

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

March 21, 2016

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Council President Michael Ullman with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Robert Bruno, Peter Calamari, Steve Cascio, Thomas Sears, Michael Ullman. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Mary Anne Groh, Administrator; Lou Lamatina Substitute Attorney.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act this meeting was listed in the Township Council Annual Meeting List which was published in The Bergen Record, forwarded to the local newspapers, posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

Mr. Ullman – Mr. Ullman stated the first order of business is a presentation of a plaque for service to the Township. He stated there were three individuals we had hoped to recognize this evening, Mrs. Millie Lombardi, Mr. John Horn and Mr. Glenn Beckmeyer. He stated Mr. Horn and Mr. Beckmeyer are not present this evening, but Mrs. Lombardi is present.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz stated Millie Lombardi had been an employee of the Township for 34 years. She stated that residents in the Township always stated they “went to the lady with the nice smile” when they came into town hall. She stated Millie was always very pleasant to everyone, did all of her research, collected taxes for us and did all of the work at the assessor’s office. She stated Millie and her husband Al supported all of the Township events. She stated on Millie’s last day the employees did take Millie out to eat, we had a great time and did reminisce. She stated she hopes Millie is enjoying her retirement.

(Mayor Sobkowicz along with Council President Ullman presented the plaque to Millie Lombardi.)

Mr. Ray Damiano – Mr. Damiano stated working with Millie for all the years was an absolute joy, she was fabulous to all of the residents that came in no matter how much they complained. He stated Millie made his job so much easier and he thanked her for that.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to approve the February 22, 2016 Public & Conference Minutes.

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

Nays: None.

Mr. Ullman – Mr. Ullman stated the Mayor has asked for some time this evening to give some timely updates since we did not have the Mayor’s updates at the last meeting.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz stated the detour on Pascack Road this morning was due to a driver hitting a utility pole, which took some time to replace. The Township has hired three new employees, one full time DMF operator, Tim Reilly, a part time secretary in the Tax Assessor’s office and one part time employee in zoning/planning. The hours of the zoning/planning office have been changed to 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our Shredding and E-Recycling Event was held on Saturday, March 19th from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. and it was non-stop. She thanked Waste Management for the employees and service they provided. She stated even though it has been the second warmest winter on record, the DMF was very busy with the 30 inch blizzard as well as several small ice events. She stated with the retirement of John Horn, we did hire a full time employee (Tim Reilly) who has a CDL license as well as plowing experience. A new dump truck did arrive and it is currently being reviewed to be in compliance with the specs, the department did try it out the other day. The members of the Road Department completed training for blood borne pathogen, attended JIF safety classes along with classes on sanitation, recycling and personal protection equipment. On March 11th the DMF staff aerated, seeded and fertilized Memorial Field, along with doing some Spring clean-up of cutting back brush and trimming trees. She stated the Council did approve an amount for inspection of the well to see what is wrong with it. The DMF staff also did clean-up of storm drains and cleaning of the equipment of salt. Residents will be receiving the Debris Flyer by the end of the week, with the program beginning April 4th. She stated the Administrator and herself did work on the flyer to make it more user friendly. She stated she has been advised by Chief Hooper and Captain Hackbarth of the Police Department that as of April 1st that the system currently in place to determine bail is changing, municipal judges will no longer be setting the bail, the new procedure involves a rating system that the Township officers have to go through to determine if the defendant has a rating requiring bail. If the person does, he or she must be transported to Bergen County jail where the bail will be set by a Bergen County judge. From September 2015 until March 2016, we had 16 instances where this would have gone to the county. This means a lot more work for the Township and also a lot more overtime, because if those people get assigned to the County Court, our officers would have to go to the county to testify. She stated the Chief and the Captain anticipate with the new bail system and the first appearance on criminal charges it will cost additional overtime. Officer Ferrarini completed his certification as a Child Passenger Safety Technician so he can install child restraint seats, and Officer Montalbano and Captain Hackbarth are also certified. Sergeant Glock completed courses in accident reconstruction, he needs one more class to be certified. She stated we recently dealt with parking on Horizon Court and at this time have a similar situation occurring on streets where students from the high school park, those streets being Woodfield, Colonial, Sussex, Eaton and President and we will need to deal with that situation. Six people have passed the CERT classes, two of them went to work at North Arlington this weekend on 5K run. They will be working at the Relay for Life which will be held on May 14th and 15th at Westwood Regional High School, the Memorial Day Parade and the High School graduation. On Sunday, March 20th the Fire Department held their Annual Pancake Breakfast and on Saturday, March 26th they will hold the egg hunt at Memorial Field at 10:00 a.m. The Fire Department has participated in training in the last few weeks, one drill was held on March 15th and was coordinated by Nicholas Schroeder of PSE&G, the drill included electrical wires burning on telephone poles, furnaces, carbon monoxide and run-a-way boilers. The drill also included the danger of solar panels during a fire, because they are hard to den energize. One hundred firemen from the Pascack Valley area and Paramus Company Number 1 attend this drill. She thanked PSE&G for conducting the drill. The owner of LifeSavers, Bob Stickle, trained members of the Fire Department on CPR and defibrillator, also a certified driving instructor will be presenting information on proper procedures for responding to fires in a truck as well as to the firehouse. On April 10th the Fire Department will be honoring Bobby Thompson who is a 60 year volunteer firemen. Vic Fadini, our insurance consultant with JIF arranged for a safety seminar for the Road Department, and for the sixth year in a row the Township has received JIF award, this year the Township will be receiving a bronze award along with a \$1000 check. She stated she has been approached by a group of residents who wanted to make sure that the Township is involved in the collaborative campaign against the stigma of mental illness with the Stigma Free Zone, and

