

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC MEETING**

June 9, 2014

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Meeting in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Council President Thomas Sears with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steve Cascio, Thomas Sears. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney. Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator; Mr. Hrbek arrives at 7:45 pm; Peter Calamari, Absent.

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 Ridgewood News, 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.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz states the Shredding and E-Recycling Event held on Saturday, May 10 was a huge success. The next event will be held in September. Recycling pick up at the curb for the month of May 2014 surpassed May of 2013 by 21 tons. The revenue we receive from recycling helps pay for the program and the Township also receives a rebate from the State. The Township Memorial Day Parade was held on May 26. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the importance of Memorial Day which is to honor those who served and who are currently serving our country. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of a film which was produced by WCTV in which various veteran residents spoke about their experience in the war. Mayor Sobkowicz states this film preserves history and also educates the public on the sacrifices of these men. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is a very moving film and it ran on WCTV for over a week. Mayor Sobkowicz also would like to thank the members of the VFW Memorial Day Committee for a great job. Before the Memorial Day Parade at 9:00 am the Fire Department held a service honoring firefighters in our town who passed. Mayor Sobkowicz thanks the Fire Department for keeping that tradition alive. The Fire Department held its Annual Truck and Car Show at the high school. It was one of the best in years; there were over 220 vehicles there. Mayor Sobkowicz congratulates them on a great day. Election polling places changes for the primary and it worked out very well. Mayor Sobkowicz states the poll workers enjoyed having air conditioning in the building and the feedback was very positive. On May 31, 2014 Mayor Sobkowicz attend the first Girl Scout Powder Puff Derby. The Girl Scouts made cars for the derby and raced them on a tracked software program. Mayor Sobkowicz states medals were given to those with the best score and Mayor Sobkowicz judged the best design. Mayor Sobkowicz also attended a Girl Scout bridging ceremony in which five troops bridged to the next level. Mayor Sobkowicz states she was honored to be there and very proud of the scouting program in the Township. On June 1 Mayor Sobkowicz and Captain Hooper attended a ceremony in which two Township residents received their Eagle Scout awards. Our Lady of Good Counsel held its parish picnic this past Saturday at the swim club. Mayor Sobkowicz states the Planning Board met on May 28 and June 4 to approve four new businesses in the Town Center. In addition they are still working on the subdivision on Washington Avenue near the Parkway in which one house will be subdivided into two half acre lots. The Township engineer will be appointed at the June 30 meeting, the paperwork is being processed. The Municipal Alliance Committee sponsored a WISE (Wellness Initiative Senior Education) on May 29 at the Senior Center. Ninety people signed up and an additional speaker was needed. The Committee also purchased mini

flashlights and hats for the Junior Police Academy. The Police Department pledged its support for operation ABC (America Buckles up Children) and enforcement checkpoints for this program were set up. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the personnel changes that will be taking place in the Police Department. Mayor Sobkowicz also states that new officers were hired to continue to provide safety and security of this community. Mayor Sobkowicz states at this time we currently have one full time dispatcher and two part timers. Interviews were conducted and background checks are currently being done. Mayor Sobkowicz states that Randy Ciocoo became chief of the Township of Washington on October 12, 2014 and has had a 41 year journey in various positions in the Police Department. Mayor Sobkowicz states that this is as a result of his work ethic, intuitiveness and training. Mayor Sobkowicz further states that Chief Ciocoo has always been there for the Township and his retirement was officially on June 1. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the officers that received promotions within the Police Department. Mayor Sobkowicz further states it was very difficult to select officers for promotions when you have so many in the department that deserve of them. Sheriff Michael Saudino has a program which is called Chief for the Day and the Township is one of 20 towns that participate in this program. A child with a disability or health issued is invited to be Chief for the Day shadowing the Police Chief. The Township of Washington's Chief for the Day was Ben Waldinger. New administrator Michael Cavallo attended the Pascack Valley Shared Services meeting on June 5. Bids for the Pascack Valley Shared Services program are due on June 11 and the county bid is on July 1. Mr. Cavallo is also reviewing all the shared services that are available from Bergen County and has prepared some resolutions for the agenda this evening. Mayor Sobkowicz also spoke of PACO resolution (Public Agency Compliance Officer) which has been filled by Mr. Cavallo. Junior Police Academy for children between the ages of 10-14 will begin on June 24 to June 27 with graduation on June 27 at Westwood High School at 1:30 pm. On May 28 our Safety First Meeting was held. These monthly meeting help keep the Township with the JIF requirements. The DMF has gotten a new landscaper trailer which makes it easier to move equipment to sites and there is more to store equipment in the trailer. Bid specifications prepared by former administrator Steinel for purchasing gas and diesel fuel and organic waste were received on May 21. No bids for gas and diesel were received. The bids for Organic Waste will be reviewed and recommendations will be made. The Summer Recreation Program will begin and various options will be made, including before care and after care. The Recreation Department is working very hard to expand the program and implement a different supervisory structure. The Summer Recreation Program also has a Parent Advisory Group that is helping the program this year.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – No report this evening.

