

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

**December 8, 2014**

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Council President Thomas Sears with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Peter Calamari, Steve Cascio, Richard Hrbek, Thomas Sears. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator. Allen Bell, Substitute Attorney. Absent: Ken Poller, Attorney.

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

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

**REPORT OF MAYOR**

Mayor Sobkowicz states the VFW Post 1692 held their Veteran's Ceremony at the monument on November 1 to pay tribute to the men and women who fought to preserve our freedom. The members of our Police Department did some outstanding work in preventing a burglary and arresting one of the two actors. Officer Travis Cangelosi noticed an opened garage door with two expensive cars and two actors walking around. The actors ran away quickly, one did steal a jacquard in another neighborhood; the other actor was arrested by Sergeant Thomas Lawton who found him walking on Linwood Avenue at 4:30 am. This whole incident is now being investigated by the Bergen County Prosecutors Office. Mayor Sobkowicz states from November 22nd through November 29th 17 individuals were investigated for the use of false identification to purchase alcohol while underage and also underage possession of alcohol, 8 of these individuals have been charged, they have received 10 charges all together, for false identification, one individual showed a false ID to the officer, underage possession of alcohol and possession of marijuana. This situation is also being investigated by the Bergen County Prosecutors Office. Our annual Tree Lightening will be held on Friday, December 12th at 6:00 pm at Veterans Square. We will be gathering at Finnerty Place near the library for the festivities. The library will be participating this year, the Ambulance Corps will be serving hot chocolate, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be distributing hats and glow sticks, the Fire Department will be distributing candy canes and brining our special guest, and we also have Alianna Eucker, Melissa Risetto, Jim Dugan and the Girl Scouts who will be singing holiday favorites. We are very fortunate that most of the people that were on the Town Day Committee will also work the tree lightening. Mayor Sobkowicz asks everyone to join us in celebrating the spirit of the season at the tree lighting ceremony. The first day of Hanukah is December 16th, at that time the first candle will be lit at that time. The members of the Planning Board this month approved a three lot subdivision, half acre each at 67 Salem Road; it is the Florence Konner Estate. Once the lots are developed they will be a very nice addition to the Township. On Thursday, December 11th the library will be sponsoring the Glen Rock Pops at 7:00 pm. Our Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) Safety Meeting was held on November 19th by Vic Fadini our JIF consultant to review safety information and changes in the workplace. Mr. Fadini noted that we are only one of seven towns in the JIF not to have any workplace injuries this year. Mr. Fadini also gave a report on safety videos that members of various departments, ambulance, fire and roads use for safety awareness. Mayor Sobkowicz congratulates Westwood Regional High School Cardinals

Football Team for winning the State Championship for North 1, Group 2. Mayor Sobkowicz attended some of the regular season games, and also their playoff games against Pascack Hills and Lenape Valley and the championship game which gave them an undefeated record of 18 wins straight. Mayor Sobkowicz states in addition Immaculate Heart Academy was awarded the perfect season finishing as the number one ranked team in the finals by the National Soccer coach Association of America. This is IHA's first national title in any sport. Shop Small was held on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. It is a national event sponsored by American Express in conjunction with local chambers to encourage people to shop locally to support businesses and restaurants during this Holiday Season. Mayor Sobkowicz urges everyone to please use as many of our local vendors to give them some support during the season. East Glen Avenue was finally paved this past week, up to Hampshire Road in the Township. Mayor Sobkowicz states the curbside recycling program December hopefully we be catch up month so we can meet or surpass last year's revenue. In order to do this, we would need to recycle between 97 and 100 tons; it would be great if we can go over that. We need about \$3800.00 in revenue to match last year. Traditionally December is one of the higher months of the year; reminders will be put on the e-sign. With regard to the Road Program, tonight we are asking council to approve a contract close-out for the 2014 Road Improvement Program. Originally it was estimated to come in at almost \$900,000, but it came in at \$666,000. It was completed \$130,000 under the budget and due to different concrete work and other things that didn't need to be done, so the contract needs to be closed out. The special projects engineering firm is currently evaluating and ranking all of the streets for the 2015 road program, we will be receiving that report at the end of the year. Mayor Sobkowicz states the leaf program is actually a little ahead of schedule, and technically would be finished by the middle of next week. Mayor Sobkowicz states by the end of next week hopefully all the leaves will be down and residents have them out and the program will be wrapped up. Mayor Sobkowicz thanks the Road Department for their diligence in their quest to get this done; especially since we had the snow and rain interruptions, they are really doing a great job. The Fire Department is selling trees, wreaths, grave blankets and so forth; please support them as they are there for us when we need them. The Fire Department won first place for Best Float and first place for Best Music in the Wallington Holiday Parade. Lieutenant Kevin Zitko was in charge of the entire project. The materials for the Memorial Field fence replacement are being delivered this week and depending on the weather they will be installed if not it will be next week. Administrator Matt and special projects engineer Chris Statile have been working on a new application for Community Development Funding for handicap ramps. In the next program where we have corners and handicap ramps need to be put in, hopefully we will get funding to pay for them. Mayor Sobkowicz states Oritani will be our main bank. The Administrator and our Acting CFO have been working with the representative from Oritani to get everything set and move the accounts as necessary, that will be done by January. Mayor Sobkowicz states after advertising several times we finally received quite lot applications for various positions available in the Township. Three positions are available due to retirements, one position is due to an employee going to a full time job and the last one due to an employee getting additional hours at her other part time job. Mayor Sobkowicz states the administrator and herself spent several evenings last week interviewing candidates and have found candidates for the positions in Recreation, Road Department Superintendent, and secretary in the Road Department, Finance, and Building Department. Mayor Sobkowicz states very soon residents will be seeing several new faces the Town Hall; please welcome them when you see them. Mayor Sobkowicz states we have approximately 18 people respond to our call for volunteers for the CERT Team. After they are trained, they will become members of the Office of Emergency Management and

will be able to support our professional responders, police, fire, and EMT's in emergency and non-emergency situations. If anyone is still interested in joining the CERT Team, please contact Officer Rio Fasciano at the Police Department. The library is also participating in this project through a grant they received for training. Mayor Sobkowicz states this Wednesday, at 5:00 pm we have a Habitat for Humanity meeting.

#### **REPORT OF COUNCIL**

**Dr. Cascio** – No report this evening.

**Mr. Hrbek** – Mr. Hrbek would like to know what time is the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Mayor Sobkowicz states December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Mr. Hrbek states since the full amount was not spent on the roads, does that have to do with not having Colonial Road done. Administrator Cavallo states no, the original project estimate that came in that were given to the road paving engineer before he arrived, included a large amount for sidewalks and curbs that didn't need to get done, they were removed while the project was going on. That stayed in the ordinance for future use for road project. Mr. Hrbek states Colonial Boulevard even though it is not done it is paid for. Administrator Cavallo states that is a separate account. Mayor Sobkowicz states that was a separate bid. Administrator Cavallo states this is the 2014 project that we entered into with Pascack Valley. Mr. Hrbek is it still being worked on with the co-op. Administrator Cavallo states no, that was bid on our own, finance for that came in after the bidding process.

**Mr. Beckmeyer** – Mr. Beckmeyer would like to thank everyone for coming out on this cold night. Mr. Beckmeyer states that besides the soccer team, IHA's volleyball team was in the tournament of champions, would like to recognize that. Mr. Beckmeyer states also the football team won their championship this weekend, and Mr. Beckmeyer also read on nj.com that our girls bowling team did very well; Rebecca Davies bowled a great game. Mr. Beckmeyer would like to put a shout out to them, we are very proud of the girls and the boys on the football team. Mr. Beckmeyer states he enjoys watching our children do well in school and in sports. The Cardinals Football Team did very well this year. Mr. Beckmeyer states he looks on the field and sees a lot of the kids that he coached, Tim Ritter and Scott coached through our program and to see them become something, even with another town, they work together and perform as a team and out preform everyone else in their division, it makes you feel very proud. Mr. Beckmeyer states his children attended parochial school, but Mr. Beckmeyer still feels he is part of the Cardinal community that he had something to do with it, and he is very proud of all of the children. Mr. Beckmeyer hopes to see everyone Friday night.

**Mr. Calamari** – No report this evening.

**Mr. Sears** – Mr. Sears would like to echo Mr. Beckmeyer's comments on the sports in town. Mr. Sears states it is outstanding that our children excel in sports and he congratulates them all.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to approve the November 10, 2014 Public & Conference Minutes. (All Vote)

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

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to approve the November 24, 2014 Public & Conference Minutes. (All Vote)

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

Nays: None.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

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

Nays: None.

