

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC MEETING/ CONFERENCE SESSION

AUGUST 20, 2012

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Meeting in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President, Richard Hrbek. Members present: Steven Cascio, Joseph D'Urso, Fred Goetz, Richard Hrbek. Absent: None Mr. Beckmeyer arrived at 7:34 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 Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio seconded by Mr. D'Urso to pass the June 25, 2012 Conference and Closed minutes of the Township Council.

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

Nays: None

**GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to open the Public Portion of the meeting.

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

Nays: None

**Vic Fadini, 698 Kennedy Drive** – On behalf of the Risk Management program, of which Mr. Fadini is the Township Coordinator, Mr. Fadini presented a plaque and check for \$1,500 to the Township. He recognized Police Captain, Glenn Hooper; Acting DMF Supervisor, Tom Clossey; and Director of Fire Department, Tom Sears as key personnel in the program's implementation. Mayor Sobkowicz thanked Mr. Fadini for starting the Safety First Committee.

**Denise Trezza, 570 Van Emburgh Avenue** – Mrs. Trezza read a letter that she had e-mailed to the Mayor and Council earlier in the day regarding an outdoor pool on her next door neighbor's property. Final inspections were not done and pool permits were never closed. She said that a drain pipe spills water into her back yard and into her basement when it rains. Mrs. Trezza stated that she has tried to address the problem with several Township departments in the past but the problem continues. She said that she now has a generator installed to assure her sub-pump continues to work during power outages to keep her basement from flooding. Her landscaping continues to get washed away due to the water coming from the pool's pipeline drainage. Mr. Hrbek stated that the Administration will work towards resolving the situation. Ms. Steinel has requested all background information necessary from the proper departments and will follow up on the issue

**Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard** – Mrs. D'Ambra spoke about Township Attorney, Ken Poller, and the benefits he receives from the Township. She read from documentation based on a state task force review. She asked if Mr. Poller is a contracted employee voted on annually. She was told that Mr. Poller is not part of the Township's pension plan. Mr. Hrbek explained the Township's pay schedule as it applies to Mr. Poller. Mrs. D'Ambra asked specific questions about what Mr. Poller is accountable for and who he reports to. It is her opinion that a Township attorney should not be a permanent employee.

**Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue** – Mr. Ullman asked if Mr. Poller gets Township health benefits and was told yes. He said that he had been told in

prior meetings that the attorney did not receive health benefits. Mr. Ullman asked about a Council discussion at the August 6, 2012 meeting where the Police Chief Terms of Employment were discussed. Mr. Hrbek said that the conversation referred to an outline of the Chief's roles, responsibilities and compensations as written in the personnel manual. Terms of exit pay were discussed and Mr. Hrbek said that Chief Cicchetti did not have the same terms that are now in place. Mr. Ullman thanked the Administration for their prompt response regarding the recent washout on Van Emburgh Avenue. The cleanup was accomplished quickly. He asked why the Township waits until after an event and why they do not control property situations before problems occur. Mr. Hrbek said that in the specific case Mr. Ullman refers to, no permits on the property were taken out for the work being done and the Township was unaware of the potential problem prior to the incident. Ms. Steinel said that the Township would like to put more controls in place as well as penalties on unpermitted work in the Township. Costs of cleanups due to improper work precautions, such as the use of silt fences when warranted, are at the expense of the homeowner. Catch basins are constantly clogged due to no curb cuts on the west side of Van Emburgh Avenue and debris is continuously clogging drains. Mayor Sobkowicz said to call the DPW to clean out catch basins as needed.

**Aldona Znutas, 75 Calvin Street** – Ms. Znutas asked if the Township is monitoring the soil cleanup at the 5 Star Gas Station. Mayor Sobkowicz said that the NJ DEP is in charge of the cleanup remediation project. Before building on the property, approvals will be needed from the DEP.

**Bea Napier, 324 Hudson Avenue** – Mrs. Napier thanked the Council for the work they have done to get the cell tower placed on the north side of the Town Hall complex.

There being no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Dr. Cascio to close the Public Discussion.

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

Nays: None

#### **ORDINANCE:**

The Clerk read Ordinance #12-14 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS IN THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SHOPPING CENTER.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Cascio to introduce and pass Ordinance #12-14 at first reading by title.

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

Nays: None

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

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

Nays: None

WHEREAS, Ordinance 12-14 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS IN THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SHOPPING CENTER was introduced and passed at first reading by title at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012 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, NJ 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 12-15 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL VEHICULAR EQUIPMENTIMPROVEMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$280,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$266,600 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to introduce and pass Ordinance 12-15 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, D'Urso, Hrbek

Nays: Councilpersons Cascio, Goetz

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#1, #2, #5, #6, #12 were voted on separately. The resolution for the Corrective Action Plan resolution was taken off the Consent Agenda and carried to the next meeting

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. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio.

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

Nays: None.