Mr. Hrbek – No report this evening.

Mr. Beckmeyer – Mr. Beckmeyer would like to welcome everyone to tonight's meeting. Mr. Beckmeyer would like to thank everyone that came out for the Memorial Day Parade. It is very important to honor and remember all those who lost their lives serving our country. Mr. Beckmeyer would also like to thank all those who participated in the Fireman's Memorial Service also held on Memorial Day to remember the fireman in our Township that we lost. Mr. Beckmeyer states it is very important that the Township community observes these types of services especially for the veterans who gave everything they had for our country.

Mr. Sears – Mr. Sears states the Knights of Columbus is having a food drive on Saturday, June 21. Residents can put donations on their porch and someone will come around to pick it up. Mr. Sears would like to thank Dina

Burke and members of the parade committee for the time and effort they put into the parade. The parade was exceptionally good and we are always looking for improvement. Mr. Sears states the Township will miss Chief Randy Ciocco and wishes him well. Mr. Sears spoke of the VFW Hall, which is something very dear to him and where the Township is with that. Mr. Sears feels that these veterans deserve a lot more than what is being given to them. Mr. Sears feels that listening to the news tonight with regard to the VFW hospital fiasco, what these men have gone through, he is really angry and disappointed that this VFW Hall is going nowhere. Mr. Sears states with the assistance of Councilman Calamari, they did some investigation and made a number of phone calls. Mr. Sears states that the group Habitat for Humanity has not given up on the Township and is waiting for us to sit down and talk with them. Mr. Sears states what they have proposed for the site is amazing. Habitat for Humanity has also so far invested in this town engineering and their time and efforts. Mr. Sears states the proposals they have will fit perfectly for the veterans of this Township. Habitat for Humanity has also given Mr. Sears two sites for him to go visit with Councilman Calamari. Mr. Sears states that Habitat for Humanity will not only fund the project, but will also come and clean the properties up and around the VFW. Mr. Sears states this is a long time coming and he personally believes the veterans need it. Mr. Sears is very impressed with this group. Mr. Sears has invited Habitat for Humanity to come to the next council meeting on June 30th so each council member can have a clear picture of what they are offering the Township. Mr. Sears would love to see the support from this community for our veterans. Mr. Sears, he himself is a veteran and has seen personally what goes on in these hospitals. This community needs something to bring it together and Mr. Sears knows that there are many people who are willing to step up. Habitat for Humanity will be at our next council meeting and Mr. Sears would like all council members to attend and listen. This is an opportunity for the Township to move forward with this project.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to open the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of the budget, in particular the VFW, sheet 40B, sheet 40C, the \$600,000 rehabilitation to be funded for the VFW. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of resolutions passed in March of 2010 and April 5, 2014 condemning the VFW and further states every councilman that signed that resolution should be ashamed of themselves. Mrs. D'Ambra feels the Veterans went to Korea to serve our country and are now getting the shaft from this town and the government. Mrs. D'Ambra states that the Township took the property by eminent domain and scared the war veterans into selling the property. Mrs. D'Ambra also spoke of the selling of the VFW to the Korean Church and that those monies would have been donated to the soldier's home in Paramus. Mrs. D'Ambra read the New Jersey State Law under which Houses of Worship are protected. Mrs. D'Ambra states that Veterans of War should not march in any town parade after the shaft they received from this town. Mrs. D'Ambra feels that the \$600,000 would be better spent in fixing the DPW building which is falling apart.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder would like council to consider a ten minute rule, five minutes for the resident to ask the question and five minutes for council to respond to the questions. Mr. Snyder agrees with Mrs. D'Ambra and hopes that the council invites the veterans of this town