**Bob Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road** – Mr. Bruno would like to know who is the gentlemen to the left is. Mr. Sears introduces Mr. Allen Bell, the acting township attorney at this time. Mr. Bruno asks the existing attorney gone. Mayor Sobkowicz states he has an emergency in his family, out of state. Mr. Bruno states the Road Department did a great with the leaf program. Mr. Bruno states last month it was stated there would be a decision on the turf. Mr. Sears states we will be discussing that at the table tonight; there will be a decision on that tonight. Mr. Sears states you will hear tonight recommendations, what he investigated and what he found. Mr. Bruno states he has been trying to get information on what is happening in the town, Matt has done a great job and the Town Clerk has done a great job sending Mr. Bruno analysis, but Mr. Bruno would like to know why he can't be in touch with the CFO, where is the CFO and why is the CFO is not explaining the numbers Mr. Hrbek talked about. Mayor Sobkowicz states the CFO is working tonight upstairs. Mayor Sobkowicz states the CFO does not need to explain the numbers that Matt has and what was presented to you in terms the close-out of the contract. Mr. Bruno's point is the CFO should be presenting financial analysis, and he should be receiving financial information from the financial person. Mr. Bruno has not disrespect for either person, but are these persons going to be held liable if there is an issue since they are presenting numbers to him. Mayor Sobkowicz states if Mr. Bruno requests an OPRA, the clerk's office is the way OPRA requests are received. Mayor Sobkowicz states it could come from anybody; it can come from her, to the administrator to you. Mayor Sobkowicz states we just met with the CFO for an hour and a half, before the meeting and just because you are getting the request from someone else it does not mean the CFO didn't have a part in putting it together. Mr. Bruno states he was told by the clerk in an email that it was not a government document and the CFO didn't have to sign off. Mayor Sobkowicz states whatever document Mr. Bruno requested if it was not a government record it might have been something Matt decided to give Mr. Bruno anyway, some are government records, some aren't. Mr. Bruno states the corner of the gas station, he read something about benzene in that area and it seems to be a serious situation now and it has been going on for years and it was brought to everyone's attention. Mr. Sears states that is controlled by the DEP. Mayor Sobkowicz we do have a report on it, right now it is under the control of the DEP and we cannot get involved, they have an LSRP heading it up. Mayor Sobkowicz states we do have papers and correspondence of what is going on in that area. Mayor Sobkowicz states according to our engineer and reports that we have received the DEP is in charge. Mr. Bruno that gas station at a standstill now. Mayor Sobkowicz states until the DEP allows it to move forward. Mr. Bruno asks if someone just clean it up a little bit and put a skirt on the inside. Mayor Sobkowicz states we are working on that. Mr. Bruno asks what exactly the scope of responsibilities of the town attorney is. Mr. Bell states in general the town attorney represents the municipality, answers questions that council may have and researches legal issues. Mr. Bruno states we have a fence that is going up at Memorial Field and paving that is being done that involves contracts, are all these contracts being reviewed by the town attorney to make sure we are being protected. Administrator Cavallo states all bid contracts that we have, all resolutions, ordinances and so on do go through Mr. Poller's office before they go to council. Administrator Cavallo states the attorney does prepare the resolutions, ordinances and the actual agreements that need to be signed.

**Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place** – Ms. Lipnick states that time and time again many residents have come forward asking the status of the gas station and we get zero information. Ms. Lipnick states that several residents and she would like to applaud Mr. Leggate for his expertise in reporting that article, it is rather disturbing. Ms. Lipnick asks what the town or what will the town can do. Ms. Lipnick states that Mr. and Mrs. McGuinness live right next door and Mr. McGuinness passed away due to cancer and she is sure Mrs. McGuinness saw the article and she wonders what Mrs. McGuinness will be doing in the upcoming months. Ms. Lipnick states she has gotten hold of the Bergen County statement of vote and it has figures regarding the most recent election. Ms. Lipnick states the document shows District 1 we had 101.53% of the voters show up. Ms. Lipnick would like to know if it can be explained, how more than 100% of the voters showed up. Ms. Lipnick states every other district is lower, there is a 92%. Mayor Sobkowicz asks what paper is that. Ms. Lipnick states is the Bergen County statement of vote results, it states we had 522 registrations, ballot cast 530 for 101.53%. Mr. Sears please leave that with me and I will try to have an answer for you. Ms. Lipnick would like to know since positions have been filled, where these ads have been. Administrator Cavallo states the Tax Collector and Deputy Treasurer were posted in the league twice, along with the Tax Collectors Association and the Clerk's Association, it was also posted in The Record once, and it was the same with the DMF Superintendent position. Administrator Cavallo states the clerical position was posted in the Community Life. Administrator Cavallo states we received over 20 applications for the clerical position from Community Life, and we received 6 applications for superintendent. Mayor Sobkowicz states all together we had 35 applications or so for the five positions. Ms. Lipnick would like to see copies of the ads. Mayor Sobkowicz states this is the most we have had in a long time, we started advertising last year and all of a sudden we received a lot. Administrator Cavallo states he only advertised in the league for certified positions since it is expensive to advertise in the league. Mr. Lipnick asks were the ads in the newspaper, since she has not seen any. Administrator Cavallo states two certified positions were in The Record and the clerical positions were in Community Life.

**Cindy Cannon, 804 Manhattan Avenue** – Ms. Cannon states it was stated that it costs \$20,000 to mow Memorial Field by a private contractor, she would like to know do the other fields go through a private contractor or does DMF take care of them. Administrator Cavallo there was a contract for a landscaper to come in. Ms. Cannon states this past year there was no contract. Administrator Cavallo states there was no contract, the DMF mowed the field. Ms. Cannon asks so the DMF does all of our fields then. Administrator Cavallo replies yes. Mayor Sobkowicz states except Clark Field during baseball season, the Baseball Association does that. Ms. Cannon states there was a mention of a million gallons of water used on Memorial Field. Ms. Cannon went home and checked her water bill, and she does not have a sprinkler system, three people living at home, and they water a garden, and only one month on her bill it stated 7480 gallons of water, so it is about 90,000 gallons a year. Ms. Cannon states a million gallons of water would be ten of her neighbors without having a sprinkler system and pools. Ms. Cannon asks if we do have a turf field to the other sports, does soccer play on the field. Mr. Sears replies yes they should. Ms. Cannon states is it a town field, is that correct. Mr. Sears replies correct. Mayor Sobkowicz states soccer is done with Westwood. Mr. Sears states soccer is a joint with Westwood, but if there is a town league then they will use it. Mayor Sobkowicz states lacrosse plays here, soccer plays in Westwood. Administrator Cavallo states soccer plays in Westwood. Ms. Cannon states only people that will be playing on the field are going to be lacrosse, football and baseball in the back. Mayor Sobkowicz states also Men's over 35 Softball they play on Memorial Field. There was a discussion on whether the baseball fields would be on Memorial Field. Dr.

Cascio states there are two diamonds and it is going to be cut down to one diamond. Mr. Beckmeyer states no, there will be two diamonds. Mr. Sears that was a proposal presented going from two to one field, and a decision has not been made on that. Ms. Cannon states that would be excluding more baseball for the adults again, if there ever was a women's softball team which we used to have if that ever was resurrected again. Mr. Sears states they would play on that field, they would not be denied that field. Mr. Beckmeyer states with regard to soccer, the lines are put on the field so there will always be there, the soccer lines would be in the field, it would be two fields next to each other. Mr. Beckmeyer states the size of the property is big enough that you can put a soccer field with a football field next to it and they can play at the same time. Ms. Cannon would like to know if Mr. Sears looked into the sleigh riding issue. Mr. Sears states he has looked into that and it will be discussed at the table.

**Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court** – Mr. Hanson states his son played in the soccer program and George Field was used for some practices this year, so sometimes it is also in Washington Township. Mr. Hanson states it is great the football team won, it is great publicity for the town and also great experience for the kids. Mr. Hanson states at the last meeting someone stated that the town was getting bad press, but there were great things said about pride in the town and the kids. Mr. Hanson states according to his research the hours you can get on a turf surface is up to 3000 hours a year of playing time, as you are looking at this please consider the number of hours, more people will have the opportunity to use this field. Mr. Hanson states Penn State University has a great agricultural website which tells you what needs to be done to maintain a grass field, which is to stay off it and use it for 300 hours a year. Mr. Hanson states at the last meeting it was stated the hours were more than 800 hours. Mr. Hanson states we would be able to do great things if we can expand the number of hours we can get on this field, seniors and other people can use it and maybe we can get time for the women's softball, a lot of this is a time usage. Mr. Hanson states please consider these things as we make this investment, this is not a cost, and this is an investment. Mr. Hanson states he has heard our finances are in terrific shape, and thank you Mayor, Council and management for being wise in using our resources. Mr. Hanson has also heard \$140,000 for sod, what it costs to continue to maintain the field and look what it costs to maintain it correctly. Mr. Hanson states people love to play on grass, but it is dirt, it would be better to play on a playable surface that is even that people are not going to get hurt. Mr. Hanson states that there are people that have gotten hurt on that field just by being a parent. Mr. Hanson would like to know why the sidewalk curbing ramp is going in, because we have to, ADA requires it. Mr. Hanson states fix it wisely, use our money wisely and expand the usage of the field so we can get more out of it.

