

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington was held at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex, 350 Pascack Road, Township of Washington, New Jersey.

Council President Michael DeSena called the meeting at 7:34 p.m. by reading the following statement.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The regularly scheduled Public Meeting of January 16, 2018 of the Township of Washington Township Council. Adequate notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the Township Clerk to at least two (2) newspapers in January and this notice has been posted on the Township Bulletin Board and on the Township website.

Please notify the Municipal Clerk for any disability requirements necessary for attendance at Mayor and Council meetings. The fire exits are located through the double doors to your right and through the door on your left. Please silence all cell phones.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Council Members Councilmen Robert Bruno, Steve Cascio, Arthur Cumming, Michael Ullman and Council President Michael DeSena. Also present: Peter Calamari, Mayor; Ken Poller, Township Attorney; Mary Anne Groh, Administrator; and Susan Witkowski, Township Clerk.

The Clerk read the totals of the list of bills representing December 29, 2017 through December 31, 2017:

TOTAL	2016 Reserve	\$0.00
TOTAL	2017 Current	\$170,802.42
TOTAL	Capital Fund	\$37,407.88
TOTAL	Animal Control	\$200.00
TOTAL	Trust Fund	\$3,355.09

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

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

PRESENTATION

Ambulance Corp

Eugene Greco, President
Richard Miras, Captain
Robert Rayve, Lieutenant

Captain Miras thanked Council for the opportunity to come to the meeting tonight. He will be addressing the finances of the Ambulance Corps, such as fundraising, and where the money is spent. President Greco will be addressing the new ambulance that is on order and Lieutenant Rayve will be addressing membership.

President Greco stated a Horton Ambulance was ordered on October 1, 2017, after a year of research by five members of the Ambulance Corps, three of whom are here and two others, Frank Ozment and Nick Theisz. The total cost of the ambulance is \$264,000, and a deposit of \$50,000 was put down. A few extra parts were added, along with some additions, such as a four-wheel drive, air conditioning to the rear compartment and a power lift. The stretcher, which was donated by the Township of Washington VFW will be retrofitted to the new lift to avoid additional costs. The new ambulance will be delivered sometime in April, with the old ambulance being kept as a back-up, so as not to borrow from neighboring towns when the ambulance is in service. The new ambulance will have new digital radios costing \$6,000 per radio, with a \$500 installation fee. The Ambulance Corps is also in the process of getting a first response trailer, which can be used as a command center by Police/Fire/Ambulance within the Pascack Valley area. The trailer has radios, a stretcher, and can do some basic first aid. The trailer will also be used at town functions as a command center, such as Town Day and Relay for Life, having everything an ambulance has. In addition, it will also have a generator, lights, awnings and can be set up for anyone as a base of operation. The Ambulance Corps is working with Tom Sears on funding from various organizations, and hopefully the Ambulance Corps will get that trailer in April. The trailer will be housed on ambulance property, and a Quonset hut will be looked into for both the trailer and back-up ambulance so they are kept out of the weather. The current ambulance/rig is a 2008, has 63,000 miles, and did incur a lot of repairs this past year. The ambulance/rig that is being purchased is a F550, four wheel drive and the engine is out front, not inside the cab. The driver does not require a CDL license.

Captain Miras spoke of fundraising, which are via donations from Township residents (two fundraising drives) and monies given to the Ambulance Corps as part of the Township budget. The Ambulance Corps also get donations from corporate sponsors, such as Oritani Bank, the VFW and private citizens. The chest compression was also donated via a fundraiser. UNICO is sponsoring a Beefsteak Dinner, which will be held on February 17th, at the Knights of Columbus. All of the funds raised from that dinner will be split among all of the Ambulance Corps in the Valley. The Women's Club has also reached out to purchase something for Ambulance Corps. Mayor Calamari asked if the chest compression machine has been used. Captain Miras replied yes, it has been used a few times. A conversation followed on the use of the compression machine when CPR is given. Captain Miras spoke about monies being budgeted on a yearly basis for the Ambulance Corps, and he would ask that continue. A conversation followed on the various upgrades to the new ambulance, such as four-wheel drive, more electronics, aerial camera and safety of patients and crew members. He also spoke of Ordinance 13-10, in which those monies were never used, but now will be used for the digital/analog radio, which will integrate with the Police and Fire Department. The radio comes at a cost of approximately \$4,800 with installation.