to come to the meeting when Habitat for Humanity is present. Mr. Snyder would also ask council to reconsider televising the meetings so residents such as the Veterans can see meeting on the television. Mr. Snyder spoke of the Vietnamese restaurant opening up in Town Center and there are still 9 empty stores there. Mr. Snyder states resale values need to grow in this Township and the mall needs to be filled. Mr. Snyder states that there is a sign on the gas station on the corner put up by an engineer. Mayor Sobkowicz states that sign needs to come down. With regard to the BP gas station the tank work is being done and afterwards the sidewalk will be repaired. Mr. Snyder asks to please reconsider the ten minute rule and the televising of meetings.

Agnes Smith, 646 Valley Court – Mrs. Smith would like to welcome the new administrator. Mrs. Smith states as a 23 year former administrator of this town, this is a serious job. Mrs. Smith read from the book the Township of Washington executive branch the job responsibilities of an Administrator. Mrs. Smith states she personally will be calling the new administrator due to the fact that she is getting calls at home stating things are ludicrous at town hall. Mrs. Smith states this is a good and well established town.

Bill Thomson, 560 Hoover Avenue – Mr. Thomson asked question with regard to the five minute rule, if it includes the answer of the person responding. Mr. Poller explained the five minute rule and that particular rule has been in place for quite some time. Mr. Thomson states the VFW will be having a meeting this Wednesday night. Mr. Thomson will inform the members at that time that Habitat for Humanity will be at the June 30th meeting and members are invited to attend. Mr. Thomson spoke of the Memorial Day Parade and that there was a meeting upstairs while there was this meeting going on last week, with regard to how the parade was conducted this year. Mr. Thomson hopes the council takes into consideration some of the suggestions that were discussed at that meeting. Mr. Thomson would like to know how much overtime was paid to the Police Department. Mayor Sobkowicz states as soon as she receives the report, she will let Mr. Thomson know.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment thanked Mr. Sears for his concern with regard to the VFW. Mrs. Ozment states that she visited Memorial Field recently and the football field is a disaster. There was a discussion with regard to the selling of two police vehicles and the salt and brine truck were not bid on. Mayor Sobkowicz states they will be going out to bid again. Mrs. Ozment states that the sidewalk in front of Town Hall is a disaster. Mr. Sears states the front and back areas of Town Hall have already been discussed with the administrator. Mrs. Ozment states that the Township is need of a Recreation and Finance director. Mrs. Ozment would like Mr. Sears to come up with names of some people within the community that can be appointed. Mrs. Ozment would like to know why the new administrator was appointed for a four year term when the previous administrator was not appointed for a four year term in January. Mr. Sears states that the administration would have the answer to that question. Mrs. Ozment states how very upsetting it was with regard to how things were handled last week. Mrs. Ozment feels the public has a right to speak, ask questions and be heard. Mrs. Ozment states that Mr. Sears spoke passionately with regard to the lawsuit. Mr. Sears states that was the only lawsuit he was familiar with. Mrs. Ozment states that this Township has had quite a few lawsuits that it has paid money out during the course of the years.

