

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

June 1, 2015

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Council President Peter Calamari with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Steve Cascio, Dave Frank, Thomas Sears and Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator. Glenn Beckmeyer arrived at 8:10 p.m.

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 Bergen Record, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Frank, to approve the May 11, 2015 Public Minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Frank to approve the May 18, 2015 Public, Conference & Closed Session Minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari,

Absent: Councilmen Beckmeyer.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz stated she would like to give a brief description/summary of calls that were received during the storm. The Police Department responded to 21 weather related calls in between 3:00 p.m. yesterday afternoon and 2:00 a.m. this morning. The Fire Department responded to eight calls during that time period and the Road Department responded to three. The calls included four trees down, three wires down, eight alarm calls, two water damage, two houses were struck by lightning and there was one branch on the wire. All three emergency services were very busy last night. On May 25th the Memorial Day Parade was held, Vito Trause a World War 2 POW was the Grand Marshall, he stressed the importance in thanking the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom, he is very passionate about that. State Assemblyman Robert Auth marched in the parade with us, along with Rob Pettet a representative of United States Congressmen Scott Garrett's office. This year we highlighted the five military branches, and had flags from each branch. In addition to this special effort, Boy Scouts Antonio Vinagre and Steven Munson volunteered to play TAPS. It was very nice the Boy Scouts did this. Merci Norwood made the beautiful signs for the cars for the parade. Thanked everyone who worked on the parade, it takes a lot of work and time and it was an outstanding day. Also thanked the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who planted flowers and decorated the big float. At 9:00 a.m. immediately preceding the Memorial Day Parade the Fire Department held a service to honor the volunteer firefighters who served our Township that passed away. Thanked them for keeping this tradition. On Saturday, May 16th the Fire Department also had their Annual Inspection of Vehicle and Equipment this is when the Mayor and Council see how well everything is being maintained by

the department. On June 14th, Flag Day the Fire Department is having their Annual Antique Custom Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the high school please support the event. Alex Giovanas an Eagle Scout recently completed his project at Lincoln Park by enhancing the entrance with a new sign and reconstructing a new walking path, he did a great job. A Click-It-Or-Ticket survey and enforcement detail was held by the Police Department from May 19th to May 31st all of the duty tours participated. 97.99% of the drivers had their seat belts on, other drivers that didn't did receive summons and warnings. Since March of 2015 there have been numerous traffic enforcement details on Washington Avenue between Meisten and Jacqueline for cars going over the double yellow lines during commuter rush hours. Residents are encouraged to call the police department for installation of child restraint seats since the department does have certified installation technician. The Police Academy will run the week of June 22nd at Westwood Regional High School, if interested please call the Police Department. Registration for the Summer Recreation Program is now open for all children entering grades K-7 in September of 2015. The registration can be completed through the Township website with the Community Pass Program. Registration is also now open for Falcon's Football and they belong to a newly formed league whereby the towns are more evenly matched in size with the number of the residents in the Township and the program is open for children entering grades K-8. The Falcon Cheerleading registration is now also open girls entering grades 3-8 are welcome to join the program. Washington Township Baseball is having a baseball and softball event at Clark Field on Saturday, June 6th. There will be games at 11:00, 1:30 and 3:30 and there will be offering prizes, free hot dogs and bottled water. Residents can attend and spend some time with the community. Congratulations to the Westwood Regional High School Golf Team who won the North 1 and North 2 Group 1 State Sectional Champions. The streets were all swept by Paramus the weeks of May 18th and 25th. The Pascack Valley Cooperative is ready to go to bid for the annual resurfacing program. The list of the roads that will be included will not be determined until the bids come in to see how many roads we can fit in the price. Standish Road and Hampshire will be paved by Rockborn Trucking and Excavation. The Township has a joint agreement with Ridgewood. This will be starting in a couple of weeks. The road department is continuing to fill pot holes and maintain fields. They are picking up grass, garden debris and household debris. The Musial Architecture Group has been given a notice to proceed with regard to the road department facility and will be commencing the project this week. The fence at Memorial Field has been completed, the lights at the field were repaired on May 16th, several lights were out and two had to be rewired, it was an expensive repair of approximately \$3,000. The township engineer completed a draft of the plan for the park, he is making some small changes and soon it will be submitted to the council. Our chairperson for the Municipal Alliance is Laura Rifkin, she reported that the committee has supported Footprints for Life at Washington and George Elementary School and it has coordinated drunk driving car at the high school, and is also working on WISE, which is Wellness Initiative for Seniors Education. Congratulations to the Township Library, they have been nominated for the Heart Saver Award from the American Heart Association for their work with the free CPR & AED Certification of first aid classes. On June 7th at 2:00 p.m. the library is having a Jazz Concert if anyone would like to attend please call to make a reservation. The summer reading program at the library kicks off June 22nd, this will include weekly programs and several special events for arts, science and crafting and a new teen program. Our Town Day this year will be on Saturday, October 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and new to this year's event will be art and music. Our Administrator Cavallo has been very busy with various issues, concerns and problem solving, some of them are bid specs he has been working on, reviewing contracts and meeting with library officials. Administrator Cavallo also has attended the Pascack Valley Administrator's meetings to make sure the road program goes through, meetings with United Water and also preparing specs for some things in the Municipal Facilities

