

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**April 1, 2013**

**PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC MEETING**

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Meeting in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Council President Steven Cascio with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Joseph D'Urso, Richard Hrbek, Fred Goetz, Steven Cascio. Absent: None. Glenn Beckmeyer arrived at 9:00 p.m. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Catherine Steinel, Administrator.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act this meeting was listed in the Township Council Annual Meeting List which was published in the Ridgewood News, forwarded to the local newspapers, posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

The Clerk read the total of various bills paid, a copy of which is attached and made part of these minutes.

**Report of Mayor**

Mayor Sobkowicz stated she is going to start with her March report since she was not able to give it last time and then go right into her April report. Would like to congratulate the Westwood Regional Boys Basketball team for their accomplishments this season. The team made it into the Bergen Jamboree Semi-finals North One Group 2. Although they lost, they represented our community very well by qualifying. Planning Board installed new secretary, Joanne Carroll. The Picnic Resolution was approved to enable demolish a house located at 4 Colonial Boulevard. Resolutions were drawn up for Dunkin Donuts and Original Pizza in the shopping center which both are set to open May 1. There is a cease and desist order on the property located at the northwest corner of Washington Avenue and Pascack Road. Mayor Sobkowicz indicates she knows a lot of time has passed but this means the applicant needs to restore the property to its original condition, seek variances from the DEP, or what she considers a third option to reconsider the current proposal. Primarily she supports residential homes, but town homes also could be a viable option. With this new ruling from the DEP now is the time for the applicant to reconsider their proposal towards residential use. The Police Department is encouraging residents to turn in their unwanted firearms to the police headquarters. The individual needs to notify the police department in writing ahead of time before they come in and they will not be charged with illegal possession of firearms. Chief Ciocco also implores legal gun owners to act responsibly in locking up their firearms and making sure their firearms are out of the hands of juveniles. Not only is it dangerous to leave a loaded firearm within easy access of a minor, but it is against the law. Firearms are to be locked up. The Bergen County Sherriff's office, in conjunction with the Prosecutors Office, will be holding a gun buyback program on April 13 and 14 in various areas across the counties. The one closest to us is Our Lady of Mercy on 46 Pascack Road in Park Ridge. February 2013 our overtime in the police department was \$19,002.00; same time last year \$10,340.00. Concerning dispatchers, we used 115 hours in January 2013 and 89 hours in January 2012. We currently have 3 part-time dispatchers and have just hired two more. Dina Burke, Director of Public Affairs, attended a State Municipal Alliance 3 hour training session. A logic model is being created. This training is required every 3 years in order for us to quality to get the grant. Dina is now going around to the Police Department, Hospitals, School System to find relative occurrences of tobacco, alcohol and/or drugs, and she has to bring

