

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

December 22, 2015

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by Council President Peter Calamari with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Dave Frank, Thomas Sears and Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney. Absent: Dr. Cascio.

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.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated he would like to introduce everyone to our new administrator, Ms. Mary Anne Groh. He stated Ms. Groh had to attend the early part of the meeting due to a scheduling conflict, but we will go through the procedure of approving her as administrator in the Closed Session. He welcomed Ms. Groh to the Township.

Ms. Groh – Ms. Groh thanked Mr. Calamari and looks forward to working with everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to approve the December 7, 2015 Public & Conference Minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Dr. Cascio.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Dr. Cascio.

Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth asked if something can be done with the flag due to discoloration. Mayor Sobkowicz replied new flags were ordered, this flag was swapped with another flag and the other one is being cleaned. Mr. Calamari replied hopefully by first meeting next year we will have new flags. Mr. Bernroth asked for an explanation with regard to the Veterans Exemption resolution that was approved at the last meeting. Mr. Calamari stated he doesn't know the whole process, but if you are disabled in certain areas you do not pay property taxes, it is a State Law. Mr. Bernroth spoke of his disabilities. Mr. Sears explained the process through the Veterans Administration and what is required. He stated at the end of the rating if you are declared 100% disabled you are then entitled to the Veteran's exemption. He stated the disability must be service related and he would be more than happy to assist Mr. Bernroth with this process. Mr. Bernroth stated he will contact Mr. Sears to set up a meeting with him.

Mary Beth O'Connor, 33 Horizon Court – Ms. O'Connor spoke of the problem the neighborhood is encountering with the Junior class at Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA) parking in the street and walking through private property to get to school. Ms. O'Connor did call the school and they refused to tell the students not to park on Horizon Court. She spoke of the students

being young drivers and the problems that are being incurred due to their driving, parking and walking/cutting through private property to get to school. She is asking for help to find a permanent solution. Councilman Sears stated he did speak with the principal who assured him that she would have a discussion with the students upon their return in January with regard to the issue of parking on Jacob and Horizon Court. He stated that he did mention to her that one of the students do live on Horizon and walk across her property to get to school. A lengthy discussion followed with having an ordinance, putting up signs to regulate parking and the number of signs that would be needed. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that Captain Hackbarth did contact the school with regard to this situation and he was assured that the students would not be parking there anymore. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that council would have to address this through an ordinance. Mr. Calamari stated that Captain Hackbarth sent patrol cars were sent out to the area for a couple of days and there were 9 or 10 cars parked in the area, and he agrees there is a problem. Ms. O'Connor spoke of the parking lot at IHA and the fact that Junior cannot park on the premises. Mr. Calamari asked that Ms. O'Connor come back to the council meeting at the end of January to give an update. Mr. Sears spoke of having an ordinance and the time limit that comes with the ordinance which may affect neighbors if they have company parking on the street.

Barbara Hazen, 48 Horizon Court – Ms. Hazen asked if the Police Station can be called ahead of someone is having company over. Mr. Calamari stated the ordinance would be made effective for only school days.

Barbara Sakovits, 54 Horizon Court – Ms. Sakovits asked how many signs would be needed. Mayor Sobkowicz replied Captain Hackbarth would conduct a study and determine how many signs would be needed.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment thanked Mr. Calamari for the list with regard to the petition. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the lack of lighting at Town Hall and no wreaths or decorations at Town Hall for the holidays. She asked how many times street sweeping has been done this year. Mayor Sobkowicz replied once. Mrs. Ozment stated it should have been done four times and money was put into the budget for it. She spoke of what was done in the past with regard to money being put in the budget and then going into surplus. She spoke of the condition of Jackson Avenue, which is a mess. She asked if it was determined by Mr. Poller if a Director can be a Zoning Board member. Mr. Poller replied he did look into it and there is no prohibition, she is not an elected official and there is no prohibition for her going on as a Zoning Board member. She asked is this person being put on tonight. Mr. Calamari replied assuming she receives the votes, yes.