building. The Planning Board has been busy in the last couple of months. On May 27th the Planning Board gave tentative approval to a 3,800 square foot home on Julia Court and for removal of trees on Eastview Terrace. The Planning Board is continuing to work on a subdivision on Washington Avenue near Van Emburgh.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – No report this evening.

Mr. Sears – Stated he wants to recognize the emergency services for the outstanding job they all did yesterday in the midst of the lighting strikes and fire calls. Stated he also would like to recognize Dina Burke and the Memorial Day Committee for a great parade they did this year, the decorations in front of town hall, everything fit in great. The Mayor and he have set up a meeting with Senator Cardinale which is coming up this month and hopefully we will get more information on the intersection.

Mr. Frank – Stated he enjoyed the parade as well. A great job was done of helping us remember why we are having the parade to begin with. Stated he enjoyed seeing the Scouts out there, it was a nice touch.

Mr. Calamari – Stated the parade went very well this year, it was well attended and everyone did a great job.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears, to open the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmen Beckmeyer.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra asked who are the main principals who are in charge of the Republican Party of this Township. Mr. Calamari stated that is not a question for the council. She would like to know how Mr. Hanson was picked. Mr. Calamari stated it is not by the council, he can fill her in what he knows about it after the meeting. Mr. Calamari stated it is not a government or council function, the question has to do with politics and not government. Mr. D'Ambra would like to know why Dr. Cascio is not running. Mr. Calamari stated he would defer that question to Dr. Cascio if he wants to respond. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of the Conference Agenda always being the same items. Mr. Calamari stated these are on-going topics. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of the VFW and it should be for the War Veterans. Mr. Calamari stated we want to do what we can for the War Veterans and we keep that mind. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of the property and believes it should go to the War Veterans that fought for our freedom.

Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth spoke of pledging alliance and the flag not being in the room. Mr. Calamari stated the flag in the Senior Room for election day tomorrow.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment spoke of the street sweeper still going around town past the date the Mayor indicated. She spoke of the sweeper not going near the curb and missing a lot of areas and feels someone should follow the sweeper. She spoke at length with regard to what she witnessed the sweeper doing and the areas. She spoke of Vic Fadini and the comment of the Chronic Complainers Club and the Mayor giggling. She feels the residents have a right to speak and Mr. Fadini is a bully. She spoke of the previous meeting where she spoke of Board of Education and she feels that council, as some members of previous council have done, should attend the Board of Education meetings so they know what is going on. She feels it is the council's responsibility to attend those meetings. She spoke of the seniors from other towns going to Atlantic City various times during the year and the Mayor stating that she will not pay for a bus to go to Atlantic City for our seniors to gamble. She spoke at length with regard to the league being held in