that information to the next meeting. The administrator has been working diligently on several projects. Just to name a few, Memorial Field Sod and Canadian Geese. We are still dealing with aftermath of Hurricane Sandy reports, meetings, repairs, and all kinds of things we have to handle in order to qualify to get money back that was spent during the storm. The administrator has been working with Rio Fasciano from the police department. Mayor Sobkowicz is happy to say that everything is in order. On Beech Street, on the corner of Washington, there are two new homes. The Township sent a letter return-receipt requested to the homeowners, since United Water was paving these streets for free, that if they were going to put their utilities in, now was the time, before the street was to be paved. They ignored our request and did not put their utilities in and now they want to put them in. We will not let them dig up the street unless they agree to repave it, curb to curb or go out to Washington Avenue. Mayor Sobkowicz attended Scout Pack 228 Blue and Gold Dinner which was held at Westwood Community Center on March 3. It was great to see our young scouts receive awards and the performance of the Medicine Wheel Dancers was outstanding. On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> the Township will be participating in a Pascack Valley Regional Environmental Day. Shredding and e-recycling will be held from nine to twelve. We are also organizing clean-up and beautification. Daisy Troop 559 is going to be planting flowers at Clark Field and also other Scouting Troops will be working in other areas. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that, if anyone would like to participate, to please call Bernadette. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that all of this came out of a meeting Pascack Valley Mayors had with County Executive Kathryn Donovan and it is being coordinated through Park Ridge. Mayor Sobkowicz is proud to announce that the Monmouth University Polling Institute and Graduate Program analyzed 540 municipal websites and our website received an Honorable Mention for Availability of Content and Ease of Use and will receive a certificate March 21. State aid remains flat, but we are not getting less than last year. We are all getting the same except for Camden, Newark and Morris Township, who are receiving 1.5 million more in aid. It would have been nice for a one or two percent increase, but they are expecting towns to tighten their belts. In March as a result of an idea our Administrator had the K-9 Unit Division from the Sherriff's Department came out to Memorial Field to conduct drills to help the geese situation. Six dogs came out with their handlers. It was very educational and it did keep the geese out for quite a while. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that she thought the geese smelled the dog scent even after they left. The Township has a new Summer Recreation Program which will be a full day program with a lot of options. It is on the Township's website and it is being put together by our coordinator Steven Fadini. The Fire Department responded to two accidents, which they had to cut people out of the cars and rush them to the hospital. Mayor Sobkowicz congratulates them. On March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> we had another weather event. Mayor Sobkowicz appreciates all of the compliments from residents about our road department and how they improved over the last few years. She stated that they noticed the improvements over the years for the Road Department. Recycling needs to be increased. The prices have softened a bit, and if we could double our recycling we will continue to get a nice rebate. Last month we received a \$2983.00 rebate from our vendor. We have a resident Robert Stickle who is from Life Savers Incorporated and he will be donating four defibrulators, one to each of our fields. We are working on the best place to install them. Mr. Stickle is here tonight. Mayor Sobkowicz would like to thank him for his donation as they are very expensive. Mr. Stickle has also been running some training classes, so if anyone is interested in learning how to use defibrulators especially those working within recreation. We will be announcing the training sessions. In January we had five Eagle Scouts inducted and then we had our

Cub Scout Dinner #228. Upstairs we have Erin Mandersville gold project. We had 11 bronze awards last week. Mayor Sobkowicz attended the Awards Dinner of Troop 321. They won a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Trophy in the Klondike Derby, which was the first time ever. The trophy was presented to the town and it is displayed upstairs. For the second consecutive year the Township received a gold safety award by JIF. We received a plaque and a \$1,500.00 check. The safety Committee is run by Vic Fadinni and they also have a new goal for safety vests and helmets. Those who qualified for the 2011 Homestead Rebate will receive a credit on your 2013 August taxes, due to the fact that they are over budgeted at the state. Mayor Sobkowicz was proud to be at the Dragon Soccer award ceremony in which over 200 children received awards. At the Planning Board we are dealing with a renovation and the cell tower. We had a great save by the Police Department and the Ambulance Corps. recently. A man passed out at the Y while on the treadmill. We will have an awards ceremony for them in the future. This past Wednesday, Mayor Sobkowicz and Mr. D'Urso attended the Education Foundation event for the school and it was very well attended. April 20 is Environmental Day, and, if you have any ideas, please let Mayor Sobkowicz know. Our budget is being introduced tonight, we are seeing an increase of \$32.00 for a house assessed at \$534, 00.00 and \$27.00 has to do with tax appeals. In comparison to other towns, we are in very good shape and we had some employees retire. There was an article in the paper regarding the lighting detection system, and it stated we were not interested. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that the town was not included in the meeting that was held, so we knew nothing about it. There was some discussion last year, but we never said we didn't want to participate in it.