Lieutenant Rayve spoke of the need for new members, and the biggest challenge is getting people who can volunteer their time. Currently there are four (4) people in training, they will be graduating at the end of this month. He stated he would like to thank the businesses at the Town Center for allowing the Ambulance Corps to recruit at that location. Any able body person 16 or older can volunteer and take the course. The Ambulance Corps pays for the training course, which is 250 hours, and they also pay for the gear. There is an EMR training, that is a lesser training, but does not qualify an individual for the EMT Certification, but you will still be making a contribution. Recently individuals that are 50/60 years old have joined the Ambulance Corps and are contributing greatly. No medical training or experience is necessary and he encourages everyone to come and talk

to the members if they have an interest. He stated he joined as an ambulance driver and has become fully engaged. Mary Greene convinced him to take the course, and he is very happy he did. If anyone has any interest, please come down and speak to the members. A conversation followed if members need to live in the area. Mayor Calamari stated on behalf of Council and residents of the Township we greatly appreciate what the members of the Ambulance Corps do and thank you for your service. A conversation followed on Ordinance 13-10, as well ensuring funding for the Ambulance Corps.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Councilman Ullman, seconded by Councilman Cascio to open the general public discussion.

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

Nays: None.

Belinda Vanera, Beinvenuto "Tony" Bienvenido Polanco, 544 Hoover Avenue – Ms. Vanera stated she has been a resident of the Township since April of 2001. She stated her husband has a limo operation in NYC, along with a TLC license. They own a Cadillac Escalade, which is parked in their driveway with limo plates. Recently they have purchased a 2018 Escalade. For the past 3 years they have gotten a letter from the Clerk authorizing them to park their vehicle and operate from their home. They do not have any signage, there is no flow of traffic, their business operates through an app, such as Uber. When they tried to obtain this letter for the new vehicle for the Division of Motor Vehicles, they were told the letter is not possible. They have a Certificate of Insurance in which the Township of Washington is a certificate holder. Mr. Poller spoke of the issue, which is whether a business is being conducted out of their home, or they just park the vehicle there. Operating a business is not permitted in a residential zone. The Township Clerk explained why she asked for this to be on the Agenda tonight. Ms. Vanera stated they have not received any tickets from the Police Department, Zoning or complaints from neighbors. The business has been in existence since 2015, but Mr. Polanco has been a driver for approximately 30 years. This matter will be discussed in Conference.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked will anything be done with the clock at Town Hall. Administrator Groh stated a requisition was approved, subject to the roll over a purchase order can be issued. It has been approved by the Mayor and will be created as soon as the roll over happens, and there is someone that can fix it. Mrs. Ozment asked has Council received the budget. Council President DeSena replied no, we have not. She asked if Mayor Calamari picked any new appointments for the four that were not approved. Council President DeSena replied Council has not received a new list from the Mayor. Mrs. Ozment spoke at length of brochures sent out by the Republican Party, speaking of change, but the same exact people have been appointed. She also spoke of the subject of "Change of Government" being on past Agendas, the election, which she feels was dirty, and what occurred at the Public Meeting involving Drew Kraft, the former Township of Washington Police Officer, which in her opinion was a disgrace and a set-up. She hopes the Township can be move forward with a truly new Township. Mayor Calamari stated he disagrees with a lot of what Mrs. Ozment stated, but he will wait because there will be further appointments on the Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Ullman, seconded by Councilman Bruno to close the general public discussion.

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

Nays: None.

Introduction 1st Reading
Ordinance No. 18-01

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND SIGNALIZATION OF THE INTERSECTION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE AND PASCACK ROAD LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$400,000 THEREFOR

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Bruno, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 18-01 at first reading by title.

