

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

April 7, 2015

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Council President Peter Calamari with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steve Cascio, Dave Frank, Thomas Sears and Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Matthew Cavallo, Business 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 Bergen Record, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to approve the March 23, 2015 Public & Conference Minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz stated the budget process, working together the Mayor and Council, were completed in five meetings, two of them were on Saturdays and were very productive. Stated the administrator had the back up for every meeting and could refigure things in a matter of seconds. Stated when the administration gave the budget to the council in February, some figures are still not available, but the good news is that Council, Mayor and Administration worked very cooperatively together to make any changes, increases and decreases. Stated the Council itself after all of this had a net increase of \$50,000, which brought the amount per household to \$14.00 for the municipal portion. If your home is assessed at \$464,000 your increase will be \$14.00. Projections for revenue also have to be done in the front of the budget, during the year the administration watches those very closely whether or not we are meeting the goal of some of the projections that are put there, because if the goal is not met it does affect what we put aside for non-payment of taxes. That is why it is always reported whether we are behind or ahead of different revenue items. Our financial picture is excellent, our outstanding debt dropped a few years ago by \$340,000 making it a much smaller part of our tax dollar. Our bond rating then went up to double A plus, so hopefully we will get better rates on our bonds. Even with the road program prices are coming in at a lower rate. We are in an excellent financial position. The Road Program, the one part left from Colonial Boulevard to Washington to Lincoln will be done next week. Administrator Cavallo is working with the Pascack Valley Cooperative to prepare the 2015 Road Resurfacing Program. An independent study done to rank the roads and the streets is being finalized. In the Capital Budget the Council allowed the amount to go up to \$750,000 so we will be able to include more streets this year. Stated she has been getting many positive comments with regard to the library chair yoga for seniors and the new children's librarian Marie Joyce. Many people at the Pancake Breakfast last week commented on it. If anyone is interested there is a Music & Painting class to be held at the library on Wednesday, April 15th at 6:00 pm for adults. Music will be playing while teaching Monet style painting, if anyone is interested

please sign up at the library. The library is also offering a Genealogy Program on the second Tuesday, at 6:30 pm. That program is doing very well and growing. The library also has a new program called Hoopla, and you can access it through the library website as long as you have a library card. You will be able to stream television shows, audio books, movies, CD's that are online, it is similar to Netflix. Stated on March 22nd she attended the Installation and Awards Ceremony for Troop 321. At that dinner Weblos 2 were welcomed from the week before who bridged over into Scouts. Stated the leaders and parents have done a great job providing worthwhile opportunities for these boys. Stated on Saturday, April 5th she attended a yoga class at the library for Girl Scout Troop 5559 which was organized by the leaders of Roberta Kenyon and Maria Trimarchi and was given by Laura Litchult, who owns Cradles to Crayons daycare in Emerson. It was really good and everyone had a great time. On Sunday, March 14th Council President Calamari, Vice-President Beckmeyer, Councilman Sears and herself attended a fundraising event at the Knights of Columbus who are raising funds to help local people in need. Quarterly taxes are due on May 1st the Homestead Credit for the year 2012 was issued on April 1st and was applied to the second quarter taxes. A notice was sent with regard to the amount that is due. The Police Department made several arrests in regard to cell phone insurance scams. The actors were charged and referred to the Prosecutors Officer, and it is now part of a large federal investigation. Stated it is also important for everyone to be aware of a teller banking scam. In conjunction with bank security officers and our police department an arrest was made a party was charged with various indictable crimes. Please make every effort to check your bank statements and verify your balances and call the Police Department if you should see anything suspicious. Please also be aware of the ongoing scam phone calls from people claiming to be the IRS or a public utility company telling you that you owe money and you need to go to a local store and get a PayPal green dot money pack. Please do not do this since it is a scam and it is virtually untraceable. She stated she has been reading the CAD's every day and has noticed that the Township had a lot more action. She did ask for a comparison of January to March of 2014 to January to March 2015 and the amount of arrests that were made. There are several categories and in the category of ATS ACS, which is Automated Traffic System and Automated Court System, that is when we can put someone license plate and the information comes up, we had one arrest in that time period of last year and this year during the same time period we had 21 arrests. Stated she is very proud of the fact that the officers are being proactive, are using technology and are providing for our safety and security. Stated it is also important to call when you see something suspicious, it really does help, please continue to do so. She thanked the Fire Department for bringing back the Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, which she attended. Even though seats were available upstairs and downstairs there were waiting lines going for a good portion of the event. Thanked all the residents for coming out and supporting this event. On April 4th the Egg Hunt was held and she was happy to see all the residents that turned out for this event, especially since the wind and the cold made it very difficult, but everyone did have a great time. The Fire Department for the first three months of this year answered approximately 60 calls to service, March was the heaviest. The Fire Department is also preparing for its Annual Antique and Custom Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show on June 14th. That day is a great day to honor the Flag, so please come and show your support. The Planning Board has had some applications before them. A dog grooming place did submit an application, it took a couple of meetings because they originally wanted dog grooming, dog daycare and selling accessories. Now it going to move to a different location in the shopping center and it will only be dog grooming and sales of accessories, and it called Bark Place, it will be opening fairly soon and will be located on the north side. The Rite-Aid is finished with their interior renovation, they did come back for signage and a new design was approved for their permanent sign and that sign should be going up soon. Rite-Aid did sign a 20 year lease so please