Scott Spezial, 785 Washington Avenue – Mr. Spezial asked what was the process with regard to who would be attending the council meeting in Woodcliff Lake and did council discuss Mr. Cascio going there to apologize for comments that were made in the newspaper. Mr. Calamari replied no. Mr. Sears replied this comedy act Mr. Cascio and Mr. D'Urso going before the Woodcliff Lake council, making statements that we are the Metropolitan Hub of the Pascack Valley and stating it is our problem, the Township of Washington people cause this problem, and we are going to fix it. Mr. Sears asked how we are going to fix it, by stripping the police department and sending police to Westwood. Mr. Sears spoke of Dr. Cascio's statements that he is going to get it done, but he has no clue. Mr. Sears stated that Dr. Cascio did receive a copy of the letter written by himself and Mr. Calamari and had an opportunity to voice his opinion and he did not and he also did not respectfully join them to come to a clear understanding of what the issues are, but yet he could not wait to run up to Woodcliff Lake fast enough with his side kick and he has this moral conviction to apology for a letter. Mr. Sears stated if you watch the video it is like a comedy act, apologizing on behalf of the people of Washington Township and stating that we should be able to fix this problem ourselves. The county can give Woodcliff Lake \$500,000 for a park but they can't give us a dime to fix an intersection that is not our problem, not our road. Mr. Sears stated if he himself makes a mistake he is man enough to admit it, but he doesn't need two comedians to go up there and stand before the council and tell them the people

of the Township of Washington, the taxpayers are at fault. Mr. Sears stated he is irate that this man had the nerve to go up there without talking to us or allowing us the opportunity to speak. Mr. Sears stated they made up their minds up when they left that room that weren't going to talk to us. Mr. Sears stated they wanted to go up to Woodcliff Lake and state we don't want to do this petition; we have an opportunity to try and solve a problem. Mr. Sears stated 24/7 our taxpayers, police, fire trucks cannot get through the intersection, pedestrians cannot cross the street due to the traffic. There is an opportunity to open up Exit 171 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that is all we were going to ask for. Mr. Sears stated if you watch the video it is as if we are causing businesses to go out of business and a destruction of the their town. Mr. Sears stated one of the residents spoke and stated we love our town, it is peaceful and quite, well he certainly loves his town too, but how are we going to deal with this all this traffic coming through. It is impossible for a small community to deal with thousands of cars on a daily basis. Mr. Sears stated he is looking for an apology; he will not attack him since he is not present along with his sidekick. Mr. Sears stated if he thinks he is going to reduce the police budget to satisfy his sidekick in Westwood, to send the dispatching to offset the cost of this, it is not going to happen. It is just a disgrace that these two men could not respectfully talk to us before they dropped a dime, before we had an opportunity to speak to this council on an intelligent basis. Mr. Sears stated he is looking for an apology. Mr. Sears stated his moral convictions have given him the same moral convictions. Mr. Sears stated he has so much data on this and has received so many angry calls from people and an apology should be given to the 1700 people that signed the petition so they can have a clear understanding of why they cannot come home on time, or why they can't have the quality of life. Mr. Sears stated now that all of this information is received, an apology may have to be issued on these four topics, building permits not taken out, penalties and fines which just disappeared, a criminal act and investments that should be reported to the IRS. Mr. Sears stated to backstab the people of the Township of Washington is disgusting, he has sat on the fence for six years, hasn't joined any committee or anything. Mr. Sears stated he has a whole list of apologies he was going to ask tonight but he is man enough not to do so until he comes here. Mr. Sears stated he hopes this answers Mr. Spezial's question. Mr. Spezial stated as a resident and taxpayer he has a problem with that fact that he goes to a council meeting and brings a resident with him. Mr. Sears stated that is ex-councilman D'Urso. Mr. Spezial asked if other ex-councilman were invited or was this done on his own. Mr. Sears replied he believes this was done on his own. Mr. Spezial stated he is an ex-councilman and it is an embarrassment to read this in the paper and he has a problem with this. Mr. Spezial spoke at length with regard to what he believes is the problem with the intersection, which is the volume of cars coming off the Garden State Parkway exit. Mr. Spezial also spoke of his experience trying to pull out of his driveway. A discussion followed with regard to using county police to patrol so no cars go outside the double yellow line. Mr. Spezial stated that the mayor is a personal friend and client and they have no intention of doing anything with the exit ramp, none. Mr. Sears spoke of communication between Mr. D'Urso and for lack of a better word, Mr. T talking about putting signs on each other lawns, Mr. D'Urso to Mr. T thanks for putting up the sign, spread the word people will need to vote independent line on 113 this way we can put the crunch on her for two years and someone can take her on. Mr. Sears asked is this the policy that is going to be project for the next two years as council, if so it is sickening. Mr. Spezial stated he is embarrassed and there should be apologies to the taxpayers and general public and he would like to see this pursued further. Mr. Sears replied we are not stopping. Mayor Sobkowitz stated there is no one more upset with them going there than herself. She stated she has been working on this for a while. She stated when there is an accident on GSP 168 State Troopers are called and they pull onto Jackson. She stated she attended the council meeting last night in Woodcliff Lake because she was very upset with what happened and we were supposed to go there, it was cancelled due to their attitude and because a councilman