**Scott Spezial, 785 Washington Avenue** – Mr. Spezial states he came to the meeting to answer any questions anyone may have with regard to the preparation plans for Memorial Field. Mr. Spezial states we have a resident come up and discuss some things that have been discussed many times, things that the residents are not aware of, such as for example the soccer. Mr. Spezial states soccer does not play on that field due to the condition of the field, they no longer chose to play on dirt, which is why they are not on the field now. Mr. Spezial states if the field approved they will be on the field, since now they can't practice or play on clay, they opted to leave. Mr. Spezial states the use will not be just for lacrosse and football, like we are hearing constantly over and over again. Mr. Spezial states the school uses the field, the town uses the field, there are people that use the pavilion that use the field, the school has their Athletic and Spring Day on the field, and the town has Town Day on the field. Mr. Spezial states there are about 7 to 9 different functions that use the field. The cheerleaders use the field, girls softball would like to use the field, men's softball, baseball, football, lacrosse both girls and boys, it is a multi-use thing.

Mr. Spezial states he is trying to continue to educate the public in regard to what our plans are. Mr. Spezial states it is not made up, we tried to do it first financially, then as far as use and activity. Mr. Spezial states two days ago there were 300 geese on that field, it is not mating season, and they are on the field. Mr. Spezial states we are trying to make it good for everyone make it an investment, something the town can be proud of, and a little more updated so we can get more use out of it, that is the goal here. Mr. Spezial states we are trying to do it in a financial way that is a minimal financial burden on the town and that is our goal being on the Recreation Board. Mr. Spezial states he didn't come to the meeting to speak but when residents come up and ask questions they need answers and he is here to educate them. Mr. Spezial states for the record, if anyone has any questions in regard to the plan or what hopefully the go forward plan is as far as the long term use of this facility he is available for any questions. Mr. Spezial states we had a public session, he answered questions by the public and he is still available to answer any questions either by the council or any resident with regard to what could happen and what could be good for the town. Mr. Spezial states the main reason that soccer is not there is because they left due to the condition and the playing surface of the field. Mr. Spezial states we would welcome them to come back and play on a nice facility.

**Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place** – Mrs. Ozment would like to know what is the last date that there will be clean up of the leaves. Administrator Cavallo states at this point we are planning on next Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. Mrs. Ozment states it was December 1, in her area of town the streets are not really cleaned up that well, they only did it twice on 11/8 and 11/26 in her neighborhood and the first day it was pouring rain and they really didn't get much of the leaves up, they do work as hard as they can. Mrs. Ozment asks what job was hired in finance, what is the position, the title. Mayor Sobkowicz states Mrs. Cunningham's position. Mrs. Ozment asks what the title is. Mayor Sobkowicz states Finance Assistant. Mrs. Ozment not the Deputy Treasurer that she was. Mayor Sobkowicz replies no. Mrs. Ozment so it is not her per say job. Mayor Sobkowicz states she cannot really address the exact parameters of that job yet since it is going to be a closed session issue at the next council meeting. Mrs. Ozment asks if the CFO and Tax Collector positions been filled. Mayor Sobkowicz states we have the same Acting CFO. Mrs. Ozment states that Mr. Poller told her that it was a two year for Acting, it is the two years, is she going to continue as Acting since legally we have to have a CFO. Mayor Sobkowicz states she will become the CFO; the Acting CFO will be the CFO. Mrs. Ozment asks if the CFO going to be a full time position. Mayor Sobkowicz replies no. Mrs. Ozment asks if the CFO will attend meetings. Mayor Sobkowicz states maybe once a month. Mrs. Ozment asks only one meeting a month, not both. Mayor Sobkowicz replies probably not. Mrs. Ozment asks if we have a Tax Collector. Mayor Sobkowicz that is one part that she cannot discuss. Mrs. Ozment states that Mr. Sears said that he was looking for a real Tax Collector, and it will not be the clerk, is that correct. Mr. Sears replies that is correct. Mrs. Ozment would like to know who the planner is. Mayor Sobkowicz replies Stanley Slachetka, T&M Associates. Mrs. Ozment that was the one who didn't send their papers in and that is why the Mayor didn't have one last year. Mrs. Ozment asks with regard to the Tree Lightening on December 12<sup>th</sup>, why does the Township have it so late. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the other towns that had their tree lighting ceremonies and the dates. Mr. Sears replies it is the second Friday. Mrs. Ozment states she passed down in the area, there is nothing lit, and it is dark. Mrs. Ozment states Township residents do their houses and lights. Mrs. Ozment would like to know if Mr. Sears is on the committee. Mr. Sears replies yes, he is. Mrs. Ozment asks if Mr. Sears could possibly as a member of the committee try to make it earlier, it makes everything nice and pretty. Mr. Sears replies understood. Mrs. Ozment

would like to know if council will be voting tonight on Memorial Field. Mr. Sears will be making suggestions and asking council for recommendations on either not going forward or going forward. Mrs. Ozment asks if it will be a vote. Mr. Sears replies it will be a vote. Mrs. Ozment states that there are 8 positions in the township, leaving all these people who have many many years with this town, Mrs. Ozment states she is looking at a list someone gave her, the amount of years they put down, the town is what it is.

**Maria Peponias, 581 Walnut Street** – Mrs. Peponias asks regarding garbage pick-up, we pay an amount every month regardless if we have Buldo or the other company, why is it that we have to pay for garbage bags and why do we have to double bag. Mayor Sobkowicz states that is the curb bag system that has been here many years and that is the way it is structured, you can choose once a week pick-up, twice a week pick-up, uses small or large bags. Mayor Sobkowicz states a very long time ago we did go out to bid to see what it would cost the town, it came more per household. Mrs. Peponias would like to know why they require bags. Mayor Sobkowicz states that is how it is dumped by the garbage company. Mr. Hrbek states the whole theory behind the bags if you generate a lot of garbage you pay more than someone who generates a lot less, and it also encourages recycling. Mr. Hrbek states if you were not paying for bags, you would be less likely to recycle. Mr. Hrbek states it promotes the recycling and portions the charges to heavy generators who pay more than light generators. Mr. Hrbek states it does wind up being quite expensive if the town was do it by hiring personnel or contract out by an outside company. Mr. Hrbek states there are a lot of positives to it. Mr. Hrbek states he has a family of five, and he has once a week picked up and we try and fit everything in one large garbage bag. Mr. Hrbek states it really does make you conscientious of what you are generating, you tend then to recycle and compost more. Mr. Hrbek states it was a conscientious decision not to burden the taxpayers; there were a lot of positive reasons that went into the decision. Mrs. Peponias states to her it does not make sense if you are trying to recycle and are using two plastic bags, using our own white bags and purchasing purple or blue bags to put them into. Mr. Hrbek states you need the purple bag, but then you may end up with one or two white bags in there. Mayor Sobkowicz states that Mr. Hrbek gave a perfect example of per bag, since if you put out two bags, you are then paying for two bags and someone else only has one bag. Mayor Sobkowicz states Mr. Hrbek manages to make it with one bag, which means he is recycling a lot, which really helps the town. Mayor Sobkowicz states we have really high recycling figures and meet our state mandate for recycling every year and we do generate revenue from that, not only from the state but also from the vendor. Mrs. Peponias asks if there is any way we could negotiate with Buldo for them to include bags. Mayor Sobkowicz states that the bags are part of the dumping fee.