seniors to gamble. She spoke at length with regard to the league being held in Atlantic City that she herself attended as well as council. She stated she feels it is wrong for the Mayor to state she will not pay for gambling for the seniors, since there are other things to do in Atlantic City other than gamble. She stated the seniors are very vocal and feels it is wrong for the Mayor to dictate where they can go. Mayor Sobkowicz replied that the seniors set up their own trips and she has never said that. Mr. Calamari stated he would be happy to attend the school meetings, but residents should attend those meetings as well since those members are voted in as well as council.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura also would like to know why Dr. Cascio is not running. She stated she has attended a few council meetings and now understands how things run. She heard at the previous meeting with regard to a comment from Mr. Fadini of the Constant Complainers Club and the Mayor chuckling. She stated she doesn't know Mr. Fadini but finds him obnoxious. She spoke at length with regard to this being an all-boys club, council not really listening, and she feels she is being lied to. She stated she still doesn't understand the budget and that council is spending taxpayer's money. She stated Dr. Cascio should be representing us. She feels the recreation department is getting this field because someone owes someone a favor in this town. She stated that the Mayor elects the recreation board and they want this field. She stated now they have Mr. Frank and have asked another person not Dr. Cascio to be on the council. She stated that she supports the meetings being televised on cable television.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso stated that Mr. Fadini is sitting in the back chuckling and he is a taxpayer but he is also the Risk Manager of this town. Mr. D'Urso spoke at length with regard to the election of a councilperson when one resigns, the Republican County Committee, the six districts in the Township, who represents each district and the process. He asked if televising meetings will be put on the agenda again. Mr. Calamari stated he will ask and if there is enough interest he will do so. Mr. D'Urso asked what is the status with regard to the engineering study of Memorial Field. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the engineer did do a draft of the plans, there are several changes, and as soon as they are complete it will be submitted to council. Mr. D'Urso spoke of residents in the Township having signs for a Mayor running in Westwood on their property, and he did see a sign on the Knights of Columbus property and it was mentioned at the last meeting that these signs needed to be taken down. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that no one stated they were going to be taken down a permit was not issued for the signs.

Elizabeth Reeves, 266 Wilson Avenue – Ms. Reeves spoke about Pascack Road going towards Ridgewood Avenue towards the high school. She stated she observed the crossing guard in that area going out into the street to stop traffic turning left to go north and about 8 cars zipped around him. She feels that area should be checked out. She asked if the road by the library will be fixed soon. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the job specs are almost complete; Woodfield Road and Julia Court are going to be done together. Ms. Reeves stated she walks around town daily and it seems nothing ever gets fixed. Dr. Cascio stated that intersection of Pascack and Ridgewood left hand turn going west and east has a very short light count, feels it is too short and should be extended maybe another 3 seconds to extend the light, maybe we can contact the county to make it longer. Mr. Calamari stated maybe we can place a police officer at the location to issue warnings.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson stated it is his name on the ballot and he is looking forward to running in the election and is looking forward to the process. He stated he is hoping to stay positive, and hopes he is lucky enough to get up there. He stated he is hoping over the next few months' council can keep making progress. He stated after the big rainstorm was over and the lightning detector stopped he went over to Memorial Field. He stated he went there to see the drainage issues and why the field needs to be fixed. He stated in the playground area all the mulch had floated out under to the gazebo, and the gazebo was covered in mud, like a big flood was there. The softball field and baseball fields are both unplayable and unsafe. He stated