went there and apologized. She stated she decided go to see what is going on and to see if people showed up to support our point of view. She stated as per their agenda last night, they had a discussion on Garden State Parkway Exit 168 by Council President Carlos Rendo. She stated there was not discussion, but a statement that he was discussing Exit 168, not Exit 171 and that he may discuss it privately or regionally, that he already contacted the mayor of Park Ridge who is adamantly opposed to it, so he is lining up people who are opposed. She stated there were several people at the meeting, she stated she did get up twice, not a third time. She did speak about how upset she was that a councilman would go there and do this when we have council people right here that are willing to move forward and pursue this issue. She stated by the end of the meeting, several of the council people from Woodcliff Lake expressed an interest in the Councilman Carlos Rendo, who is going to be the new mayor, that he should meet with us and try to have an open discussion, which is what we have been asking. She stated there was a man in the audience who spoke and made some suggestions, ideas for certain traffic patterns that he has noticed. She stated she is hoping that he follows through. She stated he did make a statement, there were reporters there, and that he is going to meet with us and look into see what we can do on this. She stated we may have to go to another level, but we will see how it goes. We are in constant contact with our state assembly people and our state senators. As of today we have 1850 people sign the petition and there are a lot of people from Woodcliff Lake and Park Ridge that have signed the petition. A gentleman did speak and stated that the Sony Corporation is going to be 560 apartments and another building across the way is going to be 150 apartments, traffic will increase all over. This needs to be looked into very quickly and we have to keep putting pressure on Woodcliff Lake, the county and the state to work on this issue. Improvements need to be done to the intersection, but we are not to be the super highway here. By the end of the evening the council did express trying to work with people. We will see what happens, if not as Mr. Sears and Mr. Calamari stated we are going to have to move forward. She stated she let him know that our people and our council people are very interested in trying to open up discussions and ideas. There were people there that offered legitimate ideas, so she was a little encouraged. Mr. Spezial appreciates everyone's time and this will be discussed next year. Mr. Calamari stated it was said that we started this issue with a letter that some of us on the council sent to the editor, but that letter was in response to an article that Mayor Goldsmith warned his council people to not talk to our mayor about the intersection. He stated warning is an in quote, so you can deem from that what you will. He doesn't find Janet as a big imposing person who is going to do anything, and in the subsequent paragraph Mayor Goldsmith told us to take a hike. We felt we needed to respond to that so we don't feel that we started this and we responded based on his opening comments. When he started the letter, he sent an email to some of the councilmen, himself, Councilman Sears, Councilman Cascio and the email read as follows: I was enraged when I read the attached article in the Pascack Press. I am sending the attached letter to the editor in response. I think it would more if as many of us that agree with my response sign the letter. Let me if I have gone astray in anything I am saying and if you agree to have your name added to it. I have to have the letter into the paper by the end of Wednesday, so please let me know as soon as possible. He stated he heard nothing from Councilman Cascio, which is fine, but he would have thought if he felt as strong as he did to go to a meeting when the two councilmen who co-signed the letter were invited to the meeting, that if he had a problem with the letter he should have called him at that point to say that he doesn't agree with it. Mr. Calamari stated that is why he sent it out to everyone and he said what he said. Mr. Calamari stated he chose not to even comment to us on it as we were writing the letter. Mr. Calamari stated he is not going to take time to read the letter that himself and Mr. Sears co-authored, everyone is familiar with it. Mr. Calamari stated he did receive an email from their current Council President Mayor Elect which reads as follows: Councilmen, at our last mayor and council meeting the council made a request that I contact you to invite you