give them your support. With regard to the Stagger Lee application, some work was finalized, which is on Linwood Avenue. Councilman Sears helped us with the hydrant servicing and water pressure figures. Currently pot holes are being filled on local streets. The county was here this morning filling one up on Jacquelyn near Washington, they are really behind but we are continuing on. Administrator Cavallo has put out notices to engineers for quotes for the design specs on Memorial Field. An engineer will be appointed probably by next week. On Saturday, March 21st the Shredding and E-Recycling event was extremely busy. A Swiftreach call was sent out as a reminder and hopes that helped. Another Shredding Event will probably be held in October. With regard to recycling the same number this March as last March which is 93 tons, however the Township received \$230 less income. Stated this is one of the items she watches very carefully, we will have to recycle more to get the same amount of money we have been getting. The Junior Police Academy will run Monday, June 22nd to Thursday, June 26th, with a daily schedule of 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Applications can be obtained in Hillsdale, Westwood or the Township, since it is a joint program. At the end of last year, we made an application to the Community Development Block Grant for handicap ramps so when the road program is done the handicap ramps will be funded by a grant, right now we are negotiating with them, Councilman Beckmeyer is trying to get us more than we did. Anyone who signed up to be a member of CERT will be notified soon with regard to the class which is starting in September and will also have to complete an application before that to become a part of the Police and Fire Academy in Mahwah.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – No report this evening.

Mr. Beckmeyer – Mr. Beckmeyer would like to thank everyone for coming out in this weather. Stated on tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday, he will be attending the Bergen County Community Development meeting in Old Tappan where a discussion will take place with regard to the amount each town will receive. Stated on Friday at 7:00 pm at the high school the PSO from Westwood Regional is having a March Madness basketball game between the Washington School dads versus the Jesse George School dads. All funds raised will go and benefit the Washington Township Volunteer EMT and Fire Department.

