

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2017

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

Council President Robert Bruno called the meeting at 7:33 p.m. by reading the following statement

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The regularly scheduled Public Meeting of June 26, 2017 of the Township of Washington Township Council. Adequate notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the Township Clerk to at least two (2) newspapers in January and this notice has been posted on the Township Bulletin Board and on the Township 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. Please stand for a Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

RECOGNITION

Fire Chief for the Day
Deputy Fire Chief for the Day

Alex Hammer
Alanna Hammer

Mayor Sobkowicz – Welcome everyone to the Township Council Meeting. To the Council President and Council of the Township of Washington please be advised I am appointing the following citizen to the office and position of Deputy Chief for the Day of the Township of Washington Fire Department Alanna Hammer, June 26 through June 30, 2017. Please also be advised that I am appointing the following citizen to the office and position of Fire Chief for the Day for the Township of Washington Fire Department Alex Hammer, June 26 through June 30, 2017.

As per Mayor Sobkowicz's request, the history of the program was explained by Chief Adam Ehrenfels.

Mayor Sobkowicz thanked the surrounding communities, and also thanked Cradles to Crayons who had a fundraiser for the Hammer family.

Alex and Alanna took their Oath of Office and each received their certificate.

PLANTINGS AT CLARK FIELD:

Councilman Sears – Last month we had a beautification of Clark Field and reached out to the community for assistance, and boy did we get assistance. I have never seen a group of energetic people in my life, not only did they use shovels, but actually used their bare hands to fill in the holes for the trees, and continued going until all 11 trees were placed. After the trees were placed, they cleaned the park and put American Flags throughout the park. It was a long

day. I cannot say enough what these Daisy Troops and Brownie Troops did for the community. You all should take pride of yourselves and your parents should be very proud of you because it was a hard day's work and whatever you did that day was perfect. I thank you very much and this community thanks you.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following:

Daisy Troop #6957

Leader: Megan DePiero
Daisies: Irene Frangos
Alexis Grigoriou
Ekta Patel
Skyler Ritzmann
Elly DePiero
Grace McManus
Riley Riedel

Troop #6026

Leader: Lorraine Roberts
Daisy: Ellorie Roberts

Troop #6679

Leaders: Karen Spadavecchia
Jen Boel
Heather Castronova
Brownies: Mia Spadavecchia
Jenna Boel
Sofia Boel
Gina Castronova
Madison Mahoney
Sydney Chan
Danielle Chan
Jordan Windle
Victoria Caporale

OPEN SPACE PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement Application for Sherry Field.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Sears to open the Open Space Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Council President Bruno – The public hearing is now open to the public. Notice of public hearing on BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL PROGRAM PARK IMPROVEMENT APPLICATION FOR SHERRY FIELD was advertised as a display ad fifteen (15) days before the date set therefore under N.J.S.A.40A:4-9, on June 2, 2017. If anyone desires to be heard regarding the application, please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record. A public notice of the meeting was also published in The Record on May 28, 2017.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked what is a par course and how was it determined for Sherry Field. Councilman Ullman explained what a par course is, which is a circuit for physical exercise and feels Sherry Field is underutilized. The par course will be located outside of the 3 baseball diamonds and can be used while games are being played.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra asked if this is a matching grant. Administrator Groh explained it is a matching grant, dollar for dollar, up to \$30,000. The par course can still be utilized during leaf/snow season, since the parking lot of Sherry Field is the area where the leaves/snow is placed.

Michael DeSena, 347 Beech Street – Mr. DeSena asked to see the drawing. Administrator Groh stated this is a draft, and if approved it will be submitted by the deadline of June 30. Mr. DeSena commented on the drawing, which he feels does not depict what is actually there. Administrator Groh stated she is not sure if it will all be grass, half of the budget is for construction and the other half is for the equipment. She stated it is a concept drawing, the particulars can be defined later on, the general concept is necessary for the application.