the Township will be implementing the tool kit. She would like to thank the council for approving the resolution and the Township will also be having a health fair. The Ambulance Corps is looking for new members, so if you know if anyone please help recruit them. The Township is again participating in the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. The Township received the grant for 100 seedlings and will be distributing them on Saturday, April 23rd, you can pick up the seedling at the Road Department any time from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will be having their honorees dinner on Saturday, April 23rd where they will be honoring Paul Imbarrato, Ken Kaphammer, Kathy Russo and John Valerio. If you see anyone of those individuals in the Township, please thank them for their volunteerism. At the Pascack Valley Mayors meeting the focus this month was on the large corporations that are leaving the towns, such as Woodcliff Lake, Montvale, Park Ridge and so on. She stated one of the Mayors at the meeting indicated that in tax appeals from those corporations they are asking for 1.9 million back, they have 9100 residents as we do and something of that nature would be devastating to the Township. In February of 2016 the Township recycled 21 more tons than last February, giving the Township \$700 more in revenue. At the Westwood School strategic planning meeting more than 100 people attended the first meeting, they are working on elected courses and things like that to put into the budget. She spoke of an article in the paper which speaks of the 2% property tax cap getting weaker in Bergen County. The article noted that Township of Washington's increase was 2.5%, but that 2.5% includes the county, the school and the Township. In the last few year the Township's increase at the municipal level, such as last year's was .09%. She wants to everyone to know that the article includes all three entities. She stated this year the county taxes are up by 4.4% and that does skew the results. This year the administrator and she recommended a decrease in municipal taxes, but we did keep in their some of the requests of the departments based on their needs. The Council did make additional cuts to further decrease the taxes, which will be introduced later. She stated on a home valued at \$464,000 taxes will be reduced by \$70.00 to \$72.00. Through the cooperative efforts of everyone working together the budget is being introduced and that is to spite a decrease in assessed values. The Capital Budget includes over \$900,000 for road improvements, and upon recommendation of the administration the council agreed that we can participate again in the Pascack Valley Coop. She stated we did spend about 25 hours at budget meetings, but the administrator spent at least triple that time on the budget, to get new prices, provide spreadsheets and do refiguring every time we met. She stated we are in the process of negotiating a shared service with Hillsdale to have a mechanic certified for fire trucks and also their a new facility in Paramus that is run by the County. A physical inventory of the Township assets will begin on March 23rd. She thanked the administrator for not only her work on the budget, which was very consuming, but she was also able to work on the CERT Team, she attended all the Pascack Valley administrator meetings, and JIF meetings.

Mr. Ullman – Mr. Ullman stated the Council Report will be given at the next meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

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

Nays: None.

Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth thanked Millie for being a great help to him when he was getting his tax appeal, and without her help he would not have been successful.

George Stafford, 16 Kitchell Avenue, Wharton, New Jersey – Mr. Stafford stated he is the Outreach Director of the New Jersey Highlands Coalition. He

is here asking the Township to consider a resolution to support the 2004 Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act. He spoke at length with regard to what has been occurring in the past few years with the master plan for the Highlands Act. He stated we are trying to get communities to support the Act as it is. He stated there are almost 300 towns in the State of New Jersey that receive some or all of their water from the highlands. He stated this community gets 62 million gallons of water from the highland sources which amounts to 13% of the total potable water. He spoke of attempts to change the flood hazard standards and what that does with regard to water supply. He also spoke of the changing of the nitrate dissolution standards and what that means. He stated water is a big problem along with there being lead in the water due to the fact that more chemicals are being used to clean the water. He stated over 100 communities have passed this resolution in the State of New Jersey. He stated he is here asking for this council to consider this resolution and does have a copy of the resolution for council for the clerk to distribute.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra read from the Bill of Rights. She stated our town government has failed the taxpayer, much of the focus is either on the baseball committee or the recreation department. She spoke at length of the field at Clark Field being locked, and that she did show photos of the field locked with chains in August of 2015. She stated she did speak to the administrator about the locks still being on the field. She stated she was at the field this morning, the locks are on the gates but the gate is open. She spoke of people who are voted into public office honoring their commitments. She stated the special interest groups in the Township of Washington get what they want. She stated this administration has created a genocide and the residents are not getting what they should be getting. She stated the gates have to be opened permanently and this should be looked into. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the gates are not locked and they haven't been locked for a while. Administrator Groh stated she did contact baseball and the issue is people are using the field as a dog park. Once she determined that there is an ordinance prohibiting dogs from running at large unleashed, signs are being made at this time and she has instructed the DMF to post those signs. She stated they have been instructed that they cannot lock the gates. Police will be patrolling the area for people that are violating the ordinance. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of the park not being for dogs but for the enjoyment of residents. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the signs should be up in a day or two. Mr. Ullman asked if the gates at Clark and Sherry fields are unlocked. Administrator Groh replied they have been told they are not allowed to lock the gates, their concerns are about maintaining the field. She spoke at length of the Green Acres standards.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Mrs. Lipnick spoke of the problems she encountered several years ago with vehicles using the tiny walkway from Finnerty Place into the shopping center. She stated that signs are up indicating no through traffic, pedestrian walkway, but the vehicles are back. She spoke of an incident that occurred while she was unloading her vehicle at 8:15 in the evening with a vehicle coming up the berm and other incidents she has observed in the past. She is asking if someone can contact the managing agent of the shopping center as well as the new owner, since it is her understanding he is going to renovate the parking lot. She asking that maybe arborvitaes, extending the fence line or flower pots be put on that berm to prevent vehicles from using it as a driveway. She spoke of an incident on Meisten where three vehicles crossed the double yellow line in which she did contact the police desk. She was informed by the police desk it is an ongoing problem and they cannot catch everyone. She also applauded a Letter to the Editor in Community Life in which a gentleman wrote of the opening of the GSP exit and the reconstruction.

William Ferrara, 2556 Cleveland Avenue – Mr. Ferrara stated he lives directly across from Clark Field and there is a sign that states "Keep your dogs on a Leash" and it has been there for years. He stated the gates have been open ever since the complaint in August and people do run their dogs in the outfield. He stated it is assumed that baseball controls the field, but they only