and Councilman Sears to one of our council meetings in December to discuss 171. Our December meetings are on the 7th and the 21st if you wish to attend please let me know so I can place it on the agenda. Mr. Calamari stated at that point he emailed all of the council to make sure they were okay if we postponed last night's meeting to tonight, everyone was including Councilman Cascio. Mr. Calamari will not belabor the point, Councilman Cascio went to the meeting apologized for the letter, when he had an advanced copy of it, and chose not to say anything to us that were working on it. Mr. Calamari stated as Mr. Sears stated, if he does something wrong, he will apologize for himself, he is not apologizing for standing up for the residents that he represents in town. Mr. Calamari stated also at the meeting Councilman Rendo who is the Mayor elect, stated as long as he is the Mayor that exit will not change. Mr. Calamari stated we felt that put a negative tone to us going up there, they were nice enough to invite us and we thought everyone was going in with an open mind, but to see that comment in the paper we felt it put a negative spin on it so Mr. Sears and himself spoke and decided we would not go to the meeting because of what is the sense in going when they are already predisposed, we are not there to do a dog and pony show. Mr. Calamari sent him and email on a Sunday, after the article came out looking for clarification on his comment. Mr. Calamari sent it to him 6:40 p.m. on Sunday night, when Mr. Sears did not hear back from him by Thursday night, that is when we decided not to attend the meeting. Mr. Calamari stated as soon as the press release was put out that we were not attending the meeting, then he sent me an email right away stating the following: Peter you are welcome to attend, my comments are only my opinion, as you know the council may feel differently. Mr. Calamari stated by that time the press release was put out, and we weren't going to jump through hoops to reschedule going up there at that point. Mr. Calamari stated in subsequent emails he has agreed to meet him informally after the first of the year to see if Mr. Calamari can change his mind to go into a meeting with an open mind as opposed to being predisposed in not doing it. Mr. Calamari stated we do not feel that the issue is closed and we want to make an effort it is two different things, our intersection is the intersection, that is not what we are not asking their help for, but the volume of traffic that comes off Exit 168 they are in a position to help and we would expect them to help, being good neighbors. Mr. Calamari stated Mr. Sears brought up the \$500,000 they are getting for Galaxy Gardens, and he looks at it as that coming from all the taxpayers, comes from Washington Township taxpayers as much as anyone else in the County or the State. Mr. Calamari stated it is a little disingenuous to say thanks for the money, we appreciate that neighbor but we are not going to help you out with something that we are can help you out with. Mr. Calamari stated we would like to go into this with an open mind. Mr. Calamari stated we would like to open it up on a trial basis for 30 or 60 days, do traffic count and go from there, that is all we were going up there to do and it turned into a three ring circus he is sorry to say. Mayor Sobkowitz stated she is encouraged and hopes what was he said last night he means and we can move forward with our original plan.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. Damara agrees with Mr. Spezial. She stated we should get the County cops/police or the Sherriff's Department to do something about Washington Avenue. She spoke of the traffic becoming three lanes and busses sometimes can't make the turn. She asked why is the Township Police not getting involved in this since you cannot even cross the street. She spoke of trying to cross at the location where the Season's is. She spoke of the canopy on the gas station and what will become of it and the traffic with this gas station. There was a discussion of signs of no left turn into Season's and a no left turn sign exiting Season's which is no longer there. Mr. Calamari replied he will check on that. There was a discussion of what the Township Police can do and reaching out to the County. Mrs. D'Ambra stated the volume is terrible and something has to be done about it.