Council President Bruno – I entertain a motion that the public hearing on BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL PROGRAM PARK IMPROVEMENT APPLICATION FOR SHERRY FIELD be closed and that it be resolved that the legal advertisement was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in The Ridgewood News.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Calamari to close the Open Space Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Sears, to approve Resolution No. 17-326, Endorsement of Open Space Trust Fund Application.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 17-236

Endorsement of Open Space Trust Fund Application

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$30,000 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Construction of Par Course at Sherry Field; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Township Council held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on June 26, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above-named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project Application to the County by the deadline of June 30, 2017, as established by the County; and,

2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award less than the grant amount requested above, the Township Council will secure the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,

3. That the Township Council is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and,

4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.

5. That the Township Council agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,

6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

March 27, 2017	Conference Session Minutes
March 11, 2017	Budget Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2017	Budget Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2017	Budget Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2017	Budget Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2017	Budget Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2017	Budget Meeting Minutes

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.
Nays: None.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.
Nays: None.

Peter Neary, 276 West Place, Michael Agnello, 667 Meisten Street – Mr. Neary spoke of himself and Mr. Agnello being longtime residents and firemen of the Township of Washington, and they both love the Township. The Fire Department, with the help of Mr. Lynch at Oritani Bank will be sponsoring a

Concert Series event featuring the B-Street Band on August 25 at Memorial Field. They hope the Council and Mayor will support the event and encourage them to visit such events in surrounding towns. They both feel these are great events that will bring the community together. The Fire Department has already gotten a permit from the Township Recreation Department to use the field. A lengthy conversation followed on parking and if Police presence would be necessary at the event and the payment of officers. There are 55 volunteer firefighters in the Fire Department having their own emergency equipment; therefore they both feel a police presence is not necessary. Mayor Sobkowicz stated regarding parking she will reach out to Bethany Church, and to Captain Hackbarth regarding police presence. A conversation followed on having CERT members at the event, along with Special Police Officers. The Fire Department is expecting close to 1000 to 2000 people at the event. Comments were made of perhaps budgeting police protection for this event and any future events the Fire Department may want to have. The event will be advertised with 3 banners in the Township, posters will be placed in local businesses along with being on the website.

Joanne Toole, 452 Prospect Avenue, Tony Napoli, 447 Prospect Avenue – As per Mayor Sobkowicz, the backflow preventer has been ordered on June 13, and it is a 3 week lead time since it is a custom part. A lengthy conversation followed if the DMF Department is capable of installing the backflow preventer or if the engineer will provide a company to do so. Ms. Toole and Mr. Napoli both spoke of their frustration and the lack of communication between Council members. A discussion followed on the sensors and the replacement of the pipe as a whole. Administrator Groh will reach out to Mr. Statile and Mr. Lawlor. Sewer maintenance was discussed, along with the frequency of the maintenance. Council President Bruno stated he will reach out to Mr. Napoli tomorrow to update him, along with the other residents.

Ellen Dogali, 749 Wayne Place, Danielle Collis, 745 Wayne Place, Bernadette Gillio, 746 Wayne Place – Photos were provided of 741 Wayne Place, which show the disarray of the property, including the pool and vans which have been parked on the property. A gentleman named George thought he owned the home and rented it out to squatters, ultimately the water and electricity were shut off and there is no one living at the property. Mr. Poller gave a history of the property and how it will be sold through Sherriff's sale. The deed has been drawn but the balance of the purchase price has not been paid. The Code Official has been notified and the Health Department will also be notified. A lien was posted on the property on June 18, and after 10 days the Township can clean the property. A discussion followed on police presence at the property, and the gray van that is still on the property, which does have plates. A conversation also followed on the pool located at 773 White Birch, which is not being taken care of. The town will undertake clearing/cutting debris at 741 Wayne Place which will result in putting a lien on the property. The Code Officer and Chief of Police will also be notified.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of the taxpayers being the stockholders of this Township. She spoke of an accident that occurred at Pascack and Washington Avenue where an elderly gentleman was hit by a car. She stated new lights need to be installed at the intersection along with a button for pedestrian crossing and there needs to be new signs. Council President Bruno stated a lot of work has been done by Councilman Sears with regard to cones and the crosswalk, but the ideas have been turned down. Mrs. D'Ambra suggested Council attend a Freeholders meeting with regard to that corner. Council President Bruno stated findings and facts have been given to the County. Councilman Cascio stated we have a plan from the County, but we have to do our part in land acquisition. The plan has been presented to the Mayor and Administration and it is in their hands. Councilman Calamari stated he agrees something needs to be done at the intersection, but feels all the signs in the world are not going to help an inattentive driver.

