

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

June 13, 2016

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council Vice President Robert Bruno, with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Peter Calamari, Steve Cascio, Tom Sears, Robert Bruno. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Mary Anne Groh, Business Administrator. Absent: Michael Ullman, Council President.

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 Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to approve the April 4, 2016 Public & Conference Minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ullman.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz stated unfortunately, the parade was cancelled due to the weather forecast. She stated we did have the Memorial Day Service with Bob Meier, a World War II veteran, as the grand marshal; he stressed the importance of taking time to honor the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. She thanked all of the guest speakers, singers, emergency services, Road Department, and the large number of residents who gave their time to making the Memorial Day Ceremony a special event. She stated it was coordinated by Dina Burke, Director of Public Affairs, and the Memorial Day Committee. In addition, Boy Scout Stephen Munson played TAPS. She stated she was very pleased with the large turnout of residents at the ceremony; hopefully, the Swiftreach message encouraged residents to participate. She stated the Fire Department also held their Memorial Day Service at 9:00 a.m. to honor the volunteer firefighters who served our town and have passed away and she thanked them for keeping this tradition. She stated the Fire Department also had its Annual Inspection of Vehicles and Equipment on Saturday, May 16, where Councilmen Calamari and Sears and I observed how well everything is being maintained. The Department responded to 70 calls from January to May not including drills and training. She stated on June 12<sup>th</sup> the Fire Department also healthier Annual Antique, Custom car, truck, and motorcycle show on from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. She stated Special Officer David Rosenbaum completed training and is currently working part-time as a dispatcher and Sergeant Michael Glock was accepted as a Municipal Member of the Fatal Accident Investigation Unit of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office. Lieutenant. Rich Skinner is currently organizing the regional JPA (Junior Police Academy) including Hillsdale, Westwood, and the Township which will go from June 27 to July 1. She stated it is an excellent program in which children participate in many activities, view presentations, and see many demonstrations. She stated if a child participates in the Junior Police Academy they can enter Summer Rec a week late. Members of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) assisted at the Pascack Valley Relay for Life

and at the Memorial Day Service. They had 12 training sessions on how to identify and anticipate hazards, extinguish small fires, apply basic medical techniques, assist emergency responders, conduct light search and rescue, and set up medical treatment areas and reduce survivor stress. She stated if anyone is interested in joining this volunteer group, contact Corporal Rio Fasciano at Ext. 125 at the Police Department. With regard to the Police Department a new server has been installed, and the data has been migrated and the 15 new workstations are currently being installed. Additionally, we have to purchase a new accident program called Easy Street Draw to be compatible with enforsys. She stated Chief Hooper and she walked the complex to determine the plans submitted for security cameras and then finalized paperwork for the acquisition and installation of security cameras in and around the municipal complex. She stated the Police Department responded to 675 calls from January to May. She stated it is important to note that specific motor vehicle details were performed on Washington Avenue from Garden State Parkway Exit 168 through the Fire House from 2013 to the present. The statistics, prepared by Captain Gregg Hackbarth, are listed below followed by a summary and they will be posted the website. She stated 23 have had 129 details, 374 motor vehicle stops and 118 moving violations. She stated the Ambulance Corps responded to 200 calls from January to May of this year. Please thank ambulance corps members when you see them around town and also consider becoming a member. She stated Victor Fadini, risk manager for the Township, continues to conduct monthly safety meetings that include representatives from each of the departments. She stated this is a good opportunity for the members to discuss plans communicate and they also attend training sessions. She stated the Township did host a meeting for all of the DMF employees in the area. She stated some of you may have read the article in the Community Life about dispatching through Westwood and the brief summary she gave of reasons for staying in the Township. She stated the Township police have an excellent response time, know the residents and the neighborhoods. She stated she is very proud to announce we have two new Eagle Scouts, Alex Jouvanis and Michael Richetti, Jr. of Troop 321. Alex completed a project at Lincoln Park in the Township where he and his scouts refurbished the entrance by constructing a new sign and planting flowers and bushes. In addition, the walking trail was cleaned and widened. She stated Michael Richetti, Jr. refurbished the three-car garage at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church by cleaning out the interior and installing many shelves for storage, along with doing repair work to the façade. She stated registration for Summer Recreation is now open for all children entering grades K-7 in September of 2016 and is very easy through our website via the community pass program. She stated new to the program will be waterslides and a trip to Lake Tomahawk. She stated the hours are Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and the cost is \$255.00, the camp will run from June 27 - July 31 and before care and after care is available. Registration for Falcons Football program is open to children entering grades K-8 in Sept. 2016 and Falcons Cheerleading is open to girls entering grades 3-8. She stated this year's Washington Township Baseball/Softball had more than 300 children in the program and a great season with playoff games for major and minor championships on Saturday, June 11. She stated she spoke to a resident at the minor game who commented she was very happy to see so many things going on in the Township that everyone could attend. She stated with regard to Shared Services, Bergen County advertised a program for repair and maintenance of municipal vehicles. She stated our administrator called to see what they were offering and we are at this time reviewing a contract/proposal that was sent to us. In addition, the administrator also sent a proposal to Hillsdale for vehicle repair/maintenance and is awaiting their response. She stated with regard to the 2016 Road Program, the Township is part of the Pascack

