&T	LONG DISTANCE CHARGES-2020	89.36	39114
VERIZON	2020-POLICE DESK 201-664-1140	75.02	39112
VERIZON	2020-ANDMIN PHONE 201-664-8001	64.57	39112
RICOH USA, INC	CLERK COPIER	83.89	39130
RICOH USA, INC	POLICE COPIER LEASE-AUG	135.36	39130
BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTH	2020 DUMPING & RECYCLING	8,272.10	39115
BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTH	2020 DUMPING & RECYCLING TAX	375.72	39115
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC.	DMF-OXYGEN 2020	11.63	39106
BELMIRO AMARAL	CLEANING MEMORIAL/CLARK FIELDS	800.00	39107
AVAYA, INC./ CIT	2020-TELEPHONE LEASING	498.80	39113
AVAYA, INC./ CIT	2020-TELEPHONE LEASING	498.80	39113
ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.	2020 PAYROLL REPORTS Q3	301.52	39123
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	WASHINGTON & PASCACK I142902	1,935.75	3469
WB MASON CO., INC.	Toner Cartridge	45.29	39129
EMERSON FENCE INC.	50FT ROLLS OF 2X9 GREEN WIRE	606.00	39121
EMERSON FENCE INC.	Fence Repair at Sherry Field	167.64	39121
EMERSON FENCE INC.	Treated2he	74.00	39121
EMERSON FENCE INC.	Treated2hl	42.57	39121
LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS	2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET I#35022	5,500.00	39120
RE-TRON TECHNOLOGIES INC.	Battery for Car 46	108.28	39127
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	PET LICENSE TAGS YEAR 2021	312.00	1681
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	100 ALUMINUM CAT TAGS O-RING	66.00	1681
WB MASON CO., INC.	Black Ink for HP	71.56	39129
WB MASON CO., INC.	Cyan Ink for HP	58.95	39129
WB MASON CO., INC.	Yellow Ink for HP	58.95	39129
WB MASON CO., INC.	Magenta Ink for HP	58.95	39129
WB MASON CO., INC.	Black Ink for Epson	71.22	39129
ITALIAN TOUCH DELI	PRIMARY ELECTION	49.95	39109
INSPECT USA INC	CARBON MONOXIDE TEST GAS CANS	101.40	39133
INSPECT USA INC	UPS GROUND SHIPPING	13.23	39133
WB MASON CO., INC.	Printable DVDs	297.90	39129
WB MASON CO., INC.	Reusable Cotton Face Mask 5/pk	8.99	39129
WB MASON CO., INC.	VARIOUS OFFICE SUPPIES	52.14	39129
STATE LINE FIRE & SAFETY, INC.	Oxygen Tank Refills	29.30	39110
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	PD SANITIZER TRUFUEL	39.94	39119
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2020 PSE&G GAS CONST I# 142826	105.50	8800
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2018 STORMWATER REP I# 142830	740.50	39135
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	2020 GENERAL ENGINEERING-	7,650.00	39135
WB MASON CO., INC.	HP 17A (CF217A) TONER	90.58	39129
WB MASON CO., INC.	HP 19A (CF219A)	58.55	39129
AUTHORINET CONSULTING, LLC	SERVER DOWN INVOICE# 8668	130.00	39138
GOOSETOWN COMMUNICATIONS	Field Labor	405.00	39126
DAIRY QUEEN	Kid Cone Coupons	200.00	39137
VINDAN INC. D/B/A HARRIS UNIFO	Uniforms for PO Sinatra	255.95	39134
VINDAN INC. D/B/A HARRIS UNIFO	Uniforms for PO Luscombe	711.95	39134
CERTIFIED SPEEDOMETER	Vehicles Calibrated	240.00	39108
GOOSETOWN COMMUNICATIONS	Maintenance Agreement	600.00	39126