Alexander Ruiz, 534 Cypress Street – Mr. Ruiz spoke of a street sign on Cypress Street and Fern Street, that had been hit and is now on a slant. He stated it doesn't look nice. Council President Bruno stated we do have street signs on the agenda. Councilman Cascio stated at least 80% of the street signs in the Township have some sort of defect. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the Road Department did make a list of what signs need to be fixed and they will be getting pricing. Councilman Calamari would like to suggest the police make a note of any signs they feel need to be fixed and submit it directly to the Administration or DMF.

Julianne Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Ms. Lipnick asked who is responsible for the ten foot strip that is across from her home, specifically the maintenance of the trees. Mayor Sobkowicz replied the shopping center. Ms. Lipnick spoke of the trash that is on the property and Christmas lights strung on trees for a long period of time. A conversation followed on reaching out to the management company/Nicholas Market to address the side of the shopping center since they have invested quite a bit of money and it is their best interest to keep the shopping center presentable. She also spoke of the library fence and gate that was damaged due to a truck or fast moving vehicle. She did reach out to the Police Department and a police report was generated. She spoke at length of the neglect on Finnerty Road. Councilman Calamari suggested Ms. Lipnick reach out to the management company since they are on site. Ms. Lipnick replied she has. Councilman Calamari stated he will follow-up with the management company.

Michael DeSena, 347 Beech Street – Mr. DeSena asked who was the proven authority for the limited parking ordinance (No.17-09.) Mr. Poller replied the ordinance was done at the recommendation of the Traffic Authority and approved by Council. Mr. DeSena asked if a plan has been presented by the Mr. Statile, the engineer, for Memorial Field as was discussed last year. He stated he was at the field and 65% of the field is weeds. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the field has been aerated, seeded and the sprinklers are also working. Mr. DeSena feels that a better plan needs to be in place to make the field look better for the 2017 season. A conversation followed on adding topsoil to the field for better seeding.

Cynthia Cannon, 804 Manhattan Avenue – Ms. Cannon asked about the Memorial Field Township Committee and why the idea of putting artificial turf is being presented again. Council President Bruno recapped the 4 meetings. Mr. Statile did show some diagrams that reflect grass/turf, but not turf on the whole field. Council President Bruno stated we are not entertaining artificial turf, it was a suggestion but that is not the route we are looking to go. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the committee is looking at the alternative of natural grass. Ms. Cannon spoke of the issue of drainage, which has not been addressed. A letter was sent to the school, which offered three (3) nights per week, one night at Brookside and two nights at the school. The Recreation Department does have that information. Minutes are being generated of the Memorial Field Committee meetings. A conversation followed on the fields not being ready for the upcoming sports season and the need to address this field.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment stated the Recreation Department ran a Summer Concert Program in the past, it was sponsored by PNC and it was by the basketball courts. She spoke at length of the signs in the Township and perhaps revamping all of the signs. She spoke of a program that WCTV filmed at Bergen Community College on June 16, where representatives from the 39th District and 40th District were in attendance and the topic was Affordable Housing and Fair Share Housing Laws. She stated it was a very interesting meeting and asked if the Council/Board was invited to the meeting. Council did not attend but it can be viewed on the WCTV website. Mrs. Ozment asked if the Fair Share Housing Proposal was accepted. Mr. Poller spoke of the Fairness Hearing which was held on May 11, in which the court accepted and endorsed the plan. There is a five (5) month period which

various things need to be enacted. A preliminary discussion will be held before the Planning Board this Wednesday, June 28, and a sequence of events will follow, which has been outlined by the Courts. The judgment of repose is until 2025. Mr. Poller spoke of the bottom line being that the court calendar is not waiting for legislature to draft legislation. Mrs. Ozment spoke of Mr. Pfeiffer, who was a former administrator of the Township, being at the meeting, along with Mr. Auth, who brought up Pascack Road and Washington Avenue and what can be done in that area. Councilman Calamari stated he feels Council has been briefed hours and hours by Mr. Poller and the planner, and they did receive a good education from those two sources. He feels we are far along in the process and he didn't think it was necessary to attend since we are so close to a resolution.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

ORDINANCE

Adoption 2nd Reading

Ordinance No. 17-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROHIBITED TURNS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

A motion was made by Councilman Ullman, seconded by Councilman Calamari, to approve Resolution No. 17-237 authorizing second reading and opening of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 17-06.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Calamari, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

RESOLUTION No. 17-237

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 17-06 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROHIBITED TURNS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

Seeing no one, the following motion was made to close the public hearing.