Attorney Poller stated he wanted to put a few things on the record concerning this ordinance, which was given to everyone at the re-organization meeting, but not really discussed, which is unusual. He spoke of the ordinance, which looks like it tries to be a Capital Improvement, but it also looks as if it is trying to be a bond ordinance. He stated there are provisions which are unusual and troubling. Section 1 has no room for a statement requesting the establishment of a Capital Improvement Fund, since the fund already exists. Section 2 speaks of the purpose of the ordinance, improvements described as Section 3, but Section 3 does not speak of the purpose, it does have some legalese language, but it doesn't have the purpose, it is just general language. Section 4, is unusual since they are contractual provisions, or provisions that would be found in Memorandum of Understanding and Responsibilities, not something that would be put in an Ordinance. Attorney Poller stated he is not sure of the language of Section 5. A conversation followed if the auditor, Mr. Mai or the Bonding attorney, Mr. Beinfield, reviewed the ordinance, which he normally does. Attorney Poller stated for all of the things he mentioned, this ordinance not appropriate, defective and should not be bonded. He stated the ordinance is taking away the ability of the Township to negotiate costs. Council President DeSena stated the 21 items are the contractual language given by the County of Bergen, non-negotiable, that are part of the agreement with the County of Bergen, that the former Mayor, Mayor Sobkowicz refused to sign 10 years ago. Council President DeSena stated the 21 items were emailed to him by the Assistant County Engineer. He stated the schematic diagram was presented to everyone on the dais, the 21 items listed, were not provided. Attorney Poller stated he is supposed to prepare the ordinances, and he spoke of the reasons why. He stated he is in favor of this project but it should be done correctly. He stated this ordinance is not doing what it is supposed to be doing, it is not an appropriate legal Capital Improvement ordinance. A conversation followed on the list of the 21 items, having a point person for the County, not double teaming the County and time being of the essence. Councilman Cumming spoke of moving ahead in an orderly and careful manner. He stated he noticed the last page of the document is wrong, with the council members not being correct. A conversation followed on what it would take to put the document in legalese terms, so the document is correct and the Township is protected. Attorney Poller spoke of redrafting the ordinance correctly, having a proper introduction and showing it to the bond counsel, Mr. Beinfield. A conversation followed on introducing this ordinance, and just amending it at the next meeting. Attorney Poller stated this cannot be done since this would be a whole new ordinance. Mayor Calamari stated he has a meeting with the County scheduled next week, and he will share everything from that meeting with Council. Councilman Bruno requested that after Attorney Poller draft the ordinance, that he also show it to the bond counsel, Mr. Beinfield. The redrafted ordinance will be presented at the February 5th meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Bruno, to table Ordinance 18-01 to the February 5th meeting.

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

Nays: None.

INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Ullman, seconded by Councilman Bruno, to pass Resolution No. 18-142.

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

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 18-142

Budget Transfer – Vehicle Maintenance O/E

WHEREAS N.J.S.A 40A:4-58 provides that if it should become necessary during the first three (3) months of the fiscal year, to expend funds in connection with the prior fiscal year for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the sums appropriated therefor and there shall be an excess in an appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill another purpose, the governing body may by resolution adopted by not less than 2/3 votes of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Deputy Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2017 Budget Appropriations:

<u>Account</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Vehicle Maintenance – Other Expenses	\$1,984.61	
	Gasoline - DMF	\$1,984.61

CONSENT AGENDA

All of the following items have been determined to have the unanimous consent of Council and will be enacted in one motion. Should any item require independent consideration, any Council Member may have such item removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

Councilman Bruno would like to pull Resolution No. 18-145, since it does reference a contract and would like a copy of the contract, in addition he would like to make this a habit. Administrator Groh stated it is a County contract. Councilman Bruno stated he would like to know what the contract says, even though Council cannot change it. Administrator Groh stated we have 90 days from receipt, so we do have time.

A motion was made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Ullman to pull Resolution No. 18-145 until receipt of the contract.

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

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Cascio, to approve Resolutions No. 18-143, 18-144 and 18-146.