Valley Road Paving Consortium, bids were opened recently and paving should begin in August. She stated the lowest responsible bidder was D & L Paving at \$635,000 with an asphalt price of \$65.40 per ton, which is much less than last year. She stated it is possible there could be a change order for a different paving process and she is checking with the engineer. The following streets are being paved: President Road, Kennedy Drive, Adams Place, Calvin Street north of Washington, Douglas Drive, Jacob Road, Lafayette Avenue, Ridgewood Blvd. East, Ruby Court, Wayne Place, West Place, and White Birch Road. In addition, storm drain repairs will be made and possibly additional streets. She stated the Department of Municipal Facilities is continuing to fill potholes and maintain fields. Grass and garden debris will be picked up each week according to the schedule until Friday, October 21; Household debris will be picked up until September 16. The administrator and the DMF Superintendent coordinated the replacement of burned out lights/and or ballasts on Memorial Field, several bulbs were replaced but we do need to get new ballasts. She stated the reason she used the word "coordinated" is because it is more complicated than it sounds. She stated all broken sprinkler heads were repaired once the well was fixed with a new pump and new piping. She stated members have been maintaining parks and fields, planting shrubs and flowers, a lot of which were donated by Stone Mill. They have also been clearing catch basins, and filling potholes and 9 tons of blacktop has been used so far. She stated unfortunately two of our full-time staff members have been on workmen's compensation since the middle of May, one will be returning tomorrow (June 14<sup>th</sup>). She stated the Township library is currently offering the following programs: Summer reading for Kindergarten through High School beginning June 28<sup>th</sup> through August; Elder Law Workshop on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.; Health Talk on June 15<sup>th</sup> called "Taming of the Chew" at 7 p.m.; and Tummy Time every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. for infants to 6 months for neck, muscles, and hand/eye coordination. Please check the library website for lots of exciting programs and events. Town Day will be on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11-4 p.m. She stated new this year will be a Kids Korner for children who feel they are entrepreneurial and want to display items they create. She stated with regard to the administration and finance, we had our exit conference with the auditors and immediately thereafter the CFO, Denise Marabello, and Administrator worked together to develop the Corrective Action Plan. Administrator Groh provided department heads with budget reports to ensure that requisitions are being processed to the proper line items and to allow them to see what they have spent so far in their budgets. Administrator Groh has also been evaluating capital funding needs, coordinating repairs at the various fields, helping with the planning of the Summer Recreation Program, interfacing with the Town Engineer for the 2016 road program, handling issues with the retaining wall at the Fire House, securing a new copier lease agreement, soliciting and evaluating quotations for sodding at Memorial Field which we will report on later, and serving as a liaison between the various departments and the Council. She stated in reference to the wall, we submitted a claim to the JIF and are waiting for their reply as to coverage. She stated new employee evaluations are now being done for the first time. She stated now that NJ Manufacturers includes municipal employees, a representative will be onsite June 16<sup>th</sup> for 2 hours to accept applications from municipal employees who might be interested in changing over to NJ Manufacturers. The Township received a contract from the County for the Open Space Grant for the Basketball Court at Memorial Field that was awarded by the Freeholders on May 18<sup>th</sup>. She stated the contract was modified since they wanted the Township to use GAAP and we use DLGS accounting practices. She stated the Planning Board is currently reviewing the Master Plan.

