

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
December 30, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Council President DeSena, 7:15 p.m.

STATEMENT:

Welcome to the Special Public Meeting of December 30, 2019 of the Township of Washington Township Council. Adequate notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the Township Clerk to at least two (2) newspapers in on December 19, 2019 and this notice has been posted on the Township Bulletin Board and on the Township Web Site.

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SALUTE TO FLAG: Lead by Council President DeSena.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Carmela (Millie) Lombarde  
Michael Goble, Army Special Forces Soldier

ROLL CALL:

Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, Ullman, Council President DeSena.

Absent: Councilman Bruno

Let the record reflect also in attendance: CFO Curran; Township Clerk Witkowski.

Not in attendance: Mayor Calamari, Township Administrator Tovo, Attorney Ken Poller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Ullman, seconded by Councilman Cumming to approve the following minutes:

September 3, 2019 Regular Meeting  
September 3, 2019 Conference Meeting

Ayes: Councilman Cascio, Cumming, Ullman, Council President DeSena.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilman Bruno.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming to approve the following minutes:

September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting (rb)  
September 16, 2019 Conference Meeting (rb)

Ayes: Councilman Cascio, Cumming, Ullman, Council President DeSena.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilman Bruno.

Councilman Bruno arrived at 7:33 p.m.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Five Minute Time Limit)

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.

Nays: None.

Seeing none.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES:

Adoption-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: none.

Introduction-1<sup>st</sup> Reading: none.

INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 19-334

Authorize 2019 Transfer of Appropriations-various accounts

A motion was made by Councilman Cumming, seconded by Councilman Cascio to pass Resolution No. 19-334.

Councilman Ullman asked to review the transfer of \$15,000 for Social Security. Ms. Curran replied we had a transfer last time, the payroll person had given her a number, but when she reviewed the records, what needed to be booked for the final payrolls, she knew there was going to be more needed in Social Security, she underestimated the amount that was needed. Councilman Ullman asked what is the total that has been transferred at this point? Ms. Curran replied maybe \$17,000 or \$20,000. Councilman Bruno stated it was \$30,000. Ms. Curran stated she can look it up, but she is not really sure but we were way off. Councilman Cascio asked that is solely for Social Security? Ms. Curran replied yes, she believes it was \$20,000. Councilman Cascio asked so \$40,000 was underestimated in Social Security benefits? Ms. Curran replied at least. Councilman Ullman asked is that a straight forward calculation? Ms. Curran replied yes, it is total salaries, time, she would also include some overtime in that, but she doesn't believe that was done in the initial calculation on the budget, it was not her calculation, it is whoever does the budget. Council President DeSena stated in November we brought \$23,000 into Social Security, so we are at \$38,000. Councilman Ullman asked is this an estimate or pretty close to actual? Ms. Curran replied she would say it is close to actual, she went over all the payrolls that needed to be booked, using the percentage of 6.75% to figure out what we would need. Councilman Cascio asked do we estimate the 2020 payroll taxes to be a similar number? Ms. Curran replied they are going to, but she found out today from the payroll person that the State of New Jersey is going to be increasing FLI (Family Leave Insurance) and disability, even though we do not get disability, we do pay towards it, it is not a lot, but is going up three to four times the amount, the only thing is there is not a match on that, that is on the employee, there is not a match from the Township, unless Medicare increases or Social Security, that percentage goes up. Councilman Cumming

asked the rehabilitation of Memorial Field, 9-01-28-377-200, for \$7,000, what was the initial amount? Ms. Curran replied she believes there was \$30,000 or \$40,000, but there were monies left in capital ordinance to pay for Memorial Field. Councilman Cumming stated he is concerned he may need the monies, and no one consulted with him, except when there is a complaint. Ms. Curran stated she has not seen any open purchase orders in that line item at all, it has not been touched in the 2019 year. Councilman Cumming stated he will speak to the Administrator. Councilman Ullman asked the DMF, one amount was budgeted, and the salary is the second amount. Ms. Curran replied the Superintendent is actually entitled to longevity, that is part of his salary. She and the Payroll Clerk reviewed it, it is not in the agreement or the Salary Ordinance. He is the Superintendent, she doesn't know maybe down the road that needs to be put in the Salary Ordinance, there are no notes, and he does get paid that extra money. Councilman Ullman asked is that contractual? Ms. Curran replied the Superintendent said that he receiving that all along, and it was given to him by the previous Administration. There is nothing in the agreement, but that is what he has been getting paid. Councilman Ullman stated he would propose to strike that through, that being the second adjustment. Councilman Ullman stated we have contracts, there are contractual obligations the Township has to employees, if it was given previously, whatever the reason, if it is not in the contract, they are part of the collective bargaining agreement, we cannot just give money. Ms. Curran stated she agrees, but the agreement does need to be looked at, it is all over the place. It is really hard to figure out, there is some money in that control group for that, but she wanted to point out it was not budgeted. That is what he is getting paid, she can still pay him as he indicated that is what he is supposed to be getting paid, but she wanted Council to be advised this is nowhere. Ms. Curran stated he is not in the Salary Ordinance, he is part of the CBA. Councilman Ullman stated he would propose that we pull this and have Attorney Poller review it, if he is due the monies, he is due the monies, if not, the adjustment should be made. Councilman Ullman stated there is Personal Action Form that states one amount, is the person receiving in excess of that? Ms. Curran replied the combined salary is correct, the wrong amount was put into the wrong budget lines, if you read it, it states budgeted \$29,000, then \$28,496, it is in the wrong area, the person is getting paid the same amount, but there is not enough money in those line items, the Personal Action Form doesn't match the budget, it was done the opposite way, it is actually a wash. Councilman Ullman asked what happened to the Council line item? Ms. Curran replied her understanding, she could be incorrect, she believes Councilman Cumming only had a partial salary last year. Councilman Cumming stated the PERS pension doesn't permit a person to collect a salary from another entity for the first six months after a person retires, he retired on December 31, 2017, for six months he was happy to work for free in the Township, because he could not legally collect any salary. Ms. Curran stated she believes when the budget was prepared, last year's was looked at, given the fact Councilman Cumming only collected for six months, they put that in, it should have been four times council's salary, plus council president, but only half was included for Councilman Cumming, so there is not enough to pay out the rest of the salary. Councilman Ullman stated it will self-correct this year, although just a note, he has a Personal Action Form that is underneath the pension, \$5,000, when the budget is being done next year, it should be increased, he is assuming whoever is taking these seats would want the full amounts. Ms. Curran stated it should be done in the Salary Ordinance, council salaries times four, plus the Council President. Ms. Curran stated regarding the Fire Hydrants, she reviewed all the bills with Accounts Payable, they are pending bills that have not come in yet, but she is being proactive, so when the bills do start coming in, they can be paid, she believes we are short due to an underestimate. She believes it was more this year, hydrants do go by the number there are in the Township, she doesn't know if there was anything added. She stated there should be an audit with water and electric, there does seem to be a disparity with the utilities. She stated she does have pending hydrant bill for \$23,000. Councilman Bruno asked