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

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 18-143

Authorize refund of escrow monies in the amount of \$298.28

WHEREAS, Temple Beth Or posted escrow monies for police outside billing/overtime for the Mark Samitt 5K Run that took place in the Township; and

WHEREAS, Temple Beth Or is requesting the return of escrow monies that remain in the escrow account, as the event is complete and overtime has been charged to the escrow account; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow monies in the amount of \$298.28 to the above.

Resolution No. 18-144

Authorize execution of grant agreement for Senior Citizen Activities

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$3,338.00 in 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Citizen Activities at the Jack Woods Senior Center, 350 Hudson Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorizes Mayor Peter Calamari to execute the aforesaid grant agreement on behalf of the Township;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorizes the Business Administrator Mary Anne Groh to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council recognizes that the Township of Washington is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Township is in accordance with HUD requirements.

Resolution No. 18-145

Authorizing signatory to Bergen County Trust Fund a project contract

Resolution No. 18-146

Appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Members

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to make appointments of members to the Township's Zoning Board of Adjustment for terms of office that are open;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington hereby confirms the following appointments to the Township of Washington Zoning Board of Adjustment for the applicable terms set forth herein voted on January 2, 2018:

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

Pablo Forray Term commencing 01/02/18, and terminating 12/31/21

Michael Werfel Term commencing 01/02/18, and terminating 12/31/21

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

Said Toro Term commencing 01/02/18, and terminating 12/31/18

Les Hanna Term commencing 01/02/18, and terminating 12/31/19

3. The following individual is hereby appointed as Alternate Member **No. 1** to the Township of Washington Zoning Board of Adjustment for the term stated below:

Toni Plantamura Term commencing 01/02/18, and terminating 12/31/19

4. The following is a restatement of the existing terms for the following Members and Alternate Member of the Township of Washington Zoning Board of Adjustment:

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Commencement of Term:</u>	<u>End of Term:</u>
Mary Ann Ozment	1/1/16	12/31/19
Fred Goetz	1/1/17	12/31/20
Diane Grimaldi	1/1/17	12/31/20

<u>Alternate Member</u>	<u>Commencement of Term:</u>	<u>End of Term:</u>
No. 2 Michael LaGratta	9/11/17	12/31/18

Mayor Calamari stated he would like to make a quick comment. He would like the public to know we are all up here to get the intersection done. There will be disagreements, but it will not impact the speed in which we get it done, things will be worked out quickly. It is good sometimes to have a difference of opinion, but we are all in agreement this has to move forward.

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

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

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 8:34 p.m.


Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk


Michael DeSena
Council President

Approved: June 6, 2018

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

January 16, 2018

Members present: Robert Bruno, Steve Cascio, Arthur Cumming, Michael Ullman, Council President Michael DeSena. Also present: Peter Calamari, Mayor; Mary Anne Groh, Administrator; Ken Poller, Attorney; and Susan Witkowski, Township Clerk.

Administration

Project Tracker – The door vendor Council President DeSena recommended was contacted and did come out the next day. A quote still has not yet been received. Three other vendors came out but no one gave a quote. Council President DeSena will reach out to the vendor he recommended. Mayor Calamari stated regarding police dispatching, an offer of employment for another civilian dispatcher is contemplated to be made by the end of the week. Drainage work at the Police Department is complete, with the exception of landscape, which is a separate project. Councilman Ullman asked that the bed in front of the stairways be incorporated refreshing the landscaping. Administrator Groh replied sure, if she is still here. Quest will be discussed in Closed Session. A report cannot be generated by Quest until they have access to an adjacent property. Attorney Poller stated he spoke to Tom Foster from Quest who indicated they need that piece of information for their report. Final notices were sent out with a certain amount of time to respond. If there is no response, the next step is an application to the Court to access their property, which will probably take two months to be on the Court docket. The Administrator approached him twice, once she presented a letter and the second time there was no answer at the door. The flooring in the Police Department will be scheduled soon, and quotes have been put out for the flooring at Town Hall as well. Council President DeSena asked that the roof at the red house be looked at, as well as the garage, since the Township does own the property. Mr. Statile will be contacted regarding the specs for the basketball court. The idea being if Mr. Statile is near completion, to have him submit those specs, but if the grant has been secured, and he has not completed specs, to have Mr. Azzolina complete them. The idea being to have both Memorial Field and Gardner Field done together.

