

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

May 11, 2015

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Council President Peter Calamari with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Dave Frank, Thomas Sears and Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator; Gary Vinci, Auditor; Judith Curran, Township of Washington CFO. Absent: Councilmen Glenn Beckmeyer and Steve Cascio.

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.

BUDGET HEARING

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Frank to open the public hearing of the 2015 budget.

Ayes: Councilmen Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra asked about the sweeping service with Paramus in the past and the amounts that are paid. She would like to know how often the sweeping will be done. Administrator Cavallo stated sweeping is scheduled for May 18th and it is still with Paramus. Mrs. D'Ambra asked about the scheduling, why is it always before Memorial Day. Mayor Sobkowicz replied she believes it is a good time now to sweep. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of Park Ridge and there sweeping schedule. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that the Township only pays when the roads are swept. Mrs. D'Ambra asked why is there a line item for \$47,000 for engineering services when at Planning Board meetings taxpayers are told they have to pay an engineering fee. Administrator Cavallo stated the \$47,000 line item is for Township projects that need engineering work to be done. Administrator Cavallo then gave examples. Administrator Cavallo then stated Planning Board fees are taken out of the escrow account that is posted by the applicant to the Planning Board and Zoning Board, the \$1,250 is for the Engineering Director. She asked with regard to sheet 15E, why is the Township resurfacing Memorial Field with \$13,000 when there is a bond issued for the study. Administrator Cavallo explained certain repairs had to be completed, such as top soil and seeding. She asked with regard to sheet 10 the revenue of \$82,482 is that a yearly fee. Administrator Cavallo replied yes, it is a yearly fee from Verizon and AT&T which is paid monthly, that would be anticipated revenue. She stated she doesn't see the Body Armor fund for 2015 but it was in 2014 which was sheet 9. Administrator Cavallo explained that it will be added to the budget later in the year as a Chapter 159 when the grant from the state is received which is around July or August. Administrator Cavallo there is approximately \$2,600 left over from last year's grant and this is for the purchase of new vests for new officers. She asked if it for the purchase of new vests every five years. Administrator Cavallo replied he doesn't know what the life expectancy of a vest is.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment stated with regard to sheet 14, with regard to Attorney Services, why is more money being put in since there was a reserve last year. Administrator Cavallo stated that line item was increased during budget hearing since we do anticipate a COAH lawsuit. She asked why so much money was spent on tax appeals after a revaluation. Mr. Poller replied a lot of residents challenged the new revaluation and the

Township also has a lot of commercial tax appeals. She asked why the township doesn't have a central cashier as most towns do. Mr. Vinci spoke at length with regard to the subject of central cashier. Mr. Vinci stated it would have to be reviewed to make sure it makes sense for all departments. She asked with regard to police cars line item 15A, the amount of \$75,000 and the amount of \$101,000, were the two police cars bought. Administrator Cavallo stated that is correct, the \$75,000 is a combination of two budget line items, purchase of police cars and the police leasing line item, the \$75,000 are the purchase of two vehicles and the \$101,000 is the purchase of two vehicles plus the remaining lease payments. She stated that police dispatching also has a reserve, and then asked how many dispatchers are full time and how many are part time. Mayor Sobkowicz replied there are two full time dispatchers, two part time dispatchers; the one part time dispatcher is almost full time. She then spoke of street sweeping and the amount which is left in reserve. She asked what does line item 15C mean, OE recycling. Administrator Cavallo explained the recycling OE line item and what it covers. Administrator Cavallo stated that across the state recycling contracts are going up and the Township contract expires in 2016. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the vendor that picks up curbside increased 30%. She then asked with regard to building maintenance, celebration there is an increase to \$26,500. Mr. Calamari explained we would like to do a little bit more for Town Day since it is the anniversary of the town and also most of the holiday lights do need replacing this year.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso asked if police overtime was included in line item 15A, salary and wages. Administrator Cavallo states yes, it was. Mr. D'Urso asked if anyone knows exactly what was paid in police overtime. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she doesn't have that number. He then spoke at length with regarding to consolidation of line items; police dispatching and having police officers answering phones. He asked if the two full time dispatchers have gone into the health and pension system. Mayor Sobkowicz replied yes, they have. Mr. D'Urso stated it is not fiscally responsible to consolidate everything. Administrator Cavallo stated anything that was consolidated was not consolidated on the Municipal Data Sheet; it was consolidated in the budget. Administrator Cavallo also stated salaries are defined by the stated and overtime goes into salary and wages. Mr. D'Urso stated with regard to 40D the capital budget includes 2.2 million dollars for Memorial Field. Mr. D'Urso asked when we are moving forward with the plans on Memorial Field. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the administrator did receive quotes from 3 to 4 engineering firms and Chris Statile was selected. Administrator Cavallo stated that is included in the 2.2 million dollars. Administrator Cavallo stated once we have a concept we will come back to the council with regard to the field. Administrator Cavallo stated we hope to have a concept within a week or two. Mr. D'Urso asked council was involved in picking that engineer. Administrator Cavallo replied no.