use the field in the Spring, they do not use it in the Fall or Winter. He spoke at length of parking problems which will be encountered during Opening Day on April 23rd and hopes a police officer will be there to monitor the traffic situation. He stated that he has in the past suggested that Opening Day be held at Sherry Field. He stated he did look at the budget but he did not see how much is collected from residents and non-residents who play sports. He also questioned the need of the CAP ordinance.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura asked Mr. Lamatina, the Mayor of Emerson, to please not do any major construction during the summer since she does have a seasonal business. She stated she does have the article that the Mayor alluded to with regard to the property tax cap. She read from the article with regard to the tax cap, the trend of growing pressure and the need to share services. She stated the number one priority is to get rid of this home rule. She stated an easy solution would be for the governor to come in and give a five year plan for municipalities to share services or else the state aid will be stopped to the town. She stated the article states local governments need to start sharing services and find more ways to do that in order to save money in the future. She stated Washington Township is mentioned in this article as well as Teterboro who saved millions once they shared their services when it came to the police department. She stated Mr. Sears said at the March 7th council meeting that the Township of Washington asked Westwood to join the dispatching services, she would like to know when that was. Mr. Sears replied he didn't say we asked them, he stated it was told we would do their dispatching for them. Ms. Plantamura stated she did submit an OPRA Request and there is no information on record of the Township of Washington ever offering to share services with Westwood. She stated she is not picking on the life and welfare of the citizens of the Township as Mr. Sears stated. She spoke of being a private business owner and not understanding why shared services is a bad word.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson stated he believes audio is sufficient and doesn't feel money needs to be spent on video. He spoke of the shared services between the Township of Washington and Westwood with regard to recreation. He spoke at length with regard to his concern with the decrease in recreation in the budget. He spoke of the fees being increased last year and the impact on families with more children. He spoke at length with regard to the ordinance to increase fees. He also spoke of paving the roads at this time and not waiting for Westwood. He also spoke of the frequency of street sweeping. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that the streets will be swept the week of March 28th or April 4th, we do have an inter local agreement with Paramus. A discussion followed with regard to street sweeping which was only done once last year. Mr. Hanson spoke of water protection and his video which is on Facebook under Friends of Memorial Field. He stated things need to be done now as there are serious safety issues on that field. He stated he has sent emails to the council, he would like to know who is responsible to reply to emails that have been sent to the Mayor and Council. He stated one of his prime questions has been what is the cost analysis for Memorial Field of what we are doing now, as to what is being spent now and what is the 15/30 year cost analysis of doing what we have now compared to the project that we have up for referendum. He would like additional information with regard to Memorial Field to be published on the website so we are all informed.

Scott Spezial, 785 Washington Avenue – Mr. Spezial stated he has a business that runs out of Emerson and as a business owner he is looking forward to the change. He asked when the well will be examined. Administrator Groh replied it will be within the next two weeks, an assessment will be done. He stated the well was installed in 1999, 2000. He asked will this be the third time the well would be replaced. Mr. Ullman replied he doesn't know. Mr. Spezial stated he has all the facts and they are documented. He stated this will be the third time that a major repair will be done to the well; it seems to be replaced ever 7 to 7 ½ years. He stated he would like to know how many gallons of water the Township will use annually to water the field, he

would like that information, along with how much water will be used to irrigate the field on an annual season. He stated when the well is examined, he would like to know if there is any evidence of wrongdoing or sabotaging of the well. He stated two meetings ago, a resident came up and accused coaches and other people of sabotaging Memorial Field including the well because it was a political matter. He would like proof that there was no sabotage or wrongdoing done to the well when it is examined because it is his name and business that is out there. He stated his other question are volunteer coaches responsible to do any type of maintenance on Memorial Field. Mr. Ullman replied as far as he knows, no. Mr. Spezial stated of course not, yet a resident sitting behind him comes up here two meetings ago and states that these coaches deliberately sabotaged Memorial Field for political gain, and he does have the recording. He stated all he wants to do is clear his name along with the coaches names, these statements were made in public and you can call it whatever, bullying, but the accusations were made publicly. He stated coaches are involved, from baseball, lacrosse, football and they want some kind of response from the council with regard to accusations being made in public and proof that there was no wrongdoing. He would like the cost of what it costs the taxpayer of the Township of Washington to maintain Memorial Field currently, on an annual basis. He did ask for this information two meetings ago and he would like a number so taxpayers can be informed for the referendum that is coming up.

Diane Grimaldi, 441 Van Emburgh Avenue - Mrs. Grimaldi stated the Green Team is full steam ahead, and according to the Green Team By-Laws she will be needing input from staff, council and employees. A conversation followed with regard to why the Easter Egg Hunt is going to be held at Memorial Field, which has been recently seeded and aerated, and not George Field as it has been done in the past. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that practices have already being conducted at Memorial Field and it will be looked into as the event gets closer.

Fred Goetz, Washington Avenue - Mr. Goetz stated he does agree with Mr. Hanson with regard to the frequency of the street sweeping. He spoke of what was put in the budget in the past for street sweeping and the monies not being used. He spoke of the importance of street sweeping. He spoke of practices occurring on Memorial Field while seed is trying to grow, which seem to be counterproductive. He spoke of Ms. Plantamura's OPRA request with regard to shared services, why no documents were found and what was done in the past with regarding a shared services resolution in 2012, which should be on file. He spoke of the Township being a Faulkner Form B government and the council being asked questions that are not under the purview of the council. He stated the council is the financial arm of the Township, but in this form of government the administration is responsible for developing the plans. He stated the council can provide money, but cannot come up with a plan for Memorial Field, that would be the responsibility of the administration along with the Recreation Director, possibly the DPW Director, possibly the Engineering Director. He stated the council has no power to do anything with regard to Memorial Field except to put money in the budget to do something. He would like to know from the administration at a future meeting what is the plan with regard to Memorial Field.

Sandy Philips, 321 Hudson Avenue - Ms. Philips asked with regard to the cell tower budget line item, sheet 10, why is the amount different from 2015 to 2016. Mr. Ullman replied he would imagine it would have to do with the amount of active carriers on the tower. Mayor Sobkowicz replied it is based on the contract. Administrator Groh replied she will look into.

Joseph D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace - Mr. D'Urso spoke of emotions within the Township. He also congratulated Mayor Lamatina of Emerson for being proactive in the town of Emerson, which towns should be doing. He spoke of overtime in the police department. He stated Westwood is offering dispatching which is something that should be looked into. He spoke at length with regard to who is on the desk at any given time, and the cost savings, which could be \$800,000 per year. A conversation followed with regard to the line items in the

budget for dispatching and overtime. Mr. D'Urso spoke at length with regard to the savings if there is some creative thinking.

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

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

Nays: None.

Introduction Ordinance No. 16-01

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 16-01 entitled: CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

A motion was made by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Mr. Sears, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 16-01 at first reading by title.