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio stated he has nothing to add to the Mayor's report. He sends his condolences out to the families of the victims of the Orlando incident that occurred over this past weekend. He asks our residents

to keep vigilante, if anyone sees something suspicious reach out to the local law enforcement and to keep their eyes open.

Mr. Sears – Mr. Sears stated he echo's Dr. Cascio's comments, our prayers go out to the citizens of Orlando on this terrorist act, please keep them all in your prayers. He stated on May 23<sup>rd</sup> he was at the firehouse around 6:00 and he counted 39 vehicles that crossed the double yellow line, including one bus and two trucks pulling landscaping trailers. He finds it unbelievable for a 30 minute period and wishes we can get the County there and our Police officers there. He stated a bus coming in the opposite direction forced just about everyone to go on the curb. He stated this has to be stopped whether it is coming east, going west it is really has to be stopped since it is out of control and only getting worse. He also would like to comment on the Mayor of Westwood, Mr. Birkner, poking his nose into Township affairs. He stated Mr. Birkner should be worrying about his own town and his own budget since according to the Pascack Press spending has increased by 25% under Mr. Birkner. He stated if he thinks the Township is going to offset his spending or use our taxpayer's money, he is mistaken and he will have a fight on his hands if he tries to interfere or poke his nose into Township business. He stated he is for shared services, but there are some things that you do not share, the life and safety of this community is more important.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated along with everyone else, his prayers go out to the Orlando victims. He stated he was happy to have attended the Memorial Day Service and the Fire Department inspection, both very good events. He stated the Fire Department makes us proud and he is proud they represent the Township. He stated there is quite a bit in the Record with regard to COAH and what the State want to impose on all the towns. He would ask the residents to give their support and ask the council why funding has been cut for us to be represented in that area.

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno stated he also sends his condolences and prayers to families of the Orlando incident. He stated besides terrorism, this was also a hate crime which unfortunately in today's society still exists. He stated let us hope they all recover as time heals. He stated in the Community Life there was an article stating that we have reduced our taxes by 2.6%, where as in other articles everyone else had increased their taxes, with the exception of Emerson, who stayed evenly but dipped heavily into their surplus. He stated it is important to realize that the council, the administrator and the Mayor spent a tremendous amount of time and he feels the results showed.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz stated she would like to also congratulate everyone because the month of May we recycled 111 tons and the month before that in April was only 81 tons. She stated our income from that month increased from 29,000 to 42,000. She stated we do have quite a few shared services in the Township, granted it is not Police dispatching, but we have managed in the Police Department with civilian dispatchers at 70% and the desk is covered by civilians. She stated through more efficient scheduling we have actually reduced overtime in the last couple of years, we feel we can keep the dispatching in the Township. She stated along with Mr. Sears and Mr. Bruno stated about the taxes, she also thinks we are one of the few towns that lowered taxes. She stated Westwood has increased their taxes 4.1% or 4.3% which is about \$118.00 for a home assessed at \$387,000 and here we reduced by \$60.00 at a home assessed at \$464,000. She stated she believes we are doing pretty well.

