

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

PUBLIC PORTION/CONFERENCE MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Conference Meeting in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President, Steve Cascio with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Joseph D'Urso, Richard Hrbek, Steven Cascio. Absent: Fred Goetz. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Catherine Steinel, Administrator.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to open the Public Discussion.

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

Nays: None

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Said that she has a hard time hearing testimony at Zoning Board Meetings and asked that the recorder be checked. Stated that on January 3, 2013 the sweeper was on Colonial Boulevard and the curbs were full of snow. Wanted to know who decided that the streets should be swept when there was snow on the ground. Ms. Steinel stated that the street sweeper had been scheduled to come on a specific date and the town then went to the sweeping company and requested that they come back at a later date at no additional cost. Mrs. D'Ambra said that she was happy to see that the top of the catch basins were cleaned where she walks. They were very dirty. She said she does a lot of walking. Also talked about a street light that was out by the Cleveland Avenue school path for three months and asked who is responsible to repair the light. It was explained to her that PSE&G was responsible. Also talked about a large tree trunk in the brook and asked who was responsible. She was told that the Lake Association takes care of that area.

Eamonn Twomey, 187 Devon Road – Said that he was director of lacrosse program. Said the program was to start March 1, 2013. He said that he was told that the field would not be open on that date. Talked to the High School about using their fields and the hours we can use their field is from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at \$175 per hour. Asked if there was any way lacrosse can use Memorial Field. Ms. Steinel said that she was trying to help with other arrangements and that she is diligently working on getting a field. Ms. Steinel stated that the field would probably be open in mid-April to the end of April. She said that Margaret Koesel would keep him in the loop as to where the town is in the process of getting fields. Miss Sobkowicz said that she was aware that the first game was scheduled for March 23, 2013 and that lacrosse was made aware of the fact that the field might not be ready by March 1, 2013. The field is still dormant. If the field was used now it could be torn up.

Raymond Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Said that he was happy to hear that cell tower is going to be put up. May see it up in his lifetime. Talked about the Township calendar. Said he likes the calendar and asked why it was so late and when would it be sent out. Said it was almost March and 2 months have gone by without the calendar. Said that there should only be 10 months on the calendar. Mayor Sobkowicz

said that there were a lot of changes in the calendar and that they were still working on it.

Scott Spezial, 785 Washington Avenue – Said he was here to ask about Memorial Field. Asked if the contractor for the field was finished and said that he heard that the contractor was to make a final visit when the grass is no longer dormant. Ms. Steinel talked about some anomalies that still needed to be worked on. Asked if drainage was done when sod was put in and Ms. Steinel said that she was not sure if all the drainage work was done. Geese on the field were discussed. Mr. Spezial said that he said recreation was told that geese only come at certain times of the year. There was a discussion about using Bergen County K-9 unit. Ms. Steinel said that she would prefer to try this first before using chemicals on the field. Chemicals need 3-6 hours drying time. She said that to the best of her knowledge, all the mesh was removed from the field before the new sod was put down. She said she saw no mesh. Mr. Spezial said that the mesh was still down. Miss Sobkowicz also stated that she found some mesh still on the field and that she pulled mesh out herself and then made the contractor come back and redo it.

There being no further questions or comments, a motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to close the Public Portion of the meeting.

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

Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA

#4 was removed from Consent Agenda but was then discussed and put back on 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. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

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

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Andrew DiClemente posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 4501.02, Lot 12, 98 Honeysuckle Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated February 11, 2013, C.A. No. 11-454+A,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated February 6, 2013,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$1545.00 to the above.

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to providing sufficient money for the payment as stated below and no adequate provision has been made in the 2013 Temporary Appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total temporary budget resolutions adopted in the year 2013 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution totals \$3,572,136.00 exclusive of debt service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A4-20:

An emergency temporary appropriations be and the same is hereby made for the following:

Statutory Exp PERS	\$156,153.00
Statutory Exp PFRS	\$616,011.00
Group Insurance Plan	\$250,000.00
Joint Health O/E	
Consultant Non-Legal	\$ 3,000.00

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (the "Township") duly advertised a notice to bidders for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator to be located on the property of the Township Municipal Complex, 350 Hudson Avenue, Washington Township, and four (4) bids were received by the Township on February 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2, allows for the rejection of all bids for certain situations including (a) that the lowest bid received substantially exceeds the cost estimates for goods or services and (b) that the lowest bid substantially exceeds the contracting unit's appropriation for the goods or services; and

WHEREAS, the four bids, including the lowest bid, received by the Township substantially exceed the cost estimate anticipated by the Township, and the four bids, including the lowest bid, received by the Township substantially exceed the Township's appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington hereby rejects all bids submitted on February 13, 2013, for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator to be located on the property of the Township Municipal Complex, 350 Hudson Avenue, and hereby authorizes the Administrator of the Township to re-advertise for bids for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator to be located at the Township Municipal Complex.

WHEREAS, Title 30-A:4-58 of the New Jersey Statutes provides if it should become necessary during the first three (3) months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposed specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in an appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the 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 Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2012 budget Appropriations:

	FROM	TO
Police Dispatching Contractual 2-01-25-251-200	\$10,000.00	
Dept. of Recycling Other Expense 2-01-26-305-200		\$10,000.00

Mary Ann Ozment, Township Clerk

Steve Cascio, Council President