Sandy Phillips, 321 Hudson Avenue – Ms. Phillips did request through OPRA employment application and documentation for Mr. Cavallo. Ms. Phillips did receive a cover letter and resume. Ms. Phillips was informed that there are no reference verifications and no certifications. Ms. Phillips states that this is a very important job in the Township and Mr. Cavallo has no experience other than purchasing. Ms. Phillips understands that the Mayor made the choice and Ms. Phillips is going to have to trust the choice the Mayor has made. Ms. Phillips understands the pickings were slim, but she is appalled at the choice,

no offense to Mr. Cavallo, and feels it is an injustice to the citizens of this town to pay this kind of money.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso spoke of the fact at the last Special Budget meeting a Mr. Sears allowed Mr. Hrbek to question someone with regard to the budget from the audience. Mayor Sobkowicz states that it was Judy Curran and she is our Acting CFO. Mr. D'Urso feels that this person was not properly introduced. Mr. Sears states it was his oversight and he apologizes. Mr. D'Urso states that the former clerk told him who this person was. There was a lengthy discussion if Ms. Curran had any interaction with the council while the budget was being prepared. Mayor Sobkowicz states she and the administrator prepared the budget. Mr. D'Urso spoke of the administrator having a four year guaranteed term. Mr. D'Urso feels that council should speak up. Mr. Sears states that those councilmen do speak up, challenge and have opinions on issues that do come up. Mr. D'Urso asks if the Township is considering paying the fees for the Veterans that they pay to the Knights of Columbus due to the fact that the veterans were removed from their house. There was a conversation with regard to the vote on eminent domain. Mr. D'Urso would like to thank Councilman Calamari for answering the email Mr. D'Urso sent with regard to the agenda not being posted on Saturday. Mr. D'Urso spoke of the project that will be going on in Paramus with the Garden State Parkway. Mr. D'Urso feels it will cause more traffic at Exit 168. Mr. D'Urso states in the past the Turnpike Authority suggested a traffic light, the light can blink during and during prime time turn steady. Mr. D'Urso feels making that left turn is extremely dangerous and would like council to consider going back to the Turnpike Authority to see if that offer is still on the table.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman would like to know when a Township engineer will be appointed. Mayor Sobkowicz states June 30th. Mr. Ullman asks if the Township has a planner. Mayor Sobkowicz states no, we do not. Mr. Ullman spoke of the various items that are under the Priority Agenda, and the fact that there is no engineer or planner. Mr. Ullman would like to know who came up with these major expenditures. There was a lengthy discussion with regard to the expenditures which were talked about at council meetings, estimates that were given and by whom. Mr. Ullman appreciates all the expertise on the table, but feels it would be a benefit to have expertise guidance on these issues before the Township starts to write large and substantial checks. Mayor Sobkowicz answered a question Mr. Ullman had with regard to terminal leave sick days, and Mayor Sobkowicz states that the Road Department does receive terminal leave.

Julie Lipkin 184 Finnerty Place – Ms. Lipkin asks what was the status of the shopping center and the debris. Mayor Sobkowicz states that she did explain the situation to Mr. Cavallo and the former administrator did write letters and it was supposed to be taken care of this spring. Ms. Lipkin would like to know how long before you send them some sort of summons and pull them into Court. Ms. Lipkin feels that nobody really cares and can't believe someone can't order them to pick up the debris.