A motion was made Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Calamari, to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Sears, seconded by Councilman Cascio to adopt Ordinance No. 17-06.

Ayes: Councilman Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Ordinance No. 17-06

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Chapter 223 of the Code of the Township of Washington entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" be and is hereby amended as follows:

1. §223-8. Prohibited Turns at Intersections is hereby amended by renaming said section as follows:

“§223-8. Prohibited Turns at Intersections and Other Locations.”

2. §223-60. Schedule V. Prohibited Turns at Intersections is hereby amended in Its entirety as follows:

“§223-60. Schedule V. Prohibited Turns at Intersections and Other Locations.

In accordance with the provisions of § 223-8, no person shall make a turn of the kind designated below at any of the following locations:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Prohibited Turn	Hours	Location
“Ridgewood Road	East	Left	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on school days	At Intersection of Woodfield Rd.
Ridgewood Road	East	Left	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on school days	Exit driveway of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
Washington Avenue	East	Left	All	Into and Out of Gas Station located at Block 3104, Lot 1
Pascack Road	South	Left	All	Out of Gas Station located at Block 3104, Lot 1”

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 are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies and not otherwise.

4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication and in accordance with the Charter, and subject to such emergency resolution as may be adopted pursuant to Section 17-32 thereof. [R.S. 40:69A-181 (b)].

A motion was made by Councilman Sears, seconded by Councilman Cascio to adopt Ordinance No. 17-06.

Ayes: Councilman Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Ullman, to approve Resolution No. 17-232.

Ayes: Councilman Cascio, Ullman, Bruno.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Councilmen Calamari, Sears.

Resolution No. 17-232

Authorize Renewal of Club License for Washington Township Columbian Club, Inc., Year 2017-2018

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Club License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2017-2018;

Lic# 0266-31-008-001 Washington Township Columbian Club Inc.
79 Pascack Road

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

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.

Resolution No. 17-240 was discussed, which is a grant for \$50,000, the bid came in at \$36,000, leaving \$14,000. Councilman Ullman stated we are still waiting for clarification if we don't use the whole amount, do we lose it. He stated if we can do more, we should do more.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Calamari, to the Consent Agenda (Resolutions 17-228, 17-229, 17-230, 17-231, 17-233, 17-235, 17-238, 17-239, 17-240, 17-241, 17-242, 17-243, 17-244.)

Ayes: Councilman Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 17-228

Authorize renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for Island Way, t/a Bacari Grill, Year 2017-2018

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2017-2018;

Lic# 0266-33-004-010 Island Way Inc., t/a Bacari Grill
800 Ridgewood Avenue

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 17-229

Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for Amy LLC t/a Dog House Saloon & Grill, Year 2017- 2018

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2017-2018;

Lic# 0266-33-003-0098 Amy LLC t/a Dog House Saloon & Grill
270 Pascack Road

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 17-230

Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for TJG Inc., t/a Season's Catering, Year 2017 - 2018

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2017-2018;

Lic# 0266-33-005-004 TJG Inc. t/a Season's Catering
644 Pascack Road

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 17-231

Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for Township Liquors, Year 2017-2018

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Plenary Retail Distribution License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2017-2018;

Lic# 0266-44-006-008 Township Liquors Inc.
309 Pascack Road

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 17-233

Authorize Renewal of Club License for Washington Township Recreation Club, Year 2017-2018

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Club License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2017-2018;

Lic# 0266-31-000-001 Washington Township Recreation Club
P.O. Box 1035

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 17-235

Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for CB Restaurants, t/a Charlie Browns, Year 2017-2018

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is submitting the following Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal Application approving the license renewal term of 2017-2018;

Lic# 0266-33-001-006 CB Washington Twsp LLC t/a Charlie Brown's
95 Linwood Avenue

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, has no objection to the renewal of this license and is not aware of any circumstances that would prohibit the renewal of said license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver said license on behalf of the Township of Washington.