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

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 16-168 was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Dr. Cascio.

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

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 16-01 entitled: CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 21st day of March, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 4th day of April, 2016 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road, Township of Washington at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise in The Bergen Record, a newspaper circulated in this Township, the introduction and notice of further consideration.

BUDGET INTRODUCTION

A motion was made by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Mr. Sears to approve Resolution No. 16-169, Increasing the Mayor's Budget.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Calamari, Sears, Ullman.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

Resolution No. 16-169

Increasing the Mayor's Budget

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the following increases to the Mayor's Recommended Budget be and are hereby made:

<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>TO</u>
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the following decreases to the Mayor's Recommended Budget be and are hereby made:

Administration		
Salary & Wage - P/T Floating Staff	\$10,816	\$13,816
Council		
Other Expenses Office Furniture	0	6,000
Other Expenses Trophies	200	500
Township Clerk		
Salary & Wage - Special Secretary O/T	1,000	2,500
Other Expenses - Office Equipment Repair &	600	1,230
Maintenance		
Other Expenses - Legal Advertising	3,000	3,300
Financial Administration		
Tax Assessment Other Expenses - Legal Advertising	50	100
Planning Board		
Other Expenses - Legal Advertising	450	600
Board of Adjustment		
Other Expenses Training	1,000	1,700
State Uniform Construction Code		
Salary & Wage - P/T Secretary	6,900	9,500
Police Department		
Other Expenses - Equipment Purchases	200	14,500
Other Expenses - Guns & Ammunition	7,500	8,000
Rental Pistol Range	7,000	8,000
Fire Department		
Other Expenses - Dues, Meetings & Conferences	1,500	2,000
Other Expenses - Radio Expense	1,500	1,800
Other Expenses - Oxygen & Fire Ex	1,200	1,500
Other Expenses - Facility Maintenance	6,000	7,200
Other Expenses - Equipment Purchases	5,000	7,550
Other Expenses - Purchase Of Pagers	4,400	5,500
Death Benefits	9,700	12,869
Department of Municipal Facilities		
Other Expenses - Building Maintenance &	12,000	47,000
Construction		
Other Expenses - Other Equipment & Supplies	2,000	2,500
Other Expenses - Security System Equipment	0	40,000
Other Expenses - Vehicle & Equipment Repair (Fire Trucks)	9,000	18,000
Health		
Other Expenses Computer Supplies	500	600
Recreation		
Recreation-Secretary P/T	4,124	12,361
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Parks		
Other Expenses-Park Maintenance Expense	38,000	45,500
Other Expenses - Other Equipment & Supplies	800	1,000
Resurfacing Memorial Field	40,000	45,000
Gasoline/Diesel - Fire Department	5,500	7,000
Capital Improvement Fund	50,000	50,450

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Calamari to approve Resolution No. 16-170.

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

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 16-170

Decreasing the Mayor's Budget

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Amount to Be Raised By Taxes for Municipal Purposes	\$8,886,075	\$8,713,836
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
<u>Administration</u>		
Salary & Wage - Unclassified P/T	3,000	0
Other Expenses - Office Supplies	3,000	2,500
Other Expenses - Due, Meetings & Conferences	1,000	600
Other Expenses - Travel & Mileage	700	600
Other Expenses - Training Expense	2,500	2,000
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous	2,500	2,000
Other Expenses - Computer Maintenance Contracts	600	0
<u>Mayor</u>		
Other Expenses - Office Supplies	700	400
Other Expenses - Training Expense	1,500	1,000
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous	1,200	1,000
Other Expenses - Trophies	200	0
<u>Council</u>		
Salaries & Wages	30,942	30,484
Other Expenses - Professional Services	200	0
Other Expenses - Travel	200	0
Other Expenses - Consulting & Non Legal	1,000	0
Other Expenses - Printing	200	0
Other Expenses - Internet Service	500	0
Other Expenses - Computer Supplies	200	0
<u>Township Clerk</u>		
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous	400	200
<u>Financial Administration</u>		
Salary & Wage - Treasurer's Office Clerk P/T	1,000	0
Treasurer Other Expenses Printing	1,000	500
Treasurer Other Expenses Computer Supplies	800	600
Financial Services Fee	30,000	25,000
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>Tax Collection</u>		
Salary & Wage -Tax Collector Clerk Assistant	5,772	0
<u>Tax Assessment</u>		
Other Expenses - Dues, Meetings	1,000	500
Other Expenses - Subscriptions	25	0
Other Expenses - Printing	65	0
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous	500	200
<u>Department of Law</u>		
Tax Appeals	30,000	0
<u>Public Affairs & Information</u>		
Other Expenses - Postage	1,000	0
Other Expenses - Printing	5,000	4,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	300	0
Videography	8,500	5,000
<u>Planning Board</u>		
Salary & Wage Secretary - Overtime	200	0
Other Expenses - Office Supplies	350	200
Other Expenses - Off Equipment - Repairs &	150	0
<u>Maintenance</u>		
Other Expenses - Off Furniture & Equipment	500	0
Other Expenses - Printing	100	0
Other Expenses - Computer Supplies	100	0
<u>Board of Adjustment</u>		