did Ms. Curran review the actual charges that went into this account? Ms. Curran replied she did, because in this account itself, there were a few charges that said “various locations” it did not belong there, it belonged somewhere else, the same thing occurred with the electric, she did analyze all of that, that is why transfers were needed, there was not enough money, it is the same thing with the water, it is at zero, there is no money left, she doesn’t have December bills in yet. Councilman Ullman asked what is the status with the IT Services? Ms. Curran replied there is \$20 in the IT Services account, there is more work going on, this is for our IT vendor, Authorinet, server installation, things along that nature. Councilman Ullman asked is there a fixed contract with Authorinet? Township Clerk Witkowski replied she believes we do; he does things remotely, only if he has to make a service call. Ms. Curran stated there is no money left in the budget, so she felt she would put some monies in there. Township Clerk Witkowski stated she believes the server is up and running, but it will be moved to the downstairs, so everything will be in one place in the basement. She stated all of the wiring is in one cabinet, one room. Councilman Ullman stated he doesn’t understand why the server room is in the basement of a building that has a historical problem with water, he suggests it be put upstairs. Councilman Cumming stated he will check if there are sprinklers in the room downstairs. Councilman Bruno asked what is the \$15,000 for? Ms. Curran replied street lights around the Township, electrical. Councilman Ullman asked what was the budgeted amount for that line? Ms. Curran replied she doesn’t know, she can find out, there is almost nothing left in there, street lights are a high. She suggested having an audit, someone in her purchasing class had one and a lot of the electric was not correct. She stated she will look into it, she did bring it up in class, that it was a little out of line. Councilman Cumming stated this was done in Bergen County about 15 years ago, and significant amounts were recovered, he does have the specs, a request can be made to those in the business of auditing, they do take a percentage of the recovery. Councilman Cumming stated electric bills for this building, as well as other buildings that the public service grants were done, are a fixed rate for 36 months, so they should be exactly right to the dollar every month, but he cannot speak to the street lights. Council President DeSena stated if a street light is out, the Township is still paying for it, so if anyone sees a street light out, please call PSE&G. Councilman DeSena stated Council is going to approve Resolution No. 19-334, with the exception of the second line in the amount of \$515, total \$60,935.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.  
Nays: None.

#### Resolution 19-334

#### Authorize 2019 Transfer of Appropriations-various accounts

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 authorizes the transfer of appropriations during the last two months of any fiscal year, to expend money for any of the purposes specified in the prior year’s budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated and encumbered therefore and there shall be an excess in an appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose, the governing body may by Resolution, adopted by not less than 2/3 votes of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Deputy Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2019 Current Fund Budget Appropriations.

| <b>Transfer for 12/30/19 Meeting</b>  | <b>Transfer In</b> | <b>Transfer Out</b> |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Social Security #9-01-36-472-000  | \$15,000           |                     |
| Mayor & Council O/E Furniture #9-01-20-111-300  |                    | \$2,000             |
| Rehabilitation of Memorial Field #9-01-28-377-200   |                    | \$7,000             |
| Public Affairs #9-01-20-406-470   |                    | \$4,000             |
| Police O/E Safety Equipment and Uniforms<br>#9-01-25-240-400- <i>CFO recommendation after reviewing payroll records</i>   |                    | \$2,000             |
| S&W Superintendent DMF #9-01-26-290-190   | \$0.00             |                     |
| S&W Police Specials #9-01-25-240-193  |                    | \$0.00              |
| <i>Budgeted amount is \$75,672, salary is \$76,186.08-Longevity not in budget or agreement, recommend salary ordinance revision</i>                                   |                    |                     |
| S&W Code Enforcement Officer #9-01-28-370-110   | \$504              |                     |
| S&W Recreation Superintendent #9-01-28-370-110  |                    | \$504               |
| Budgeted \$29,000 for Recreation Superintendent<br>(Salary Ordinance) – Personnel Action Form states \$28,496   |                    |                     |
| Budgeted \$9,000 for Code Enforcement Officer<br>Personnel Action Form states \$9,500-(Salary Ordinance states \$9,000)<br><i>Recommend salary ordinance revision</i> |                    |                     |
| S&W Registrar #9-01-27-330-160  | \$1.00             |                     |
| S&W Police Specials #9-01-25-240-193  |                    | \$1.00              |
| <i>\$1.00 needed in budget</i>  |                    |                     |
| S&W Township Council #9-01-20-111-100   | \$3,230            |                     |
| Public Affairs Printing #9-01-20-406-470  |                    | \$2,000             |
| Fire Outside Consulting (O/E) #9-01-25-264-320  |                    | \$1,230             |
| <i>Not enough budgeted in 2019 adopted budget</i>   |                    |                     |
| Fire Hydrant Service #9-01-25-270-000   | \$17,000           |                     |
| Mayor and Council O/E Furniture and Equipment<br>#9-01-20-111-300   |                    | \$3,000             |
| Law Tax Appeals Appraiser #9-01-20-160-210  |                    | \$2,000             |
| Public Affairs Social Media #9-01-20-406-250  |                    | \$1,000             |
| Public Affairs Printing #9-01-20-406-470  |                    | \$2,000             |
| Police O/E Safety Equipment and Uniforms<br>#9-01-25-240-400  |                    | \$1,000             |
| S&W Police Specials #9-01-25-240-193  |                    | \$8,000             |
| Pending Hydrant bill for \$23,000   |                    |                     |
| Water #9-01-31-445-000  | \$6,200            |                     |
| S&W Police Specials #9-01-25-240-193  |                    | \$6,200             |
| <i>Water budget line item at \$0. Pending bills.</i>  |                    |                     |
| Street Lights & Traffic Controls #9-01-31-435-000   | \$15,000           |                     |
| Police O/E Guns and Ammunition #9-01-25-240-540   |                    | \$1,000             |
| Police O/E Traffic Light Maintenance and Repair<br>#9-01-25-240-550   |                    | \$1,500             |
| Police O/E Computer Software  |                    | \$2,000             |
| Police O/E Car Cameras  |                    | \$1,500             |
| Fire Prevention – Maintenance of Trucks<br>#9-01-25-267-000   |                    | \$3,500             |
| Public Affairs – Postage #9-01-20-406-220   |                    | \$500               |
| Public Affairs – Holiday Decorations<br>#9-01-20-406-240  |                    | \$500               |
| DMF (O/E) Radio Expense #9-01-26-290-360  |                    | \$1,500             |
| S&W Administration Grant Consultant   |                    | \$3,000             |
| <i>Low balance in budget line item, pending bills</i>   |                    |                     |
| Administration – IT Services #9-01-20-103-200   | \$4,000            |                     |

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| Mayor and Council O/E Furniture #9-01-20-111-300 |                 | \$1,000         |
| Tax Collector O/E tax bills #9-01-20-145-460     |                 | \$2,000         |
| Tax Collector O/E training #9-01-20-145-370      |                 | \$1,000         |
| <i>Low balance, pending bills</i>                |                 |                 |
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| <b>Totals</b>                                    | <b>\$60,935</b> | <b>\$60,935</b> |
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Resolution 19-335

Authorize 2019 Transfer of Appropriations-Elections/Registrar accounts

A motion was made by Councilman Ullman, seconded by Councilman Cumming to pass Resolution No. 19-335.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.

