

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING

March 3, 2018  
Saturday

The Township Council held a Budget Meeting in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Council President Michael DeSena, with the Council President leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Steve Cascio, Michael Ullman and Michael DeSena. Also present: Peter Calamari, Mayor; Mary Anne Groh, Business Administrator; Cornelia Lisa, Deputy Township Clerk. Also in attendance representing the Fire Department Chief Pete Insetta, Deputy Chief Kevin Zitko and Fire Director William Bilius. Councilman Cumming arrived at 9:06 a.m. Absent: Councilman Robert Bruno, and Susan Witkowski, Township Clerk.

This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notices of this meeting were emailed and provided to The Ridgewood News, Pascack Press, The Record and Community Life on February 27, 2018. In addition, copies of said notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the office of the Township Clerk on the aforementioned date.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Ullman to approve Resolution No. 18-168.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Ullman, DeSena.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmen Bruno, Cumming.

Resolution No. 18-168

Appoint Cornelia Lisa as Deputy Township Clerk

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is not available for the March 3, 2018 Special Council Meeting of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Council to designate Cornelia Lisa as Deputy Township Clerk to perform the duties of the Township Clerk for the Special Council Meeting of March 3, 2018.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cornelia Lisa is designated as Deputy Township Clerk for the Special Council Meeting of March 3, 2018.

### GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Ullman, DeSena.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmen Bruno, Cumming.

Seeing none, a motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Ullman to close the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Ullman, DeSena.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmen Bruno, Cumming.

### DISCUSSION

#### 2018 Budget Review

A conversation followed on purchase orders, which are currently being done by the Battalion Chief and is working well. The security of the Fire Department office was discussed, as well as training that will be needed for the upcoming year. Right to Know was explained to Council, and how reports are filed for each building. Currently, there are sixty members of the Fire Department, three members are no longer in an active role, two moved out of the Township, and three new members are coming in. In order for a Fire Department member to qualify for clothing allowance they would need to make 50% of the fire calls. The Ridgewood DPW facility was discussed, and getting quotes for repairs, which seems to be the biggest issue. A blanket PO was also discussed for getting repairs. Currently the old hose is at the DMF building, active hose is on the trucks. A conversation followed on the value of the old hose and perhaps donating it. Comments were made of the fire hydrants in the Township, some of them have been painted by SUEZ and some of them have not. Councilman Ullman asked for a map of the current fire hydrant locations. Mr. Poller will be asked for information on increasing LOSAP. Preventative maintenance on the vehicles was discussed, and going forward giving preventative maintenance schedules to Council. Chief Insetta spoke of Engine 44, which is currently 24 years old (1994) and the repairs that will be needed. Councilman Ullman requested a list of the trucks, as well as any major work anticipated. A conversation followed on the need of a ladder truck and mutual aid. Chief Insetta spoke of modifying the firehouse door instead of modifying a new truck to fit into the current door. Scott bottles were discussed, and what occurred with past purchases. Scott bottles have a lifespan of 15 years, they are 45 minute bottles and include regulators. Fire Department computer

upgrades were discussed, such as finger scanning, tablets, pagers, as well as tying into the Police Department. Radio system will be discussed in Closed Session. A discussion followed on sirens, particularly the one located on Calvin Street, which needs a brush replacement. Uniform rentals for the DMF (8-01-26-290-390) was discussed, including the color (safety yellow) and quantities per worker. Councilman Ullman asked that foul weather gear, rain gear and safety goggles also be looked into. On the Capital Budget, Scott Bottles will be increased to 40 bottles. The next Budget Meeting will be at the end of the Conference Session on Monday, March 5, 2018 in which the Recreation Department Director Eamonn Towmey will be asked to be present.

PAGE #	LINE ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	INC	DEC	AMOUNT	FLAGGED
30	8-01-25-264-500	Fire Prevention-Misc Expenses	500.00		1,000.00	
31	8-01-25-265-400	Fire Dept.- Uniform Safety Equip.	2,000.00		10,000.00	
32	8-01-25-265-450	Fire Dept. - Building Maintenance			7,000.00	X
32	8-01-25-265-560	Fire Dept. - Inspec & Chief's Dinner	1,000.00		10,000.00	
33	8-01-25-267-003	Fire Dept. - Turnout Gear		13,000.00	20,000.00	
	Capital Equipment	Fire Dept- Scott Bottles 30 bottles	10 bottles		40 bottles	

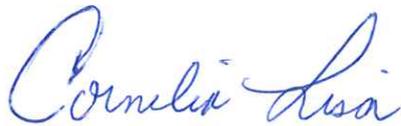
A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming to adjourn.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, Ullman, DeSena.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Bruno.

Time noted: 12:02 p.m.



Cornelia Lisa  
Deputy Township Clerk



Michael DeSena  
Council President

Approved: March 19, 2018