TRAFFIC SAFETY & EQUIPMENT	Caution Tape	303.90	39124
ALLEGRA	Approval for Building F221	95.00	39122
ALLEGRA	Approval for Electric F222	95.00	39122
ALLEGRA	Approval for Plumbing F223	95.00	39122
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	PUBLIC NOTICES	26.65	39118
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	INTRO. 20-10	24.70	39118
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	INTRO ORD. 20-11	53.20	39118
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	NOTICE TO BID-EMERG SERV BLDG	22.33	39118
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	NOTICE TO BID-EMERG SERV BLDG	26.60	39118
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	PB/SITE-501 WASHINGTON 73474	1,255.75	8799
ROBBIE CONLEY ARCHITECT, LLP	BIDDING AND NEGOTIATIONS	10,000.00	3470
CLARKE CATON HINTZ	DETERMINATION OF MT LAUREL	484.00	39131
NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SEN SRVS	PET REGISTRATION MAY-JULY	19.00	1680
NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SEN SRVS	PILOT CLINIC MAY-JULY 2020	3.80	1680
NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SEN SRVS	POPULATION CONT.MAY-JULY 2020	9.00	1680
AUTHORINET CONSULTING, LLC		255.90	39138
AUTHORINET CONSULTING, LLC	Zoom Professional	95.91	39138
CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT	OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS Q2/Q3 2020	36,277.23	39125
US BANK CUST ACTLIEN HOLDING	LIEN REDEMPTION	52,714.66	39136
US BANK CUST ACTLIEN HOLDING	LIEN REDEMP-PREMIUM REFUND	32,100.00	8801
WELLS FARGO REAL ESTATE TX SER	OVERPAYMENT REFUND Q3 2020	3,436.75	39128
CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT	REFUND-VETERAN EXEMPT-O/P	4,025.75	39125
US BANK CUST ACTLIEN HOLDING	REFUND Q2 & Q3 SUBQ PAYMENTS	5,523.23	39136
PSE&G-CCMC	VARIOS LOCATIONS 72262 019 09	19,314.29	39117
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Batteries for Soap Dispenser	41.94	39119
PETTY CASH	Overnight Postage T & M	10.20	39111
PETTY CASH	USPS Certified Mail	14.65	39111
PETTY CASH	Budget Mailing Tax - DCA	22.90	39111
PETTY CASH	Blueprints Clerk's Office	9.36	39111
PETTY CASH	Office Supplies-Ink Cartridge	90.61	39111
PETTY CASH	Fuel Charge to p/u 1033	39.47	39111
PETTY CASH	GSP Tolls DPW p/u Seedlings	7.50	39111
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	LABOR/WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT	253.50	39132
		TOTAL: \$ 316,232.09	

Resolution No. 20-273

Authorize annual appointment of Municipal Representatives to Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee FY2020-2021 covering period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has entered into a three-year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:8a-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that the Governing Body appoint a representative and alternate and that the Mayor appoint a representative and alternate for the FY 2020-2021 term starting July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body hereby appoints Steven Cascio as its representative and Arthur Cumming as its alternate and that the Mayor hereby appoints Robert Tovo as his representative, and (*no appointment*) as his alternate to serve on Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2020-2021; and

BE IT FURTHER REOSLVED that an original, certified copy of this resolution be immediately emailed and sent via postage to Robert G. Esposito, Director, Bergen

County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, Fourth Floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601/ resposito@co.bergen.nj.us as soon as possible and no later than Friday, October 9, 2020.

Resolution No. 20-274

Authorize the Mayor to sign and execute shared services agreement with the County of Bergen for Bonfire e-Procurement Software Services

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.* (the “Act”), authorizes local units of this State to enter into agreements with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen (the “County”) has authorized a shared services agreement between the County and the Township of Washington (the “Township”) in connection with the Bonfire platform e-procurement software services to facilitate social distancing and reduce visits to municipal facilities by vendors (the “Service”); and

WHEREAS, the Township and the County desire to enter into a shared services agreement to provide the Service to the Township, and the County has proposed a shared services agreement to effectuate said shared service, a copy of which is on file with the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that entering into such shared services agreement is in the best interest of the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said shared services agreement with the County pursuant to this Resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the County of Bergen.

Resolution No. 20-275

Authorize the Tax Collector to refund of Tax Sale Certificate in the amount of \$52,714.66 plus premium in the amount of \$32,100. for Block 3302, Lot 28, 243 Devon Road for 2016 tax lien to US Bank as Cust for Action Holding, not to exceed \$84,814.66

WHEREAS, at the Tax Sale held on November 7, 2017, the Township of Washington sold a tax lien for delinquent 2016 taxes on Block 3302, Lot 28, also known as 243 Devon Road, owned by Michael & Sharon Garafalo; and

WHEREAS, Tax Lien Certificate #17-00001 was sold to US Bank as Cust Actlien Holding, 2 Liberty Place, 50 South 16th St., Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102; an