William Ferara, 2556 Cleveland Avenue – Mr. Ferara stated he was traveling east bound directly across the road two signs no left hand turn, one

coming out of the gas station and another sign into the gas station going eastbound. Spoke of another sign, coming south on Pascack, the entrance to the gas station has sign up no left hand turn. Mr. Sears asked if those signs are legal for a police officer to pull someone over. Mr. Poller replied they have to be legitimate signs that were approved. Mr. Ferrara spoke of the traffic in the area, which is coming off the parkway, down to the corner making the left hand turn, there is tremendous flow of traffic going westbound to get on the parkway Exit 168 morning and night. He spoke of how he travels from his home to avoid the traffic.

Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Avenue – Mr. Bruno believes the sign that was put on Pascack was put backwards. He suggests that columns be put from Beachwood to where Mr. Spezial is to give the appearance that someone is there or maybe an empty police car, there needs to be some visual aid. Mr. Bruno stated he did volunteer to go up to Woodcliff Lake and he does understand the anger and frustration, but whatever he can do to show he will do it. Mr. Sears replied he does appreciate it. Mayor Sobkowicz asked if he is in favor of taking the no right hand turn restriction off at Woodcliff Lake. Mr. Bruno replied absolutely, something needs to be done. Mayor Sobkowicz replied that she appreciates the support. Mr. Bruno stated that the Mayor of Woodcliff Lake was unprofessional in his response and at the end of the day it may be a legal issue.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Dr. Cascio.

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. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Dr. Cascio.

A discussion was had with regard to 15-323. Mr. Poller explained the resolution will become part of the employee handbook. A discussion was had with regard to the volunteers taking courses.

Resolution No. 15-322

Cancel Small Tax Balances

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquent amounts in the amounts of less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the governing body may authorize the Tax Collector to process, without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquencies of less than \$10.00

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 cancel said tax amounts as deemed necessary on attached list of homeowners.

Total: \$ 13.00

Local Unit Civil Rights

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Township of Washington to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Washington has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Township of Washington that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Township of Washington by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Township of Washington shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Township of Washington or using the facilities or property of the Township of Washington.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receive authorization or support in any way from the Township of Washington to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Township of Washington.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The municipal attorney shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The municipal attorney shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Township of Washington as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The municipal attorney shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the municipal attorney shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Township of Washington. This

communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Township of Washington's website.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Washington in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Township of Washington's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

Resolution No. 15-324

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:

Christine Callaghan
555 Colonial Boulevard
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Basketball Refund	\$155.00
Administrative Fee Non-Refundable	<u>-\$ 25.00</u>
	\$130.00

Basketball Refund
Refund Amount: \$130.00

Resolution No. 15-325

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:

Krista Hammer
374 Colonial Boulevard
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Basketball Refund	\$155.00
Administrative Fee Non-Refundable	<u>-\$ 25.00</u>
	\$130.00

Basketball Refund
Refund Amount: \$130.00

Time Noted: 8:41 p.m. (End of Open Session)

Time Noted 9:33 p.m. (End of Closed Session/Back to Open Session)

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to go back into Open Session.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Dr. Cascio.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz stated to the Honorable Council she is appointing Mary Anne Groh as the Business Administrator for the Township of Washington beginning on January 11, 2016 through with the term expiring December 31, 2017 for which she asks for your advice and consent.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears to approve Mary Anne Groh as the Business Administrator as explained indicated by Mayor Sobkowicz.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Dr. Cascio.