Mr. Sears – Mr. Sears stated a large amount of the calls the Fire Department is receiving is due to carbon monoxide detectors. Residents do change the batteries, but you also need to look at the date at the back of the unit. If the date is over five years old you should consider replacing the whole unit itself. Stated he still has the fundraiser going with the Ambulance Corps for the heart machine and donations are coming in. Stated he met with Assemblyman Robert Auth at the intersection of Pascack and Washington the other day. Stated he gave Assemblyman Auth a brief description of what the needs are, and did show him the county map that the county provided to the township. Stated Assemblyman Auth is going to be setting up a meeting with Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi and Senator Cardinale, and will notify us of the meeting either this week or next week. Assemblyman Auth does want the Administrator, the Council and the Mayor to get together to come up with some plans. Stated he did speak to Assemblyman Auth with regard to Exit 171. Assemblyman Auth did make some calls and indicated to Councilman Sears that he didn't get a good response back from Woodcliff Lake with regard to Exit 171. Assemblyman Auth did mention to Councilman Sears about going to the state for a grant for the traffic lights. We are moving forward and hopefully after the meeting we can come up with a better plan. Mayor Sobkowitz stated that she also did speak with Assemblyman Auth and was happy to see him show up at the Firehouse for the Pancake Breakfast and believes it was very good for him to come out and support our local town. She also stated meeting was planned with the county but it was cancelled due to an illness, but it is being rescheduled at this time.

Mr. Frank – No report this evening.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated he also attended the Knights of Columbus dinner and the Pancake Breakfast, and had a great time at both of them. Asked everyone to please support these town organizations, they are great in what they do.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura stated she feels she has an obligation to come to these meetings. Stated she is very disappointed in some of the council that are going to go ahead with this field. She learned something recently that upset her that volunteer recreation football coaches in this town have been getting paid stipends. Mayor Sobkowicz replied in 2010 it stopped, she does not know when it began. Ms. Plantamura stated it started around 1992 and for about 20 years football coaches were getting paid. She stated she volunteered in this town for years and she does know of a lot of women that coached in this town for years. She would like to know who gave permission for the payments and was it legal that volunteer coaches were allowed to get paid stipends for football only, and some council member were coaches and possibly received stipends. She stated when you appoint a recreation board and those members come before and ask you to fund a 3 million field and the maintenance costs submitted in the financial statements are coming from the rec board members, they are special interest groups. She suggests that the fathers, mothers, coaches and managers and all of the people that want this go out and have a fundraiser. She stated that she was sitting on School Street watching the lacrosse players and the coaches drag the metal benches across Memorial Field digging up all the grass, no regard to the property that the taxpayers pay for in this town. She stated it is her right to attend the council meetings and voice her opinions. She stated council has a fiduciary responsibility to listen to what everyone else in this town is asking and at this time she has over 800 signatures. She stated that Councilman Sears indicated to her that no one in the town has ever done a referendum. She stated she will be submitting these petitions at the second phase when you go to bond. Stated she feels that if council doesn't pay attention to all the signatures, she is going to ask for a recall of some council members since council has a fiduciary responsibility to listen to what the people want in this town. Stated she is a female that didn't get paid for anything in this town and will challenge that if council pushes this issue. Stated Clark Field is locked and gated for baseball and only boys play baseball. Stated she knows several women in this town that coached and she also coached in this town and it aggravates her that football gets priority. She spoke of an instance when her daughter was dismissed from the high school at one o'clock in the afternoon because the football team went to the State's, and asked when the girls go to the States will the same be done for them. She feels the rec board is asking everyone in the town to pay their bills. Stated once kids have aged out of the system they don't care about the field anymore and the taxpayers are stuck with the bill. She suggests council do what she is doing going around door to door, shopping center and Church where she hears from people who are very upset. She stated people feel it is arrogance and there are other priorities. She suggests that if people want this field they can go around town and ask for sponsors. She would like an answer on to why the football coaches in this town received stipends as volunteer recreation coaches, none of the females in the town did and none of the girls have any access to any fields in this town with them as a priority. She also spoke of when she formed a competitive women's softball league that she ran and paid for her for 15 years, and not being able to get a field because the men come first, the kids come