Budget – January 15, 2018 – Mayor Calamari stated he does not have it today. Both he and the Administrator have been working on it every day, talking about it and meeting with department heads. Things do need to be done due to inaction in the past, therefore some of the departments requests are large, and we are working on prioritizing things, understanding thing cannot be done in one year. He hopes to have it by the next meeting, since there are 3 weeks in between. He stated if he does have the budget prior, he will disseminate it to Council. He will be speaking about the grant writer after the budget is complete. A conversation followed on numbers that are still coming in, and using numbers from last year, with an asterisk, so the budget process can begin if those numbers are not available.

Communication with on call EMS Staff, inclement weather – Councilman Bruno stated in speaking with the volunteers at the Ambulance Corp dinner, they spoke of their concern of getting out of their homes during inclement weather if they are on call. Mayor Calamari stated he will reach out to Bill Lawlor and suggest that he have a point person at the Ambulance Corps so he can secure a schedule and prioritize those streets of the members that are on call.

Councilman Cascio requested a suspension of the rules for the residents that are waiting for a discussion on the limo issue. Council President DeSena stated that is fine. Attorney Poller explained, as the way he views the situation, he feels it is not a problem that someone has a car operating at their house and is a limousine driver. The issue is residents having more than one vehicle and operating a business with people going to the residence, which under the Township Zoning Ordinance is not a permitted use. Attorney Poller stated it would take an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to alleviate that problem. A conversation followed on the Zoning Officer signing off on a letter and the precedence that was set in past years when the letters were issued. The Township Clerk explained that she had additional residents coming in for the same type of letter. A conversation followed on the types of business as per the Ordinance where individuals come to homes and park vehicles, such as a doctor or dentist, but this limo business is primarily done through an app, which is less intensive. Council President DeSena requested Attorney Poller review the vehicle ordinance, less intensive purpose, consider business model friendly, and have a discussion on an amendment giving residents permission for one vehicle, with penalties if that privilege is abused. Attorney Poller asked that this item be on the next Conference Agenda to discuss the other businesses.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Bruno, to continue the use, blanket use of one vehicle, no lettering on the vehicle.

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

Nays: None.

Council

Appointments/holdovers 2018 – Councilman Cascio asked what is the purpose of having appointments made with consent of Council, and whether Council gives consent or not, the appointments are holdovers. Councilman Ullman spoke of his views, Council is being asked to affirm the appointment, and if there is a hold over, does the hold over end at some point in time by statute. Attorney Poller replied the answer is no. Councilman Ullman stated it is a power that is powerless, by dissenting or not consenting, there is no power by Council, the appointments can continue until essentially Mayor makes another appointment. Attorney Poller stated there is a provision that allows for the continuation of the appointing authority of the Mayor's choice, and it is what the law provides. He stated appointments not approved are holdovers, and there are no specific terms for holdovers. Council consent is important in many things, but this works in a particular way, which is per State Statute, Local Statute and Case Law. Mayor Calamari stated he would like to speak on the appointments. He stated we all want a new Township, however, he never considered that to mean a clean sweep of the personnel in the Township. Sitting on Council for 4 years, Council and the Directors were all stymied by the same thing. He stated he has spoken to all the Directors, those who were appointed and not appointed. They all have a vision that he believes we all share for the Township to make it new again, but the existing people can do that, and are willing to do that. He stated he put his reputation on the line by nominating them, and he willing to give them a shot, just as this Council and Mayor is willing to do. He stated he would welcome the Council to reach out and speak to the Directors. He feels just saying no to them is unjust and the positions they serve. Councilman Bruno said there was a comment about a project, and the response was "If I am still here." He stated he doesn't understand what that means, but he feels it is an issue and he does not understand how the holdover is going to be approached or how we will go forward. Administrator Groh stated she is a professional and has treated everyone with respect, and feels it has not has been reciprocated. She stated the comment was Point of Fact, everyone is acting like nothing happened, but something happened that is all she will say. She will continue to do her job, give her blood, sweat and tears to this Township. She came to the office this past

Saturday and has been working through lunch, as usual. Councilman Bruno replied he does appreciate that. Council President DeSena he would like to say the holdover situation has nothing to do with personalities or people, it is more of what has occurred in the past and not blaming anyone. He does appreciate what Administrator Groh has done, but it is something that needed to be done and he apologizes that it had to go that way. Administrator Groh stated she would like the benefit of a conversation with each Council member individually, but she believes there are some preconceived notions on how she gained her employment to begin with. She stated she had no relationship, did not know Mayor Sobkowicz before she got the position. She got the position on her merits. Council President DeSena stated he feels we should sit down and discuss this, but not at this time.