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno spoke of the taping that is occurring and the microphones that are set up. He stated when a person speaks, either standing or sitting to please speak into the microphone, so the video and audio can be tested.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ullman.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of an article in the June 13<sup>th</sup> issue of the Pascack Press regarding Caliber Builders and the active adult community homes which are being built on Ell Road. She stated the article states that 31 units would be built in Hillsdale and the remaining six would be built in the Township. Mr. Poller explained the six homes that are slated for the Township would only be the backyards and maybe decks. He stated the approval given only had to do with the Hillsdale units, nothing to do with the Township since they would have to come to the Township Planning Board to do any work in the Township. He stated Hillsdale cannot give approval for any building in the Township, and so far the 31 homes which have been approved are fully located in Hillsdale. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of attending the Hillsdale Planning Board meetings for the last 2 ½ years and the changes they were able to obtain in the plan, such as the water system and the drainage system. She also spoke of an ordinance that protects all of our borders in terms of water from other Townships. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of what is already occurring at the location such as cutting down trees. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the transition area will be going into Hillsdale not the Township. Administrator Groh spoke of one the developers coming into Town Hall and inquiring about tree permits. She stated the gentleman indicated they would be submitting plans for approval in the Fall and they would not be cutting more than three trees that are allowed by permit. She stated he is aware of the rule regarding the six inch caliper and he wanted to get rid of dead wood. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of walking the property and the sinking of the property since it was a wetland. Mrs. D'Ambra asked why Mr. Finnerty was not part of the tribute in the Pascack Press as a Vietnam soldier during the war. Administrator Groh replied we were never contacted. Mayor Sobkowicz stated in the past Mr. Finnerty was listed as being part of the other Township of Washington, she will check into that. Mr. Calamari stated he understands Mrs. D'Ambra walks the property, but she needs to make sure she has permission to do so. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of the time frame in which she walked the property.

Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth spoke of the flag. He spoke of the gas station going up and the signage which indicates Exxon but the pumps state Delta. Mr. Bruno stated his understanding is the gas station changed to Exxon. Mr. Bernroth spoke of moving to the Township in 1976 and the taxes being one of the highest in the area now they are the lowest. He spoke of the handicap sign in the parking lot being not being in front of the parking space it is intended for. Administrator Groh stated she will look into it in the morning.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Mrs. Finnerty spoke of the surge several years ago to rename the street Finnerty Place in honor of Mr. Finnerty and there being no banner on the street sign this Memorial Day to honor him. She spoke of the intersection and the double lanes beginning back beyond Burke and an incident which occurred one morning on her way to work. She stated the problem is getting worse. She spoke of being active in having a noise ordinance in place. She stated for the first six months since the Foodtown has been there is has been fine, but the noise is back. She spoke of an incident which occurred at 1:00 am in which trailers were being unloaded and she did call the police. She stated her quality of life is being effected all over the again, horns at all hours of the day. She spoke of someone watching the back and observing vehicles going at a high rate of speed. She stated there was a truck parked by the little walkway to prevent vehicles, but the truck is gone and she is sure vehicles are going to start coming over that berm again. She suggested trees or planters be put at the location since it is an accident waiting to happen. She stated she will continue to call the police as she has done in the past. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the police department is working with the shopping center on different configuration for the parking lot. Mr. Bruno spoke of what he encountered with regard to the intersection. He stated

we do need to put cones and enforce the traffic conditions. He has asked if Lieutenant Hackbarth can come in and speak to the residents as to why we are not getting what we need. Mr. Calamari asked if there is a sign in the back of the shopping center notifying truckers of a noise ordinance that way the police able to write a ticket when it occurs. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the signs which have been put on Veteran's Way which have helped, but she will look into the shopping center.