there are a lot of good reasons this investment needs to be made. Due to erosion the bottom of the fencing is very sharpened cornered, which we would not accept in our own yards, never mind where we invite community people from other towns to play. He spoke with regard to the walkway with the ADA placard being totally unpassable. He spoke of the flag that is supposed to be lit up and not touching anything is now hanging in the trees with no light on it. He stated let us make our Veterans proud and make this a memorial. He spoke of the students from Westwood High School and private schools in the area that are moving forward to play sports in college, that grew up in this community, these are the type of people we want coming back to be part of this community. He stated this is what the recreation board is doing with volunteering their time. He stated he would like this council to push this project forward and make a great investment for this town and make the residents proud of something that will last for years.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman spoke of the VFW property and reiterated his personal feelings that the facility should be for Veteran's, specifically disabled Veterans. He spoke of a television program called "This Old House" that is featuring a three part series on disabled Veteran's and the challenges that they are facing with their homes. He spoke at length with regard to what is needed to reconfigure a disabled Veteran's home to become ADA compliant. He stated that we have the opportunity to start at ground zero and make this something to be proud of. He stated it is his personal feeling it should be tiered, tier 1 disabled veteran, tier 2 honorably discharged veterans and tier 3 seniors in the Township. He stated he hopes the council will consider this as they move forward. He spoke of the compensation paid to the recreation department individuals that watch the kids. He stated he understands that they are paid under the minimum wage guidelines for the federal government. He stated he feels the fact that you can pay someone less doesn't mean you should. He spoke of the responsibility these individuals are given to watch the children. He stated he doesn't understand how a conscientious decision can be made to find a loophole to save a couple of dollars an hour for these college kids. He asked are they paid under federal minimum wage. Administrator Cavallo stated under federal minimum wage no, under state minimum yes. Administrator Cavallo stated the state minimum is \$8.38 per hour and the federal minimum is \$7.25 per hour, we are paying the federal minimum of \$7.25 per hour. Mr. Ullman spoke of the salary ordinance and making amendment or a request to make this a bit more reasonable for the kids who are working their way through college, trying to put themselves through college or extra pocket money. Mr. Calamari stated he will look into this.

Marylynn Bell, 415 Colonial Boulevard – Ms. Bell stated she has a question about Robert Bruno's letter with regard to the increase in the health insurance. Ms. Bell asked why there is a 45% increase on medical coverage and is this same medical coverage. Mayor Sobkowicz explained the various policies, the percentages of increase and the fact that the Township is on the State Plan and we have to abide to what the charges are. Ms. Bell asked if the employees have seen any increases. Administrator Cavallo stated the employees are at the max at this time, and that amount depends on the employee and the plan they are on. Administrator Cavallo stated it is all defined in Public Law 2011. Administrator Cavallo spoke at length with regard to the increase amounts which was about 10%, and that the insurance right now is at \$825,000, which doesn't include a person getting married, having a child or a life change. A discussion followed with regard to the various plan options and the amounts paid. Administrator Cavallo stated the Township offers two plans, Direct 10 or Direct 15 which are the two lowest plans that are offered by the State Health Benefit Program. Administrator Cavallo stated the other issue is the Police Department has 20 employees and the DMF has 6 employees, they are the majority of our health insurance participants. He stated they have a stipulation in their contract that states their health care plan cannot be any less than whatever they had in the past, it has to be equal to or better than what they had in the past. Mayor Sobkowicz stated in order

to get the \$14.00 per house increase on a home assessed at \$464,000 we lower other sections. She stated that employees do contribute quite a bit, higher salaried employees contribute 1/3 or more of their salary, their contribution does help against the total amount. Administrator Cavallo stated up to 2011 they were not contributing at all, this is something new.

A motion was made by Mr. Frank seconded by Mr. Sears to close the public discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Mr. Calamari – Stated now that the public portion is done, he would like to say we listen to everyone; we do not give lip service to anyone. We may not agree with what any individual is saying, but we do appreciate the public's input, we value it and we do like to hear what everyone is thinking. He thinks he speaks for all the council people when he says we do listen to everyone and we welcome your input on topics.