Mr. Poller read Resolution No. 15-328 into the minutes

Resolution No. 15-328

Appointment of Mary Anne Groh as Township Business Administrator

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Washington has requested the advice and consent of the Township Council for the appointment of Mary Ann Groh as Business Administrator of the Township of Washington for the term ending December 17, 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council hereby gives its advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment of Mary Anne Groh to the position of Township Business Administrator for the term ending December 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears to approve Resolution No. 15-326.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears.

Nays: None.

Recuse: Councilman Calamari.

Absent: Councilman Dr. Cascio.

Ms. Erlewein read Resolution No. 15-326 into the minutes.

Resolution No. 15-326

RESOLUTION RATIFYING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND NJ STATE POLICEMEN'S
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION PASCACK VALLEY LOCAL NO. 206
REPRESENTING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (the "Township") and the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association Pascack Valley Local No. 206 ("PBA Local 206") have engaged in collective bargaining for the purpose of agreeing upon and entering into a contract covering wages, hours of work and other conditions of employment for the years 2015 through 2016 inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the negotiated terms have been incorporated into a collective bargaining agreement between the Township and PBA Local 206 covering the time period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 (the "Agreement") which is on file with the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the Agreement have been approved by the members of PBA Local 206, and the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township of Washington hereby approves the Agreement between the Township and PBA Local 206, and hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Township;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township shall, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:13A-8.2, file with the Public Employee Relations Commission an electronically signed and dated copy of said Agreement.

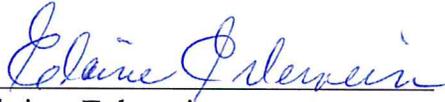
A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears to adjourn.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Dr. Cascio.

Time Noted: 9:36 p.m.



Elaine Erlewein
Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: January 4, 2016

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

December 22, 2015

Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Dave Frank, Thomas Sears, Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Council to be member Michael Ullman.
Absent: Councilman Dr. Cascio.

Time Noted: 8:48 p.m

CURRENT BUSINESS

Intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue – Mr. Sears spoke of his conversation with Mr. Shrieks and indicated to him we haven't received anything back from the county with the changes. Mr. Beckmeyer asked that cost estimates be sent as well. Mr. Ullman spoke of what was done in the past and that cost estimates should be provided. Mr. Beckmeyer commented on the road being a county road and estimates should be paid for by the county.

Update on CFO Position – Mayor Sobkowicz stated we will be starting next week.

Expiring Zoning Board Members – Mr. Calamari stated that Mr. Poller confirmed that a Director can also serve on the board. A conversation followed with regard to a Director who is paid a salary can also serve on the Zoning Board. A discussion followed with regard to Resolution No. 15-ZB.

Resolution No. 15-ZB

SETTING IN PLACE APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS FOR THE ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENT AND REAFFIRMING PAST APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 15-ZB

SETTING IN PLACE APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS FOR THE ZONING
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND REAFFIRMING PAST APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69 establishes the manner of appointment of members to a zoning board of adjustment (the "Board of Adjustment") in staggered terms: and

WHEREAS,, the Township Council of the Township of Washington ("the Township") wishes to re-establish the staggered terms of members sitting on the Board of Adjustment, and confirm the authorization of prior members of the Board of Adjustment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington hereby makes the following appointments to the Board of Adjustment for the applicable terms set forth herein:

1. The following individuals are hereby appointed as Members to the Township of Washington Zoning Board of Adjustment for the terms stated below:

Daniel Scudieri	Term commencing 1/1/16; terminating 12/31/19
Salvatore Rappa	Term commencing 1/1/16; terminating 12/31/19
Dina Burke	Term commencing 1/1/16; terminating 12/31/16

2. The following individual is hereby appointed as Alternate Member to the Township of Washington Zoning Board of Adjustment for the terms stated below:

Julie Remiszewski Term commencing 1/1/16; terminating 12/31/17

3. The existing term for the following Member and Alternate Member of the Township of Washington Zoning Board of Adjustment is hereby re-affirmed:

Arthur Cumming Term commencing 1/1/14; terminating 12/31/18
 George Mouravieff Term commencing 1/1/14; terminating 12/31/16
 Thomas Asfar Term commencing 1/1/14; terminating 12/31/17
 Richard Miras Term commencing 1/1/14; terminating 12/31/17
 Richard Smith Term commencing 1/1/14; terminating 12/31/16

Vote on Daniel Scudieri

Motion		Seconded		Ayes	Nays	Abst.	Absent
Beckmeyer	X	Beckmeyer		X			
Cascio		Cascio					X
Frank		Frank		X			
Sears		Sears	X	X			
Calamari		Calamari		X			

Vote on Salvatore Rappa

Motion		Seconded		Ayes	Nays	Abst.	Absent
Beckmeyer	X	Beckmeyer		X			
Cascio		Cascio					X
Frank		Frank		X			
Sears		Sears	X	X			
Calamari		Calamari		X			
				X			

Vote on Dina Burke

Motion		Seconded		Ayes	Nays	Abst.	Absent
Beckmeyer	X	Beckmeyer		X			
Cascio		Cascio					X
Frank		Frank		X			
Sears		Sears	X	X			
Calamari		Calamari		X			
				X			

Vote on Julie Remiszewski

Motion		Seconded		Ayes	Nays	Abst.	Absent
Beckmeyer	X	Beckmeyer		X			
Cascio		Cascio					X
Frank		Frank		X			
Sears		Sears	X	X			
Calamari		Calamari		X			
				X			

Garden State Parkway Exit 171 – Mr. Calamari stated there is nothing additional on Exit 171.

Resolution No. 15-327
Closed Session, December 22, 2015

WHEREAS, the public is invited to attend all Meetings (whether denoted public or conference sessions) of the Township Council in accordance with its general practice and the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey declared that the public has a right to attend all meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon in any way except as set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12), which provides for the exclusion of the public from the portion of a meeting at which certain enumerated matters are to be discussed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that, because of the nature of the subject matter to be discussed, the public should not be present at that portion of the meeting of the Township Council at which certain specific matters encompassed by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 are to be discussed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that, pursuant to the express provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the public be excluded from the meeting or portion of the meeting (denoted as an "executive" or "closed" session) in which the following matters are to be discussed:

1. Any matter which, by express provision of federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provision of subsection of a. of this section.

2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

3 Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendation, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance, and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

4 Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.

7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in subsection b. (4) herein in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer. **PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement**

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8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting. **PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATOR**

9. Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is not possible as yet to fix the time when or the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Closed Session can be disclosed to the public. It is anticipated that the subject matter under discussion will be made public when finalized.

BE IT FUTHER RESOVED, that notice is hereby given that the Township Council may find it necessary to take action at the conclusion of the executive/closed session; that such action if taken, will occur in open session; that you are invited to stay in the Municipal Building during the executive/closed session; that the doors to the Council chambers will be opened and an announcement will be made if the Township Council will be going into open session; and you may be present during such open session. The Township Council anticipates that an open session will be necessary x . The Township Council anticipates that an open session will not be necessary .

Motion to go into Closed Session, Motion carried.

Motion		Seconded		Ayes	Nays	Abst.	Absent
Beckmeyer	x	Beckmeyer		X			
Cascio		Cascio					x
Frank		Frank		X			
Sears		Sears	x	X			
Calamari		Calamari		X			

Mr. Ullman asked what the process would be for the administrator resolution. Mr. Poller explained what the process would be during the Closed Session and the process of the closed session minutes. A conversation followed with regard to the Closed Session Minutes, when they will become available and the procedure of redaction of portions of minutes if the subject is still pending.

Time Noted: 9:04 pm



Elaine Erlewein
Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: January 4, 2016