Nays: None.

Resolution 19-335

Authorize 2019 Transfer of Appropriations-Elections/Registrar accounts

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 authorizes the transfer of appropriations during the last two months of any fiscal year, to expend money for any of the purposes specified in the prior year’s budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated and encumbered therefore and there shall be an excess in an appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose, the governing body may by Resolution, adopted by not less than 2/3 votes of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Deputy Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2019 Current Fund Budget Appropriations.

| <b>Transfer for 12/30/19 Meeting</b>  | <b>Transfer In</b> | <b>Transfer Out</b> |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Elections O/E Misc. #9-01-20-121-500  | \$300              |                     |
| Law Tax Appeals Appraiser #9-01-20-160-210  |                    | \$300               |
| <i>Food for poll workers</i>  |                    |                     |
| S&W Registrar and Health Secretary<br>#9-01-27-330-160                                | \$1                |                     |
| Police Dept. Traffic Lights #9-01-240-550<br><i>Per payroll clerk due to rounding</i> |                    | \$1                 |
|   |                    |                     |
| <b>Totals</b>   | <b>\$301</b>       | <b>\$301</b>        |
|   |                    |                     |

Resolution 19-336

Authorize 2019 Transfer of Appropriations-Planning/Zoning/Tax Assessor accounts

A motion was made by Councilman Ullman, seconded by Councilman Cumming to pass Resolution No. 19-336.

Ms. Curran stated this was on the last meeting, procedure was discussed. She stated Attorney Poller did contact her for an explanation regarding the transfers, which she did. She stated to Attorney Poller if she doesn’t have a transfer, she

doesn't have a spending mechanism, which Attorney Poller agreed with. She stated she put on separate from the election, if there needs to be a discussion, and make decision. Councilman Bruno asked why was Attorney Poller involved? Ms. Curran replied at the last meeting, she was more or less assailed, for trying to do what she needs to do to get this done, the person that received the raise, wasn't in the adopted budget, and according to New Jersey Law, she cannot pay someone without a spending mechanism, it was not in the budget, or the salary ordinance, as everyone is aware, the conversation why didn't we hear about this, so on and so forth. She stated in this form of government, if she wants something on the Agenda, she gives it to Township Clerk Witkowski, she then gives it to Council President DeSena, and he says yes or no for it to be put on the Agenda. She stated this needs to be done, she had gotten this raise, she is being paid this amount of money. Councilman Ullman asked what does the Salary Ordinance say? Ms. Curran replied the Salary Ordinance does not include this. Councilman Ullman asked this rate is over and above the Salary Ordinance? Ms. Curran replied yes, that is why she emailed Attorney Poller for help, he stated he would not help, not get involved. She stated she knew it would be controversial, because she knows what happened here, that is why she asked him for advice as to how she was to proceed. Councilman Ullman asked if it is not in the Salary Ordinance, he doesn't understand how we can pay someone over the Salary Ordinance. Ms. Curran replied she agrees with that, we did have a conversation about it. Council President DeSena stated his memo says we can, one paragraph says we can, the other paragraph says we can't. Ms. Curran stated Attorney Poller did call her, this is not exact, but she believes he said that Attorney Poller can amend the Salary Ordinance, pending Council's approval, she doesn't know if that was going to be for this year or next year. Councilman Cascio asked Council President DeSena what does the memo state? Council President DeSena replied the memo states that Administration can set forth the basis of payment as they see fit, as long as it doesn't violate a control number, it basically states as long as they don't violate a control line, the Mayor and Administration can set forth a salary just as they did for the Rec Director, as they see fit, he is not agreeing or disagreeing, that is what the memo states, as long as a control line is not violated. Councilman Ullman asked why is a Salary Ordinance done? Council President DeSena stated that is what he said. Councilman Bruno stated the memo that he wrote that we waited five weeks for was just more excuses to cover up what was done, there are so many inaccurate statements in there, nonsense, rederick in there, and in his opinion, it is a joke. He stated whatever he (Attorney Poller) stated, he refers to New Jersey Code, our Code, what is appropriate. Council President DeSena stated, and this is verbatim "The Mayor shall, subject to any pertinent civil service requirements, and any pertinent contractual obligations, and within the general limits of the municipal budget, fix the amount of salary, wages or other compensation to be paid to employees of the Administrative Departments, of the Municipal Government, except that the salary, wages or other compensation set pay the director of each department shall be fixed by the Council, pursuant to subsection blah, blah, blah, and except the salaries of officers, which are required by law to be fixed by ordinance, shall be fixed by ordinance." Ms. Curran asked does that say that the Council needs to approve. Council President DeSena replied it doesn't say that. Councilman Bruno stated a Salary Ordinance is approved by the Council, this is skirting the issue, what is the sense of approving a Salary Ordinance, when we go outside the Salary Ordinance to give employees raises, that is not in the budget, \$15,000 increases, \$2,500 bonuses, hire people that aren't on there, it is a farce, as well as the memo. Ms. Curran stated within Planning and Zoning there is a line item for meetings, but this is the person's salary, not the meetings, if she were to charge that there, there would be enough, but it would be an audit comment, the CFO is not supposed to have over expenditures, especially in S&W, that is the one thing she brought up to Attorney Poller, which he agrees, if you do not have a spending mechanism the person cannot be paid. Council President DeSena stated that is not what the memo says.

Ayes: None.  
 Nays: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman, Council President DeSena.

Ms. Curran asked does she pay or not pay her? Council President DeSena replied that is a question for the Administration. Councilman Bruno asked how can we pay her, if it was not approved by Council? Council President DeSena replied it is in the line item, he can. Ms. Curran stated but the line item is not in the Assessors.