**Jeff Sims, 21 Yorktowne Court, Washington Commons** – Mr. Sims has a couple of questions with regard to the benzene on Washington Avenue and Pascack. Mr. Sims understands the DEP is involved and he understands government wheels statewide run slowly. Mr. Sims would like to know what the Township's position is in dealing with the DEP and second of all is the ground water there, since we do get our drinking and showering water through United Water, but is the ground water part of the problem and if that is piped in water. Mr. Sims asks if council has any answers to that and will council be able to help us in this regard. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is a classified exception area and you cannot put any drinking wells in nor can you drink the ground water, under the DEP overseeing of that property. Mr. Sims asks does that mean the groundwater that is used for the sprinkler systems is piped in water or is that actually water that might be affected by the benzene problem. Administrator Cavallo states you would not be able to put a potable well in, so someone that wanted to put a residential well, Administrator Cavallo is not sure he can answer that question. Mr. Sims asks how the council would help us in finding

that out. Administrator Cavallo states that is a question he will ask the Township engineer. Administrator Cavallo did speak with the Township engineer on multiple times on this matter, and he also spoke to him again this afternoon, and his response to us is the DEP is telling him it is their issue and we are out of it and don't get involved, we can't get involved. Administrator Cavallo states the DEP has a licensed site remediation professional that is assigned to the project, which the association through Mr. Gary Wilkin, of Wilkin Management should have received a letter from. Mr. Sims states he is not sure he received letters but Mr. Sims has learned of this situation through articles in the newspapers. Administrator Cavallo states on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Township Clerk and the County Clerk were copied on a letter from Applied Earth Solutions to Gary Wilkin advising them that a classified exception zone has been established around that area and they are working on site remediation at the new title of Sky Trading formerly the Washington Citgo. Mr. Sims states that he understands our potable water; drinking water is probably not affected. Administrator Cavallo states that is correct. Mr. Sims states his concern is when the sprinklers go on and we know that the benzene is 12.5 feet underneath the ground, if that water is not coming through the pipe system from United Water, our concern the pets walking, is it permeating our lawns, that is what we are concerned about. Mr. Sims understands it is a DEP problem, but it is really our problem probably more than the DEP since we are the ones who is going to be directly affected. Mr. Sims would like to know if the council, even though it is a DEP problem would get involved. Mayor Sobkowicz states that Administrator Cavallo is keeping abreast of it. Mr. Sears asks Mr. Sims to send Mr. Sears a letter with the specific issues and Mr. Sears will then pass it along to the Township attorney and the administrator. Mr. Sims would be happy to do that. Mr. Calamari asks if maybe Mr. Sims can ask the management company what the use to water the lawns, whether it is from a well or not. Mr. Sims replies that is his question. Mr. Calamari states the management company on that specific question would be able to tell Mr. Sims if they are using a well or they are using United Water. Mr. Sims states he would be happy to send a letter to the town council with a copy to the Management Company and United Water. Mr. Calamari states since Mr. Sims is a member of the association, he might have more pull maybe than council would.

**Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place** – Mr. Bernroth states there are three people on his street that have wells, and he is one of them. Mr. Bernroth would like to know if he is affected by run off into the ground water. Administrator Cavallo states the DEP has not designated Crest Place, that area, the exclusion zone is a square that pretty much goes from the end of the lot at Sky Trading, that borders Pascack Auto, southbound towards the entrance of Washington Commons, this is from looking at the map that came from the letter we received, goes past the former bridal shop. Mr. Bernroth states it does not go as far as him, he is higher up. Administrator Cavallo states this is not the only site, there are other sites in town that have exclusion zones, there is one around the shopping center, and there is one around this building. Mr. Bernroth asks so he would not have trouble with water, but he would have to have it tested to find out. Mr. Bernroth asks who would pay for the testing. Administrator Cavallo states he is not an expert in this field, the Township engineer is not an expert in this field, and this is where the DEP comes in. Administrator Cavallo states from his understanding the former owner of Sky Trading, that owned Washington Citgo is actually the responsible party for the cleanup of that site currently and Administrator Cavallo is not sure how the DEP is going forward with the remediation of the site being the exclusionary around it. Mr. Bernroth states his wife and himself are the only ones in his home, he uses one small bag a week, why should he be charged as much for the people across the street who have five people generating garbage, they use a couple of large a week and put it out twice a week. Mr. Bernroth is very

happy with this system; he and his wife recycle almost everything you can think of. Mr. Bernroth the people that generate more garbage is it fair that they pay more for the garbage than his wife and he do.

**Shelley Suffin, 204 Yorktowne Court, Washington Commons** – Ms. Suffin states in an article she read when Citgo sold to Five Star it read it was the council's decision to allow the sale to go through, a Fred Goetz. Ms. Suffin states we are in a quandary with a huge health issue that we have here. Ms. Suffin states this whole article, the first line says here "Chapter 173 requires municipal officials to protect the public from physical conditions, dangerous to human life or detrimental of health to persons on or near the premises where the condition exists, local officials had an opportunity to shine, but dropped the ball when it came to Sky Trading's Five Star gas station." Ms. Suffin would like to know why did that happen and what is going to be done about it because so far no one has done anything about it, she is concerned and she is thoroughly annoyed. Mr. Sears states that council is upset about what is going on also, and as the Mayor said, the DEP has control over this, and we will try and make our voices heard. Ms. Suffin states this person Fred Goetz stated this problem will dissipate, these things do not dissipate, and that is like shoving something under the rug. Mayor Sobkowicz states she did not say that. Ms. Suffin replies not you, but Mr. Fred Goetz. Mr. Sears states he was the previous councilman. Mayor Sobkowicz states we are trying to get as much information as we can. Ms. Suffin states this is since 2009, someone needs to do something now. Ms. Suffin states what if we stopped paying our taxes until this is done, what if we brought in attorneys. Ms. Suffin states she is very concerned about this and not sitting back on this. Administrator Cavallo states the Township does not get involved in the tank inspections. Ms. Suffin would like to know how they allowed the sale to go through. Administrator Cavallo states the Township does not anything to do with the sale. Ms. Suffin asks how the sale went though. Administrator Cavallo states the Township does not have anything to do with the sale. Ms. Suffin the council has no approval. Administrator Cavallo states we do not approve sale of property. Mr. Bell states the DEP pre-exempts the Township in this regard; it is covered by State Statute and State regulations. Mr. Bell states the DEP has complete jurisdiction, the Township cannot get involved. Mr. Bell the Township can communicate and try and get answers from the DEP, but it is all up to the DEP. Ms. Suffin states why this speaks of council dropping the ball. Ms. Suffin is sure everyone has seen this on northjersey.com. Mr. Bell states he can't respond to that, the council can respond to that. Mr. Sears states he was not on council at that time. Ms. Suffin states she would like the problem fixed, it has been going on for too many years and it is very concerning, there is more cancer every single year and day, it is extremely confusing. Mr. Sears totally agrees 100%. Mr. Sims states it obviously could affect our property values, if the property values go down the value of the Township goes down. Mr. Sims understands the burden is on Citgo, but what if the Citgo station goes bankrupt. Administrator Cavallo states it would fall on the taxpayers of the State of New Jersey; there is a state clean-up fund for remediation that the DEP manages. Administrator Cavallo states it is DEP run and trying to get any information out of the DEP at a municipal level, let alone a county level, they don't release anything. Mr. Sims appreciates that. Administrator Cavallo states the DEP is months, if not years behind, the Township receives communication from them on tests. Administrator Cavallo states there are monitoring wells around this property that we submit test results to them, two years down the road we will get a report back on test that was done in 2010. Mr. Sims asks when was the last time the Township of Washington Council spoke to the DEP about this problem. Administrator Cavallo states he will ask the Township engineer when he spoke with them last. Administrator Cavallo states he believes it was right before the planning board resolution was passed in late 2012, and this issue has been going on since 2001 when the tanks were

originally taken out. Mr. Sims asks how we get a fire under the council. Administrator Cavallo states the council has the same pull as he does. Mayor Sobkowicz states as Mr. Calamari stated, Mr. Sims also needs to go to his management company, and let them also write letters since they are on that property and we are also going to follow up as much as we can. Mayor Sobkowicz states Administrator Cavallo has been keeping up with the engineer and the DEP, and together we can get information and then see how we can work through. Mayor Sobkowicz states Mr. Sims can get information, we can get information and we can then get together and have a separate meeting and talk all about what strategies when our attorney gets back. Mr. Sims states he is going to send a letter to the management company, cc United Water and the Council, to see if we can coordinate and have a voice and a plan. Mr. Calamari states speaking for himself not of the council, if Mr. Sims thinks it would help, Mr. Calamari does not believe council would have a problem co-signing a letter and sending to whomever Mr. Sims thinks it might do well, we would like to help if we can. Mr. Calamari states taking into account what both Mr. Sims and Administrator Cavallo said, it might be limited of what good it would do, but Mr. Calamari states he would be happy to sign something. Mr. Hrbek just to clarify a few things, the council never voted on the sale of any property. Mr. Hrbek has been on the council for 12 years and it is not something that council approves, wherever that statement came from, approving the sale that is wrong it is never approved by the council. Mr. Hrbek states it went before the Planning Board, they approved the site plan and the change, if there is going to be continued use, the Zoning Board was also involved in that site. Mr. Hrbek that is not something that ever comes before the council, whatever was said in the article, it was not the council approving the sale of that property. Mr. Sears states he would ask our friends in the newspapers if they would stress the council's concern, the Mayor's concern and the resident's concern to the DEP, if our local newspaper group would do us that favor, it would be appreciated. Mr. Hrbek states with regard to the irrigation, if it on your property, your property management is going to know if they are using potable water supplied by United Water or if they are using well water. Mr. Hrbek states if is well water, it should be asked how deep the wells are; typically wells are going to be over 100 feet. Dr. Cascio asks if Ms. Suffin gets a water bill. Ms. Suffin states yes, she does from United Water. Dr. Cascio states it is probably United Water. Mr. Sims states it may be United Water but that may not be for all of the water.