Ken Lagana, 186 Devon Road – Mr. Lagana stated the noise is getting worse since the Foodtown has come in. He stated he has noticed the horns are being blared more often and he doesn't understand why they have to blow horns in the parking lot. A conversation followed regarding sounding the horns when trucks are backing up or using a back-up signal. Mr. Bruno asked that a letter be sent to the new building management so it is documented.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Court – Ms. Plantamura spoke of the Mayor indicating that the response time in the Township with police civilians is very good. She would ask that a study be done to back up those comments. She stated she brought in 12 articles relating to Exits 168 and 171 regarding the Township, Washington Avenue/Pascack intersection including the Garden State Parkway Exit. She spoke of the development that will be occurring in the Pasack Valley area. She stated the Mayor indicated 118 moving violations have been written this year in the location of the intersection, but if Mr. Sears stated he was 39 cars in 30 minutes it is not a very good record of how many summons should have been issued. She spoke at length of her frustration of making a left onto Robinwood Road where she resides and what she has encountered. She spoke of joining a committee in 2010 with regard to Exit 168 and never being contacted. A conversation followed regarding getting a committee together and residents volunteering. Mr. Sears suggested not bothering with volunteering for the intersection since nothing will get done unless the Township purchases property, gets the engineering done, and widens the road. He stated the petition did raise a lot of awareness, but we have not received one letter of support from any mayors. Mr. Bruno suggested getting a committee together and in the meantime seeing what the police can do so vehicles do not cross the double yellow lines.

William Ferara, 2556 Cleveland Avenue – Mr. Ferara asked if D&L Paving is the same company that did the crappy paving job previously. Mayor Sobkowicz replied yes. He stated just because the contractor came in at a low bid, it doesn't mean he should get the contract since he did not do a satisfactory job in the past. He stated the original bond ordinance was for \$950,000 and he suggests that be spent on five or more streets. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she was disappointed when she heard it was D&L Paving, she is speaking to the engineer. She stated our engineer is also the consortium engineer. Mr. Ferara asked with regard to the Y property, how long does the non-profit exemption from taxation last if the property is not being used. Mr. Poller stated he has spoken to the tax assessor and is looking into it. Mr. Ferara spoke of what he has observed with regard to the intersection and what he encountered. He stated the problem is the volume of traffic that is going through that area is too much for the streets. He suggested petitioning the Garden State Parkway to consider undoing the one way toll and making a two way toll.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment agrees with Mr. Sears regarding wasting time on the intersection. She spoke the rules and regulations that were given to the Township in 2011 and what was given in 2014 regarding the intersection which is almost identical. She stated that she doesn't believe the surrounding mayors will help the Township and hurt their own towns. She spoke of her appointment to the Zoning Board back in March and the fact that she has not been sworn in yet. She spoke at length of not being notified of meetings or cancellations of meetings. She stated she has to look at the website to see if a meeting is cancelled. She stated she was sent an email reminder from the Clerk regarding completing her Financial Disclosure Statement, but she does not consider herself a member of the Zoning Board until she is sworn in. She spoke of being on the field for field day at

Washington School and she felt the condition of the field was not that bad. She stated the \$40,000 is a lot of money for the field since it may get ripped up two months afterwards if the referendum goes through. She asked if the sprinkler is running at the field because the field seems to be dry. She stated the same company who does her sprinkler system also does the field and her lawn looks great. She spoke of the Fire Department needing repairs, the front of the DMF building was repaired but the side still has black mold and there are cracks in the walls of the chambers. Mr. Bruno stated he will send an email to Patty McDermott, who is the Zoning and Planning Board secretary.

Bea Napier, 324 Hudson Avenue – Mrs. Napier asked if the two golf carts she has seen around become part of the Road Department. Administrator Groh replied no, they were for a drunk and driving exhibition that was put on at the high school through the Municipal Alliance.

James Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson stated he was down at the field for Field Day and also played on the field and the field is a disaster. He spoke of the condition of the field being dry, even though the sprinkler system has been running and it has been raining. He spoke of grass being a natural surface and when it is being played on it dies. He stated he is glad Mr. Poller continues to represent the Township because if someone gets hurt on that field the first thing they will do is test the field. He stated his street has just recently been paved and it is already cracking. He stated that is occurring due to the fact the sub-surface was not put down correctly. He spoke of the shared services that the Township has with Westwood lacrosse, so this affects not only the Township, but also Westwood. He stated the field makes the Township look bad and we should stop band aiding the field, but start using some science and engineering. He commented on keeping the Police dispatching in the Township. He asked council to educate the residents of the Township regarding the field. He asked if there has been any news that can be shared regarding the YJCC. Mayor Sobkowicz stated people have inquired but we are not the ones selling the property. Administrator Groh stated someone did come to her office and she referred them to the listing agent. She stated the Health Officer and the Construction Code official have been to the property as well. She also tried to contact them regarding putting Summer Recreation at the location, but she did not receive any response. Mr. Hanson asked that someone look at the drainage since it is growing grass.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso agreed with Mr. Sears that it the corner and Exit 168 is a complete waste of time. He spoke of the properties in the area of the intersection, what was offered in the past and what should have been done. He stated that the Township sits in the worse spot. He spoke at length of options that could be done to alleviate the traffic and the tolls on the Parkway. He spoke of the politics involved. He stated aerial shots were taken by the NJ Parkway Authority by a Mr. O'Hearn and he would be glad to forward them. Mr. Sears stated we cannot continue the way we are and he will do whatever he can. Mr. D'Urso spoke of putting up cones on Washington Avenue. A conversation followed with regarding Exit 171 and what was offered in the past.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ullman.

## ORDINANCE

### 2<sup>ND</sup> Reading Ordinance No. 16-04

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 16-04 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REVISING CERTAIN TIME LIMIT PARKING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 16-04 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ullman.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 16-207 was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ullman.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 16-04 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REVISING CERTAIN TIME LIMIT PARKING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 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 Bruno, Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.

Nays: None.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard - Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of the parking situation on Colonial Boulevard and Ridgewood and the time limit parking of two hours. She asked why vehicles are still parked there after two hours. She spoke at length of the traffic coming off of Ridgewood Road, the corner and the painting of the curb yellow. She spoke of the parking on Eton Road and trying to make a turn at that corner. She asked isn't there enough parking at the high school. Mr. Bruno replied that is the problem, the parking is spilling onto the streets which are why we are getting these signs up so they cannot park on the street. A conversation followed with regard to the parking at the high school. Mrs. D'Ambra stated that the vehicles are parked there more for more than two hours on Colonial Boulevard. Mayor Sobkowicz stated they can park there now until the ordinance goes through. Mr. Bruno stated the purpose of the ordinance is to restrict the parking and get the signs there. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the types of tickets that were given, but they can park there because there is nothing prohibiting it. She stated by passing this ordinance it will be prohibited so they cannot park there. She stated Colonial Boulevard will be removed; they will be able to park there. Mrs. D'Ambra stated she believes this will cause a problem on Colonial Boulevard. Mayor Sobkowicz explained the ordinance. She stated with regard to Colonial. Mrs. D'Ambra stated on Colonial the cars need to be back 100 feet, not 50 feet from the curb.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ullman.

A motion was made Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears, to pass Ordinance No. 16-04 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ullman.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

A conversation followed regarding Resolution No. 16-208. Council would like to get police comments.

A conversation followed regarding Resolution No. 16- 209, which will also be tabled for the next meeting for further information.

The following resolution, Resolution 16-210 through 16-218 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. Sears.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ullman.

Resolution No. 16-210

Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, Daniel Milazzo, posted engineering and soil escrow monies on premises known as Block 4305, Lot 10, 434 Fern Street; and

WHEREAS, the project falls within the guideline where neither a Certificate of Occupancy nor a Certificate of Acceptance is needed; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated May 17, 2016; 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 \$123.50 to the above.

Resolution No. 16-211

Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, Lucy Fontana-Majoros, posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 4213, Lot 14, 634 Mountain Ave; and

WHEREAS, the project falls within the guideline where neither a Certificate of Occupancy nor a Certificate of Acceptance is needed; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated May 13, 2016; 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 \$412.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 16-212

Building Department Refund

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. William Fahey paid for a permit to install a ductless air conditioning unit on premises known as Block 3408, Lot 9, 29 Sussex Road; and

WHEREAS, according to the attached email correspondence from the Building Department, the Construction Official determined that a building permit was not required for this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the over-payment in the amount of \$152.00.