**Resolution 19-336 NOT PASSED**

Authorize 2019 Transfer of Appropriations-Planning/Zoning/Tax Assessor accounts

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| <b>Transfer for 12/30/19 Meeting</b>               | <b>Transfer In</b> | <b>Transfer Out</b> |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| S&W Planning Board Secretary<br>#9-01-21-180-110   | \$250              |                     |
| DMF Sign Expense #9-01-26-290--380                 |                    | \$250               |
| S&W Zoning Board Secretary<br>#9-01-21-185-110     | \$250              |                     |
| DMF Sign Expense #9-01-26-290-380                  |                    | \$250               |
| <i>1.5 % raise given but not in adopted budget</i> |                    |                     |
| S&W Tax Assessor’s Clerk                           | \$90               |                     |
| DMF Sign Expense 9-01-26-290-380                   |                    | \$90                |
| <i>1.5% raise given but not in adopted budget</i>  |                    |                     |
|  |                    |                     |
| <b>Totals</b>                                      | <b>\$590</b>       | <b>\$590</b>        |

Resolution 19-337

Authorize Payment of Bills, November 27-December 23, 2019

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Ullman to pass Resolution No. 19-337.

Councilman Ullman stated there are five or six different levels of reimbursement, \$625, \$675, \$775, do you know what those are for? Ms. Curran replied she doesn’t know, but she would imagine the \$775 might be for someone that is at a higher level, she can find out. Council President DeSena stated he believes it is years of service. Councilman Ullman asked on page 16, a payment is being made to Conley, his understanding is he is having not been working on this pending the funding, he thought Boswell was doing the geotechnical assessment. Ms. Curran replied she can check. Council President DeSena stated regarding geotechnical, an outside firm, it wasn’t Boswell, someone else is doing the geotechnical, it is a sub-consultant to Robbie Conley, Boswell is doing the site work, not the geo-technical. He stated he understands at the last meeting that



he had hired a geotechnical, he doesn't believe it is Boswell. Councilman Cumming stated Verizon is on the list, he thought utilities were exempted from approvals? Ms. Curran stated there is going to be a bill list every month, and if she has to pay those bills in between they do not have to be on the bill list. She stated the way the ordinance is written is there is an approved bill list, if she has to pay a bill, and she doesn't have time for an approved bill list, in order to avoid a late fee, she can pay them. Councilman Cumming stated he thought utilities were exempt, such as PSE&G, Verizon. Ms. Curran stated everything gets approved, but if she had to pay a bill, outside of the approval, and it was a utility, she can do it, that is the purpose of the ordinance. Council President DeSena stated for example, let's say Verizon was due, it would not have been on the bill list because it was paid already to avoid a late fee. Councilman Cumming stated so this is discretionary. Councilman Bruno stated there is a list of bills on here to be paid, but basically what we are saying is if Verizon is here, and you say you don't want to pay Verizon, it doesn't matter because these are bills that have to be paid, this is the next bill list, what is scheduled to go out, what is going to be paid. A conversation followed regarding Chakonis, which is not on the bill list to be paid.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.  
Nays: None.

Resolution 19-337

Authorize Payment of Bills, November 27-December 23, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington as per Ordinance No. 19-25, § 7-61 payment of claims; expenditures, the following is a list of bills paid since the last bill list was submitted, representing the time frame of 11/27/19 to 12/23/19:

|       |                |             |
|-------|----------------|-------------|
| TOTAL | 2018 Reserve   | \$0.00      |
| TOTAL | 2019 Current   | \$55,495.47 |
| TOTAL | Capital Fund   | \$35,282.79 |
| TOTAL | Animal Control | \$0.00      |
| TOTAL | Grant Fund     | \$0.00      |
| TOTAL | Trust Fund     | \$46.49     |
| TOTAL | Escrow Trust   | \$6,219.25  |

| Vendor Name                    | PO #     | Description                    | Amount | Check Id |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.      | 19-01072 | 2019 PAYROLL PROCESSING        | 319.87 | 38321    |
| ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.      | 19-01072 | 2019 PAYROLL PROCESSING        | 304.82 | 38358    |
| AGNELLO, MICHAEL               | 19-01721 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00 | 38285    |
| AIELLO, FRANK                  | 19-01759 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019            | 775.00 | 38286    |
| AT&T                           | 19-00010 | LONG DISTANCE CHARGES-NOV      | 315.25 | 38354    |
| AUTHORINET CONSULTING, LLC     | 19-01775 | Authorinet Advantage Inv# 8084 | 225.00 | 38342    |
| AUTHORINET CONSULTING, LLC     | 19-01775 | Authorinet Advantage Plus      | 840.00 | 38342    |
| AUTHORINET CONSULTING, LLC     | 19-01775 | Microsoft Exchange Online      | 432.00 | 38342    |
| AUTHORINET CONSULTING, LLC     | 19-01775 | LogMeIn License                | 60.00  | 38342    |
| AVAYA, INC./ CIT               | 19-00198 | 2019 LEASE FOR AVAYA PHONES    | 498.80 | 38312    |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01768 | BI/PRE ZON/ENG 3407/63 #72557  | 180.75 | 8702     |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01768 | BI/PRE ZON/ENG 3407/63 #72557  | 49.25  | 8702     |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01769 | PB/SITE-AMER BTY/IHA '19 72474 | 160.50 | 8709     |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01770 | PB/SITE-AMER BTY/IHA '19 71751 | 213.00 | 8709     |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01770 | PB/SITE-AMER BTY/IHA '19 71751 | 561.00 | 8709     |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01770 | PB/SITE-AMER BTY/IHA '19 71751 | 642.75 | 8709     |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01777 | SOIL-501 WASHINGTON #71610     | 373.75 | 8702     |