Memorial Field – Mayor Calamari stated there is a Committee Meeting tomorrow night, which will be the first one that he attends as Mayor. He stated after the meeting he will report back to Council. Councilman Bruno suggested that Mayor Calamari review the interim reports before the meeting. Mayor Calamari stated he spoke to Mr. Azzolina, Town Engineer, regarding the lights at Memorial Field, which everyone agrees need to be replaced. Mr. Azzolina suggested purchasing the lights and put them on the existing poles until a long term plan for the field is realized. He stated there will be a tremendous electric savings, liability savings, with the bulbs being warrantied for 25 years. Council President DeSena requested that Mr. Azzolina put a report together on what the cost would be. Mayor Calamari stated he plans to include this in the Capital Budget for discussion.

Fire House/DMF – Mayor Calamari stated a few architects have reached out and he is talking to each of them for the firehouse. The architects design will include looking at the existing firehouse, as well as a design of replacing the firehouse, and adding an ambulance corps bay with new meeting spaces. A conversation followed on reaching out to the Ambulance Corps to see if they are interested in moving or not, instead of spending monies on an architect design then afterwards finding out they are not interested in moving. Councilman Ullman spoke of the need of doing an architectural study of all of the facilities, looking at the buildings, and speaking to the employees. Mayor Calamari stated he has spoken to the DMF employees, and they are happy to wait 6 months to see what will be done in the long range for their needs.

Hillsdale Waste Transfer Station Reopening – Appeal decisions – The DEP has approved the reopening of the transfer station. Council President DeSena feels Council needs to object to the reopening since the Township bears the brunt of the truck route, with Hillsdale hosting the transfer station. Mayor Calamari stated he attended the Pascack Valley Mayors Association meeting last week and spoke to the Mayor of Hillsdale, and he would like the Township's support to "fight this." Hillsdale would take the lead on this, since they are the home town, but the Township will work with them in opposing it however we can. A conversation followed on the traffic study, which was done in the late 80's, and commissioned by the BCUA, who dictated the truck routes to Hillsdale. Attorney Poller explained at that time large and detailed documents were submitted to fight this. He stated Linwood Avenue comes off the highway, and is a flat, simple route to Hillsdale. A conversation followed on the difficulties in fighting this, as well as assuring the Township Police Department makes sure the trucks are obeying the rules.

Swim Club Discussion – Council President DeSena stated this was put on the Agenda to perhaps alleviate usage on Memorial Field. Mayor Calamari stated he would like to discuss this tomorrow night with the Memorial Field Committee, but he is open to it. A conversation followed on the rec program's arrangement of using the pool, the financial needs of the pool and liability issues.

Aesthetics Committee – Councilman Bruno stated Council should think about a committee to change the look of the town, including the signs, getting a Township color, plantings, sprucing up the various Township signs as well as the electronic board, making it look presentable. Councilman Cascio suggested reaching out to Mr. Snyder, or making it part of the Green Team. Mayor Calamari stated Mr. Sears offered his services to head up a Committee of this nature, he stated he has volunteers ready. A conversation followed on plantings that can be done, such as the one from Stone Mill Gardens. Councilman Cumming stated he would like to volunteer for such a Committee.

Finance Director – Mayor Calamari stated he did announce it at the last meeting, but has not received any interest. A conversation followed on the person being a Township resident, and putting an ad on the electronic board.

CFO Update Status – Mayor Calamari stated the Township does have a CFO appointed, but agrees the Township would be served better by a full time CFO. He stated it will be in his part of the budget to finance a full time CFO, but until that is done he feels it is premature to run any ads until we know that it will be funded.