Other Expenses - Off Furniture & Fixtures	500	0
Other Expenses - Computer Supplies	200	0
State Uniform Construction Code		
Salary & Wage -Overtime Control Person	1,000	0
Salary & Wage - Electrical Extra	2,500	1,500
Salary & Wage -Extra Fire Inspections	700	500
Salary & Wage - Part Time Building/Plumbing	17,500	16,500
Other Expenses - Computer Supplies	400	150
Group Insurance Plan	805,000	720,000
Police		
Salary & Wage - Personal Day	5,500	4,000
Salary & Wage - Special P/T	6,000	4,000
Other Expenses - Office Supplies	3,500	3,000
Other Expenses - Dues, Meetings	2,000	1,000
Other Expenses - Travel & Mileage	100	0
Community Policing	4,500	1,500
Uniform Fire Safety - Other Expenses - Miscellaneous	5,000	3,000
Fire Department		
Other Expenses - Building Maintenance & Supplies	1,200	0
Other Expenses - Printing	150	0
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000	250
Other Expenses - Internet	1,800	0
Fire Hydrant Service	165,000	150,000
Length Of Service Award Program (LOSAP)	130,000	125,000
Prosecutor's Office		
Salary & Wage - Extra Sessions	500	0
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Department of Municipal Facilities		
Salary & Wage -Regular Salaries	437,240	427,240
Salary & Wage -Overtime	63,000	56,000
Salary & Wage -Winter Watch	11,000	9,800
Salary & Wage -Department Director	1,250	950
Salary & Wage -Operations Manager	12,000	0
Other Expenses - Office Equipment Repairs	200	0
Other Expenses - Travel & Mileage	150	0
Other Expenses - Drainage Expense	2,500	0
Other Expenses - Other Equipment Rental	4,000	2,000
Other Expenses - Computer Supplies	600	0
Other Expenses - Equipment Part	1,000	500
Other Expenses - Equipment Parts	900	500
Other Expenses - Equipment Pts	7,000	3,500
Other Expenses - Vehicle Parts	7,500	5,000
Health		
Salary & Wage - Secretary-Registrar	600	0
Salary & Wage - Meetings	900	750
Other Expenses - Subscriptions & Books	75	0
Other Expenses - Dues, Meetings, & Conferences	300	100
Other Expenses - Travel & Mileage	200	0
Other Expenses - Copy Machine Expenses	300	150
Other Expenses - Office Furniture & Equipment	200	0
Other Expenses - Building Maintenance	200	0
Recreation		
Salary & Wage - Secretary	8,237	0
Other Expenses - Office Supplies	600	300
Other Expenses - Subscriptions	50	0
Other Expenses - Copy Machine Expenses	1,000	600
Other Expenses - Uniforms & Safety Equipment-	6,000	4,000
Football		
Other Expenses - Uniforms & Safety Equipment-	9,000	6,500

Basketball		
Other Expenses - Uniforms & Safety Equipment-	6,000	2,500
Wrestling		
Other Expenses - Uniforms & Safety Equipment-	15,500	14,000
Lacrosse		
Other Expenses - Rental School -Basketball	30,000	23,000
Other Expenses - Other Equipment/Supplies-	4,500	2,500
Basketball		
Fall Basketball Program	500	0
Other Expenses - Other Equipment/Supplies – Men’s	1,500	1,000
Softball		
Other Expenses - Other Equipment - Cheerleading	300	0
Program		
Other Expenses - Other Equipment/Supplies Lacrosse	2,500	2,000
Other Expenses-Trophies-Cheerleading	900	500
Parks		
Other Expenses - Equipment Purchases	1,000	0
Other Expenses - Park Expenses	5,500	0
Celebration of Public Events		
Memorial Day Parade	6,500	4,500
Farmer's Market	3,000	0

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Electricity		
DMF	19,000	11,000
Buildings Other Than DMF & Fire House	48,000	42,000
Street Lights & Traffic Control	76,000	66,000
Natural Gas		
Buildings Other Than DMF & Fire House	11,500	9,500
Gasoline & Diesel		
DMF	50,000	43,000
Statutory Expenditures		
Social Security	199,000	184,000
Municipal Court		
Salary & Wage - Court & Violations Clerk Overtime	500	0
Other Expenses - Consulting & Non-Legal	500	0
Other Expenses - Printing	2,000	1,500
Other Expenses - Computer Supplies	250	0
Other Expenses - Surety Bond Insurance	545	0

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno stated that a lot of time was spent on this budget, and he thanked everyone for their efforts. He spoke of the last meeting, which went past midnight, and the final part which council had to approve for approximately \$29,000 for an issue that he is actually unclear about. He stated at the time council was told that the amount had to be funded from the current fund, and then council found out it could also be bonded. He stated there were some items on the 2014 audit from 1998. He stated clarification was requested from Mr. Vinci, the auditors, to give a written explanation as to why this was showing up on these schedules and why it was never taken care of in the past. He stated there are also two other amounts on the schedule totaling \$150,000, which he doesn't understand what they represent and why they are there. He stated he has not seen anything from Mr. Vinci explaining what this is about. He is unclear why it is there, why it showed up this year, why it is 20 years old and why there is \$150,000. He stated those are the questions he has and he thought council was going to receive an explanation.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh stated Mr. Vinci has offered and wants to sit down with both Mr. Bruno and Mr. Ullman. She stated she learned today that something in writing is being requested and she did convey this to Mr. Vinci. Administrator Groh stated at the last budget meeting, which did go until 12:15 a.m., she did excuse herself at about 10:00 or 10:30 to do updates and at the time she sent Mr. Vinci an email on the matter. Administrator Groh stated her understanding is these are about 6 ordinances that were authorized as much as 20 years ago, that were not funded for whatever reason by the then CFO. She spoke of the various reasons why this could have been done. She stated for whatever reason it didn't get done, we are here 20 years later and a determination has been made for whatever reason that it should be funded. She stated it was on the schedules to the financial statements for a number of years, and it is her understanding this is quite common. She stated she misspoke when she spoke to Mr. Ullman regarding bonding, but she feels this was contrary to what council wanted to do since they were in favor of less debt, but due to the age of it, we would not be able to bond and it would have to be funded out of the current. Administrator Groh stated Mr. Vinci's statement may provide a fuller or slightly different understanding. Administrator Groh spoke at length with regard to the current amounts that were referred to and the reason why they are not part of what is being funded through the current fund.

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno stated he appreciates what Administrator Groh stated, but his concern is we have an audit performed on our records for years, regardless of the former CFO or Administrator. He stated we have an auditor that we pay to perform an audit, and audits result in recommendations and/or adjustments that are required.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh replied it is an issue of materiality, as she understands it. She stated these are \$3,000 items on a 13 million dollar budget. She stated she was surprised when she learned Friday morning it was troubling to Mr. Ullman because she had walked out of the room during that discussion and when she walked back in he stated "we agreed to fund it." She stated although you can require further explanation, change your mind, but she didn't think it warranted delaying the introduction of the budget over an amount that can be changed on amendment between now and adoption. She stated hopefully everyone's questions can be answered and it is not for lack of trying, everyone across the county is trying to get their budgets introduced in compliance with the deadline, therefore Mr. Vinci is quite busy. She stated he would like to sit down with council since a written explanation may not address every question you may have, but he will provide council with something in writing.