**Bob Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road** – Mr. Bruno states he sat in front of the Zoning Board, years ago, with this contamination was spoken about. Mr. Bruno states it went in front of the Zoning Board and it went in front of council, and it was asked that council please help us. Mr. Bruno states he knows it was said that council has nothing to do with the Zoning Board, and Mr. Bruno does not know if council likes the Zoning Board specifically or not, but it was asked years ago that this was contaminated. Mr. Bruno states for council to say they don't vote, he understands that, technically council doesn't but you all knew there was an issue there. Mr. Bruno states the Zoning Board knew there was an issue and they let the sale go through and this has been fought for years and years that there was contamination there, everybody closed their eyes. Mr. Bruno states as the council, maybe you don't vote, but you have a fiduciary responsibility. Mr. Beckmeyer asks can council stop the sale of a private property. Mr. Bell replies no. Mr. Beckmeyer states that Mr. Bruno made the comment that we didn't stop the sale. Mr. Bruno replies no, the Zoning Board, you did nothing for the residents, contaminated property was sold. Mr. Beckmeyer replies that he didn't sell anything and Mr. Bruno should stop it. Mr. Bruno states he heard Mr. Beckmeyer the first time. Mr. Sears states Mr. Bruno please. Mr. Bruno states we came here years ago. Mr. Sears states Mr. Bruno made his statement and council heard it. Mr. Hrbek states the Zoning Board is an autonomous board that it would be against the

law for council to influence their decision. Mr. Hrbek states yes, we select them. Mr. Hrbek further states when he joined the council he was specifically told not to talk to the Zoning Board, do not attend Zoning Board meetings even council's presence there may impact their decision. Mr. Hrbek states that is what he was told because council is not supposed to influence the Zoning Board; it is as simple as that. Mr. Hrbek states that yes, you came to us but if you wanted Mr. Hrbek to call them, whatever decision was made, now there is a tampering charge. Mr. Hrbek states he is doing his job. Mr. Bruno states this issue has been the same for five years.

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

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

Nays: None.

### **Ordinance #14-16 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

The Clerk read Ordinance #14-16 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ECOLOGY FACILITY ORDINANCE

Mr. Hrbek – I would make a point on the first reading that I voted no on Ordinance #14-16 and it is checked off yes.

Dr. Cascio – That is correct and the other ordinance Mr. Hrbek voted no.

Mr. Sears – We will hold these ordinances then.

Mr. Hrbek – It can be voted on, it is just a matter of correcting the record.

Administrator Cavallo – If I remember correctly the direct deposit ordinance everyone voted yes.

Mr. Hrbek – That is correct, but on the ecology ordinance I voted no.

Mr. Sears – The voting for Mr. Hrbek will be corrected.

A motion was made by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance # 14-16 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Sears.

Nays: Councilman Cascio, Hrbek.

The following resolution, **Resolution #14-227** was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

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

Nays: None.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance #14-16 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ECOLOGY FACILITY ORDINANCE be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to open the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

**Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place** – Ms. Ozment would like to know if this means the fee has not been collected recently since it is not in the ordinance and it has not been in the ordinance way before she was clerk. Ms. Ozment states we have not been abiding by many of our ordinances for a long time. Ms. Ozment states when Mr. Poller returns she has a lot of questions for Mr. Poller. Ms. Ozment does this mean that because this is not going to be effective until she would think December 31<sup>st</sup>, because we have 20 days after date of publication because of the way our ordinances are done, that we have not been collecting this money and we will not collect this money. Mayor Sobkowicz states she has no idea what Ms. Erlewein has collected. Administrator Cavallo states that since March 2014 we have issued 264 permits, we have been collecting money since 1992. Mrs. Ozment states

Administrator Cavallo is correct they have been. Mrs. Ozment states there are many ordinances we go against, our ordinances are not something we abide by. Dr. Cascio states he believes on the advice of counsel, Mr. Poller stated to continue the practice as it was in the past. Mr. Sears that is correct. Dr. Cascio states so yes, we have been collecting those fees. Mrs. Ozment states but you have been going against your own ordinances council. Mayor Sobkowicz states that Mrs. Ozment collected. Mrs. Ozment states she did not collect, the clerk before me did. Dr. Cascio states that was the advice of our counselor, our attorney. Dr. Cascio states our attorney is telling us to break the ordinance that we don't have and collect money that we should have never collected in the first place. Mrs. Ozment we are doing that. Dr. Cascio states that is what we are doing. Mrs. Ozment Mr. Poller is not here, and these are questions that she has. Dr. Cascio tells Mrs. Ozment to go back in the minutes. Mrs. Ozment states so we are collecting from all these residents.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.  
Nays: None.

A motion was made Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to pass Ordinance #14-16 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Sears.  
Nays: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek.

#### **Ordinance #14-17 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

The Clerk read Ordinance #14-17 entitled: AN ORDINANCE MANDATING DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR ALL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:14-15f

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance # 14-17 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.  
Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution #14-228** was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Calamari.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.  
Nays: None.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance #14-17 entitled: AN ORDINANCE MANDATING DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR ALL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:14-15f be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to open the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.  
Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.  
Nays: None.

A motion was made Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to pass Ordinance #14-17 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.  
Nays: None.

### **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. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

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

Nays: None.

### **Resolution # 14-229**

#### **Confirm Endorsements of C.D. Projects**

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$40,000 has been proposed by the Township of Washington for ADA compliant improvements to public ramps within the Township right-of-way in the Township of Washington and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Service Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Washington hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

### **Resolution #14-330**

#### **Stagger Lee Domestic Treatment Works Approval Application**

WHEREAS, Stagger Lee, LLC has made application to the Township of Washington Planning Board ("Planning Board") for approval of an Amended Minor Subdivision Plan for the property located at 195 Linwood Avenue in the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Paramus, by Resolution No. 14-11-742, dated November 12, 2014, has approved the addition of Block 2502.01, Lots 17.01, 17.02, 17.03 and 17.04 to the current Sewer Agreement between the Township of Washington (the "Township") and the Borough of Paramus; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 58:10A-6, a Treatment Works Application must be submitted for the proposed 456 LF extension of the municipal sewage collection system to provide sanitary sewer service for the four (4) lots created pursuant to the above-referenced Planning Board application; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington Engineer has reviewed the requirements of such application and all documents submitted in conjunction therewith and has made a recommendation to the Township Council to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the application documents by letter dated December 4, 2014, a copy of which is annexed hereto (the "Township Engineer's Report and Recommendation"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has considered the Township Engineer's Report and Recommendation, and is of the opinion that action should be taken in accordance with such Report and Recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Council hereby approves the Township Engineer's Report and Recommendation and hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Treatment Works Application on behalf of the Township of Washington.

**Resolution #14-331**

**Contract Close-Out for 2014 Road Paving Program**

WHEREAS, D & L Paving Contractors, Inc. and the Township of Washington have heretofore entered into an Agreement, more particularly known as "2014 Road Paving Program through the Pascack Valley Cooperative Pricing System", dated June 30, 2014, for the furnishing of labor, equipment and materials in the amount of \$666,259.56, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Council has received Contract Change No. 1 and Contract Close-Out for the within contract, dated November 14, 2014, from the Township Consulting Engineer, in an amount of minus \$130,119.19, for a final contract amount of \$536,140.37; and

WHEREAS, the Contract Change No. 1 and Contract Close-Out do not expand the scope of the within contract; and

WHEREAS, the within Contract Change No. 1 and Contract Close-Out is in the best interests of the Township of Washington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Contract Change No. 1, in the amount of minus \$130,119.19, for a final contract amount of \$536,140.37 be approved and the Contract is closed out; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the within Contract Change No. 1 and Contract Close-Out on behalf of the Township in accordance with this resolution.