Resolution No. 17-238

Authorize refund of escrow balance of \$1,000.30, Block 3211, Lot 1, 573 Willow Street

WHEREAS, Jonathan & Lynn Moore posted Zoning/Engineering escrow monies for a project on premises known as Block 3211, Lot 1, 573 Willow Street; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan & Lynn Moore have cancelled the project and are requesting that their escrow be refunded; and

WHEREAS, outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his correspondence of June 15, 2017 have been satisfied; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow monies in the amount of \$1000.30 to the above.

Resolution No. 17-239

Accepting Maintenance Bond from A.A. Berms, LLC and authorizing release of retainage

WHEREAS A.A. Berms, L.L.C. ("A.A. Berms") entered into a Contract with the Township of Washington (the "Township") on October 25, 2016 for the construction of A.D.A. Compliant Curb Ramps, which Contract was completed and the work accepted; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to retain ten percent (10%) of the final contract amount for a two-year period from the date of completion, provided, however, that in lieu of retaining ten percent (10%) of the final contract amount for a two-year period, the Township may choose to accept a twenty percent (20%), two-year maintenance bond in a form approved by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, A.A. Berms has submitted to the Township, Maintenance Bond Number BX01040MB issued by Bondex Insurance Company in the amount of \$6,774.14 (the "Bond"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed such Bond and finds it to be in order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Maintenance Bond submitted by A.A. Berms in its current form is hereby approved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington and release of the retainage is hereby authorized upon the original Maintenance Bond being delivered to the Township.

Resolution No. 17-240

Awarding of contracts to Wetlands, Inc. for ADA Compliant Ramps at Memorial Field

WHEREAS A.A. Berms, L.L.C. ("A.A. Berms") entered into a Contract with the Township of Washington (the "Township") on October 25, 2016 for the construction of A.D.A. Compliant Curb Ramps, which Contract was completed and the work accepted; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to retain ten percent (10%) of the final contract amount for a two-year period from the date of completion, provided, however, that in lieu of retaining ten percent (10%) of the final contract amount for a two-year period, the Township may choose to accept a twenty percent (20%), two-year maintenance bond in a form approved by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, A.A. Berms has submitted to the Township, Maintenance Bond Number BX01040MB issued by Bondex Insurance Company in the amount of \$6,774.14 (the "Bond"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed such Bond and finds it to be in order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Maintenance Bond submitted by A.A. Berms in its current form is hereby approved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington and release of the retainage is hereby authorized upon the original Maintenance Bond being delivered to the Township.

Resolution No. 17-241

Authorize execution of shared services agreement for county road resurfacing

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) promotes the broad use of shared services as a technique to reduce local expenses funded by property tax payers; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) allows for any local unit to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any services that each local participating in the Agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen (the "County") periodically performs maintenance of County roads through various Road Resurfacing Projects and these Road Resurfacing Projects require cooperation and coordination between the County and the seventy municipalities in which the County roads are located; and

WHEREAS, the County will undertake road resurfacing activities within the Township of Washington (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Township seek to enter into a Shared Services Agreement to memorialize the respective responsibilities of the County and the Township in connection with this Road Resurfacing Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that the Township approves of the proposed shared services agreement as referenced herein between the Township and the County, a copy of which is on file with the Township;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the subject shared services agreement with the County for the above stated purpose.

Resolution No. 17-242

Authorize refund of engineering escrow balance of \$461.00, Block 4507, Lot 34, 102 Walnut Street

WHEREAS, D. Aldouby Efrain posted escrow monies for engineering work done on premises known as Block 4507 Lot 34, 102 Walnut Street; and

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

WHEREAS, outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated May 15, 2017 have been satisfied; 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 \$461.00 the above.