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 fee:

Mike Gilroy  
254 Woodfield Road  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676  
Football 2012 – \$175.00

WHEREAS, Curtis Schuelein posted a road opening performance bond at premises known as 2479 Cleveland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated August 8, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the Performance Bond in the amount of \$1000.00 to the above.

Raffle License #863, #864 for Pascack Jr. Womens Club was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington.

Raffle License #865 for Habitat for Humanity was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington.

Raffle License #866, #867 for Franklin lakes Education Foundation was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Washington, county of Bergen, State of new Jersey that it hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Municipal Alliance of Washington Township Grant for calendar year 2013 in the amount of \$9,876.00
2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

After a short discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to pass the following resolution:

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Julie Keating, 232 West Place is hereby appointed as Library Trustee for a term ending December 31, 2012.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek

Nays: Councilperson Goetz

After a question was answered in reference to the alarm fees and who was sending out the bills, a motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to pass the following resolution:

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 alarm fee which was paid in error:

Janet Lipsky  
186 Yorktowne Court  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676  
Alarm Fee - \$50.00

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Office of Public Safety (Department of Police) has requested that the Township enter into two (2) lease purchase agreements in connection with the Township's acquisition of two (2) 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from Beyer-Warnock (the "Vendor") having a combined cost of \$75,555.00; and

WHEREAS, the combined cost has a breakdown of equal payments of \$26,665.91 for three years beginning in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available and allocated in 2012 budg3et Account #2-01-25-245-000; and

WHEREAS, the Vendor is an app-rovod new Jersey State Contractor with a state contract number of A78762; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to authorize the lease purchase agreements with the Vendor, said agreements being on file with the Township Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that the Township of Washington hereby approves the subject lease purchase agreements with Beyer-Warnock, and hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute said agreements for the above-stated purpose.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Goetz to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (the "Township") has submitted to the County of Bergen a contract in connection with a 2011 Open space Trust Fund Project involving playground equipment replacement and upgrades on Memorial Field Park, with c9ontract has been executed by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township recognized the need for the re-sodding of memorial Field Park athleti8z fields in conjunction with upgrading said park; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received bids and is in the process of awarding a contract to a vendor for the re-sodding of memorial field Park athletic fields and the financing of same; and

WHEREAS, the Township is seeking a change in the scope of work relative to the grant and contract for the 2011 Open Space Trust Fund – Memorial Field Park & Playground Equipment Upgrades to include the re-sodding of Memorial Field Park athletic fields.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that the Township hereby requests that the County of Bergen permit a modification to the scope of work relating to the grant and contract for the 2011 Open Space Trust Fund – Memorial Field Park & Playground Equipment Upgrades to the re-sodding of Memorial Field Park athletic fields;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such contract modification as may be necessary to implement any modification in the scope of work relative to the grant and contract for the 2011 Open Space Trust Fund – Memorial Field Park & Playground Equipment Upgrades to the re-sodding of Memorial Field Park athletic fields as may be permitted by the County of Bergen.

Ayes: None

Nays: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2012 was adopted on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said adopted capital budget section,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen that the following amendment to the adopted capital budget section of the 2012 Budget be made:

FROM

CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)

2012

5b

1	3	Capital	5e
PROJECT	ESTIMATED	Improvement	Debt
	TOTAL COST	Fund	Auth.
DMF-D Truck-Roll Off	\$230,000	\$11,500	\$218,500
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$230,000	\$11,500	\$218,500

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2012-2014

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE AND FUND REQUIREMENT

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1	3	5
PROJECT	ESTIMATED	FUNDING AMOUNTS PER YEAR
	TOTAL COST	Budget Year
		2012
DMF-D Truck-Roll Off	\$230,000	\$230,000
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$230,000	\$230,000

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2012-2014

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

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1	3	Capital	7
PROJECT	Estimated	Improvement	BONDS & NOTES
	Total Cost	Fund	General
DMF-D Truck-Roll Off	\$230,000	\$11,500	\$218,500
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$230,000	\$11,500	\$218,500

TO

CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)

2012

5b

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PROJECT	ESTIMATED	Improvement	Debt
	TOTAL COST	Fund	Auth.
DMF-Dump Truck-Roll Off	\$280,000	\$13,400	\$266,600
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$280,000	\$13,400	\$266,600

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2012-2014

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE AND FUND REQUIREMENT

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PROJECT	ESTIMATED	FUNDING AMOUNTS PER YEAR
	TOTAL COST	Budget Year
		2012
DMF-Dump Truck Roll Off	\$280,000	\$280,000
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$280,000	\$280,000

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2012-2014

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1 <u>PROJECT</u>	3 Estimated Total Cost	4 Capital Improvement Fund	7 BONDS & NOTES <u>General</u>
DMF-Dump Truck			
Roll Off	\$280,000	\$13,400	\$266,600
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$280,000	\$13,400	\$266,600

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, D'Urso, Hrbek

Nays: Councilpersons Cascio, Goetz

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Mary Ann Ozment, Township Clerk

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Richard Hrbek, Council President