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL**

**Mr. D'Urso** - The Mayor did cover a lot. I am on the Planning Board with the Mayor. Original Pizza and Dunkin Donuts is coming back May 1. Also Eye Level Learning Center will be going there, so it will be good to see that shopping center starting to fill back up again. There are a lot of people renovating homes in the Township, which is good for everyone involved. Mr. D'Urso brought to the attention of the Planning Board about a month ago the corner of Washington and Pascack. Northgate, a condominium complex in our town, have concerns about another parcel of land that is in Hillsdale, they are looking to build 17 homes. It is the same waterway that runs along the other end, and that water is going to run off and come through the Township. Hopefully the planning board members will take into consideration all of this when the builder comes before the planning board. On our agenda for tonight, LOSAP Ordinance has to do with the 2011 letter request by the fire department to reword the ordinance to give better benefits to our volunteers. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time it has come to us. Chief Jamie power came in and explained it to us back in February. Our Administrator Ms. Steinel came in to explain what to do with this ordinance and tonight it will be introduced. The council did not leave it off on purpose. Personnel have been one of my biggest concerns. For five months, we do not have a CFO, Finance Director, Treasurer, but the town is operating. We will be talking about if we have any resumes coming in. DMF has been doing great job, but they are working without a Superintendent for almost a year, and they do need a leader out there. The clerk is understaffed and in that office, we do not have a Deputy Clerk yet. Hopefully we will be addressing that situation. Mr. D'Urso would like to congratulate Heather Henry on our website. He said that it has drastically improved over the past year. Mr. D'Urso was with the basketball association for 15 years before he stepped down due to other obligations. Mr. D'Urso would like to recognize two people from recreation, Dan

Hopkins and Don Riggs. It takes a lot of time and effort to coordinate 60 teams, 400 kids, referees, uniforms, equipment and the same with the High School Administration. Mr. D'Urso also would like to recognize our Superintendent of Recreation, Margaret Koesel. A "Thank You" to all, Dan, Don and Margaret for volunteering and the work they do. The roads will be discussed here tonight and the capital budget to improve some roads. The repaving of Jackson Avenue which is being done by United Water will start soon. Hopefully we will get answers from the administration on when that project is going to start. With regard to the budget, Mr. D'Urso would like to thank our Administrator Catherine Steinel for guiding us through the process, without having a CFO at the meetings. The administrator was a big help in guiding us with the financials. The Township lost close to a million dollars in tax appeals in three years and we are heading towards a loss of \$300,000.00 this year. We are heading towards a revaluation which will hopefully take place in our 2014 taxes. We lost nineteen million in rateables over those three years because we probably didn't do a tax revaluation sooner. Mr. D'Urso would like to thank the members of the council for the time that went into the budget and their many hours away from family time. It is appreciated by me not only as a councilman, but as a resident and taxpayer of this town. One other person I would like to recognize, our Township Clerk, Mary Ann Ozment. She has been on her own all year since the loss of our Deputy Clerk and she has been doing a great job with keeping up with requests from residents and council.

**Mayor Sobkowicz** - I just would like to clarify with regard to the LOSAP it just came up recently with our budget meeting. The by-laws change came up last year.

**Mr. Hrbek** - I have no report this evening.

**Mr. Goetz** - Since our last meeting Mr. Goetz stated that he has met with the Superintendent of Schools to speak with him in regard to how we can work together for the betterment of the entire community. Mr. Goetz attended the Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner, and he would like to congratulate those young men, Cub Scouts that are now moving up to Boy Scouts and thanked all the volunteers and leaders for sacrificing their time, that is much appreciated as well. He stated that all the Council attended many budget meetings and they have been very difficult since we do not have a CFO, Financial Officer, Treasurer or a Deputy Clerk. Mr. Goetz would like to sincerely thank the business administrator and the township clerk for all the extra work and effort they had to put in to assist the council in getting this budget done. They both went above and beyond and do deserve special recognition. Mr. Goetz attended several other special meeting with the Township Council. Mr. Goetz met with the Board of Fort Lee Regional Chamber of Commerce and discussed ideas that we could apply to our community to help some of the struggling businesses. Mr. Goetz also met with businesses and residents in town with regard to other issues. Mr. Goetz shook the can at the Hillsdale Shop Rite to raise money for CASA, which is the Children's Advocates of Bergen County which helps foster children in Bergen County. They are having a fundraiser at Seasons on April 18. Mr. Goetz hopes some people will consider attending. It really is a great cause. He also would like to announce a fundraiser for Veterans of Foreign Wars at Ladies Auxiliary for veterans and families on Saturday, April 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Olive Branch and Grapevine located in Westwood. It is a great opportunity to support our veterans and to purchase products as well. Since November of last as Councilman D'Urso mentioned, we are still without a CFO, Treasurer or a Finance Director and that pretty much consists of the entire Finance Department with the exception of the assistant to the CFO, which we do have. Also for a year now we have been without a DMF superintendent. We have had no deputy clerk for quite some time now, which is very hard on the