**Resolution #14-332**

**2015 Council Meeting Dates**

**2015**

Monday, January 5, 2015 (Reorganization)	Monday, January 19, 2015
Monday, February 2, 2015	Monday, February 23, 2015
Monday, March 9, 2015	Monday, March 23, 2015
Monday, April 6, 2015	Monday, April 20, 2015
Monday, May 4, 2015	Monday, May 18, 2015
Monday, June 1, 2015	Monday, June 15, 2015
Monday, July 20, 2015	Monday, August 17, 2015
Monday, September 14, 2015	Monday, September 28, 2015
Monday, October 5, 2015	Monday, October 19, 2015
Monday, November 9, 2015	Monday, November 23, 2015
Monday, December 7, 2015	Monday, December 21, 2015

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Public Sessions, Conference Session and Combined Public/Conference Sessions of the Township Council shall be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 350 Hudson Avenue, Township of Washington, New Jersey 07676.

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Elaine Erlewein  
Acting Township Clerk

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Thomas Sears  
Council President

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance #14-13 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF

A motion was made Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to pass Ordinance #14-13 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

**Ordinance #14-14 Introduction**

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION**

**December 8, 2014**

Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steve Cascio, Richard Hrbek, Peter Calamari, Thomas Sears. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Matthew Cavallo, Administrator. Substitute Attorney: Allen Bell. Absent: Ken Poller, Attorney.

**PRIORITY**

**Police Towing** – Mr. Sears states Police Towing will be held until next week.

**UPDATES**

**Memorial Field** – Mr. Sears states he has researched and spoken to administrators from other towns, has gotten to see various fields from other towns and has made endless calls to the State. Mr. Sears called Rutgers University, checked with state universities and also has spent time on the computer looking up the health issues. Mr. Sears states he is going to speak about what he has at this time and at the end will make his recommendations to the board. Mr. Sears feels this is something that should be done and has been spoken about since 2009, and there needs to be closure in some sense. Mr. Sears states the drainage is a non-issue, it has to be done. Mr. Sears states it is something that can't be overlooked; it has been a problem for a very long time. Mr. Sears actually walked the field in a heavy rainstorm, lost a shoe, came back the next day and the field was the same. Mr. Sears states he has seen drainage water come down over the field, so there is a drainage problem, this is not an arguing point it has to be done, and it is something we need to plan. Mr. Sears states the second item he looked at was the electrical lights throughout the whole field, not only he did he look at them but actually had the opportunity to work on them a couple of years ago, trying to fix the bulbs and the transformers. Mr. Sears states the lights are not grounded properly or wired correctly; many bulbs are gone through every year due to the rain, the shorts. Mr. Sears states this is not an issue that he is going to be arguing, it is something that has to be done. Mr. Sears states with regard to the annual cost of maintenance, this area he does have a problem, the hours cutting the field, the hours of maintaining the field and some of the maintenance costs for the field. Mr. Sears states he is not going to say they are invented or overstated, but when he asked for records or a schedule for the field maintenance, there are none. Mr. Sears states when he asked for any hours put on the field for cutting the field, there are no hours actually showing what they did on the field. Mr. Sears there is an issue here it can be \$10,000, \$20,000 or \$30,000 or in between, that is something that needs to be looked at and addressed, he does not see a pattern on how the field was properly maintained. Mr. Sears states there is nothing on the books that he can see that the fields were actually maintained properly, or the costs. Administrator Cavallo states the costs are low, they are only \$12,000. Mr. Sears the overall cost of maintaining the field is \$106,000. Administrator Cavallo states that included lights, electricity. Mr. Sears states he does not see the hours and schedule, all he sees is a bulb, this and that, but he does not see the physical maintenance of the field. Administrator Cavallo we don't have a work order system here. Mr. Sears states he can't justify labor hours on a union time frame when but he does not know when and who cut the field, how many hours that is a negotiable point that we have to look at. Mr. Sears states with regard to lawn maintenance, he looked into how many bags of fertilizer, how many cans of spray, chemical grass, if it was actually put down, we don't know. Administrator Cavallo states that he does receive a signed slip from the DPW superintendent that the Green-a-Lawn or whatever company we are using that year was there and they

applied the chemical, whether the chemicals work, that's another thing. Mr. Sears states that should be included in the overall labor hours for maintaining the field. Administrator Cavallo states it is not in the labor hours, it is in the total cost. Mr. Sears states he didn't see that. Administrator Cavallo asks why it should not be included. Mr. Sears states he is not arguing this point, this is what he found, it could be off, and there are too many missing issues on this. Mayor Sobkowicz states the Green-a-Lawn is a contract. Mr. Sears states he didn't see anything that it was applied or a bill. Administrator Cavallo states Mr. Sears didn't ask for bills, he asked for an analysis. Mr. Sears states he asked for bills too. Mr. Sears states he does have blue vouchers for a temporary employee that cuts the grass. Administrator Cavallo would like to know where Mr. Sears got those from. Mr. Sears states that Administrator Cavallo should look. Mr. Sears states that he has been reading a lot on what it actually costs to maintain an artificial turf field compared to the cost of a grass field. Mr. Sears states there is a substantial reduction of the cost of a turf surface compared to a grass surface; it is within \$20,000 to \$30,000 in favor of a turf field. Mr. Sears states he went and saw a couple of turf fields, and he also went to Hasbrouck Heights, sat down with the administrator and they just replaced a turf field, 50 X 100 and it was \$400,000 to replace it and they got about 14 years out of the turf field. Mr. Sears states he was told there were only two sports that used that field within that time frame. Mr. Sears states there was a hidden cost of \$67,000 to remove the turf, as a hazmat chemical. Mr. Calamari asks if the \$67,000 was included in the \$400,000 or on top of. Mr. Sears states that was on top of. Mr. Sears states it \$400,813, and they bonded, and that was just for the surface. Mr. Sears states then they have to do soil. Mr. Beckmeyer states there is no soil. Mr. Sears states they had to use topsoil and grate it. Mr. Beckmeyer asks who you spoke at Hasbrouck Heights. Mr. Sears states this was the administrator, Mike Kronyak. Mr. Beckmeyer states besides the football field, there is a track field that maybe they did that too, since it was not originally done. Mr. Sears states the cost of a 15 year 2.3 million dollar bond, on average household of \$460,000 would be \$65.00 per household, and that would need to be looked at by an independent person. Mr. Sears states with regard to injuries, most of the studies are based on 1000 injuries per field, total injuries recorded on artificial turf was 27.4% and natural grass was 75.6%, these numbers vary, but that seems to be the percentage. Mr. Beckmeyer asks where Mr. Sears got those numbers. Mr. Sears states this is from the Journal of Sports Medicine, with regard to artificial turf there are more ACL injuries, to offset the ACL injuries turf shoes or sneakers are to be used on the field. Mr. Beckmeyer asks with regard to the ACL injuries, what percentage more. Mr. Sears it is a quite higher percentage. Mr. Beckmeyer states he has been going to his orthopedist for his knee, since he is being operated on next Tuesday. Mr. Beckmeyer states his orthopedist explained to him that his opinion that you do get more ACL injuries but it is not in the age of our children through high school, it is on college and the pros get more since they are faster, bigger and their foot grabs on the turf. Mr. Beckmeyer states it is his orthopedist opinion all other injuries are much less on artificial turf. Mr. Sears states that Mr. Beckmeyer is correct; most of the data that Mr. Sears has looked that has proven that. Mr. Hrbek what age group is this study pertaining to. Mr. Sears states he has college, minors, it spreads across the board. Mr. Hrbek states each group is studying independently, regardless of the age group this is the percentage of injury. Mr. Sears replies correct. Mr. Sears states with regard to the environmental issues, he can sit here and quote papers after papers that there are not environmental issues and the type of field that is put in, if it is synthetic turf, regular turf, pros and cons and that goes on forever. Mr. Sears states in making that decision, we would need some kind of independent person come in and gives us an understanding of the environmental issues. Mr. Sears states he has read for hours and there are so many pros and so many cons about artificial turf. Mr.