ORDINANCES

2ND Reading Ordinance No. 15-07

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-07 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$750,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$714,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-07 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-194 was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 15-07 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$750,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$714,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked what is the status with regard to the bid. Administrator Cavallo stated there was a delay with Emerson and Bogota. He stated the email he received from Pat O'Brien stated it will go out by this Wednesday. She asked if the administrator received a copy. He stated the written spec is complete, the quantities from Emerson and Bogota have not been inputted yet, we usually receive it the day it goes out. There was a discussion with regard to how the roads will be done, from worst to not so worst. Mrs. Ozment stated this is what happens when there are a lot of towns involved. She asked when will the public know what streets will be done. Mr. Calamari replied we have to wait for the prices to see how many roads we will be able to do based on the price we get from the bid. Mrs. Ozment spoke with regard to the timeline of meetings. Administrator Cavallo stated once he finds out, he will inform Mrs. Ozment.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman spoke of the bond ordinance and the way it is written. He asked what happens to the remaining amount if the full \$750,000 is not used. Administrator Cavallo spoke at length with regard to the way that the ordinance is written and that in this form of government once the council approves the funding, that is the extent of their involvement. Mr. Ullman spoke at length with regard to the ordinance, what it includes and if ordinances should be structured in a way so they reflect the wishes of council and the administration understands them. Mr. Calamari stated his thoughts which are once the council body approves the funds; it is up to the administration on how the funds are spent. He stated we are going to do the worst roads first. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of this type of ordinance and if you put 10 roads in the ordinance and there is money left over you cannot continue to do additional roads without another ordinance. He stated his intention is we do as many roads with the \$750,000 and if there is money left over we do additional roads. Administrator Cavallo stated that bond counsel requires special wording on bond ordinances. He spoke at length with regard to the wording of the ordinance, cancellation of ordinances and Ordinance No. 15-08 which is the next ordinance. Mr. Ullman asked if the CFO or the auditor has provided any rate outlook to the council since the rates are at a historic low of basically zero with regard to bond anticipation notes. Administrator Cavallo spoke of conversations that he has had with Gary Vinci and Robert Beinfield. Administrator Cavallo stated that at that point what we owe remaining on those ordinances is too low to save the Township substantial amount of money. He spoke of the capital projects that were done last year. He stated that he will discuss with council later on the need for funding for replacement of DMF vehicles, and when we see the draft of Memorial Field how we want to proceed with that. He stated he anticipates in July that we will need to float another bond anticipation note to cover us for the short term, but at the end of the year we probably need to have a bond sale. Mayor Sobkowicz stated we did a refund project about 15 years ago and we did save quite a bit of money.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

A motion was made Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears, to pass Ordinance No. 15-07 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

2ND Reading Ordinance No. 15-08

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-08 entitled: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT TO FINANCE THE COST OF JACK WOODS SENIOR CENTER FLOORING REPLACEMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

A motion was made by Mr. Frank, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-08 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-195 was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 15-08 entitled: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT TO FINANCE THE COST OF JACK

WOODS SENIOR CENTER FLOORING REPLACEMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN 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: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra asked with regard to the floor funding why was not a federal grant sought or state aid sought. Administrator Cavallo explained paragraph 3 of the ordinance. Administrator Cavallo stated with regard to the recent court filing on pensions we may not get our state aid next year.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked why was the 2nd floor flooring not considered since it is also in bad shape. She spoke of the condition of the flooring on the 2nd floor, the tiles lifting up. Mr. Calamari stated we did not discuss the other floors. She stated we do have very low debt and the floors are in bad shape. She also spoke of the flooring on the third floor where the recreation department is located. Administrator Cavallo stated he has been in contact with the company that we are using off the COOP for the senior flooring to come back to put together a program to do the rest of the building. He stated this grant was received almost two years ago and is expiring soon and he does not want to lose the funding. He stated this ordinance is being put through to do the senior flooring.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Clark asked the \$23,000 when reimbursed, where does it go. Administrator Cavallo stated back into General Fund, Capital Surplus. He stated it doesn't go into General Fund; it is a no interest loan from us.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