WHEREAS, US Bank as Cust for Actlien Holding paid a premium of \$32,100 on the date of the tax sale for Tax Sale Certificate #17-00001; and

WHEREAS, the tax office received a payment for redemption of Certificate #17-00001 in the amount of \$52,714.66; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund \$52,714.66, plus the \$32,100.00 premium, payable to US Bank as Cust for Actlien Holding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 20-278

Authorize renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for Amy LLC t/a Dog House Saloon & Grill, Year 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2020-2021;

Lic# 0266-33-003-008 Amy LLC t/a Dog House Saloon & Grill
270 Pascack Road

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington received a letter from, The Dog House Saloon & Grill, requesting permission to extend the closing hours to 3:00 a.m. on November 25-26, 2020 (Thanksgiving Eve-Thanksgiving Morning), and December 31, 2020-January 1, 2021 (New Year's Eve, Thursday-Friday morning); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby affirms its permission for the Dog House Saloon and Grill to have extended hours to 3:00 a.m. on November 25-26, 2020 (Thanksgiving Eve-Thanksgiving Morning), and December 31, 2020-January 1, 2021 (New Year's Eve, Thursday-Friday morning); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 20-279

Authorize renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for TJG Inc., t/a Season Catering, Year 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2020-2021;

Lic# 0266-33-005-004 TJG Inc. t/a Season Catering
644 Pascack Road

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 20-280

Authorize renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for CB Restaurants, t/a Charlie Brown's, Year 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2019-2020;

Lic# 0266-33-001-006 CB Washington Twsp LLC t/a Charlie Brown's
95 Linwood Avenue

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 20-281

Authorize renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution License for Township Liquors, Year 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Plenary Retail Distribution License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2020-2021;

Lic# 0266-44-006-008 Township Liquors Inc.
309 Pascack Road

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 20-282

Authorize renewal of Club License for Washington Township Columbian Club, Year 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Club License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2020-2021;

Lic# 0266-31-008-001 Washington Township Columbian Club Inc.
79 Pascack Road

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 20-283

Authorize renewal of Club License for Washington Township Recreation Club, Year 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Club License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2020-2021;

Lic# 0266-31-009-001 Washington Township Recreation Club
P.O. Box 1035

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 20-284

Authorize renewal of amended Deferred Compensation Plan 457(b) administered by Lincoln Financial Group

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer") by resolution previously adopted a Deferred Compensation Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan") for the purpose of making available to eligible employees the accrual of tax benefits under a Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan now allows employees still working at age seventy and a half (70.5) to withdraw account balances and now includes the permitted use of Roth contributions. affecting Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans (cumulatively referred to as the "Acts and Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires its Plan to conform with the changes contained within the resolution and regulations of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to adopt a restated Plan that conforms with the changes in the Code and Treasury regulations resulting from the Acts and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, such revised Plan shall supersede the previously adopted Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Employer hereby adopts a revised Plan 92-PD-Lincoln-121316; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, its agent, has agreed to continue to be the provider of the Deferred Compensation Program for employees and elected officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, its agent, will continue to provide, for the benefit of the participants the Multi-Fund Variable Annuity contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and a representative of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, its agent, in the selection of a provider pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:37-5.7; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director of Business Administrator is authorized to execute an Administrative Services Agreement with the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, its agent, (94-SA-Lincoln-110217) and such other agreements as are necessary to implement the Deferred Compensation Program. It is implicitly understood that there is to be no cost or contribution by the Employer to the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director or Business Administrator is authorized to serve as the “Administrator” of the plan, represent the Employer, and execute individual deferred compensation agreements with each said employee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Employer that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the finance Director or Business Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services at P.O. Box 803, Trenton NJ 08625-0803.

A motion was made by Councilman DeSena, seconded by Council President Feeney, to adjourn to Conference Agenda.

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

Nays: None.

Time noted: 9:20 p.m.

/s/ Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk

/s/ Stacey Feeney
Council President

Approved: May 3, 2021

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
CONFERENCE AGENDA
September 14, 2020

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A VIRTUAL MEETING
DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

CURRENT BUSINESS

I. Administration

Cover under closed session, intersection

II. Council

- A. Ordinances and Legislation
- B. Financials
- C. Miscellaneous

1. Grease trap procedures (*follow up continued*)

- a. two other towns ordinances for review from Health Officer (Gina Behre) – Administrator Tovo stated Ms.