Beatrice Napier, 325 Hudson Avenue – Ms. Napier asks what is the large landscape truck for. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is to transport landscape items to the site on one vehicle. Ms. Napier asks if where it is located now is its permanent location. Mayor Sobkowicz replied, no that will not be the vehicle's permanent location.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the Zoning Board variance with regard to the VFW. Mayor Sobkowicz also states she herself and

the former administrator met with Habitat for Humanity several times and one of the ideas pursued was to turn the building into four apartments or condominiums to be rented or sold to Veterans. Meetings could be held right in the building in the meeting room. Mayor Sobkowicz explained the function of Habitat for Humanity. Mayor Sobkowicz also spoke of the Mr. Cavallo's qualifications and his experience of working with an administrator. Mayor Sobkowicz also states that Mr. Cavallo is currently taking classes to become certified in Public Works. Mayor Sobkowicz also states with regard to the terms of Mr. Cavallo's employment, the council actually put the term ending 2014. Mayor Sobkowicz states that Mr. Cavallo has been at the Township a few days and has already accomplished a lot. Mayor Sobkowicz also states in the Faulkner plan of government the administrator's main duty is purchasing and Mr. Cavallo has extensive purchasing experience. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the Garden State Parkway Exit 168 that putting a light there will only help the traffic going north. Mayor Sobkowicz states she has already instructed Lieutenant Hackbarth when he goes to a county meeting to see if the Township could get a temporary light on Exit 171 at Woodcliff Lake and remove the no left hand turn restriction while the construction is ongoing.

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio states point of order. The Mayor should not be responding. This is a council meeting.

ORDINANCE # 14-06

The Clerk read Ordinance #14-06 entitled: CALENDAR YEAR 2014 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to introduce and pass Ordinance # 14-06 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution #14-100** was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance #14-06 entitled: CALENDAR YEAR 2014 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to open the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra asks what does the 2% CAP mean. Mayor Sobkowicz states we didn't go the 2% so the Township is allowed to bank the difference for another time. Mayor Sobkowicz explained it as having \$10.00 spending only \$2.00 and banking the \$8.00 for another time.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asks if this ordinance is being passed so revenue can be raised in excess of what we need. Mr. Hrbek gave a lengthy explanation of the 2% CAP, stating if the Township does not increase the full 2%, you can bank the difference for a period of time. Mr. Hrbek states if something happens in the future and the budget needs to be increased above the 2%, because we have the extra ½ %, it allows you to bank it. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to Ordinance # 14-06. Mr. Hrbek states the ½% is a figurative number.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder what happens after November 1, what calendar year does this apply to. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is a figurative bank, we would be able to raise that in the next budget, and it is

set up as a reserve. Mr. Hrbek states the budget is increased, and the full cap is 2%. Mr. Hrbek states we are just stating take note; we didn't go the full percent, stayed under by ½%. Mr. Hrbek further states it is it is not money in the bank, we have an extra ½% percent available if something comes up those forces the budget to increase out above the 2%. Mr. Snyder asks what is the time period. Mr. Hrbek believes it is two or three years, but he is not sure.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso thanks Mr. Hrbek for his answering the question very well. Mr. D'Urso states that last week the CFO was here, and Mr. D'Urso believes she should have been present for this meeting. Mayor Sobkowicz states that the CFO did ask the Mayor if she needed to be present at the meeting tonight.

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

Ayes: Councilperson Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

A motion was made Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to pass Ordinance #14-06 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item # 4 was removed from the Consent Agenda.

There was a discussion with regard to Cooperative Pricing System. Mr. Cavallo states each Co-op does produce a list of their services.

Mr. Beckmeyer would note on the Engineering Refund for 1267 Washington Place the application is withdrawn. Mr. Beckmeyer would like the administration to notify the resident if they decide to start again, they would have to start a new application.

The following resolutions were part of the Consent Agenda and were made available to the Governing Body and the Public prior to the meeting.