Sears states his recommendation is that this town does move forward on the field draining, and move forward on the field light replacement. Mr. Sears feels we need an independent review on the type of turf or natural grass, he does see a benefit with injuries but he still needs to understand artificial turf as compared to grass. Mr. Sears believes that an independent person coming in and explaining this to council so we can all get a better understanding. Mr. Sears feels we can't do anything, we have to start somewhere. Mr. Sears believes if we start with pushing an engineering proposal to start looking at the ground and the lights, while we are doing that maybe we can get someone in here to explain a little bit better about turf. Mr. Sears does see the benefits of it, he would like to make sure the costs and the savings are there from an independent person. Mr. Beckmeyer states he understands where Mr. Sears is going with this, however an engineer is designing apples to oranges, turf versus natural grass there are two different drainage systems. Mr. Beckmeyer states if there are still unanswered questions on the turf, we hold off and bring experts in on turf and listen to them, before anything else is done, unless you tell an engineer to design two different projects. Mr. Sears states he is only looking at the one project before council right now. Mr. Hrbek states he understands the turf field and the drainage, but if it was a grass field, how would the drainage be approached for the situation. Mr. Beckmeyer states usually when you have a sod field, you would take samples of the sod, find out first how deep the impervious layer is underneath, in this case it might be a red shell that we have or a hard pan clay, something that water is not going to go through. Mr. Beckmeyer states first you would have to see how far down it is, and if it is shallow, there is nothing that could be done with grass that is going to solve the drainage problem, and you would have to build up. Mr. Beckmeyer states then you would have to see the make-up of the soil, so much sand, so much dirt, and all the different parts of dirt and then you would have certain percentages of what you would need for a good draining base. Mr. Hrbek asks would a permeation study have to be done. Mr. Beckmeyer states that would have to be done and then you would find out where your pervious layer is to see if there is actually any type of storage or it is just going down and travel along and wash everything out. Mr. Beckmeyer states now the water does not seem it permeate anything, it just hits the tops and flows over land, and that is why we have the drainage coming off the walls, it is not absorbing into the ground at all. Mr. Beckmeyer states with a turf field, it could be 18 inches of stone, it does not matter if there is a hard pan or a red shell underneath, then you are actually using the stone as a retention system, so when it rains it goes straight through the carpet, it does not run off at all, the carpet is like a screen, it goes right through the carpet, it goes into the stone and it fills up the voids between the stone it is usually 35% to 40% on an one and a half on inch stone. Mr. Beckmeyer states if you have 18 inches by 145,000 square feet, that volume of stone traps the water and then it meters out slowly. Mr. Sears at this time we don't actually have on that field. Mr. Beckmeyer states no, so there are things that need to be done. Mr. Beckmeyer states if you go with artificial turf, you know you would use stone coming up, you would not to worry about what is underneath, but you do if you go with sod. Mr. Sears states we need to find out what we have. Mr. Beckmeyer states an engineer would do that when he does his report. Mayor Sobkowicz asks Mr. Beckmeyer what company or professionals would he recommend to come in and talk to us. Mr. Beckmeyer states you can bring in the turf people themselves, they will come in and give a demonstration, there is natural turf, there is field turf. Mr. Beckmeyer states it matters when you go with sod. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of people that he can bring in to speak on the turf field, FieldTurf and AstroTurf, which are the two main ones. Mr. Sears states after we independently verify all of these numbers and the cost to the community. Administrator Cavallo states the \$55.00 is a calculation from the auditor, 15 year bond, 3% interest. Mr. Beckmeyer states that does not state the real cost, since we are paying on the current cost of the

field, so that would have to be backtracked, so it probably will not be \$55.00 per household. Mr. Sears states he would like to know exactly what it would be per household, so when tell the community it could be less or more. Mr. Beckmeyer states he can call two different companies, bring them both in and council can speak with them at the next council meeting. Mr. Hrbek states we know the drainage,  $\frac{1}{4}$  is red shell, where the baseball field it. Mr. Hrbek states a guy from Paramus came over once as a consultant, he was in charge at the time of their Shade Tree Commission and he took samples and found that 3 or 4 inches there would be solvent material. Mr. Hrbek states we know that, unless we want to confirm that this is the condition of the field. Mr. Hrbek states that is why he asked about a drainage system for sod. Mr. Hrbek spoke of the 15 inch pipe in the back of the hill, which fills up with dirt, and that pipe gets jetted out. Mr. Hrbek states in 1999 they had designed a drainage system for the field, again we can talk to our engineer, since that was supposed to work or it is not working. Mr. Hrbek either it is not working because it was not designed properly or maintained properly. Mr. Hrbek states obviously we see that it is not working. Mr. Hrbek would like to speak with the engineer since when it was asked of the engineer it was stated the way the drainage was designed we should not this problem. Mr. Hrbek states this is an issue and the reason he is asking Mr. Beckmeyer states the biggest cost is the drainage for this project, either turf or grass, what goes underneath the surface. Mr. Hrbek spoke of what would be put underneath, if it is impervious, building up either surface that is put on there, or is something that Mr. Azzolina would say it was designed this way. Mr. Hrbek states the drainage pipe that goes through the center of the field, it is not working now. Mr. Hrbek spoke of the crushed stone getting filled with dirt, which is supposed to be redone every year or two years, freshen up the crushed stone. Mr. Hrbek agrees the lights needs to be done. Mr. Hrbek states he did try to address that issue in one of the town's energy audits, they are highly inefficient lights. Mr. Hrbek did do the calculations on the amount of energy that we use based on the wattage, newer bulbs would be a lot longer wattage. Mr. Hrbek states he did ask Mr. Beckmeyer years ago if we can use the existing poles. Mr. Beckmeyer states Musco Lighting sent people to look the poles and they recommended not putting any lights on those poles. Mr. Beckmeyer states the issue with drainage is a twofold issue, one is the bottom of the hill the pipe and the stone that comes off the hill, the other issue is the slope that the field is at. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke at length with regard to the sloping of the field. Mr. Beckmeyer states the field is at such a slope that any rain starts running off before it has a chance to absorb into the ground. Mr. Beckmeyer states we have an issue because the water is running off the field because of the angle than from the hill, it is coming off sheet fold right away. Mr. Beckmeyer states when it is flat, it would have more time to slow down, but at an angle it comes down faster. Mr. Beckmeyer states the faster the water runs, the less chance it has to absorb into the ground. Mr. Hrbek states the other issue is the replacement of the surface every 12 years, 14 years or 15 years and there is a cost associated with that that needs to be factored in. Mr. Hrbek states the numbers presented themselves well, there are some points he will argue, but the issue he has we have a lot of other things in town, and yes, this is really starting to be justified. Mr. Hrbek states we didn't spend a lot of time on the DMF building, which we started to do, and we also started to look at the firehouse. Mr. Hrbek states all of these projects are very valid, if we did an in depth study on the DMF building and the short life of the equipment and repairs, you will also come up with a favorable report or circumstance to do the DMF building. Mr. Hrbek states if we did the same kind of study, you would find it to be financially more desirable. Mr. Sears states there is no argument in doing the DMF building. Mr. Hrbek is happy that the study will be done; he has been a proponent for that for a few years. Mr. Hrbek states this would be \$55.00 per year, what would we expect the DMF building to be. Mr. Beckmeyer we don't know what it is. Mr. Hrbek states if it was 2.3