Clerk to address all of the issues that come into her office. Last year we also lost our Department of Health secretary and we also only have a part time building inspector. We now have hardly any full time staff at our most important positions in the Township and, as a result, every administrative department is way behind and the Township is still losing money at an alarming rate. To stem the tide the council has developed several plans to pave the way for huge savings to the taxpayer through various means, but everything that has been presented continues to be squashed. Mr. Goetz said that he wonders in what direction we are headed if we continue on the same path. The only change he sees is our staff dwindling while our pot holes grow larger. Yet even though the council has been hamstrung, they still managed to lower the mayors proposed budget significantly and keep the taxes stable for yet another year. Mr. Goetz does express his gratitude again to the rest of the council for their hard work as well as the business administrator and the clerk. Mr. Goetz states he is very happy that we were able to keep those taxes stable.

**Dr. Cascio** - Dr. Cascio states he would like to thank the mayor for her report for two months. Dr. Cascio would also like to thank the council, mayor administrator and clerk in helping him preside over the budget sessions. It took a lot of time away from family and other things they had to do. Dr. Cascio would like to especially thank the Administrator for all her help and insight. He said that the Council did get the budget done on time and kept it stable. We have been working on a road program and Mr. Beckmeyer has been helpful in developing a plan for future repairs of our roads. Dr. Cascio cannot stress enough how much our administrator helped us and I would like to thank her.

**Mayor Sobkowicz** - We took a lot of time to see what roads need to be worked on and put it into our capital budget. The administrator will look into this tomorrow. We did receive a letter from PSE&G that they will be doing gas main replacement and repairs so they want to know what roads we are going to work on. We want to know where they are going to do the gas mains. That may have a bearing if they are going to do work there. That will need coordination. One of the key factors of the budget is that we were able to build up a larger surplus than last year. One of the biggest components is we were allowed to take \$920,000 out of surplus to reduce taxes. In 2011 there was enough money left over in that budget to go into 2013. Our finances are in pretty good shape.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to open the Public Discussion.

Ayes: Councilpersons D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek, Cascio.

Nays: None.

**George Stafford, Outreach Director, NJ Highlands Coalition** - We are approaching communities to consider a resolution backing a 2004 NJ Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act. Over the course of the last few years the coalition has seen the emphasis of the highlands council turn inward. Our main priority at this time is the towns within the highlands, what can and can't be done and the protection of the highlands. 4.8 million residents in Northern New Jersey receive their drinking water from the highlands. You receive the water in two forms through the tap or your basement window with run off. I have a resolution here and I have a map of what towns receive their water from the highlands, and according to the U.S. Geological Survey it indicates your community receives up to 75% of your water from highland sources. We are working on exceptions for developing in the areas that had been set aside. You pay to receive the water and you pay to have it cleaned, but you don't pay anything for the water. The highlands concern everyone in the Northern and Central part of New Jersey who gets

their water from the Highlands. It is a very simple resolution. He said that he was going to leave it with the Council. He said that his contact information is there if there are any questions. Mayor Sobkowitz thanked Mr. Stafford for coming and indicated she was familiar with the highlands coalition due to a donation that was given through her school to the highlands several years ago.

**Peter Mayer 133 Woodfield Road** - Mr. Mayer indicated he is speaking on behalf of Vito Trause and all those baseball fans who attend baseball games at the high school. There is no port-a-john or any facility nearby and in case anyone has to use the bathroom; they have to walk to the high school, which is a long walk. Mr. Trause has brought this to many people's attention and Mr. Mayer is hoping that in bringing it to the council's attention something can be done about it for him and for all the fans. Dr. Cascio indicated that it a subject for the Westwood Board of Education, but he will talk to the superintendent and see what can be done. Mr. Goetz also indicated he will talk to the acting superintendent and convey Mr. Mayer's concerns. Mr. Mayer thanked the council.