The Consent Agenda was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

RESOLUTION #14-101

2014 Temporary Appropriation

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to providing sufficient money for the payment as stated below and no adequate provision has been made in the 2014 Temporary Appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total temporary budget resolution adopted in the year 2014 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$6,578,392.21 exclusive of debt service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A: 4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriations be and the same is hereby made for the following:

Dept. of Finance	
O/E Payroll Services	\$ 3,000.00
Police Dept. Rental Pistol Range	\$ 4,000.00
Acquisition Police Vehicle	\$ 32,000.00
Stat Expenditures	
Social Security	\$ 40,000.00
Maint Free Library	\$100,000.00
Dept. of Municipal Facilities	
Salary & Wages	\$200,000.00
Township Clerk/Salary & Wages	\$ 15,000.00
Dept. of Administration	
Salary & Wages	\$ 25,000.00
Dept. of Law Salary & Wages	\$ 15,000.00
Board of Health Salary & Wages	\$ 15,000.00
Joint Health Services/Contractual	\$ 4,732.00
Police Dept. Salary & Wages	\$500,000.00
Planning Board Salary & Wages	\$ 3,000.00
Board of Adjustment Salary & Wages	\$ 3,000.00
Township Council/Salary & Wages	\$ 7,400.00
Mayor Salary & Wages	\$ 2,400.00
Municipal Court Salary & Wages	\$ 20,000.00
Dept. of Finance/Tax Assessor	
Salary & Wages	\$ 10,000.00
Fire Dept. Other Expense	
Vehicle & Equipment Parts	\$ 1,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Service.

RESOLUTION # 14-102

Engineering Escrow Hanson

WHEREAS, James and Donna Hanson posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 2206, Lot 10, 11 Lindenwood Court; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated June 4, 2014, C.O. No. 11-402,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated June 2, 2014,

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 \$321.00 to the above.

RESOLUTION # 14-103

Engineering Escrow Puccio Construction & Management

WHEREAS, Puccio Construction & Mgt. LLC posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 4306, Lot 31, 364 Fern Street; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated May 22, 2014, C.O. Nos. 13-656 and 13-656A,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated May 21, 2014,

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 \$216.00 to the above.

RESOLUTION # 14-104

Engineering Escrow Parvez

WHEREAS, Mubashar and Uzma Parvez posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 1202, Lot 1, 1267 Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Mr. & Mrs. Parvez wish to withdraw their application and are requesting a refund of the balance of their escrow account as per their letter which is attached,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer,

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 \$755.00 to the above.

RESOLUTION # 14-105

Planning Board Escrow M&M Supplies

WHEREAS, M&M Supplies posted planning board escrow on premises known as Block 2209, Lot 6.02, 752 White Birch Road; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated May 27, 2014, C.O. No. 08-447,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated January 13, 2014,

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 \$980.00 to the above.

RESOLUTION # 14-106

Liquor License Renewals

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the following **Plenary Retail Consumption License** renewals for one year, effective July 1, 2014 be and are hereby approved:

#0266-33-005-004

License Name: TJG Inc.
Trade Name: Seasons Catering

#0266-33-004-010

License Name: Island Way Inc.
Trade Name: Bacari Grill

#0266-33-001-006

License Name: CB Washington Twsp LLC
Trade Name: Charlie Browns Steakhouse

#0266-33-003-008

License Name: Amy LLC
Trade Name: Dog House Saloon & Grill

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **Plenary Retail Distribution License** renewal for one year, effective July 1, 2014 be and are hereby approved:

#0266-44-006-008

License Name: Township Liquors Inc.
Trade Name: Township Liquors

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **Club License** renewal for one year, effective July 1, 2014 be and are hereby approved:

#0266-31-008-001

License Name: Washington Township Columbian Club Inc.

Trade Name: Washington Twp Columbian Club

#0266-31-009-001

License Name: Washington Township Recreation Club

Trade Name: Washington Township Recreation Club Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Acting Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to sign and deliver the respective licensing certificates on behalf of the Township of Washington.

RESOLUTION #14-107

Public Agency Compliance Officer

WHEREAS, *N.J.A.C.17:27* requires a municipality to designate an officer or employee to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Administration that the Business Administrator shall serve as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.A.C.17:27* the Business Administrator is hereby designated as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Township Clerk shall notify the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Purchasing and Property, Contract Compliance Audit Unit, EEO Monitoring Program of this designation.