A motion was made Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to pass Ordinance No. 15-08 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

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 Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 15-196

Engineering Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, Kwok Cheng posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Blocks 3403/3402, Lots 1/18, 19 & 20, 267 Pascack Road; and

WHEREAS, the applicant withdrew his application; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his email dated May 19, 2015; and

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 \$530.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-197

Contract Close-Out for 2014 NJDOT 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 NJDOT Road Paving Program – Colonial Boulevard and Firehouse Lot Improvements", dated October 20, 2014, for the furnishing of labor, equipment and materials in the amount of \$279,788.95, 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 May 12, 2015, from the Township Engineer, in an amount of plus \$6,365.48, for a final contract amount of \$286,154.43; 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 plus \$6,365.48, for a final contract amount of \$286,154.43 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 No. 15-198

Chapter 159 2015 Clean Communities Grant

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has received \$19,216.96 from 2015 Clean Communities Grant and wishes to amend the 2015 Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2015 in the sum of \$19,216.96 which is now available as a revenue from:

3. Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F:

Special item of General Revenue Anticipated with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services
– Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Clean Communities Program

pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$19,216.96 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

8. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

(A) Operations – Excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues
Clean Communities Program

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

Resolution No. 15-199

Tax Refunds from Tax Court Judgments

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey granted judgments with respect to seven parcels for tax years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. Said properties were awarded tax reductions due to resolution of applicable tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, in the event a taxpayer is entitled to a reduced assessment as reflected in a Tax Court Judgment, the taxing district shall refund any excess taxes paid within 60 days of said judgment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be and is hereby authorized to issue the below refunds to the following representative of the taxpayers:

Nathan P. Wolf, LLC
Attorneys at Law
673 Morris Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081

761 Washington Ave, Block 2202, Lot 8
2010 \$ 2,682.09
2011 \$ 2,844.60
2012 \$ 2,855.32
2013 \$ 2,905.84

745 Washington Ave, Block 2202, lot 6
2010 \$ 1,771.16
2011 \$ 1,817.12
2012 \$ 2,103.72
2013 \$ 2,140.94

660 Pascack Road, Block 2110, Lot 6
2010 \$ 4,618.05
2011 \$ 4,622.70
2012 \$ 4,640.12
2013 \$ 4,722.22
2014 \$ 4,665.11

666 Pascack Road, Block 2110, Lot 8
2010 \$ 3,350.35
2011 \$ 3,437.30
2012 \$ 3,450.25
2013 \$ 3,511.30
2014 \$ 1,386.92

674 Pascack Road, Block 2110, Lot 9
2011 \$ 929.00
2012 \$ 1,119.00
2013 \$ 1,138.80
2014 \$ 1,123.70

682 Pascack Road, Block 2110, Lot 10
2011 \$ 278.70
2012 \$ 746.00

2013 \$ 759.20

659 Meisten St, Block 2110, Lot 1
2013 \$ 2,712.24

Total amount of refund: \$ 66,331.76

Resolution No. 15-200

User Friendly Budget

WHEREAS, the Municipal "User-Friendly" Budget was explained to elected official of Bergen County municipalities by one of their auditing firms at the April 14, 2015 Bergen County League of Municipalities (BCLOM) Mayors Breakfast; and

WHEREAS, all those in attendance determined that the new reporting form provided no benefit to themselves or anyone else and requires a significant amount of staff time and expense to complete this added requirement with no compelling benefits; and

WHEREAS, certain aspects of these requirements were in face perceived to be detrimental to the interest of municipalities and their taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, no funding source was identified to cover the cost of the additional work to comply with these additional requirements; and

WHEREAS, this State's constitution requires the State to pay for State mandated programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the deadlines currently in effect are unrealistic and unattainable partly because the State system itself is not yet 100% operational; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County League of Municipalities has adopted a resolution opposing their new unfunded mandate and encourage all municipalities to do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that the State of New Jersey's new reporting form, known as the "user-friendly budget" form is unnecessary and requires significant work which could be otherwise devoted to satisfying the many other State reporting requirements which would require the reporting of the same information

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to all Bergen County State Legislators, the Governor's office, the Division of Local Government Services, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and every Bergen County municipality.