Resolution No. 17-243

Authorize refund of engineering escrow balance of \$559.00, Block 4507, Lot 34, 102 Walnut Street

WHEREAS, Keith & Michelle Mahoney posted engineering escrow monies for work on premises known as Block 4410 Lot 52, 279 Beech Street; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated May 23, 2017, CO #16-550; and

WHEREAS, outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated May 16, 2017 have been satisfied; 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 \$559.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 17-244

Authorize refund of performance bond in the amount of \$13,500, Block 4308, Lot 54, 410 Walnut Street

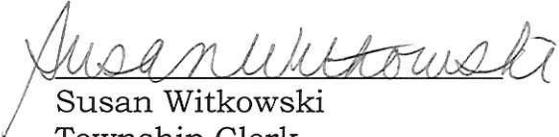
WHEREAS, LJC Holdings, LLC posted a performance bond for work on premises known as Block 4308 Lot 54, 410 Walnut Street; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Engineer has issued approval for work completed and has recommended the release of the performance bond; and

WHEREAS, outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated May 15, 2017 have been satisfied; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the performance bond in the amount of \$13,500.00 to the above.

Time Noted: 9:27 p.m.


Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk


Robert Bruno
Council President

Approved: October 16, 2017

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2017

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

Administration

Staffing

DMF- Full time candidate – Administrator Groh will defer to the Mayor on the DMF-full time candidate, since she has not received approval to run an ad. She is not aware of the police dispatch candidates, since it does not come through administration. The Township received two submissions in response to the Request for Proposal for grant writers, and they are very distinct as far as dollar amounts. One is from the Millennium Strategies LLC and the other is from Bruno Associates (no relation to Council President Bruno.) Administrator Groh stated she does have information from others who have dealt with both companies, which will factor in. The Township issued the request for qualifications on May 24, the deadline was last Friday (June 23), the review of the submissions is slated to occur during the month of July as are the interviews, with the approval of selected candidates on August 21, assuming the appointment will occur at the meeting in August. Councilmen Cascio and Sears will assist the Mayor in the interview process for the grant writer. Administrator Groh will forward copies of the submissions to Council. Two candidates were interviewed for the part-time Violations Clerk position by the Mayor, Administrator and Municipal Court Clerk. The County has given the Township permission for a part-time violations Clerk (20 hours per week) and an offer will be made soon. As per the County, the Municipal Court Clerk's current full-time employer needs to agree to her working part-time at the Township, it is a cooperative type of arrangement. A letter has been received from the State approving Administrator Groh as the QPA for the second year, and the appointment is retroactive. This means that the town has a bid threshold of \$40,000, as opposed to \$17,500, the quote threshold is \$6,000 instead of \$2,625, which gives the Administrator more leeway and flexibility with purchasing. The appointment expires May 13, 2018, before which the Administrator would need to complete multiple courses and sit for an exam.

Repair Status

Action Worksheets - Administrator Groh stated she apologizes, she doesn't have worksheets to share. Regarding repairs, all the plumbing has been done, AC inspection has been completed, along with the ventilator, electrical work and mold remediation at Clark Field. Jay-Cue will be contacted to look at the siding at the Fire House. The wall at the Firehouse was hit by a driver, and the Township is waiting for insurance recovery. A conversation followed on using money allocated in the budget instead of waiting for insurance recovery. Bill Lawlor has done an inventory of all of the doors and will be getting pricing. Quest Diagnostic has been contacted with regard to the wells. E-Ticket will be moving forward at the next meeting, it is a single source vendor. A conversation followed on the Action Worksheets, which will help in monitoring projects. DART has been contacted with regard to setting up email addresses for Planning/Zoning Board members, which is a State requirement. Each mailbox will be \$5.00 per user month along with tech fees for set-up.

Council

Council Minutes – Currently being worked on.

Work Session – Date has been confirmed for August 7, 2017. COAH Ordinances will be introduced, with a work session to follow.

Shared Calendar – Town Hall will handle.

Prospect Street Update – The administrator will reach out to Mr. Statile and Mr. Lawlor tomorrow.