Mr. Ullman – Mr. Ullman as per his email, the reason why he acquiesced was because council was told we had no choice in the matter on Tuesday evening, it is what it is and it is \$29,000 and it will get funded. He stated he realizes that there is a materiality threshold and he also realizes this was something that was looked at in detail the year before. A number of capital ordinances were cancelled, those were reviewed by the then administrator, the mayor, the auditor and the CFO. He stated these were canceled, we took \$230,000 or \$253,000 into capital surplus, yet we still had \$29,000 that was unaccounted for. He stated he would like to know who dropped the ball on this.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh replied no one dropped the ball, that could be an exercise when it was determined it had to be funded, because if you are saying it was in 2014, the 2014 budget was already in place, so the way to do it would be the next year or do an emergency appropriation. She stated if a temporary emergency appropriation was adopted in 2014 after the budget was in place, it would have ended up in the 2015 budget.

Mr. Ullman – Mr. Ullman stated it did not because we are now in 2016, additionally one of those ordinances that was not cancelled, which goes back to 1998 which is related to the UST's, in 2015 has another \$3,000 expended. He

stated the dollar amounts are not huge, but why are we continuing to realize these expenditures and in this case aren't we being asked to fund that amount. He asked is this going to be on next year's schedule C-5 and then we will have to deal with it in 2017. He understands we cannot bond the ordinances that were cancelled, which was four of the six but for the two that were, we would probably want to take those out of the current funds, but why weren't we given that option on Tuesday. He appreciates that a meeting with Mr. Vinci was arranged, however he don't speak for the council, but he doesn't want to meet with Mr. Vinci without the consent of the council.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh stated that can be worked out between council since she is not sure everyone as the same concerns as Mr. Ullman.

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio stated this is an amount that has been hidden for 20 years and he doesn't want other items to pop up in the future. He stated his concerns with regard to bonding and current funds. He stated he would feel more comfortable if council talks to the auditor and gets his opinion on this.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh stated Mr. Vinci stated council cannot bond, bond council would not authorize that.

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio stated he is uncomfortable introducing the budget with these unanswered questions.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh stated she does understand his concern. She asked Dr. Cascio if he wants remove it as a line item in the budget and somehow fund it some other way.

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio replied yes, does it have to be funded by the Township this year and how can we fund it.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh replied it is her understanding, and this is subject to Mr. Vinci, that it can come through the current fund or possibly through capital surplus.

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio stated he doesn't see how it can be funded through capital.

Mr. Ullman – Mr. Ullman stated these amounts cannot be bonded because of the age of the ordinance or the age of the expenditure.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh replied she believes it is the age of the project and the expenditure because who wants to buy debt related to something that was purchased 20 years ago.

Mr. Ullman – Mr. Ullman stated his question if these cannot be bonded, why have the ordinances, these are capital ordinances, if we cannot go out and fund these through the issuance of paper then they have to be handled through the current account and council should be going back and cancelling quite a few of these, if he understands that logic.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh stated when the issue of the CFO is going forward this is something within the purview of the CFO.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated it was a pleasure working with his fellow councilmen on the budget, we did agree on most things, which is not always easy. He would like to point out two things that he did not agree with and he would like to inform the public and let the public decide if they would like to question council about it at the next meeting. He stated the tax appeal line was defunded from the Department of Law, from \$30,000 that was taken down to zero. He stated the "COAH" line item, our attorney had put in an updated request of \$100,000 over his previous request, the attorney did request more money and resources to allocate for that project, it was not increased and it was left at the old number. He stated he does see it as a problem because the state wants to impose a ridiculously high number of COAH units on the Township, and we do need money and experts to dispute that with the State, and he feels what the attorney was asking for should have been funded to give the Township the best shot of getting the lowest possible number that it could. He would like the public to know about those two items and decide whether it is worth to follow up on.

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno stated there are two issues, the first being regarding the \$79,000, we actually agreed with the Mayor and the

Administration in terms of what their recommendations were, and that is what it was left at. With regard to the Department of Law, we didn't actually defund the line, we looked into the powers and duties of the Director of Law and it specifically states, as Dr. Cascio brought to our attention, that the Director is to represent the Township in any litigation, conduct trials, appeals, and other proceedings. He stated the way we interpret this, which is the Faulkner Act, we interpret it as if that is part of his salary.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari replied that is the way Mr. Bruno interprets it, you are not speaking for him at this point since Mr. Bruno did state we.

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno replied himself, Mr. Ullman and Dr. Cascio because we all voted to defund it, Mr. Sears and Mr. Calamari did not. He stated we did go through what the powers and duties of the Director is and as far as we understand, that is supposed to be included in his salary so therefore it is not a question of defunding any item, it is a question of saying this is what his salary and that is how it works. He stated if anyone has any questions, his number and email are available.

Mr. Sears – Mr. Sears stated he does have some concern with regard to "COAH" going forward and what the State is requiring the Township to do. He stated not funding it could be a problem going forward. He stated under the attorneys tax appeal, he would have felt comfortable leaving some money in there, such as an amount of \$15,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Mr. Sears to approve Resolution No. 16-171, Introducing the 2016 Budget.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Sears.

Nays: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Ullman.

Resolution No. 16-171

Introduction of 2016 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in the Record in the issue of March 28, 2016 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Court Chambers on April 18, 2016 at 7:30 o'clock (P.M.) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated we went through a lot of budget meetings, our last one ended at 12:15 in the morning, albeit late, we did leave that meeting with the agreement we were ready to present the budget. He stated if anyone felt they did not have the proper facts or any doubts, they should have mentioned it then, this is just his opinion. He stated we were all good with the budget and took a vote on it and now to not introduce it, he doesn't want to use the wrong word, but it is not good.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh stated there was a motion to increase the budget and a motion to decrease the budget and they were approved and there was nothing said about the fact that there wasn't an entry to affect this line item. She stated council just approved all the increases and decreases.

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio stated he did not approve the increase.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh stated she does understand that, but it was unanimous as far the decreases go, so if council were going to defund this line item, she would imagine that resolution should have had a line for that. She stated if that the only thing that stands in the way the budget should be revised accordingly since it is very important to get this introduced.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz stated that is why we stayed at the meeting so late was to try to meet the deadline for introduction. She stated changes can be made to the budget in between now and a month.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh replied that is correct, council does have 28 days to make the changes. Administrator Groh stated there has been a lot of work went to naught as a result of the change of heart.