second and the women come last. This is a form of discrimination. She would like an answer on why only the football coaches in this town received a stipend. She stated she will also like to know if it is legal to lock and chain Clark Field. Stated she would like Councilman Sears to make copies of this and distribute it to council which is 28 pages of field turf maintenance. She then spoke of the activities that would not be allowed on a turf field. She stated the special interest groups are not here right now because council is going to bond \$150,000 of taxpayer's money to do a feasibility study. She stated she hopes there is no connection in hiring an engineer because it is the all-boys club and it should go out for bid. She stated she will present the petitioners and if they are not heard, she will take the next step. Mayor Sobkowicz stated this Friday there will be a program on WCTV highlighting the Girls Bowling Team and the next Friday for the Girls Basketball Team.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked with regard to Swiftreach 911 how it is paid? Administrator Cavallo stated it is a onetime yearly fee. Ms. Ozment stated she looked on the website and it states that calls will be made that are of an emergency nature or important. She received a call with regard to the shredding event which she does not believe is an emergency or important notice. She asked if the emergency fire and police have been moved to the new tower. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that they are operating from the new cell tower and the old tower will eventually come down. Mrs. Ozment would like Councilman Calamari to look into when the old tower will come down since it is not being used. Councilman Calamari asked Administrator Cavallo to look into it.

Cindy Cannon, 804 Manhattan Avenue – Ms. Cannon spoke of the article on the front page of the Pascack Press with regard to the Mayor of Westwood stating the \$500 stipend has not been paid with regard to the special needs. Mayor Sobkowicz stated special needs were paid, that is a one-time fee. Mayor Sobkowicz explained the special needs is separate, the other part is for the teen center and after tonight hopefully we will have an interlocal agreement with them, the council will vote on it. Mayor Sobkowicz stated attendance sheets are now being received and the kids will receive a card so we will know how many kids are going there and how many kids belong there, which will be middle school, 6th, 7th and 8th. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that parents have expressed concerns about security. Ms. Cannon would like to know where the numbers come from with regard to the field. Councilman Calamari stated that to his knowledge they are from past studies that were done, that is why we are going ahead with this most recent study we will getting much more of an actual cost. Administrator Cavallo stated an engineer will be hired to do a concept design and we will also have an engineer's estimate, which will be our estimate plus or minus a percentage. Ms. Cannon asked there will be no gender discrimination. Administrator Cavallo stated it will be football, lacrosse, baseball, and softball, whoever applies to use the field. Ms. Cannon asked it will be in the same place as it is now. Councilman Calamari replied yes and it will be for boys and girls, men and women.

Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Avenue – Mr. Bruno stated it is disappointing to hear about coaches being paid. He asked with regard to the study who from the council will review and analyze these costs? Councilman Calamari we all will look at it. Mr. Bruno asked if the CFO will become involved. Councilman Calamari stated based on his understanding they will come to us with the figures and we will get the CFO involved if needed, but basically it is our responsibility. Administrator Cavallo stated the CFO will get involved when it comes time for a bond sale, the main person that would be preparing our bond ordinance will be our bond council. Mr. Bruno stated he looked at the budget and there appears to be a 1,325,000 in surplus this year which is 225,000 more than last year. Mayor Sobkowicz stated it is \$380 per household that they will not have to pay in taxes. Mr. Bruno would like to know if some of the money can be put back into the Township for aesthetics. Mayor Sobkowicz stated by using the surplus in budget this year we can do more roads. Mr. Bruno stated the library parking lot is bottoming out. He

stated there is an extra 225,000 just help us out. Mr. Bruno spoke at length with regard to being given more than five minutes to speak. He asked if there is any new information with regard to the benzene. Administrator Cavallo stated that we are still waiting for the easement to be signed by Washington Commons to install a monitoring well which he believes has not been signed yet. Administrator Cavallo further stated this is between DEP and the owners of Five Star, the Township is completely out of it. Mr. Bruno stated that someone should be representing the Township. Administrator Cavallo stated that he has been in contact with Applied Earth Solutions. Mr. Bruno asked if there is anything new with the gas station. Administrator Cavallo stated permits are currently being issued to install a gas station and service station. Mr. Bruno stated the Season's property is not being maintained even though there is an ordinance with regard to maintenance of property.