RESOLUTION #14-108

Middlesex Regional Educational Services

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), desires to become a member of the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System (#65-MCESCCPS), effective June 9, 2014.

NOW THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an Agreement with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission to join the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System (#65MCESCCPS); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution and the fully executed Agreement be forwarded to the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, after passage of this Resolution by the governing body.

RESOLUTION # 14-109

Somerset County Cooperative Pricing Agreement

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), desires to become a member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System (#2-SOCCP), effective June 9, 2014.

NOW THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor

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is hereby authorized to sign an Agreement with the County of Somerset to join the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System (#2-SOCCP); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution and the fully executed Agreement be forwarded to the County of Somerset after passage of this Resolution by the governing body.

Elaine Erlewein, Acting Township Clerk

Thomas Sears, Council President

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
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CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC MEETING

June 9, 2014

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

PRIORITY

Oversized Vehicles – Mr. Sears states that he himself and Glenn received complaints with regard to commercial vehicles and recreation vehicles in private driveways. Mr. Sears states one was a commercial vehicle and one was an RV. There was a discussion with regard to the commercial ordinance, what is allowed and the current ordinance does allow RV's and boats. Dr. Cascio states there is a level of enforcement with regard to the weight and permit. There was a discussion on whether it was a formal complaint and that the complainant was told to go the Police Department. Mr. Sears states supposedly this vehicle was hanging out to the sidewalk and caused a dangerous situation. Mr. Poller will check the ordinance with regard to the overlapping of vehicles onto sidewalks.

Paving of Firehouse Parking Lot & Commuter Parking Lot – Mr. Sears states that Mr. Beckmeyer and himself did go down to look at the parking lot and the firehouse. Mr. Beckmeyer states he is really concerned about the commuter area parking lot and the public using the Park and Ride. Mr. Beckmeyer states there are major faults in the pavement and safety issues. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of the extra bay, improving the sidewalk and the drainage. Mr. Beckmeyer further states if anything needs to be done to the firehouse bay area's there is still a little area on the left to store vehicles. Mr. Beckmeyer states that he is willing to meet with the engineer. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of his findings with regard to the drainage, curbing and the passenger walkway not blending with the apron area. There was a lengthy conversation with regard to the apron of the firehouse, drainage issues from the roof and parking lot drainage. Mr. Beckmeyer states it is a public facility and it needs to be safe.

Firehouse Bay Floor (Collapsing) – Mr. Beckmeyer states he did look at the area. There was a discussion with regard to the firehouse bay floors that were added in the 1950's. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke at length with regard to the method that was used, what was put underneath the flooring and the apron in front. There was also discussion with regard to redoing the firehouse bays, that any equipment could be staged to the left. Mr. Beckmeyer states the original two bays are in good condition. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of the drainage from the roof, the water flowing down the apron and freezing up at night causing an issue. Mr. Beckmeyer states the apron would need to be taken up, re do the piping and basin underneath at the ends to alleviate the drainage. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to doing only two of the bays and that elevation numbers are needed. A time frame was spoken about. Mr. Cavallo states he will speak to Councilman Beckmeyer to set up an appointment. Mr. Sears would like an update so the public can be informed.

Future Plans DPW Building – Mr. Sears asks what the status with regard to a planner is. Mayor Sobkowicz states that several planners were

interviewed last year and none were selected. Mr. Hrbek states the longevity of the vehicles has diminished due to the exposures of the outside elements. Mr. Hrbek further continued this is costing taxpayers and residents money and should be a priority. There was a discussion with regard to a planner to provide input as far as the location of the building. Mr. Hrbek states the longevity of the vehicles has diminished due to the exposure of the outside elements. Mr. Hrbek continues this is costing taxpayers money and this should be a priority. Mayor Sobkowicz states this discussion has been going on for years and it needs to be addressed now. Dr. Cascio states money has