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| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01778 | SOIL-501 WASHINGTON 71757     | 57.50     | 8702  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01781 | SOIL-82 SALEM-O'DELL #70085   | 130.50    | 8702  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01782 | PLAN BD/ENG 2210/4 #71752     | 188.35    | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01782 | PLAN BD/ENG 2210/4 #71752     | 415.40    | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01803 | BI/PRE ZON/ENG 2328/72 #72569 | 546.25    | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01804 | BI/PRE ZON/ENG 2328/17 #72571 | 86.25     | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01805 | PLAN BD/AM BTY/IHA #72572     | 15.50     | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01805 | PLAN BD/AM BTY/IHA #72572     | 42.00     | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01806 | BD OF ADJ-4206/33 #72574      | 28.75     | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01807 | BI/PRE ZON/ENG 4212/2 #72575  | 41.00     | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01808 | PLAN BD-1102/1.04 #72577      | 57.50     | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01809 | PLAN BD/SITE-WTC #72578       | 632.50    | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01810 | BI/PRE ZON/ENG 4311/2 #72631  | 143.75    | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01811 | PLAN BD-WTC-SIGNAGE #72576    | 28.75     | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01813 | PLAN BD/ENG-GOLDEN ORCH 72472 | 1,454.25  | 8709  |
| AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC | 19-01814 | PLAN BD/ENG-GOLDEN ORCH 72570 | 116.00    | 8709  |
| BASILE, MICHAEL                | 19-01722 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38287 |
| BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTH   | 19-00260 | 2019 DUMPING FEE - NOV TAX    | 105.09    | 38355 |
| BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTH   | 19-00260 | 2019 DUMPING FEE - NOV        | 2,220.55  | 38355 |
| BLAGEC, DAMIR                  | 19-01723 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38295 |
| BUFI, CARMINE M                | 19-01801 | DJ SERVICES 12/10/2019        | 500.00    | 38364 |
| CAMPO, CHRISTOPHER             | 19-01760 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019           | 775.00    | 38296 |
| CAPORALE, JOSEPH               | 19-01725 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38265 |
| CAPORALE, JOSEPH, JR.          | 19-01726 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38301 |
| CARDILLO, MICHAEL              | 19-01727 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38273 |
| CHAS S. WINNER, INC.           | 19-00919 | 2019 FORD F350 4WD P/U        | 26,942.79 | 3418  |
| CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION     | 19-01611 | EXTRA: NEW MOTOR              | 642.17    | 38347 |
| CULBERT, EDWARD                | 19-01755 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019           | 625.00    | 38266 |
| DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF NEW       | 19-00016 | DELTA DENTAL MUNI-DECEMBER    | 4,084.11  | 38357 |
| DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF NEW       | 19-00016 | DELTA DENTAL-RETIRES-DEC      | 134.68    | 38357 |
| DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF NEW       | 19-00016 | DELTA DENTAL-LIBRARY-DECEMBER | 331.25    | 38357 |
| EHRENFELS, ADAM                | 19-01728 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38260 |
| ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENT LAB INC | 19-01557 | SHIPPING                      | 21.68     | 38343 |
| FIT AGENCY LLC                 | 19-01812 | TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND        | 4,325.00  | 38369 |
| GLD ASSOCIATES, INC            | 19-01138 | GRANT WRITING AND CONSULTING  | 2,000.00  | 38367 |
| GUGGER, JEFFREY                | 19-01751 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38294 |
| GUGGER, JEFFREY                | 19-01751 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019           | 375.00    | 38294 |
| GUGGER, RICHARD                | 19-01756 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019           | 625.00    | 38274 |
| HANS, PIERCE                   | 19-01729 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38297 |
| HUSSLEIN, CHRISTIAN            | 19-01761 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019           | 775.00    | 38288 |
| INSETTA, PETER                 | 19-01764 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019           | 1,725.00  | 38272 |
| JACOBS AND BELL LAW OFFICES    | 19-01717 | Legal Services                | 202.50    | 8703  |
| JACOBS AND BELL LAW OFFICES    | 19-01717 | Legal Services                | -148.50   | 8703  |
| KWASNIEWSKI JR., RALPH         | 19-01765 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019           | 450.00    | 38269 |
| LANGONE, PAUL                  | 19-01730 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38271 |
| LOFTUS, DANIEL                 | 19-01757 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019           | 625.00    | 38278 |
| MAHON, ANN                     | 19-00225 | 2019FITNESS-11/12,11/19,11/26 | 180.00    | 38346 |
| MAHONEY, KEITH                 | 19-01731 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38302 |
| MANDANO, JOSEPH A              | 19-01724 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38303 |
| MARTIN, SCOTT                  | 19-01732 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38284 |
| MAUL, RICHARD                  | 19-01733 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38277 |
| MAUL, WILLIAM                  | 19-01734 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38275 |
| MAYNES, ROBERT                 | 19-01735 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38276 |
| MAYNES, RYAN                   | 19-01736 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38289 |
| MECHAN, CHRISTOPHER            | 19-01737 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38267 |
| MEIER, CHRISTOPHER             | 19-01738 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019  | 675.00    | 38262 |
| MIROS, ZACH                    | 19-01762 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019           | 775.00    | 38290 |