Tom Blackwell, 366 Colonial Boulevard – Mr. Blackwell asked if the plans for the intersection address the bus stop as well. Administrator Cavallo stated there are no set plans for the intersection there have been proposals. Mayor Sobkowicz stated we did reach out to the County. Administrator Cavallo stated it is on our list of things that need to be addressed. Mr. Blackwell stated he believes the approach that has been taken with regard to Memorial Field can also be applied to the intersection as well, developing a vision and executing that vision. He stated it is an eyesore, his son takes the bus their everyday, there is no easy way to pick up or drop off anyone there, it is dangerous. Councilman Sears stated that the County Executive did add four more pedestrian crossing signs to the intersection and the bus stop was mentioned when we had our meeting. Mr. Blackwell stated it is our commuter gateway that is how people commute. He stated that Shared Services is an accepted business practice today, it is a standard business practice and to not be involved in Shared Services is not good business and spoke at length with regard to Shared Services. He also stated our police officers should be out serving, patrolling and protecting our community, not answering the phone, he believes it is a waste of money. He stated with regard to Memorial Field it is only used four months out of the year, and the roads, intersection, DMF, Fire Station those are used 12 months out of the year. He stated Memorial Field is an important asset to the community and he trusts council to keep it in terms of priority of all the other things that need to be done in this town.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to close the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance No. 15-06

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-06 entitled: CALENDAR YEAR 2015 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-06 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-167 was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-06 entitled: CALENDAR YEAR 2015 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 of Washington on the 7th day of April, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 20th day of April, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, 350 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 Bergen Record, a newspaper circulated in this Township, the introduction and notice of further consideration for final passage and public hearing of this ordinance as required by law.

BUDGET INTRODUCTION

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Frank, to approve Resolution No. 15-168 Increasing the Mayor's Budget.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

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 2015 be and are hereby increased by the Township Council by the amounts set forth below:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Miscellaneous Revenues		
Bergen County Municipal JIF	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
Mayor and Council		
Other Expenses (Council)	5,400	6,500
Financial Administration		
Salaries & Wages	83,200	87,450
Audit Services		
Other Expenses	32,600	33,200
WCTV Expense	7,000	8,000
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Other Expenses	8,290	9,290
Fire Department		
Other Expenses	28,360	29,360
Other Expenses	68,400	79,100
Other Public Work Functions		
Shade Trees-Holiday Decorations	2,500	4,000
Recreation Services and Programs		
Other Expenses	159,350	159,600
Golden Seniors Committee	13,000	14,000
Maintenance of Free Public Library	569,231	569,498
Celebration of Public Events	20,500	26,500
Bergen County Municipal JIF	1,000	2,000
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	847,683	862,729

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Frank, to approve Resolution No. 15-169 Decreasing the Mayor's Budget.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

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 2015 be and are hereby decreased by the Township Council by the amounts set forth below:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Amount to be raised by Taxes for Support of the Municipal Budget	\$ 9,038,792	\$ 8,986,301
<u>APPROPRIATIONS:</u>		
General Administration		
Other Expenses	33,350	32,850
Engineering Services		
Other Expenses	57,000	47,000
Department of Public Affairs		
Other Expenses	16,300	15,800
Land Use Administration		
Planning Board		
Other Expenses	7,030	6,950
Construction Officials		
Salaries & Wages	118,858	111,292
Other Expenses	8,550	7,800
Police Department		
Salaries & Wages	2,999,286	2,994,286
Other Expenses	61,150	50,250
Maintenance of Desk Record System	13,000	9,000
Police Dispatching		
Salaries & Wages	140,000	130,000
Office of Emergency Management		
Other Expenses	6,000	5,000
Other Public Works Function		
Shade Trees-Holiday Decorations	3,000	-
Buildings and Grounds		
Building Maintenance	35,200	26,200
Occ. Safety & Health Blood Pathogens		
Other Expenses	3,000	2,600
Recreation Services and Programs		
Salaries & Wages	93,816	91,816
Maintenance of Parks		
Parks and Other Expenses	68,100	63,600
Prior Years Bills	10,000	1,473
Reserve for Body Armor Fund	2,669	-
Reserve for Clean Communities Grant	15,813	-

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears to approve Resolution No. 15-170 for the Introduction of 2015 Budget.