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno stated as per the charter it does council was due this budget on January 15th and the budget was received February 22nd. He stated our ordinance specifically states that Mayor and the Administrator will get all the budgets from their departments in November, and will submit to the council on January 15th.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mayor Sobkowicz stated the DLGS has authority over the date.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh replied that this is the first time Mr. Bruno is mentioning that date.

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno stated it is in the charter. He stated he is here two months and is trying to understand what is happening in terms of budgeting, financial activity, what council can do and the Faulkner Act. He stated every time he does state something, the Faulkner Act is mentioned. He stated when he goes back to the ordinance and try to research it, which is not an easy thing to do, he finds the answers and does have to question it. He stated we did spend a lot of hours on this budget and went line by line.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh stated we spent 25 hours over six weeks.

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno stated he spent ten hours of his own to review it against last year before we even met. He stated he is all for the budget.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh stated she understands council has the power to vote here, but walking into this meeting, and what the impression was, and especially on the fact that each individual line item was voted on.

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno stated Administrator Groh did see the emails going back and forth. He stated the audit is not a suggestive audit, the auditor is there.

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh stated she does understand there is an audit and Mr. Bruno has questions and concerns about prior audits, but this is a budget.

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno replied the prior audit contains \$29,000 that is affecting our current budget right now and he does not understand it. He stated he was told to go take a course in municipal course in accounting and he probably will do that soon. He stated he knows when there is \$29,000 introduced in a line item or a budget, and we are not given the proper explanation as to why, and he still has questions to the \$150,000 which shows in the same column and Administrator Groh did state that she wasn't sure how to handle it. He stated he still doesn't know how to handle it and all he asking. He stated we should have our auditor here and explain to the council what his findings are, why they were, why are we taking \$29,000 now, what about the \$150,000 and the future items that sit in these schedules that we should not about it. He stated they need to be cleaned up before we go any further and we do owe that to the residents.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated based on what Mr. Bruno is saying, this process could go on indefinitely. He stated we all sat at the meeting and agreed we were good with the budget, if anyone had objections or wanted a postponement for any further information that was the time to do so. He stated you do not leave a meeting stating yes, I am good and then within 48 or 72 hours say they are no longer good with it. He stated the line has to be drawn and state you are good, this can be adjusted for. He stated this is the first time he is hearing that anyone is choosing not to introduce the budget at this time.

Mr. Ullman – Mr. Ullman stated he did send an email on Friday, saying he was pulling the resolution. He stated this evening is not the first time Mr. Calamari is hearing about a concern. He stated he raised the concern on Thursday morning, he believes to the administrator, and laid out a series of points, and the concerns he had. He stated it was not so much the \$29,000 but also about the \$157,000 is on Schedule C-5 from the 2014 audit, the \$2,000,

and the \$84,000 for various improvements from 2006 that would be C-35 from the unaudited financial statements. He stated the question he asked is what is the impact and do we know what that is. He stated to him is it a very finite question. He stated the issue was introduced Tuesday evening; he tried to address his concerns to the administration as quickly as possible and get a response. He stated that is his answer to Mr. Calamari stating that he had no understanding that there was a concern. He stated the concern is documented and there is correspondence on it. He does have one additional question on the Schedule of Capital Improvements that he wanted to speak about. He stated if there are no other comments, he would like to close this portion and go to Conference Session.

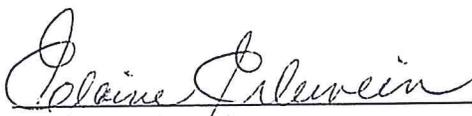
Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated he would like to apologize to the Clerk and the Administrator for making them rush to get this done since it was for naught.

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio stated this is not the first time that an introduction to the budget has not happened in a timely fashion. He stated we will probably get this passed at the next meeting. He stated there are concerns, but it can be completed to everyone's satisfaction. He stated the answers can be received via fax in the next 20 minutes from the auditor, but he doesn't believe we can get to that revisit...

Administrator Groh – Administrator Groh stated she would like council to realize this is one less "yes" answer on the best practices checklist and it could jeopardize State funding.

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio stated we do always hear that it cannot jeopardize State funding, it has not happened nor does he believe it is going to happen. He stated the council has cleaned up that list so many times we should be well above the recommended amount for the points for the State funding. Dr. Cascio spoke of the past best practices with regard to State funding.

Time Noted: 9:25 p.m.


Elaine Erlewein
Township Clerk


Michael Ullman
Council President

Approved: April 18, 2016

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

March 21, 2016

Members present: Robert Bruno, Peter Calamari, Steve Cascio, Tom Sears, Michael Ullman. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Mary Anne Groh, Administrator; Lou Lamatina, Substitute Attorney.

Time Noted: 9: 33 p.m.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Mr. Ullman – Mr. Ullman stated he would like to change the order of the agenda, leaving the budget for last.

Parking – Eton Street – Mr. Ullman spoke of a letter received from a resident regarding parking Eton Place. Administrator Groh spoke of the Police Department patrolling the area and ticketing vehicles which were parked in the wrong direction and having expired inspection stickers. She was made aware of the litter and vehicles parking too close to the corner. She spoke of council inviting residents from other streets as well if council is considering restricting parking in the area. A discussion followed with regard to the lack of parking at the high school. Mr. Calamari suggested a letter be sent to the school stating this is a problem for our residents so they can be made aware of this situation. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the Safe Route School Grant which was given to the school, but she doesn't know if it is still available. Mr. Ullman asked if the Chief has a view of what the radius is of the other streets which would be impacted. Mayor Sobkowicz replied yes, he does, it would be Chestnut and some other streets. Dr. Cascio spoke of the lottery program for parking at the high school. Mr. Ullman asked if Chief Hackbarth would be willing to lay out what the boundary would look like. Mayor Sobkowicz replied yes, we can get that. Mr. Ullman stated at that time it can be determined if that is something that council wants to do or if that is the recommendation. A conversation followed with regard to Horizon Court and the parking in that area. Mayor Sobkowicz stated it is being monitored every day, and there has been one vehicle, not many at all. Administrator Groh stated there was a vehicle there most recently, but that situation has been taken care of already. Mr. Bruno asked if it is possible to have Captain Hackbarth come to a council meeting and have it put on the agenda so that the residents can hear a plan with regard to issues on Washington Avenue. Mayor Sobkowicz replied she would first like to get a report on Eton and the other streets.