Traffic Study – Councilman Ullman spoke of conducting an advanced study at the intersection over and above what was done. Councilman Calamari did reach out to Park Ridge to see who they used for their study, and is waiting for a response. A conversation followed on contacting T&M Associates for the names of some firms and scheduling this study for the Fall. Councilman Cascio spoke of the placement of readers on various streets.

Amherst Street Update – SUEZ is testing the location. Administrator Groh will follow-up.

Signs – LED Stop signs have been ordered for Van Emburgh and the trees have been trimmed back. Mr. Lawlor will put together a list of signs that are needed and Administrator Groh will circulate that list to Council. Administrator Groh stated there are State contracts for this. A conversation followed on reconditioning the current signs.

Senior Center – Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of replacing the tables and chairs in the Senior Room. A conversation followed on there being very little money in grants, and towns competing with each other for funding. Mayor Sobkowicz stated her estimate is about \$35,000 to replace the tables and chairs. She would like to see this done. She stated the tables are very heavy. A conversation followed on the amount of round tables, long tables and chairs that would be needed and getting a schematic drawing of the Senior Room. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the room being a dedicated Senior Center, but they do allow other organizations to use it. Administrator Groh spoke of last year's grant application in the amount of \$43,468. Councilman Cascio stated he will reach out to Congressman Gottheimer's office to inquire about the 1033A Surplus Program.

Ordinances and Legislation

Anti-Nepotism Ordinance – Councilman Cascio spoke of the one change he has, which pertains to Section 72-5, union contract violation. Mr. Poller explained why this cannot be enforced, since it would be in violation of an individual rights and he also gave the example of the Police Department and various steps that they complete. Mr. Poller stated you cannot have a law superimpose itself to deny someone who is protected by a Collective Bargaining Agreement. He stated it will open up the Township to lawsuits and grievances. Union contracts are written to protect employees and within that contract there are certain steps that employees are allowed to take and be promoted upwards. Councilman Cascio stated if Mr. Poller believes it is important, it can be put back and we will introduce the Ordinance at the next meeting. Councilman Calamari spoke of Section 72-3 Subsection A, which would prevent a former official from being employed by the Township for 10 years after expiration of term. Councilman Calamari feels this is an extensive period of time. A conversation followed. Councilmen Calamari, Sears, Ullman and Council President Bruno agree to four years after expiration of term. Councilman Cascio stated he would prefer five years.

Municipal Ethics Board – Councilman Cascio spoke of the discussion at the last meeting. He stated it doesn't cost the Township anything, it is mechanism that would be in place if there is a grievance. Councilman Sears stated his

opinion is the State already has this in place and the reason is to take politics out of the town and bring it to a different arena, it is a totally independent organization. Council President Bruno spoke of his concerns of trying to get a Board and how to qualify people. He doesn't feel the Township is geared to do this and it is a major undertaking to be on the Board to understand how it works. He stated the State has it, let them deal with it. Councilman Cascio stated you can take it off the agenda and you don't need to put it back on.

Codification – Council President Bruno stated Codification is due September. Administrator Groh stated the budget line item for codification is already through the amount budgeted and the extra fund that was set up was already dipped into, the amount was about \$1,000. Council will get it in June 30 reports. A conversation followed on getting comments to Mr. Poller via email. Mr. Poller spoke about the various departments he reached out to and who has responded. A conversation followed on having Department Heads or Directors sign off. Mr. Poller explained codification is not the time to make a whole set of changes, it is more organization and adjusting certain things.

Email Security, BCC's – Councilman Sears requested this be discussed in Closed Session.

Amend Parking at Fire Department Lot Ordinance – Councilman Sears stated there are 35 parking spaces available, and that includes the spaces that go around the back. Mr. Poller spoke at length of having a drawing which would give everyone a fair shot. The first 35 will get the parking permits, and the Clerk will continue picking making a Master List. Applications will be due the 3rd Tuesday of October, and the public drawing will be held the Monday before Thanksgiving. Payment will be due December 1, and if someone doesn't pay the fee or leaves town, the next person will get the permit. Overnight parking and weekend parking is not allowed. Permits are at a cost of \$200 per year and are non-transferable.