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been appropriated for doing studies at the building. Dr. Cascio states every year DPW wants money for trucks, these vehicles need to be sheltered and this should be a priority. Mr. Beckmeyer states a layout needs to be done of exactly how much space is needed for an office, equipment, storage and garage. Mr. Beckmeyer states an architect needs to come out with a report. Mr. Cavallo states the Township needs to submit a proposal from an engineer and in turn we would be given recommendations of what can be done with the site. Mr. Beckmeyer would like an approval to start the proposals. Mr. Sears would also like to do that and Mr. Sears also would like weekly updates on this project so the public can be informed. There was a lengthy discussion with regard to the road work that needs to be done, grants that were received for Colonial Boulevard. Mr. Cavallo states if work needs to be done with the firehouse parking lot, it would be the same line item as Colonial Boulevard, but separate funding. Mr. Beckmeyer states one bid, but separate it out. There was a lengthy discussion with regard to the road work and an engineer being hired to assess the roads and give an evaluation. Mr. Hrbek states we need to think about the next phase. Mr. Hrbek would like the mayor to appoint an engineer and we can move forward. Council is in agreement to move forward for an engineer to evaluate the roads.

Memorial Field – Mr. Beckmeyer feels this is something that needs to be brought up. Mr. Beckmeyer states that it has been since 2000 that the Township has been trying to re do the field once every year or three years. Mr. Beckmeyer states Memorial Field is a wreck and it is time to do the fiscally responsible thing and put turf down and end the practice of throwing money away. Mr. Beckmeyer analyzed the past expenses and if it done right there will be more use of the field. Mr. Hrbek agrees that we should move forward. Mr. Hrbek thought after football season the field was going to be re-sodded to buy us time but instead seeds were put down and Lacrosse started. Mr. Hrbek feels that nothing goes by plan and the ball was dropped. Mr. Hrbek states we have other priorities at this time, the firehouse, road and DMF building. Dr. Cascio agrees with Mr. Hrbek, there are other priorities in the Township. Dr. Cascio states apparently we have five million dollars in surplus, so if it cost 2.8 million and we are willing to do it take it out. Dr. Cascio does not want to bond for 15 years if the money is sitting in an account. Mr. Beckmeyer states he understands there are priorities. Mr. Beckmeyer states instead of spending money this way spend it the right way and put energy into different things. Mr. Hrbek respects Mr. Beckmeyer's opinion, but feels the DMF equipment being outdoors shortens the lifespan of the equipment. Mayor Sobkowicz states a lot of money is spent on Memorial Field to keep it in shape. Mayor Sobkowicz states it costs over \$100,000 per season to keep that field going. Mayor Sobkowicz further states that the same amount of money can be taken and spread over the years, there would be no maintenance and we can focus on other things. Mr. Sears is looking for what is needed for the community and he is also looking for something that the community can be proud of and a much safer environment for our children. There was a lengthy discussion with regard

to the five million dollars and the interest that money generates replenishes our surplus. Mr. Hrbek states it is like a trust fund and we need to budget very carefully. Mr. Hrbek further states it is not an account of five million dollars cash and he is not in favor of depleting it. Mayor Sobkowicz states it was \$160,000 for the sod and every day upkeep; it is a lot of money. There was a lengthy discussion of sodding the field at the end of football season, and it was just seeded. Mr. Hrbek states this is the first time in five years that we have a consensus to move forward with these projects. Mr. Beckmeyer states it is a good thing and Mr. Beckmeyer would like to keep on moving forward. Mr. Sears states we have commitments, positive energy and would like to keep moving forward. Mr. Sears would like to get a clear understanding on the projects. Mr. Sears states when we meet with the engineers we will have figures and at that time should know our exposure. There was a discussion with regard to the turf field and what the total price and exposure would be. Mr. Sears would like to hold the field over until he speaks with Mr. Calamari.

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to go into Closed Session.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

Elaine Erlewein, Acting Township Clerk

Thomas Sears, Council President