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| MURPHY, TIMOTHY              | 19-01739 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38291 |
| NEARY, PETER                 | 19-01740 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38263 |
| NESTLE WATERS NORTH AMERICA  | 19-00476 | DMF WATER ACT # 0437265606     | 24.37           | 38366 |
| NESTLE WATERS NORTH AMERICA  | 19-00476 | TOWNSHIP WATER ACT #0449144179 | 33.82           | 38366 |
| NESTLE WATERS NORTH AMERICA  | 19-00476 | TOWNSHIP WATER ACT #0449144179 | 75.44           | 38366 |
| NESTLE WATERS NORTH AMERICA  | 19-00566 | POLICE WATER ACT# 0430995936   | 122.20          | 38366 |
| NESTLE WATERS NORTH AMERICA  | 19-00566 | POLICE WATER ACT# 0430995936   | 63.35           | 38366 |
| OPTIMUM                      | 19-00011 | DMF CABLE SERVICE-DEC          | 38.28           | 38320 |
| OROCCHI, JOSEPH              | 19-01758 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019            | 425.00          | 38281 |
| O'SULLIVAN, BRENDAN          | 19-01741 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38268 |
| PETTY CASH                   | 19-01897 | Hot Dogs for Halloween         | 82.39           | 38351 |
| PETTY CASH                   | 19-01897 | Memorial Day Gift Cards        | 30.00           | 38351 |
| PETTY CASH                   | 19-01897 | Table Cloths for Town Day 10/5 | 46.49           | 8706  |
| PETTY CASH                   | 19-01897 | Fuses for Traffic Light        | 6.29            | 38351 |
| PETTY CASH                   | 19-01897 | Tree Lighting Candy Canes      | 30.00           | 38351 |
| PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC.   | 19-00461 | DMF-OXYGEN 2019 CUST#71345066  | 11.07           | 38349 |
| PRINCESS PARTY PLAYTIME LLC  | 19-01719 | PRINCESS/SNOWMAN CHARACTERS    | 420.00          | 38341 |
| RICOH USA, INC               | 19-00006 | CLERK COPIER                   | 83.89           | 38332 |
| RICOH USA, INC               | 19-00006 | CLERK COPIER ADDTL IMAGES      | 13.48           | 38332 |
| RICOH USA, INC               | 19-00007 | BUILDING COPIER LEASE AUG      | 98.40           | 38332 |
| RICOH USA, INC               | 19-00008 | POLICE COPIER LEASE            | 135.36          | 38332 |
| RICOH USA, INC               | 19-00009 | ADMINIST COPIER LEASE DEC      | 141.83          | 38362 |
| RIEDEL, MICHAEL S.           | 19-01752 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38298 |
| RIEDEL, MICHAEL S.           | 19-01752 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019            | 375.00          | 38298 |
| ROBBIE CONLEY ARCHITECT, LLP | 19-01772 | ENGINEERING FIREHOUSE          | 8,340.00        | 3424  |
| ROBERTS, BRUCE               | 19-01742 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38299 |
| ROBLES, DANIEL A.            | 19-01720 | HOURS OF DJ SERVICE 12/6/19    | 300.00          | 38368 |
| ROSSI, WILLIAM               | 19-01743 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38292 |
| SCHROEDER, NICHOLAS          | 19-01744 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38293 |
| SCHROEDER, RICHARD           | 19-01745 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38279 |
| SEARS, THOMAS                | 19-01746 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38280 |
| SHALOM, SASI                 | 19-01747 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38300 |
| SICONOLFI, JEFF              | 19-01754 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019            | 675.00          | 38270 |
| SMITH, JOHN RYAN             | 19-01748 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38259 |
| STEWART, JAMES               | 19-01753 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38261 |
| STEWART, JAMES               | 19-01753 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019            | 375.00          | 38261 |
| VANORE, MICHAEL              | 19-01749 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38264 |
| VERIZON                      | 19-00199 | 2019-POLICE DESK 201-664-1140  | 426.03          | 38310 |
| VERIZON                      | 19-00200 | 2019-POLICE 201-664-1157       | 83.81           | 38310 |
| VERIZON                      | 19-00201 | 2019-COURT FAX 201-664-7194    | 84.31           | 38310 |
| VERIZON                      | 19-00202 | 2019-ADMIN FAX 201-664-8281    | 38.78           | 38310 |
| VERIZON                      | 19-00203 | 2019-ANDMIN PHONE 201-664-8001 | 854.57          | 38310 |
| VERIZON                      | 19-00203 | 2019-ANDMIN PHONE 201-664-8001 | 819.12          | 38352 |
| VERIZON                      | 19-00204 | 2019-BLDG FAX 201-666-0338     | 42.99           | 38310 |
| VERIZON                      | 19-00205 | 2019-FIRE HOUSE 201-666-0750   | 79.06           | 38310 |
| VERIZON                      | 19-00206 | 2019-ROADS FAX 201-664-6928    | 38.28           | 38310 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS             | 19-00466 | 2019 WIRELESS POLICE DEPT      | 228.08          | 38350 |
| WOJCICKI JR., RICHARD S      | 19-01784 | VIDEO TAPING COUNCIL MEETINGS  | 300.00          | 38363 |
| WOJCICKI JR., RICHARD S      | 19-01784 | VIDEO TAPING                   | 300.00          | 38363 |
| WOJCICKI JR., RICHARD S      | 19-01784 | VIDEO TAPING                   | 300.00          | 38363 |
| ZACONIE, JAMES               | 19-01750 | FIRE-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2019   | 675.00          | 38282 |
| ZITKO, KEVIN                 | 19-01763 | FIRE ALLOWANCE 2019            | <u>1,000.00</u> | 38283 |
|                              |          | Total                          | 97,044.00       |       |

## Resolution 19-338

Authorize (revised 12.19.2019) Shared Service Agreement with the County of Bergen

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming to pass Resolution No. 19-338.

Council President DeSena stated this is the new shared service agreement to override the one that was submitted in September, that we were told was submitted. There is a change on page 9, addition number 23 under Township Responsibilities, "The Township shall provide to the County the funding necessary to cover the cost of any traffic signal, equipment related to signal heads at the firehouse driveway." Council President DeSena stated this is the only change from the one that was executed in July, that supposed to have been sent to the County in September, that was never sent. Councilman Ullman asked if Attorney Poller signed off on it? Council President DeSena replied he hopes so, it is on the Agenda. Councilman Ullman stated it was on the Agenda last time, the Council approved it, then it was withheld from submission because there was a review done, changes needed to be made, the question again is having Attorney Poller reviewed this and signed off on it? Township Clerk Witkowski stated she is the one that brought it to Attorney Poller's attention saying if there was a change, she thought there should be another resolution, because it is a change, more money is going back to the taxpayers, Attorney Poller agreed with it, requested that it be put on the December 30<sup>th</sup> Agenda for approval and it can be sent out, Attorney Poller doesn't sign this the Mayor does, it will signed tomorrow. Council President DeSena stated this Council authorized this the end of July, on September 9<sup>th</sup> the Mayor stated he signed it, it was going to be sent in, it took 90 days later for the Council to bring it up again. He stated he has been quoted as he has a vendetta against the Administration to make them look bad, but that is not true, we all ran on the same thing, Councilman Cumming, Mayor Calamari and himself, that we would get this intersection completed, it has nothing to do with funding or defunding, the project will not be built in 2020, that is what he stated, it doesn't matter who told him that, all he can tell you is the residents of the Township, and the 60,000 plus commuters that go through that intersection on a daily basis, will have to live with that decrepit signal for another year. He stated the County has sent us a letter that it will not be done 2020, and the new alignment is clearly redesigned to eliminate the takings of property at the Season's corner. He stated we have been negotiating with Season's, we have the McGinnis family and the Tammen family who we know that we have to take property, the McGinnis family put us on record that they were hiring an attorney to represent them, that was in July, we have still not reached out to them, that is six months of stalling. He stated let us be proactive, call them up, ask them why they hired an attorney, no, we are going to wait for another eight months to pass us by before we contact these residents. He stated this is not anything to make this Administration look bad, it is to help the citizens of the Township, the commuters who go through that decrepit intersection every day. He stated we have had to look at being held hostage by Season's for those three ugly houses for over 10 years, they killed all the trees, we did nothing about it, let it go, there are four-foot diameter trees that are dead because fill was placed up against them, they have to be cut down. He stated there are three ugly houses, with the fireman signal on the front, a red X, that says "Do Not Enter" because it is uninhabited. He stated he owned a home in Newark, once it became inhabitable, he had three months to tear it down before he was fined \$25,000, the house came down before he was fined. He stated these houses have been looking like this for over 10 years, we are supposed to be a beautiful community, but we have done nothing at that intersection for so long, it is time to move forward. He stated he can be called the bad guy up here for making the Administration look bad, but we did not move forward on this in 2019, the way we were in January of 2018, we are the same in January of 2020, nothing has changed. He stated we are supposed to get a commuter parking lot there, along with other things, what is it going to be,