**Rose D'Ambra 423 Colonial Boulevard** - Mrs. D'Ambra wants to know why this administration does not put all the public notices in the Bergen Record, instead of the Ridgewood News. The Ridgewood News does not put any news of Washington Township in their paper, and why do we patronize them when most of the taxpayers read the Bergen Record. The taxpayers are reading the Bergen Record in the library because the library does not subscribe to the Ridgewood News. Mrs. D'Ambra wanted to know why some things are being put into the Bergen Record. The last thing that was put into the Bergen Record was the investigation about the mayor and the administration. Dr. Cascio indicated that the reason for that was a time constraint. It had to be done within 48 to 72 hours. Mrs. D'Ambra asked if the investigation is still in closed session. Dr. Cascio indicated it is still a closed investigation and cannot be discussed at this point. Dr. Cascio indicated we put it in the Ridgewood News because it is less expensive. We are complying with the law and that is where it has been published for the last 26 years. It is a budgetary concern. We will discuss about putting it in the Bergen Record at the next council meeting.

**Ray Bernroth 838 Crest Place** - Mr. Bernroth asked about the latest word on the cell tower. Mr. Poller stated that the planning board approved the cell tower and supposed to get a Memorialized Resolution passed at the next meeting. The leases are in their final stages. There was a discussion between council members. Mr. Poller indicated the leases are being finalized and should be underway pretty quickly. Mr. Bernroth asked why is it that we lose important people like Diane Grimaldi who was the assistant to Mary Ann Ozment in the Clerk's office. Mr. Bernroth speaks to her off and on and indicated she left because she was not offered a contract. Mr. Bernroth sees that, in reading the minutes, other people are leaving also, why is this? Dr. Cascio stated that it appears that the salary in Township of Washington might be lower than surrounding communities and that due to the economy people move to different positions in towns that pay more.

There being no further comments or questions in public discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. D'Urso close the public portion.

Ayes: Councilpersons D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz, Cascio.

Nays: None.

## **ORDINANCES**

The Clerk read Ordinance #13-04 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADDING FEES FOR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to introduce and pass Ordinance # 13-04 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek, Cascio.

Nays: None.

The following resolution was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by D'Urso.

Ayes: Councilpersons D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek, Cascio.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance #13-04 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADDING FEES FOR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2013 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road, Township of Washington at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise in the Ridgewood News, a newspaper circulated in this Township, the introduction and notice of further consideration for final passage and public hearing of this ordinance as required by law.

The Clerk read Ordinance # 13-05 entitled: CALENDAR YEAR 2013 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to introduce and pass Ordinance # 13-05 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek, Cascio.

Nays: None.

The following resolution was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. D'Urso.

Ayes: Councilpersons D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek, Cascio.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance #13-05 entitled: CALENDAR YEAR 2013 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2013 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road, Township of Washington at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise in the Ridgewood News a newspaper circulated in this Township, the introduction and notice of further consideration for final passage and public hearing of this ordinance as required by law.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following resolutions were part of the Consent Agenda and were made available to the Governing Body and the Public prior to the meeting.

The Consent Agenda was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. D'Urso.

Ayes: D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek, Cascio.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, A Touch of Elegance posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 4519, Lot 7, 443 Webster Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the project was abandoned and never completed as per a letter from Ms. Sacchi attached,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer since all invoices were paid in 2010,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$625.00 to the above.

WHEREAS, Diana Laucello-Miguel posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 1202.01, Lot 5, 28 Jacob Road; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated February 14, 2013, C.O. No. 12-467,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due Township Engineer as per his letters dated February 12, 2013 and March 15, 2013,

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

WHEREAS, Karen Maltese posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 3501, Lot 5, 139 Ridgewood Road; and

WHEREAS, as per letter attached the project was abandoned and therefore Ms. Maltese would like a refund of the remaining escrow,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$760.00 to the above.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has agreed to the establishment of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Deferred Compensation Plan. This Plan is to be made available to all bona fide eligible volunteers who are performing qualified services which is defined as firefighting and prevention services, emergency medical services and ambulance services pursuant to Section 457 on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except for provisions added by reason of the Length of Service Award Program will also comply with New Jersey Public Law 1997, Chapter 388 and the Length of Service Award Plan Document; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington deems it appropriate to act to ensure retention of existing members and to provide incentive for recruiting new volunteer firefighters/first aid organization members; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has a Length of Service Award Plan Document that implements the programs objectives; and