Resolution No. 16-213

Tax Refund

WHEREAS, an overpayment for the 2nd quarter property taxes was paid twice by lender and homeowner and the resident has requested a refund;

WHEREAS, under the N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, tax overpayments shall be refunded to the payer:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Frank A. Bottini  
255 Hickory Street  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Bottini, Frank A., Block 4419.Lot 1 \$ 1,914.56  
255 Hickory Street

Resolution No. 16-214

Recreation Refund

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following recreation fees:

Lubna Tumeh  
437 Howard Street  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Summer Camp 2016	\$255.00
Multiple Registrant Discount	<u>\$-10.00</u>
	\$245.00

Refund for Summer Recreation  
Refund Amount: \$245.00

Resolution No. 16-215

Middlesex Co-op Name Change

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 16-110 adopted on January 4, 2016, the Township of Washington authorized contracts with designated vendors under, *inter alia*, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2016, the Township was advised that the name of the lead agency of the Cooperative was changed from "Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission" to "The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington intends to enter into contracts with the Cooperative in accordance with the terms and conditions of Resolution No. 16-110.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the said Resolution is amended to reflect the name change of the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative to The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative.

Resolution No. 16-216

Alarm Registration Refund

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following alarm registration fees:

Fred Ferraro  
20 Sutton Way  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Alarm Registration Fee Refund	\$50.00
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Resolution No. 16-217

Tax Lien Redemption

WHEREAS, at the Tax Sale held on October 28, 2010, the Township of Washington sold a tax lien on Block 3209, Lot 7, also known as Cross Street and Monroe, for delinquent 2009 taxes, owned by Leyrer, Frank & Anna and;

WHEREAS, this Tax Lien Certificate #09-00004 was sold to 72 Oak Street Holdings, LLC at 18% interest rate:

WHEREAS, Nancy Leyrer, heir to said property, has redeemed Certificate#09-000004 in the amount of \$ 33,703.23 and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that Elaine Erlewein, Tax Collector be authorized to refund a total of \$33,703.23 made payable to 72 Oak Street Holdings, LLC, P.O. 653, Montvale, NJ, 07645.

Tax Lien	\$	893.72	1099:	
2% Redemption Penalty		17.87	Interest:	\$ 12,693.50
Subsequent Taxes		18,523.65	Sub. Interest:	\$ 11,788.61
Subsequent Interest		11,788.61	2%Penalty	17.87
Recording Fee		43.00	Total 1099:	\$ 24,499.98
Search Fee		12.00		
Foreclosure Fees		1,519.49		
Interest		12,693.50		
Total:	\$	33,703.23		

Resolution No. 16-218

Tax Lien Redemption

WHEREAS, at the Tax Sale held on October 28, 2010, the Township of Washington sold a tax lien on Block 3209, Lot 47, also known as 598 Chestnut Street, for delinquent 2009 taxes, owned by Leyrer, Frank & Anna and;

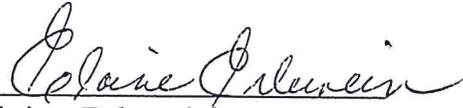
WHEREAS, this Tax Lien Certificate #09-00005 was sold to 72 Oak Street Holdings, LLC at 0% interest rate:

WHEREAS, Nancy Leyrer, heir to said property, has redeemed Certificate#09-000005 in the amount of \$ 74,438.30 and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that Elaine Erlewein, Tax Collector be authorized to refund a total of \$74,438.30 made payable to 72 Oak Street Holdings, LLC, P.O. 653, Montvale, NJ, 07645.

Tax Lien	\$	1,964.21	1099:	
2% Redemption Penalty		39.28	Interest:	
Subsequent Taxes		43,569.17	Sub. Interest:	\$ 27,297.67
Subsequent Interest		27,297.67	2%Penalty	39.28
Recording Fee		43.00	Total 1099:	\$ 27,336.95
Search Fee		12.00		
Foreclosure Fees		1,512.97		
Total:	\$	74,438.30		

Time noted: 9:08 p.m.