we need to know, because if they are not going to do anything with it, maybe it is time as a Township we move ahead, do something for ourselves there, because it cannot stay like this. He stated we are a prestigious Bergen County town, we have to have these three houses, at the busiest corner of the town look like this for over 10 years, guess what we just live with it, that is all we can do, there are other things we can do there, and he is tired of this. He stated let us reach out and work with those families on the easements, work with Season's, get it done, we have been negotiating with Season's because the whole alignment is going to change so we don't affect their property, but what about the Township residents that pay taxes also, let us move forward, please, that's all he has. Councilman Cascio stated we are on the Council two years battling this intersection, he has been here a bit longer, battling the same thing, things do not change. He stated he campaigned three or four months before the November election, and he told residents we have an agreement with the County, signed and delivered, everything is good, moving forward in 2020, but now he has to retract that statement, makes him look good, he apologizes to the citizens of the Township of Washington. He stated residents also asked why are the road not getting fixed, he did tell them there was money in the budget to do "X" amount of roads, \$700,000, and again he had to say that will not happen this year coming up, because the Administration didn't do what they were supposed to do, he is very upset, his word is a bond, when he says something was going to get done he thought this was going to happen, he apologizes to the residents of the Township. He stated it is his sincere hope that this Mayor does not do the same thing that the former Mayor did regarding this intersection, he hopes this gets completed in 2021. He stated he apologizes to the residents, will do everything in his power while he is up here to make sure it gets completed for the residents of the Township, as well as residents of the surrounding towns. He stated it needs to get done, it is a vital artery for commerce and transportation, the Township holds a bottleneck at our little intersection for motorists coming off the Parkway, getting to and from work and activities, he hopes this gets done in an expedient manner. Councilman Cumming stated he wishes he had known about the details of the delay, he doesn't know a lot about them, his only pledge to the residents that he will put his full force behind this, as he has done through the successful PSE&G Grant Program, relighting, air-conditioning the whole building, which he personally oversaw, along with finishing up his energy system management. He stated he also ran, as did Councilman DeSena, on progress, getting things done, the intersection done, we will just get it done. Councilman Bruno stated he has been on the Council for four years, four years we talked about the same thing, budgeted monies, and nothing has happened. He stated he didn't promise anyone the intersection because he knew it would not get done, that is sad to say, but that is the bottom line, it doesn't get done. He stated in terms of the homes, we have an ordinance for abandoned homes, he has submitted it Property Maintenance. Councilman Ullman stated when this was approved, in July, there was an expectation that we were moving forward. Council President DeSena stated there is no transparency. Councilman Ullman stated it is a courtesy, if we are working towards the same goal, there should be a dialogue, we are giving Shared Service Agreement to sign-off on, everyone took it home, reviewed it, questions were asked, we were satisfied, we approved it, only after we approve it, it gets reviewed, red-lined, signatures are pulled, and Council is not told of anything, to him that is complete bullshit. Council President DeSena stated if signatures are going to be pulled, go back to the County on September 15<sup>th</sup>, request the changes, if this didn't come up at the last meeting, we would be sitting here in January without an SSA approval, that is what upsets him the most. Councilman Ullman stated the other question he has is if the only change to this document is the addition of that one paragraph, then all of the changes that were suggested or recommended by the attorney have not been implemented because that is why he didn't sign, he wanted changes made, we are being told those changes are not being made, so we have lost from July to now, we have lost time for nothing because clearly nothing changed, so those observations were not valid, or they were discussed and

deemed to be not worthy of updating the document, he is not voting to approve this because he wants the Mayor to sign it, he would like to hear from the Attorney, he can sit up here and say he is going to sign it, it will be submitted, he has said that before, it is not worth the breath of he speaks of it with, but he thinks we should have positive confirmation that something is going to happen. He stated he will not have to worry about it anymore, but the Council should be tired, reading these things, trying to understand the impact and just getting completely screwed over by the Administration, that is what this is, completely screwed over.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, Council President DeSena.  
Nays: Councilmen Bruno, Ullman.

Resolution 19-338

Authorize (revised 12.19.2019) Shared Service Agreement with the County of Bergen

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen (the “County”) adopted Resolution 712-19 on July 2, 2019, authorizing a shared services agreement between the County and the Township of Washington (the “Township”) in connection with an improvement and signalization plan for the intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 712-19 delineates the specific areas of responsibility of performance and costs relative to the Project as between the County (as prescribed in Subsection “A” of Responsibilities) and the Township (as prescribed in Subsection “B” of Responsibilities); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, after consultation with and recommendation from the Township Engineer, has confirmed that the Township is willing to assume the performance and cost responsibility with respect to items 1 through 22 of Subsection “B” of Responsibilities in Resolution 712-19, and by the terms of this resolution authorizes the Mayor of the Township to execute a shared services agreement with the County in conformity with the above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the Township hereby concurs with the provisions of Resolution 712-19, and agrees to assume the responsibility of performance and cost with respect to items 1 through 22 of Subsection “B” of Responsibilities in Resolution 712-19 adopted by the County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township is hereby authorized to enter into a shared services agreement with the County incorporating the conditions set forth in Subsections “A” and “B” of Resolution 712-19;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a shared services agreement as revised December 19, 2019, for the addition of #23 page 9, with the County in conformity with this concurring Resolution as well as any additional agreements and documents for the above stated purpose.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT read by Council President DeSena

HOLIDAY HOURS – The Township offices will be closing at 3:00 pm on New Year’s Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Closed on New Year’s Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

SINE DIE AND REORGANIZATION MEETING will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

CHRISTMAS TREES will be picked up curbside beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>, lasting about two weeks. There is no set schedule for tree pick-up, just leave them at the curb.

2020 COMMUTER PARKING RENEWALS have been mailed out. In order to avoid a summons, the 2020 Commuter Parking Tags must be displayed on vehicles by Monday, January 6, 2020.

2020 PET LICENSING RENEWALS are on schedule to be mailed out the first week in January.

STYROFOAM COLLECTION BIN – The Township of Washington Green Team is starting a new Styrofoam recycling program. The program was funded by a grant from the State of New Jersey. Please visit our website for further information.

EMAIL NOTICES

Residents are invited to sign up for email notices by texting TOWNSHIP to 22828 and entering your email address.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Bruno to adjourn to the Conference Agenda.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 8:30 p.m.