Behre, our Health Officer suggested the ordinance from Bloomfield, which she is very familiar with, we could include matters such as maintenance of logs, it is pretty close to what we are looking for. Councilman DeSena stated the logs are kept at the premises, so they are available for the Health Officer. Council President Feeney suggested copies be kept at the office, so the Health Officer can review the file, logs should be kept at both locations, the premises and at Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, as well as the Township Department of Health. Councilman Cumming spoke of #3, the availability of logs upon request, which should be sufficient. Councilman Cascio stated three copies should be kept, one at the location, one at Northwest and one at our Health Department. Council President Feeney asked is there a requirement of how often? Councilman DeSena replied that is determined how much grease is found, on the Bloomfield ordinance it is stated on page 3, charge is \$100, the inspector goes out, fills up the sink to the top, if it doesn't flush out correctly, they know they have a problem with the grease trap. Councilman Cumming stated #4 indicates that a licensed plumber conducts an annual inspection to ensure that the grease is being removed adequately, at a minimum or as needed. Councilman DeSena stated it can be increased more frequently based upon the Health Officer's recommendation.

2. Tax delinquent notices

- a. Kennedy Drive
- b. Wearimus Road
- c. Winchester Court

Councilman Cascio stated it is hard to tell what actually happened, very low amount of interest, he will approve it at this time, this is complicated with residents being in quarantine, power outages, in that respect he is fine with it. Councilman Cumming stated it is three small amounts, reasons vary, so he would let it go. Councilman DeSena stated he is also okay with, he is advising residents not to mail their taxes through the 07676-post office, it is terrible. Councilwoman Morgan stated she agrees, it is a minimal amount. Council President Feeney stated she does agree with Council, she recently mailed out some mail from the Township, and it cannot be found anywhere. Councilwoman Morgan stated the post office should be in discussion again. Councilman Cascio advised residents do not go to our post office. Township Clerk Witkowski will email our Tax Collector, Joi Apar, that it has been approved by Council. Administrator Tovo stated he and the Mayor met with Josh Gottheimer via teleconference with the US Postal Service on Friday, they are promising an investigation into what has been brought to their attention, as well the history

poor service, we do expect to hear back from them within the next two weeks, we will keep the Council updated.

3. Volunteer Tuition Credit Program (sw) – Township Clerk Witkowski stated this program is available to any member of a volunteer organization who are active and in good standing, their spouses and dependent children, meaning the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, First Aid Rescue Squad. It entitles them to a \$600 per year, not to exceed the maximum of \$2,400 over a four-year service period. There are some guidelines they need to follow, they need to be in good standing in their program, they also need to sign-off on a certificate that they will serve a minimum of 4 years, every year they are an active member there needs to be a letter verifying that they are in good standing for the 12-month period prior to, then a certificate of authorization is issued. It will be sent to the school; the school will then reduce their tuition by \$600. It is a four-year period for the total number of years, they must maintain a C, a 2.0 or a passing grade to be eligible. If they participate in both, the Ambulance Corps and Fire Department they do not get \$1,200, it is one organization or the other, \$600 per year. There are forms that need to be filled out. It is a good program, someone had reached out to her in August, she did some research with attorney Poller, he didn't recall it being done, mentioned it to Council President Feeney, who also thought it was a good idea. Administrator Tovo did reach out to both the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps, the Fire Department did resend saying it was a go, but we haven't heard from the Ambulance Corps as of yet. A resolution will need to be passed by Council in order to have it in place. Township Clerk Witkowski stated she has done this in other towns, it doesn't cost the Township anything and it is a little bit of a boost, a little incentive. Council President Feeney stated it is great idea. Council members, as well as the Mayor and Administrator all support the program. A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting, October 5th.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 20-285

Negotiations/Lease of property Ambulance Corp; Update litigation/condemnation Intersection/ Viviano properties; Update Commuter Parking; litigation/negotiation 184 Finnerty Place

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 of 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. **Negotiation/lease of property Ambulance building; Litigation/condemnation intersection property; litigation Viviano property; negotiations commuter parking; potential litigation; litigation/negotiation 184 Finnerty Place**

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: 9:40 p.m.

/s/ Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk

/s/ Stacey Feeney
Council President

Approved: May 3, 2021