TIGER Grant-Captain Hackbarth will be asked for data information on the intersection for the 1033A Program. Two (2) 25 mile per hour speed limit signs will be posted along Colonial Boulevard in the Spring,

Ordinances and Legislation

Change of Form of Government – Councilman Bruno stated potential changes were given by Mr. Poller, and he would like Council, along with the Mayor to review the Memorandum. The Statute sets forth what language needs to be set forth to be via a petition, if that route is chosen, and there would need to be certain verbiage that needs to be adhered to for signature. Attorney Poller spoke of the Memorandum which he provided. He stated in each form of government there are things that are set by Statute and cannot be changed, as well as small variations that Council can decide on. A conversation followed on variations to the Faulkner Form, such as a council/manager and council/manager/administration, both of them giving options for partisan or non-partisan.

Intersection of Pascack & Washington – Mayor Calamari will be meeting with the County next week, and Attorney Poller will have a new ordinance for the February 5th meeting. Councilman Bruno stated the owner of the Helen Bohn property reached out to him regarding the condition of her sidewalks from the truck traffic in the area.

Recreation Department fees participation, background checks, concussion certification and AED/CPR Training – Council President DeSena stated he feels it should be mandatory that anyone that participates in our recreation program have a background check and complete the concussion certification online, whether they are youth or adult coaches/volunteers (Rutgers Certification). He stated in baseball, the AED/CPR training is provided to each volunteer every 2 years by Mr. Stickel. Background checks are \$8.00, the FBI provides them for free. As per the personnel manual the person that receives the results of those background checks is the Chief of Police. Administrator Groh stated in speaking to the Chief, he didn't feel it was the best way to go, and he was going to suggest changes. A conversation followed on fingerprinting and completing a background check via name only. Revising the Personnel Manual was discussed, which is done every 2/3 years. Councilman Cascio requested the Township Clerk inquire about recreation fees of various sports programs of surrounding

towns, and what is included in those fees such as equipment, and are the programs run by the municipalities or private organizations.

Retail Marijuana Store, medicinal/recreational – Councilman Bruno stated he received an email regarding this subject, and didn't know if this would be a Zoning, Planning or Council issue. A conversation followed on various towns which have already put ordinances in the books prohibiting these type of businesses. Mayor Calamari stated this topic was discussed at the Mayor's Meetings, and all mayors are united in passing ordinances not allowing these type of stores in their towns. Council President DeSena stated the medicinal dispensaries are true cash businesses, they cannot have bank accounts, and the stores do have armed security guards. A conversation followed on the regulation of a legal product. The Township may not be able to outlaw the sale of it in its entirety, but the Township may be able to put parameters around the sale. Attorney Poller will research this since it is a brand new subject.

Administrative Departments

Resolution/Ordinance – Already discussed.

1033A Program – Resolution No. 17-307 – Lieutenant Skinner and the Chief are working on the paperwork. Councilman Cascio would like to be updated.

A motion was made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Ullman to adjourn Conference Session and enter into Closed Session.

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

Nays: None.

Closed Session

Resolution No. 18-148 Closed Session – Potential Litigation, Environmental Claims

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendation, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense,

welfare, housing, relocation, insurance, and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice is hereby given that the Township Council may find it necessary to take action at the conclusion of the executive/closed session; that such action if taken, will occur in open session; that you are invited to stay in the Municipal Building during the executive/closed session; that the doors to the Council chambers will be opened and an announcement will be made if the Township Council will be going into open session; and you may be present during such open session.

____The Township Council anticipates that an open session will be necessary.

x The Township Council anticipates that an open session will not be necessary.

MOTION		SECOND		COUNCIL	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruno	x	Bruno		Bruno	x			
Cascio		Cascio		Cascio	x			
Cumming		Cumming		Cummings	x			
DeSena		DeSena		DeSena	x			
Ullman		Ullman	x	Ullman	x			

Time Noted: 9:59 p.m.


Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk


Michael DeSena
Council President

Approved: June 6, 2018