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

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 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in The Record in the issue of April 9, 2015 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Court Chambers on May 11, 2015 at 7:30 o'clock (P.M.) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

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.

There was a discussion with regard to Resolution No. 15-177.

The Consent Agenda was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 15-171

Tax Refund

WHEREAS, a homestead benefit was given for Block 2306, Lot 19, Steven and Patricia Kohlreiter, 572 Hoover Avenue, for the 2nd quarter 2015 installment in the amount of \$787.94, and

WHEREAS, the Homestead Benefit credit is based upon taxes paid in 2012 and the homeowner became exempt on December 8, 2014 on this totally disabled veteran. Per New Jersey Statute 54:3-27.2, overpaid taxes are to be refunded to homeowner,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Steven and Patricia Kohlreiter
572 Hoover Avenue
Twp. of Washington, New Jersey 07676

Refund due homeowner: \$ 787.94

Resolution No. 15-172

Tax Refund

WHEREAS, a homestead benefit was given for Block 4303, Lot 1, Nicholas D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Blvd, for the 2nd quarter 2015 installment in the amount of \$656.61, and

WHEREAS, the Homestead Benefit credit is based upon taxes paid in 2012 and the homeowner became exempt on March 18, 2013 on this totally disabled veteran. Per New Jersey Statute 54:3-27.2, overpaid taxes are to be refunded to homeowner,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Nicholas and Rose D'Ambra
423 Colonial Blvd.
Twp. of Washington, New Jersey 07676

Refund due homeowner: \$ 656.61

Resolution No. 15-173

Tax Refund

WHEREAS, a homestead benefit was given for Block 4506, Lot 3, Edward and Dorothy Maloney, 149 Fern St, for the 2nd quarter 2015 installment in the amount of \$558.78, and

WHEREAS, the Homestead Benefit credit is based upon taxes paid in 2012 and the homeowner became exempt on December 8, 2014 on this totally disabled veteran. Per New Jersey Statute 54:3-27.2, overpaid taxes are to be refunded to homeowner,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Edward and Dorothy Maloney
149 Fern Street
Twp. of Washington, New Jersey 07676

Refund due homeowner: \$ 558.78

Resolution No. 15-174

Engineering Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, Christopher P. Zaccone, posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 3215, Lot 19, 619 Colonial Blvd; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated December 29, 2014, C.O. No. 14-512; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated November 12, 2014; and

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 \$608.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-175

Recreation Refund

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

Kim Vivas
541 Howard Street
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Lacrosse
Refund Amount: \$135.00

Resolution No. 15-176

Temporary Emergency Appropriation

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to Appropriations and no adequate provision has been made in the 2015 temporary budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total temporary budget resolution adopted in the year 2015 including this resolution total \$5,605,528.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 an emergency temporary appropriation be made for:

PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Range Rental \$ 500.00

PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS

DEPT. OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Other Expenses \$ 12,500.00

TOTAL TEMPORARY EMERGENCY \$ 13,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

Resolution No. 15-177

Teen Center

SHARED SERVICE/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD FOR TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Shared Services Agreement referable to the Teen Center.

Time Noted: 8:19 pm



Elaine Erlewein
Acting Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: April 20, 2015

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

April 7, 2015

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

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Use Fees – Administrator Cavallo stated that we are the only town in the area that doesn't charge to use any of our facilities for extra usage. He spoke of the usages and stated that is why everyone comes to the Township because we don't charge. He has put together a spreadsheet of what the surrounding towns charge. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that Maryalyce called all the surrounding towns asked for the information and put it into the spreadsheet. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the numbers that are here numbers are lower that what is actually being charged, we are making it affordable. Administrator Cavallo stated he has a draft that would like council to look over and bring it back to the next meeting and discuss it at the next meeting. Dr. Cascio asked how this came about. Administrator Cavallo stated it came from the Mayor; it is something that she asked for when he first got here. Mr. Frank stated it is if someone wants to use the field. Administrator Cavallo stated it is something that is not normal to us, such as a tournament. Mayor Sobkowicz stated when we go to the high school we pay for use of the fields and the gym, and it does get very expensive. Administrator Cavallo spoke of the instances when someone would be charged for using the field. The spreadsheet with the numbers of what the surrounding towns charge will be forwarded to council.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Codification of Ordinances – Mr. Calamari stated until the budget is passed codification cannot begin.