Time Noted: 8: 51 pm



Elaine Erlewein
Acting Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: June 15, 2015

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

June 1, 2015

Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steve Cascio, Dave Frank, Thomas Sears, Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Matthew Cavallo, Administrator; Ken Poller, Attorney.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Roads Program – Mr. Calamari stated it was discussed during the public portion. Administrator Cavallo stated according to the emails he has received it is going out to bid on Wednesday. He stated he does expect the tonnage amount to come in at \$76.00 which is \$10.00 below our estimate. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of the various amounts he has seen.

Facility Use Fees – Administrator Cavallo stated that he and Mr. Poller have gone back and forth on this subject. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of the high school facility use permit which classifies and categorizes. Administrator Cavallo stated Mr. Poller and himself will also be looking at that also.

Firehouse Building – Administrator Cavallo stated he does have notes with regard to the depression by the door. He stated he will have Chris Statile look at it. He stated there is a line item for reinforced concrete work. He stated we will have to wait to see what the bid comes in at.

Department of Municipal Facilities Building – Administrator Cavallo stated that the PO for the Musial Group did go out. He stated he did speak to a representative from the Musial Group who stated he would get back to him tomorrow or Wednesday to set up the interviews that he needs. Administrator Cavallo then spoke of the need to replace three vehicles in the DMF, being two dump trucks and a garbage truck. He stated the garbage truck is a 1995 GMC and it is on its last leg, truck #16 is close to its last leg and truck #18 doesn't work, they are both dump trucks. He would like the consent of council to put up a bond ordinance for the next council meeting, the total being \$750,000 including contingency. The dump trucks are about \$250,000 a piece and the refuse truck is \$225,000. He stated the dump trucks are 11 foot bodies, we are spec'ing out freight liners or equivalents, and they are automatic and stainless steel bodies. He stated if the ordinance is put on the next meeting, adopt the ordinance in July and award the contract in August. The delivery time is about four or five months which brings us to the beginning of winter. He stated if this is not done now we are not going to make the winter. Specs will be supplied to council. Mr. Calamari asked besides the specs, does anyone need anything else. Administrator Cavallo stated the specs will also include a trade in option for the vehicles we have now. The alternate would be taking the vehicles out to auction and that takes time and money. Mr. Frank asked if all the money will be bonded. Administrator Cavallo stated it is authorized debt, whether bonded or sold as a note it has yet to be determined. He stated some sort of funding decision will need to be made since we will need cash in July. He stated Judy and he will work with the auditors.

Memorial Field Improvements – Administrator Cavallo stated that it is his understanding the Mayor did see a draft copy of the plan and a couple of issues needed to be addressed. He stated he did not see it but expects to see a copy by the end of this week and hopefully at the next meeting there will be a presentation to council. There was a discussion of whether an amount will be

included. Administrator Cavallo stated this is a concept plan which will be revised once more when we get the engineering work. Mr. Sears asked why council didn't see the plan before it was revised, how will we know what changes were done. Administrator Cavallo stated he will let Mr. Statile know to show what changes were made. Mr. Sears would like to know what was originally proposed and what was changed. Mr. Beckmeyer asked when we do see the plan, will it be revisable. Administrator Cavallo replied yes.

VFW Property – Habitat for Humanity – Mr. Poller stated he did speak to Jacey Raimondo and she will be here June 15th. He asked if council has any questions; please have them ready to ask.

Intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue – Mr. Calamari stated that Mr. Sears during Public Portion that there is a meeting later this month.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 9:08 p.m.



Elaine Erelwein
Acting Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: June 15, 2015