million it would \$55.00. Mr. Beckmeyer states we are not taking into account what we are spending already that is going to offset that, we might not have to increase taxes by \$55.00, might be only \$10.00. Mr. Hrbek states the same could be said for the DMF building being able to save the taxpayers money. Mr. Hrbek states need to review all of our capital projects, and see some numbers. Mr. Hrbek states we also need to look at the other projects, when you take your projects and lay them all out now you have a much better idea what it is going to cost. Mr. Hrbek states a lot of these projects will save taxpayers money. Mr. Hrbek states if we are going ahead with this project, he believes it's important of the public perception that we are doing this and not addressing other things. Mr. Hrbek states this has monopolized a lot of our time and evaluations, if we were to jump on board with something like this and not have the same kind of detailed plan going for these other projects, he believes the public perception would be very poor. Mr. Hrbek states the merits of this has been shown, if we have to address the drainage and the lights and he would like to know what the costs would be for doing proper drainage for a sod field. Mr. Hrbek states that an independent engineer would have to come in and tell us what it would cost to do a drainage for a sod field, which can be \$250,000 or \$300,000 and then we find out for a turf field it would \$400,000 or more or less. Mr. Beckmeyer states the question he has is sod has usable time of 300 hours; we are way beyond that, so if sod is put, we have too much activity on the field. Mr. Hrbek would like to cover all the bases, the plea was do something. Mr. Hrbek the public is going to want to know, grass is good for only 300 hours, we have to turn to someone and get those answers. Dr. Cascio states there are a lot of valid points on all sides of this. Dr. Cascio states when the study was done for four years it was asked for an evaluation on all fields. Dr. Cascio states the problem with the Township of Washington is there is too much power to baseball. Dr. Cascio states baseball has three or four of our five fields for sole use; we have Memorial for rectangular sports. Dr. Cascio states it was part of the plan to have some of that time to go down to Sherry Field for reconfiguration. Dr. Cascio states that yes, Sherry Field is low, and it has been a swamp forever, but you can utilize it for practice purposes. Mr. Beckmeyer states they would have to put lights, all sports you need lights. Dr. Cascio states he appreciates and values Mr. Beckmeyer's opinion, since he has done these fields before, but there are ways to alleviate and extend time. Dr. Cascio states it can split between two fields and possible use some time at the high school, more hours could be gotten on more fields. Dr. Cascio states he can appreciate a turf field, there is a total artificial field and there is a sod, and there is also a Desso Hybrid field. Mr. Beckmeyer states he spoke to the representative at the Atlantic City Conference about this field and he stated the artificial part of the turf was guaranteed, not the grass. Dr. Cascio states his feeling is it is a lot of money, he would love to have an artificial surface for the kids to play on and more playing time can be gotten on it, but there are other items in the Township that he feels would take precedent over a turf field, one being the intersection of Washington and Pascack, that should be the Township's number one concern. Dr. Cascio states there was a resolution on the table permitting the county to do work; it wasn't signed off by the Mayor for whatever reason she had in holding that project up. Dr. Cascio states one other thing that comes before Memorial Field is the DMF Facility, it is important to have a good DMF Facility to function. Dr. Cascio states he is glad the roads are being done, that is a project that is well underway that needs to be maintained. Dr. Cascio states if all of these projects are done, it is going to cost more than \$23.00 per household or \$55.00, whatever it is. Dr. Cascio understands that the \$55.00 would be offset by the current expenditure of the field but he believes these other items are more important. Dr. Cascio states it is hard for him to say that, since he is a Phys-Ed guy, he understands the nature of injuries on an artificial turf field as opposed to natural surface, but he believes taking care of those other projects first is more important. Dr.

Cascio further states at this point until those projects are underway; he will not consider artificial turf. Mr. Calamari states with regard to prioritizing, he believes everyone would agree that they are all important and we are looking at bonds obviously we can't get 45 years to get them done, there would have to be an overlap at some point. Mr. Calamari states that everyone is in agreement that we need drainage work, and the lights need to be replaced, whether it is turf or grass. Mr. Calamari states as far as the cost, those two have to get done, regardless of which way we go, unless we choose to do absolutely nothing, but he is hoping that is not an option. Mr. Calamari states we need to get away from this 2.3 million dollar number, since people are associating it that way. Mr. Calamari states if a third of it was drainage, third for lights and a third for the field, we would have to look at it from that standpoint to say two of these three, there are no questions, and they have to get done. Mr. Calamari states from a cost analysis we are not putting 2.3 million against re-sodding in those certain costs because of the condition of the field, two out of three are a must, 2.3 million is not for a turf, it is for field rehabilitation. Mr. Calamari states that saying 2.3 million for the turf is a great misnomer to the public, we are doing them and ourselves a disservice always using it in that connection. Mr. Hrbek states even if we are going to go down the path of drainage and lights, we need to know drainage is going to cost \$850,000, that is a question of we commit doing something. Mr. Hrbek believes we need to show the public both options and the cost of both options and it may turn out very likely both options are going to be close. Mr. Beckmeyer requests that Mr. Statile, the special projects engineer, be asked if he has any expertise in sod field and drainage of sod fields and if he can come and talk to us regarding the cost or what we would have to do. Mayor Sobkowicz replies yes, she will. Mr. Sears states we need to get a clearer picture of these issues, they need to be looked at individually to get a clearer understanding. Mr. Sears doesn't want to wait another two years not doing anything. Mr. Sears states he would like to get the DMF project looked. Mayor Sobkowicz states the scope of work was approved last week. Administrator Cavallo states Mr. Calamari asked a question about the year time to do the study. Mr. Beckmeyer states the engineer requested a one year time to do the study and he really thinks 3 months would be enough time. Administrator Cavallo will ask if Mr. Statile is available for the next meeting. Mr. Beckmeyer states he will call and see if they can make it. There was a discussion on whether council should wait for the next meeting or start getting information with regard to the field and the DPW. Mr. Calamari states that it may be good to hold a special meeting just for Memorial Field to include the public, starting a special meeting just for Memorial Field at 7:00 pm, which gives the public a chance to come out and give their input. It was agreed all of the information will be gotten first.

**Habitat for Humanity** – Mr. Sears states that with regard to Habitat, there is a meeting scheduled for this Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

**Roads** – Administrator Cavallo states we did the close out on the main project. Administrator Cavallo states at this point Colonial Boulevard looks like it is going to be moved off to the early Spring. Mr. Hrbek asks with regard to Colonial, is something going to be done with the big cones on the corner of Washington Avenue. Administrator Cavallo states he is going to address that to have the areas patched before the winter and the street will be paved in the Spring. There was a discussion with regard to Julia Court, which is currently in the hands of the engineer, who is waiting for a contractor, and emails have been going back and forth with this contractor, but there is no progress. Mr. Beckmeyer would like a scope or a plan of what he is doing. Administrator Cavallo states he will provide that. Mr. Beckmeyer states he may be able to reach out to some contractors just to get another number. Administrator Cavallo states there is a long depression in the roadway coming right off of East Glen. Mr. Beckmeyer states a drainage system that put retention around the pipe was in the roadway and it is collapsing, and there are dimples every

twenty feet, along the pipe. Administrator Cavallo states the area underneath the pipe that is sinking needs to be filled and compact the area of the pipe. Administrator Cavallo states the Woodfield specifications for the bid are in the hands of the engineer for approval before they go out to bid.

**Firehouse** – Mr. Sears states the parking area lot is paved. Dr. Cascio would like to know who is responsible for the grass between the curb and the sidewalk. Mayor Sobkowicz states that would be the resident. Dr. Cascio asks could the resident be given a ticket, since there is a hole, a trench in between the two. Mr. Beckmeyer asks is it over a utility, a gas or a water line, if you look in the street you might see a mark out, the yellow is gas and the blue would be water. Dr. Cascio states he is speaking of Colonial southeast corner. Mr. Hrbek asks the corner of Beech and Washington, the new house that is going up, was the sidewalk addressed. Mr. Hrbek states that is a hazard, the both sides, north of Fern on Washington, up and over the hill until you get to the other side of Beech Street. Mr. Beckmeyer asks if the engineer could be asked to check the existing sidewalks and all the curbs on the project to see if they need to be updated since this house went in front of the Zoning Board, in review of the project make sure the engineer is looking at the curb, sidewalk and apron to make sure it is okay before we give them approval.

**Department of Municipal Facilities** – Administrator Cavallo states the specifications are 99% done; they will be going on by Thursday or Friday. Mr. Hrbek what is the time frame. Administrator Cavallo states we will have proposals back from the engineer, the week in between Christmas and New Years and the week after New Year's we will have a proposal back. Administrator Cavallo states he put in the specs that they need to give council a completed draft in three months. Administrator Cavallo states the draft will come to us for review, modification and so on and then we will get a final report, and they would give us two concept plans for what to do there. Administrator Cavallo states it would be building angle, lot itself, storage of vehicles. Mr. Hrbek states we do an inventory of equipment, if we can do some kind of cost. Administrator Cavallo states he did reach out to the Public Works Superintendent's Association and asked for guidelines and policies, a lot them said for the use that the vehicles go through, storing them inside would be of little help, but it could help, but very little. Administrator Cavallo further states most of the towns don't have the space or facilities to store their vehicles inside; most towns have 12 heavy vehicles. Mr. Hrbek states as part of the project we are looking at a wash station and things of that nature. Administrator Cavallo states our repairs are astronomical this year not for weather related issues, but for mechanical and age related issues of the truck. Mr. Beckmeyer states he can ask the Superintendent in East Rutherford since they are the same size as us, if they store their vehicles inside. Administrator Cavallo states when you speak to the manufacturer of an International Dump Truck, they tell you the truck will last you five to seven years that are it, and our oldest garbage truck is twenty-two years old.

**Intersection of Pascack and Washington Avenue** – Administrator Cavallo states his plan is to pull the file and get acquainted with it and get in touch with the County. Administrator Cavallo states he knows the County did have offers. Mayor Sobkowicz states we spoke to Lieutenant Hackbarth but we need to get everyone together. Administrator Cavallo states at this point, we will not get anybody at the County until at least February. There was a discussion of plans that were done in the past.

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

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

Nays: None.

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