/s/ Susan Witkowski  
Township Clerk

/s/ Michael DeSena  
Council President

Approved: October 19, 2020

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
CONFERENCE MINUTES  
December 30, 2019

CURRENT BUSINESS

**I. Administration**

**II. Council**

A. Ordinances and Legislation

1. Salary Ordinance/Salaries budgeted – Attorney Poller was supposed to discuss this, but he is not present. Council President DeSena stated if Council wishes to discuss both, Salary Ordinance/Salaries budgeted, as well as Attorney Report, salary discrepancies, at the same time we can. Councilman Cascio stated motion to suspend. Council President DeSena stated motion to suspend the rules for this Agenda. Councilman Ullman stated he believes there has been a foundational understanding, there is a budget, Salary Ordinance, and a relationship between the two, which is not the case, at least in reading the opinion of the Attorney. He stated the Attorney's discussion on the Summer Rec Director, was tortuous, very difficult to follow, but he believes the more telling is the second where it is the Assistant, where there is a Salary Ordinance, a gentleman was not named in it, according to Attorney Poller, that is not required, however, in the Township Ordinance, it specifically states that a certain dollar amount cannot be exceeded, they did, there is no action, no discussion on how that is going to be corrected. He stated his question is if the Salary Ordinance has no power, why are we passing it for, and if it does have power, or standing, and people are being paid over that, what are we doing to correct it. He stated the apology of the Mayor, that he didn't realize that that line item was in there, that is great that he is sorry, but what are we doing, what is the corrective action that the Administration is taking, are we trying to get back that money? Ms. Curran stated she doesn't know the report that Council received, she knows we were all interviewed about what possibly happened, but she never saw the report, or the conclusion. Councilman Ullman stated he would suggest that the Council before the budget process begins for next year, get a little clarity of what that actually means, what the budget means, what the ordinance means, because it sounds like it is not worth the paper it is written on. Councilman Bruno stated Ms. Curran should get a copy, there is a lot of financial information that she should be aware of, changing the rules. He stated five weeks later we receive a five page report, which is in his opinion, is riddled with inaccurate statements, which he is surprised that Attorney Poller ever wrote some of these things, it will be sent out and get an independent opinion. If he read it correctly, if everything Attorney Poller said was true, then why did the Mayor not sit here and tell the Council in August, September, October, November, actually what happened, instead of sitting there, saying we are looking into it, and the employee made an error. He stated since when does an employee state how much they are going to make, that is unheard of, in the report there is a statement that there was money in the budget, he figured he could spend it, he thought the CFO certifies funds, in any budget line before any of the Council spend any monies. He stated the report is totally inaccurate, it is one-sided, really just again, it is a whole story about nothing. He stated Councilman Ullman is correct, Council sits here, budget numbers, they are meaningless, we have a Salary Ordinance that we stick to, for the first time probably in two years it is not adhered to, last year we gave out raises, this year we gave out raises, people are getting money that they shouldn't be getting, to him it is unethical, that is the way things are being run. Councilman Cascio stated the scope of the Council in the Township of Washington under Faulkner E, is limited, the Council can do three things, set a budget, it can hold or ask for a special investigation, and set ordinances, those are the only three functions Council has. He stated the last time he checked, it



is a called a Salary Ordinance, an ordinance should be followed to the letter, as it is written. We talked in the past having ranges, he did ask for that a while back, we were told we shouldn't, we were told different things at different times by different people, the bonus of having a salary range is to have a position where you could have someone who is fresh into the position, it would be in the lower range, with experience a higher range, never exceeding the higher range, the Salary Ordinance has to be followed by the Administration. If Council cannot do those three functions or any of those functions, there is no reason to have a Council, in his opinion, it has been said by prior Council members, he thought it was ludicrous at the time but sometimes he thinks about it, it sounds correct. He stated we had a discrepancy, numerous people on this dais have different opinions, but he is going to send this over to the DCA, the Local Finance Board, let them decide the course of action to take. At this point there are too many discrepancies on the report, it needs to be clarified and put to bed, his opinion is let them figure it out, see where it goes from there, we will make a formal request for an opinion, statement. He stated the check has not gotten cut for Chakonis, but let us find out where those two things lie in the grand scheme of things, go from there, again, we are a governing body, our duty is to follow the ordinance, as stated in the Charter, it is pretty clear cut what it says, especially the ordinance regarding salaries. Councilman Ullman stated if something is going to be referred down to DCA, he doesn't know if Attorney Poller reviewed the terminal payout, he doesn't believe that has been resolved, he feels some level of confidence that there was an overpayment made, based on the contract that was provided, and the calculations. Councilman Cascio stated anyone can make a request to the DCA, and he thinks we need clarification, that is why that government entity exists, we will see what they come back with, we will go from there. He is no expert but he can pretty much read the letter of the law, the law is not supposed to be that complicated that a lay person can read it or understand it, he thinks the ordinance is pretty clear cut to him.

B. Financials

C. Miscellaneous

1. Attorney Report, salary discrepancies

2. Township Engineer report – Council President DeSena stated

back in January when Boswell, Mr. Yakimik was appointed as our new engineer, we had asked the Mayor if we could have a monthly report, Mr. Yakamik was attending the meetings for a while, but then he stopped, he would ask Mr. Yakimik to start attending the Council meetings again, giving updates, or just give us a monthly report of what they have worked on, completed, not completed, why it has not been completed. He stated in his 25 years, every month he gave his three municipalities a report on everything, what we billed, didn't bill, why we billed, it was part of his job description, he hopes that can be started again. Councilman Ullman requested that the Grant Writer also be added, Council was supposed to get a list of their activity, it was supposed to be part of the Project Tracker, to date he has not seen anything, they are on retainer, they are getting paid.

3. Pascack Road/Washington Avenue intersection update – Resolution passed giving the Mayor the okay to sign based on the vote.

4. Revised plans for intersection project – Emailed to Council, hard copy in packets, printed out and copies on the table. Councilman Ullman asked that a traffic control box be put in front of Meisten, not to block because of the exit/entry into there, but these documents do not go that far down. He asked that be added because he understands they have an issue getting in and out of the street when traffic backs up, even after this is done, they will still have an issue. Regarding the Exxon, we received a write-up, he was going to ask the Mayor about it, but he doesn't understand why we are putting the Police Department in a position where someone could question what is being done, those are not essentially his words, but those of the Administration, that is what the email said. He stated should we write a letter to all the businesses in the Township if they want to contribute, they are more than welcome to, if they don't, they don't have to, but to have individuals calling on businesses, especially if

there is a potential for even the slightest perception of a conflict of interest, why are we introducing that, they are not here, but that question should be asked, or he will ask it next time from the ground floor. Council President DeSena stated the PBA contract is not completed, but the Administration has worked out an agreement so the men and women of our Police Department can begin Pitman on Thursday morning, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councilman Cascio asked so the contract was not signed? Council President DeSena stated he doesn't know that, he just knows that there is an agreement so they can start Pitman. Councilman Bruno stated Council never approved the contract, or the Pitman scheduling, who gave the authority? Council President DeSena replied he was just told the Administration had worked it out, they can start on Thursday with the Pitman schedule, which they are all happy with. Councilman Bruno stated that can be added to the list of non-Council duties.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming to adjourn.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 8:47 p.m.

/s/ Susan Witkowski  
Township Clerk

/s/ Michael DeSena  
Council President

Approved: October 19, 2020