2017 Salary Ordinance – Mr. Poller referred to the personnel handbook which states all personnel matters must be discussed in Closed Session with the employee served a Rice notice. He stated the position can be discussed, but not the person. Councilman Calamari stated the position he would like to discuss is the Code Enforcement Official, adding more hours and perhaps more pay. Mr. Poller suggested discussing this in Closed Session, after serving a Rice notice to the employee. A conversation followed on the introduction of the Salary Ordinance, and holding a special meeting before the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m., which would need to be advertised. Councilman Bruno commented on not wanting anything to fall through the cracks with the Salary Ordinance. A conversation followed on Rice notices being a Council decision and being voted on by Council to serve an employee. Mr. Poller spoke of having the employee's rights preserved and the right of that person to receive a Rice notice.

A motion was made by Councilman Calamari, seconded by Councilman Sears, to serve a Rice notice the Code Enforcement Official.

Ayes: Councilman Calamari, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Councilman Cascio.

A motion was made by Council President Bruno, seconded by Councilman Ullman, to serve a Rice notice the Chief Financial Officer.

Ayes: Councilman Calamari, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Councilman Cascio.

School Parking Ordinance – Council will not be pursuing a blanket Ordinance due to resident's concerns. Councilman Ullman stated he would like to expand Councilman's Sears proposal, which would include Mountain to

Pascack, Lincoln all the way down to the Paramus border, which would make a big square/quadrant. The ordinance cannot be enforced until the signs are up. The street names will be emailed to Mr. Poller, copying Council and introduction will be at the next meeting.

Curb to curb paving – Mayor Sobkowicz stated she will reach out to Mr. Statile. She feels the definition of emergency can be a little tighter, she feels they should pave curb to curb if there are so many openings in a row and she would also like to discuss infrared.

Financials

Debt Analysis – Council President Bruno stated this is a lot of information and he suggested perhaps trying to have Ms. Morrone attend a meeting. Councilman Ullman stated he would like to know the goal of the debt service, and the most effective way to handle debt. He stated this is a question he will ask the CFO, along with BANS. Mayor Sobkowicz stated this is an important question since at this time short term BANS are much cheaper than long term debt. She stated herself and Council President Bruno saw Ms. Morrone the other day and it was a concern. Councilman Ullman stated the other question he has for Ms. Morrone is about the payment summary total interest. Councilman Calamari spoke of the Mayor and Council President Bruno meeting, and he feels the office of Council President does not entitle that person to a private meeting. He feels we are a body, the meetings should be opened up to every member of the Council and the main job of the Council President in our Code is to preside over meetings. Council President Bruno stated the Mayor does have the right to have a meeting with the Council President. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of having meeting with prior Council Presidents, including the current Council members who served as Council President in the past. Councilman Calamari requested during an election year it be refrained from as much as possible. Council President Bruno spoke of the debt analysis, which is very important. He was meeting with the Mayor, and CFO was there, it was not scheduled. He stated this is about moving this town forward, not who is running for Mayor. Mr. Poller explained that the Mayor may invite two Council members, not three to a meeting, he would have to do research if the Mayor can pick and choose who to invite. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of inviting Council members to various meetings. Council President Bruno stated Ms. Morrone provided a schedule regarding all debt, plus the DMF and firehouse. In the 2017 schedule, it is rolled out 10 years to 2027, without the Township consuming any debt, in 10 years there will be zero debt. A conversation followed on adding one million dollars to see what the impact would be on taxpayers.

Funded Unused Ordinances –Not completed as of yet.

Resolution No. 17-245

Closed Session, June 27, 2017

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 – **POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY, SECURITY/COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

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

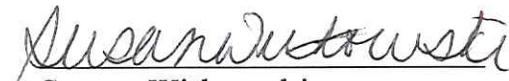
opened and an announcement will be made if the Township Council will be going into open session; and you may be present during such open session.

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

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

MOTION		SECOND		COUNCIL	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruno		Bruno	X	Bruno	X			
Calamari		Calamari		Calamari	X			
Cascio	X	Cascio		Cascio	X			
Sears		Sears	X	Sears	X			
Ullman		Ullman		Ullman	X			

Time Noted: 11:35 p.m.


 Susan Witkowski
 Township Clerk


 Robert Bruno
 Council President

Approved: October 16, 2017