

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

SINE DIE MEETING

January 2, 2018

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

Council President Robert Bruno called the meeting at 7:35 p.m. by reading the following statement.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The regularly scheduled Sine Die Public Meeting of January 2, 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 December and this notice has been posted on the Township Bulletin Board and on the Township Web Site.

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 Robert Bruno, Steven Cascio, Arthur Cumming, Michael DeSena, Michael Ullman. Also present: Peter Calamari, Mayor; Mary Anne Groh, Administrator; Ashley Morrone, Tax Collector; Susan Witkowski, Township Clerk.

The Clerk read the totals of the list of bills December 1, 2017 through December 28, 2017:

TOTAL	2016 Reserve	\$1,003.80
TOTAL	2017 Current	\$2,629,392.34
TOTAL	Capital Fund	\$86,659.42
TOTAL	Animal Control	\$6.60
TOTAL	Trust Fund	\$12,186.61

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

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

Nays: None.

Seeing none, a motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming to close the general public discussion.

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

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES

Adoption 2nd Reading

Ordinance No. 17-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 17-10

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Ullman, to approve Resolution No. 17-371 authorizing second reading and opening of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 17-22.

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

Resolution No. 17-371

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 17-22 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 17-10 be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

No Public Comments.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming, to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 17-22.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Ullman to adopt Ordinance No. 17-22.

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

Ordinance No. 17-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 17-10

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey that Ordinance No. 17-10 is hereby amended as follows.

Uniform Construction Code Agency

7. Building/Plumbing Inspector (Part-Time) \$35.00/Hr.
(not to exceed \$16,380 – 9 hours/week for 52 weeks)

1. Retroactivity – The foregoing provisions apply retroactively to January 1, 2017.

2. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

3. All ordinances or any provisions of any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance except prior appropriations for this purpose herein stated, are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies and not otherwise.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Ullman to pass resolution No. 17-372.

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

Resolution No. 17-372

Emergency Resolution

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b) provides that an ordinance may take effect less than 20 days after final passage and approval if the Township Council shall adopt a resolution declaring an emergency, and at least two-thirds of all the members of the Township Council vote in favor of such resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington has determined that an emergency exists in connection with the improvements authorized by Ordinance No. 17-22, and that such emergency as well as the general welfare of the Township of Washington would be served by having Ordinance No. 17-22 take effect less than 20 days after final passage and approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 17-22 shall take effect immediately pursuant to law upon the adoption of this Resolution by at least two-thirds of all the members of the Township Council.

INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Councilman Ullman, seconded by Councilman Cascio to pass resolution No. 17-376.

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

Resolution No. 17-376
Budget Transfer

WHEREAS N.J.S.A 40A:4-58 provides that if it should become necessary during the last two (2) months of the fiscal year, to expend 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>
STAT EXPENDITURES		\$419.03
DCRP PENSION		303.34
FINANCE O/E PAYROLL SERVICE	\$722.37	

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.

Councilman Ullman requested Resolution No. 17-373 to be pulled and voted on separately.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Ullman to approve Resolutions No. 17-374 and 17-375.

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

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 17-374

Authorization to release escrow money and cash performance bond in the amount of \$6,494.20 and release of performance surety bond

WHEREAS, Janet Stamato posted escrow monies for engineering and soil movement, and posted a \$6,480 cash performance bond for work on premises known as Block 1404.01, Lot 18, 102 Douglas Drive; and

WHEREAS, Janet Stamato also posted a surety performance bond, which was issued by First Indemnity of America Insurance Company, the release of which has been recommended by the Planning and Zoning Engineer as per his correspondence dated November 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, outstanding invoices due the Planning and Zoning Engineer per his correspondence of November 6, 2017 have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated December 1, 2017, C.O. No.15-460.2; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Finance Department of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money and the cash performance bond in the amount of \$6,494.20 to Janet Stamato, and that the performance surety bond issued by First Indemnity of America Insurance Company be and is hereby authorized to be released.

Resolution No. 17-375

Approval of Tax Lien Certificate, Block 4201, Lot 2, 501 Washington Avenue in the amount of \$596.24

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington ("Township") issued and served notice dated July 19, 2017 for violation(s) under Section 173-24 of the Code of the Township of Washington occurring at property commonly known as 501 Washington Avenue, Township of Washington (Block 4201, Lot 2); and

WHEREAS, the violation(s) reflected in said notice have not been abated; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 173-24 of the Code of the Township of Washington, a Tax Lien Certificate dated December 15, 2017, was issued by the Township's Code Enforcement Official in the amount of \$596.24, which is attached to this resolution, for approval by the Township Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Council hereby approves the Tax Lien Certificate dated December 15, 2017 attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township Treasurer/Department of Finance to take all appropriate action to impose on the property commonly known as 501 Washington Avenue, Township of Washington (Block 4201, Lot 2), a municipal lien in the amount of the Tax Lien Certificate (\$596.24), whereupon such amount shall become a municipal lien on such property, and said amount shall be added to and become and form a part of the real estate taxes assessed and levied upon said property, the same to bear interest at the same rate as real estate taxes, and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as real estate taxes.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Ullman on Resolution No. 17-373.

Discussion regarding Resolution No. 17-373.

Councilman Ullman asked if any work was done on sight for the expense. Administrator Groh stated it was primarily soft costs, involving the engineer's preliminary evaluation of the project. Grant applications were made, permits were obtained, the original application was extended twice, last time expiring in 2015. Council in 2005 decided to abandon the project, expending \$160,000, and no "shovel" work was done. The amount charged to the ordinance was \$122,000. Councilman Bruno stated as per the email, engineering work was done, project abandoned, money spent and a receivable is being written off. Ms. Morrone explained the ordinance was set up with a grant receivable, the money that was spent is considered funding, so the \$120,000 spent the Township didn't have, expecting the grant money to come in, so the money we didn't receive from the grant needed to be funded. The monies cancelling the ordinances will be used to take down the receivable. The \$11,200, which was written off, came from capital improvement, which the Township had. The grant was renewed twice and expired in 2015. The unexpended ordinances will be cancelled, and those monies will go into the capital improvement fund or capital surplus and will fund the deferred charges.

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

Resolution No. 17-373

Authorize cancellation funded appropriation balances under certain bond ordinances previously adopted for various capital improvement project in the amount of \$163,940.69

WHEREAS, Township Council of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, New Jersey previously adopted Bond Ordinances for the purpose of funding various capital projects and improvements of the Township as more fully specified in the Bond Ordinances and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, the projects have been completed and/or funded balances remain open and unexpended; and

WHEREAS, the Township now desires to cancel such appropriations and transfer the funded balances to their respective fund surplus.

Ordinance Number	Amount
95-5 / 96-5	\$ 3,414.65
97-6	\$ 1,126.91
00-9	\$ 2,216.00
02-5/03-6/03-7	\$ 17,616.97
02-19	\$ 102.30
03-09	\$ 77.76
06-29	\$ 46,948.63
06-30	\$ 110.24
07-11	\$ 6,220.39
08-09	\$ 1,836.00
08-10	\$ 6,685.51
08-11	\$ 19,018.57
09-08	\$ 13,280.81
09-12	\$ 41,938.28
15-08	\$ 2,113.23
15-18	\$ 1,234.44
Total:	\$ 163,940.69

Mayor Calamari stated he would like to thank former Councilman Sears, who he enjoyed working with and looks forward to working with all the existing and new members of the Council.

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

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

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 8:00 p.m.



Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk



Robert Bruno
Council President

Approved: May 7, 2018