Roads Program – Administrator Cavallo stated numbers have been submitted to the COOP engineer. We plan to be out to bid in around the first week of May, awarding the contract in June and paving July and August. Mayor Sobkowicz stated we also reached out to Ridgewood for two roads, Standish and Hampshire that we share with them, they are going out to bid on them and we are including ours to get the cheapest prices. There was a discussion with regard to potholes. Administrator Cavallo stated he did ask in the COOP for price for box out patching.

Firehouse Building – Mayor Sobkowicz stated we had a meeting today with the fire department director and the chief. Mayor Sobkowicz stated current things; the budget and infrastructure items were discussed. Mayor Sobkowicz also stated we will meet with them in two weeks. Mr. Sears stated the 43 bay the right and the left side of the floor are collapsing. Administrator Cavallo stated that the floor is not collapsing it is a crack. Mr. Sears spoke of the condition of the area. Mr. Frank stated he did see it a couple of years ago, but doesn't know what looks like now is. Mr. Sears stated rags are put in the area to keep the cold out. Administrator Cavallo stated the area that is sinking is the apron itself, not the firehouse. Mr. Sears stated when he looks at the firehouse and he can see a hole inside the firehouse and the apron, there is a problem.

Department of Municipal Facilities Building – Mr. Calamari stated at the last meeting there were proposals given to council to look at. Administrator Cavallo stated it is his opinion the lowest bidder can do the job. Administrator Cavallo spoke of the highest and lowest bidders. Administrator Cavallo stated we have to allocate money, which was already put in the capital budget and we

would have to introduce an ordinance at the next meeting, once the ordinance is passed we go to contract. Musial Architectural Group is the lowest bidder at \$13,500. Mr. Beckmeyer asked that an ordinance be ready for the next meeting so we can move forward. There was a discussion of engineers. The lowest bidder does have a history of doing municipal work.

Memorial Field Improvements – Administrator Cavallo stated that he prepared a spec to go out tomorrow to a couple of local engineering firms in the area to give us a proposal to do the same scope of work of the proposal we have so far. Administrator Cavallo stated he has already contacted Chris Statile, our Township engineer to give him a revised proposal since he made a couple of mark-ups on it which will lower the price. Administrator Cavallo stated they are looking for a not to exceed number from the engineers. Administrator Cavallo stated he is sending it out to a total of four more firms so by the next meeting we should have multiple proposals for vendors. There was a discussion of pricing and reputable firms. Administrator Cavallo stated he did reach out to other administrators in the Pascack region and did receive a list of who they have used. Mr. Beckmeyer stated the one of the most important things is that their paperwork is in order that makes it much easier.

VFW Property – Habitat for Humanity – Mr. Sears stated it has been over a year we have been discussing this and he feels as though it is a game. Mr. Calamari stated a last meeting we spoke of the developer's agreement with regard to the units. Mr. Poller stated that we are trying to get an update from the planner through COAH interpretation whether this is permissible to have and also to get credit for. Mr. Poller stated the planner has been contacted.

Intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue – Mr. Calamari stated Mr. Sears gave a good update on what has been going on. Mr. Sears will touch base with Assemblyman Auth to see when he is going to have the meeting with Senator Cardinale and Assemblywoman Schepisi. Mayor Sobkowitz stated she would like to invite the county engineer also.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to adjourn.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Time note: 9:38 pm



Elaine Erelwein
Acting Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: April 20, 2015