Summer Recreation/Swim Club – Mr. Ullman stated the issue has been raised of having the swim club host the summer recreation program. He asked if the proposal has been reviewed. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the Administrator, Director, Superintendent and herself have a meeting on Wednesday, at that time everything will be reviewed. Administrator Groh stated she received clarification that fee being proposed would be \$5,000 per person. An update will be given at the next council meeting of April 4th.

Memorial Field – Mr. Ullman spoke of the activity he observed with regard to Memorial Field and the lacrosse team. He stated he did receive an update that the field was aerated, seeded and there is an evaluation to be done on the well. Mr. Calamari stated that an update was given that two more weeks are needed for the well to be examined. He spoke at length with regard to shopping other vendors, and time being of the essence since the field does need to be watered since it has been seeded and aerated. He stated he does believe that the recreation program, council and administration have to get on board with amounts that is it is costing the Township to maintain the field. He stated with regard to the upcoming referendum, he believes council owes it to

the public to present the numbers of how the money is being spent. A conversation followed with regard to keeping track of the expenses that are occurring on Memorial Field. Mr. Calamari spoke at length with regard to the public disagreeing with the numbers. Mr. Ullman spoke at length with regard to the referendum of 2.45 million and the outstanding ordinance for the engineering of \$150,000, which would bring the amount to 2.6. He spoke of his understanding of the proof of concept not being a final estimate. Mr. Calamari stated solid numbers must be obtained. Mr. Sears stated he does have the Memorial Field current annual hours for DPW, which he will verify tomorrow and share with council. He spoke of the Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on Memorial Field. He stated the Fire Department will make sure that that the participants stay out of the seeded area as much as possible.

Pascack & Washington Intersection – Mr. Ullman asked if the County has been contacted with regard to what the current plan is. Administrator Groh stated she did put in another call today and is waiting to hear back. Mr. Ullman spoke of the possibility of doing a survey count of traffic coming off Exit 168 moving towards the intersection and then heads north into Hillsdale and the surrounding towns. Mayor Sobkowicz stated at the Woodcliff Lake mayors meeting several mayors did bring it up but they feel either the County or someone within the County should authorize it since it is a Pascack Valley problem. Mr. Ullman asked if there has been any other dialogue with the county in terms of the intersection and the county paying. Mayor Sobkowicz stated this is a Pascack Valley problem and we feel it should be taken care of by the County since it affects the whole Valley. A lengthy conversation followed with regard to Emerson and the ongoing project on Kinderkamack. (Mr. Lamatina is the Mayor of Emerson.) Mr. Lamatina stated the County made it clear that the town of Emerson would pay for the soft costs/engineering and the property acquisitions. He stated the whole project will cost four million eight hundred thousand which will be split 68/32 and redevelopment will be contributing to that cost. He spoke at length with regard to the 50 year history of the area. Mr. Calamari spoke of encouraging residents to send emails/petitions to the County with regard to the intersection. Mr. Lamatina spoke of freeholders attending chamber meetings in Emerson.

Video of Council – Dr. Cascio stated Mr. Ullman, Mayor Sobkowicz and himself did meet with WCTV, in which the cost was discussed with regard to televising the meetings. He stated they do have most of the equipment, they do need new equipment which will cost \$579.00. He stated manpower will be needed to implement this, stipend or some type of increase since someone is needed to physically be in the building. He stated the video can run 24/48 hours after the meeting. He stated two cameras would be in the back and one camera would be on the actual speaker in open session. A discussion followed with regard to archiving the meetings. Dr. Cascio also spoke of the items that WCTV has requested. Mr. Ullman stated it would be shown live on WCTV channel 77, the video would be looped for approximately two days and then the video would be available through the WCTV YouTube channel. Dr. Cascio stated planning board and zoning board meetings were also discussed, but first they would like to do a pilot of the council meeting. Dr. Cascio stated the question is does the council have the authority to compensate someone who works for WCTV. A discussion followed with regard to the bylaws of WCTV. Mr. Calamari spoke of audio of the council meetings being researched last year. He stated it required a small upgrade to the audio system and did not need any human intervention. He stated he is in favor of doing the audio, getting a count of who is interested before going to video. He stated that the listener would not be required to sit in front of the television, but can actually do to other things while listening to the audio.

Budget Amendments – Mr. Ullman stated the resolution on passing the budget failed and some input was requested from the auditor on the issue of the funding the unfunded capital ordinances. He spoke of the omission of not allocating funds in the budget for the intersection and the importance of it. He stated the council should provide from funding in the capital budget to assist moving the project forward. He feels a line item should be created and some

funding should be put in it. A discussion followed as to what year the funds would be allocated and funding for multiple years. Mr. Ullman proposes allocating some level of funding in the current year of 2016, a nominal amount to support some of the engineering study. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to what amount should be put in the line item. Dr. Cascio suggest \$100,000 to get started. Mr. Calamari is in agreement, but he would suggest funding it out of current since he does not want to incur soft costs for bonding. A discussion followed as to where to fund these monies out of and capital surplus. A discussion also followed with regard to not creating a line item, but using an existing line item. Dr. Cascio stated he would like to put it into current. Administrator Groh recommended engineering for Pascack and Washington.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari to introduce a line item for \$50,000 for engineering and other expenses related to the intersection to be funded from current.

A discussion followed with regard to adding additional monies to line item 20-165-2.

Dr. Cascio withdrew his previous motion.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari to increase line item 20-165-2 from \$35,000 to \$85,000.

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

Nays: None.

A conversation followed with regard to the budget. Dr. Cascio replied he is still waiting some clarifications.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears to adjourn.

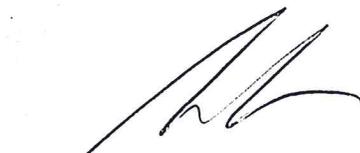
Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.

Nays: None.

Time Note: 10:32 p.m.



Elaine Erlewein
Township Clerk


Michael Ullman
Council President

Approved: April 18, 2016