  
Elaine Erlewein  
Township Clerk

  
Robert Bruno  
Council Vice President

Approved: July 18, 2016

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

June 13, 2016

Members present: Steve Cascio, Peter Calamari, Tom Sears, Robert Bruno. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Mary Anne Groh, Administrator; Ken Poller, Attorney. Absent: Council President Michael Ullman.

Time Noted: 9: 15 p.m.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Selection of Regional Community Development Representative - Dr. Cascio was appointed as the Regional Community Representative for the period starting July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 with Councilman Calamari serving as the alternate. Administrator Groh was appointed by the Mayor.

Resolution No. 16- 220

Three Year Cooperative Agreement

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has entered into a three year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act NJSA40A:8A-1 et. seq. and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that the Governing Body appoint a representative and alternate and that the Chief Executive Officer name a representative and alternate for the term starting July 1, 2016 through the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body hereby appoints Dr. Steve Cascio as its representative and Peter Calamari as its alternate to participate on the Community Development Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mary Anne Groh is hereby appointed as the representative from the Chief Executive Officer and none as her alternate with the consent of the Governing Body.

Expiring CFO Position - Council members present agreed to extend Denise Marabello's CFO position to September 30, 2016 with the understanding that Administrator Groh will continue to search for a CFO to work part-time during normal work hours.

Resolution No. 16-221

Motion of Consent Chief Financial Officer

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the Mayor, having advanced the continued appointment of Denise Marabello as the temporary Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Washington, and the Township having consented thereto, that Denise Marabello's appointment as temporary Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Washington on a part-time basis effective June 1, 2016 is continued through September 30, 2016.

Corrective Action Plan on 2015 Audit - Mr. Bruno requested that the status of all bank reconciliation accounts be brought to the next meeting (June 27, 2016).

Memorial Field Status - Administrator Groh stated that TC Landscape submitted a proposal for Memorial Field. She stated she they the proposal since they did not inspect the property and did not realize the work involved,

they thought it was just basic sod. She also spoke of the other proposals which were received and the amounts that were submitted. A conversation followed regarding hydroseeding the field and maintaining the field. Council decided to proceed with the hydroseeding. Mr. Calamari spoke of an incident at Memorial Field regarding Men's Softball where unprofessional conduct and comments were made. He feels this particular person who was involved should be removed from recreation board. Mr. Sears indicated he also received calls from parents regarding the incident.

Solid Waste (Household & Recycling Contract) – Mr. Bruno requested information for the next meeting regarding the contracts and status of the colored bags.

Security Cameras – Town Hall – Postponed to the June 27, 2016 meeting.

Outstanding Purchase Orders – Mr. Sears spoke of the outstanding purchase order regarding the DMF and the purchase order that was denied with regard to Truck 28. Administrator Groh stated she will speak with Mr. Kiely. A conversation followed regarding a requisition for an investigation of the electrical service system between Town Hall, the DMF and the Ambulance Corp. Mr. Bruno stated this will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### Resolution No. 16-219

#### Closed Session, June 13, 2016

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 of 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. **PENDING LITIGATION COAH**

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.

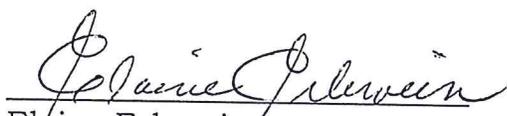
The Township Council anticipates that an open session will be necessary \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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Motion		Seconded		Council	Ayes	Nays	Abst.	Absent
Bruno		Bruno		Bruno	X			
Calamari		Calamari		Calamari	X			
Cascio	X	Cascio		Cascio	X			
Sears		Sears	X	Sears	X			
Ullman		Ullman		Ullman				X

Time noted: 9:55 p.m.

  
 Elaine Erlewein  
 Township Clerk

  
 Robert Bruno  
 Council Vice President

Approved: July 18, 2016