WHEREAS, certain tax benefits could accrue to eligible volunteer firefighters organization members;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Washington is adopting a Length of Service Award Program Deferred Plan which is substantially similar to a plan that has been submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for a Private letter Ruling. The use of the ruling is for guidance only and the Township of Washington acknowledges that for Internal Revenue purposes, the ruling of another agency is not be considered precedent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of The Township of Washington that, it hereby adopts a Length of Service Award Program Deferred Plan provided by the Lincoln National Life-Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, its agent, Plan Identifier: 01-LOSAP-LINCOLN-101700; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, it's agent, has agreed to be the provider for the Township of Washington Length of Service Award Deferred Program and it's eligible volunteers as provided for in its Length of Service Deferred Program and it's eligible volunteers as provided for in its Length of Service Award Plan Document, Plan Identifier: 01-LOSAP-LINCOLN-101700; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, it's agent, will provide, for the benefit of the participants, a Multi-Fund variable Annuity Contract as its funding vehicle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 530-11.37 (a) The Township of Washington solicited a proposal for a Length of Service Award (LOSAP) and Service Agreement from Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, its agent, the only provider currently doing LOSAP business in the State of New Jersey. A written waiver from the requirement for soliciting proposal from two or more providers offering prototypical length of service award plans was issued by the Director of Local Government Services in the State Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, there has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and a representative of the contractor in the selection of a contractor for the administration of a Length of Service Award Plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:37-11.29,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Washington accepted Lincoln National Life Insurance Company's proposal because of the level of service, the financial stability of the company, features of the plan's investment options and references; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to execute an Administrative Services Agreement with the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, its agent, Plan Identifier: 01-LOSAP-LINCOLN-101700, and such other agreements as are necessary to implement the LOSAP Deferred Program. It is implicitly understood that there is to be no cost other than the Service Award by the Township of Washington to the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to serve as the "Local Plan Administrator" of the plan, represent the Township of Washington, and execute individual Participation Agreement between Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, it's agent and bona fide eligible volunteers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township of Washington that the Township Clerk forwards a certified true copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer will submit all necessary documents to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the State Department of Community Affairs for approval.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has by law been administrating a LOSAP program for the Ambulance Corps volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Administrator has received the list of volunteers from the Ambulance Corps who qualify under the program; and

WHEREAS, the list has been reviewed and deemed accurate; and

WHEREAS, it is required under the law that the Township Council of the Township of Washington approve the attached list; and

WHEREAS, the list be returned to the Township of Washington Ambulance Corp for a 30 (thirty) day posting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after the 30 (thirty) day posting the Planning Administrator will issue a check to cover volunteers on the attached list to Lincoln Financial.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has by law been administrating a LOSAP Program for the Fire Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Administrator has received the list of volunteers from the Fire Department who qualify under the program; and

WHEREAS, the list has been reviewed and deemed accurate; and

WHEREAS, it is required under the law that the Township Council of the Township of Washington approve the attached list;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after the 30 (thirty) day posting the Planning Administrator will issue a check to cover volunteers on the attached list to Lincoln Financial.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (the "Township") currently has in effect a length of service awards program ("LOSAP") in accordance with Chapter 388 of the Laws of 1997, to reward members of the Township of Washington Volunteer Fire Department and the Township of Washington Volunteer Ambulance Corps for their loyal, diligent, and devoted services to the residents of the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to increase the annual remuneration amount for members who achieved the required points for the calendar year 2012 to \$1,250.00;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Council hereby approves the LOSAP annual remuneration amount of \$1,250.00 for members who achieved the required points for the calendar year 2012.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes and permits contracting units, such as the Township of Washington (the "Township") to enter into service agreements for the services contemplated below without competitive bidding for same, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a) (1); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) The Township seeks to enter into a shared services agreement with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission (the "Commission") whereby the Commission will provide health services of a professional and technical nature to the Township as provided for in the Local Health Service Law (N.J.S.A. 26:3A21-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Health of the Township administers certain health service programs for towns within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission has committed to provide services to the Child Health Conference for the towns under the jurisdiction of the Office of Health for the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that the Township Council approves the Child Health Conference letter agreement dated January 15, 2013, proposed by the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission, which is on file with the Township, and hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute said agreement for the above stated purpose.

**BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. D’Urso, to approve the following resolution increasing the Mayor’s budget:

Ayes: Councilpersons D’Urso, Goetz, Hrbek, Cascio

Nays: None.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the following items of budget submitted by the Mayor for the year 2013 be and are hereby increased by the Township Council by the amounts set forth below:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>		
Miscellaneous Revenues		
Fees and Permits-Other	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 185,000.00
Interest and Cost on Taxes	60,000.00	70,000.00
Uniform Construction Code Fees	120,000.00	149,000.00
Body Armor Fund		2,251.00
Uniform Safety Act	9,000.00	14,000.00
Police Outside Billing-		
Other Trust Fund	100,000.00	125,000.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	240,000.00	265,000.00
<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>		
Mayor and Council		
Other Expenses (Council)	5,350.00	10,050.00
Municipal Clerk		
Salary and Wages	75,743.00	83,997.00
Other Expenses	16,700.00	19,700.00
Financial Administration		
Salary and Wages	71,001.00	91,287.00
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	18,000.00	18,600.00
Tax Assessment Administration		
Other Expenses	4,655.00	20,655.00
Legal Services		
Other Expenses		
Council	74,000.00	79,000.00
Engineering Services		
Other Expenses	38,000.00	58,000.00
Police Department		
Other Expenses	89,450.00	94,950.00
Aid to Volunteer		
Ambulance Company	43,500.00	50,600.00
Fire Department		
Other Expenses	32,210.00	39,710.00
Department of Municipal Facilities		
Salary and Wages	608,139.00	646,219.00
Other Expenses	65,000.00	65,500.00
Recreation Services and Programs		
Salary and Wages	72,200.00	88,200.00
Other Expenses	165,250.00	168,850.00
Maintenance of Parks		
Resurfacing of Memorial Field		20,000.00
Accumulated Leave Compensation	12,000.00	87,000.00
Utility Expenses and Bulk Purchases		
Telephone	43,200.00	43,500.00

Sewer		
Bergen County Utilities		
Authority-Contractual		
Operating	468,975.00	526,276.00
Debt Service	223,763.00	240,839.00
Public and Private Programs		
Offset with Revenues		
Body Armor Fund		2,251.00
WCTV Expense	3,000.00	7,000.00

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to approve the following resolution decreasing the Mayor's budget:  
 Ayes: Councilpersons D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek, Cascio.  
 Nays: None.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Washington that the following items of budget submitted by the Mayor for the year 2013 be and are hereby decreased by the Township Council by the amounts set forth below.

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>		
Amount to be Raised	\$ 9,019,653.00	8,901,699.00
By Taxes For Support of Municipal Budget		
<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>		
Mayor and Council		
Salary and Wages	9,391.00	9,361.00
Legal Services		
Tax Appeals	34,000.00	30,000.00
Land Use Administration		
Planning Board		
Salary and Wages	8,473.00	8,173.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Salary and Wages	19,586.00	19,286.00
Insurance		
Employee Group Insurance	863,806.00	846,348.00
Police Department		
Salary and Wages	2,859,051.00	2,668,828.00
Community Policing	1,500.00	1,000.00
Maintenance of Desk Record	19,000.00	16,000.00
Police Dispatchers		
Salary and Wages	163,420.00	70,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance		
Other Expenses	118,290.00	109,790.00
Public Health Services		
Salary and Wages		
Board of Health	71,485.00	70,985.00
Public Defender		
Other Expenses	1,836.00	1,800.00
Construction Code Officials		
Salaries and Wages	109,155.00	102,751.00
Landfill/Solid Waste Disposal Costs		
Sanitary Landfill and Dump Fees	96,000.00	92,000.00

A Motion was made by Mr. Goetz, seconded by Dr. Cascio to approve the following resolution introducing the 2013 Municipal Budget.

Ayes: D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek, Cascio.

Nays: None.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in the Ridgewood News in the issue of April 12, 2013 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Court Chambers on May 6, 2013 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

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Mary Ann Ozment, Township Clerk

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Steven Cascio, Council President