Sandy Philips, 321 Hudson Avenue – Ms. Philips stated funds are allocated for years, things don't get done and then it goes into surplus. She doesn't understand that and believes that is cheating the taxpayers. She then spoke of the appendix to the tax statement which is online. She would like to know why taxpayers are saying they want things done and things don't get done in this town. Mr. Calamari stated that it is council's job to work with the mayor and the administration in approving the budget and from there it leaves the council's hands and goes to the administration to spend the money that council has allocated. Ms. Philips believes that is a cop out and council was voted in and are expected to make things happen. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that we need to prepare for unexpected things that may happen and go into the reserves. Mayor Sobkowicz gave the example of Hurricane Sandy, in which \$280,000 was used to get things off the roads where some municipalities had to borrow money to do what we were able to do with reserves. Mayor Sobkowicz stated we also have to be prepared just in case something comes up for example with pensions, or a shortfall happens with the state aid this year, we have to make sure we are prepared. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the bond rating of the Township and the surplus being one of the things that are looked

at and that are why the Township gets cheaper rates when we go out to bond. Mayor Sobkowitz stated we put in the amount we think we are going to use and we are lucky when we don't have to use it. Mayor Sobkowitz also stated this past winter we spend \$90,000 for the county roads, last year we were reimbursed but this year we did not get reimbursed because it was mostly ice and it was salted, so we were reimbursed with salt. Mayor Sobkowitz stated in some departments we are ahead and some we are behind, that is why we keep a watch. Ms. Phillips stated she appreciates that but there is quite a bit of surplus every year. Mayor Sobkowitz spoke at length with regard to medical coverage increasing, only being allowed to raise taxes 2% and if we didn't have the surplus we would have to use our COLA bank and maybe raise taxes 5, 6 or 7%. Mayor Sobkowitz stated the Township has to follow laws but the vendors do not. Mayor Sobkowitz gave the example of the clay for the field was increased 11% over last year, she didn't know the vendor was going to raise it by 11% but the Township was prepared. Mayor Sobkowitz stated taxes cannot be raised more than 2% so we do need surplus.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura would like it explained how the borough engineer was hired to do the engineering study of Memorial Field, how that is not partial. Mr. Calamari replied the engineer is representing the town. Mayor Sobkowitz stated the engineer has a Director of Engineering that oversees him and also he was the lowest price. Mr. Poller explained the engineer is not doing a needs study of whether there should be a field or not, he is doing the engineering work, he is being told what to do, he is not recommending anything. Ms. Plantamura spoke of a diagram that she saw of Memorial Field which combined baseball and softball fields. Mr. Calamari stated that question is outside of the scope of a budget question and can Ms. Plantamura hold that question for the public session. Ms. Plantamura asked if police officers answer the phones. Mayor Sobkowitz replied sometimes, yes. There was a discussion of how many dispatchers the township has and the cost of an officer manning a desk. Ms. Plantamura asked if the township can consolidate with other towns with regard to the police department. Mr. Calamari stated it was looked into a few years back. Ms. Plantamura spoke of being a former police officer in Paramus, and stated most towns around here should be consolidated and services should become regionalized. Mayor Sobkowitz stated that expenses are watched and we have control of our money, when money is regionalized, we have no say as to how it is spend. Mayor Sobkowitz spoke at length with regard to the regionalized school system, the cost per pupil. Mayor Sobkowitz stated some shared services are good and some aren't. Ms. Plantamura asked if the Township officers receive clothing allowances. Mayor Sobkowitz stated no there is not clothing allowance expense, only for new officers. Mr. Calamari stated in looking at your tax bill, you can see your tax money is going to different government agencies; we only control the municipal part. Mayor Sobkowitz spoke at length of the Westwood Regional school budget, and the cost per pupil and the fact that Westwood has 305 more children in the school system. Mayor Sobkowitz stated that shared services is not always the way to go.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Frank to close the public hearing of the 2015 budget.

Ayes: Councilmen Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio.

The Clerk read the total of various bills paid, a copy of which is attached and made part of these minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Frank, seconded by Mr. Sears to approve the April 20, 2015 Public & Conference Minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz stated with regard to the Road Program 2015 Colonial Boulevard from Washington to Lincoln has been paved and the contractor has a punch list of a few items that need to be addressed. She stated the Township's applications to pave the remainder of Colonial Boulevard and to begin Mountain Avenue have been denied by the DOT Grant Program, funding is being lost and it is trickles down to the town. United Water has completed the installation of the Hoover Avenue water main replacement project which includes tie-ins to the houses on the block, after a settling period the Township will be paving Hoover from Lincoln all the way to the end with the Cooperative Bid Funds from United Water, also we are doing it in conjunction with River Vale that has the same situation going on. The Pascack Valley Cooperative Pricing Group will be going out to bid for our annual road resurfacing program within one week, expect paving to occur during July and August. Currently we are working with Ridgewood because Standish Road has to be paved they are on this half and we are on this half, and we would like to have Hampshire paved in its entirety. As far as the other roads that are in the program that will not be determined until the bids come in, then we will know how many roads we can fit into that program. April featured various events at the Township Library, such as poetry month and art & health workshops. In May the library is having painting workshop, Disney discount lecture and other craft programs. The library will have an audiology workshop on May 12th for seniors and a defensive driving class. The weekly chair yoga, story time and movies are really thriving at the library. On Sunday, June 7th at 2:00 pm there will be a Jazz Concert at the library, tickets are available at the library. April 25th was busy day, Scout that is working towards his Eagle Scout project was working at Clark he will be finished by next week, and a lot of scouts come out at help him. We also attended the Opening Ceremony for Baseball and Softball which took place on Clark Field, it was an outstanding event with coaches, parents, volunteers, sponsors and residents all coming out, the guest speaker was Michael Just who used to play for the Houston Astros. That same evening we attended the Knights of Columbus honoree dinner for Monsignor McCarthy, Ed Garland, Randy McKay, Merci Norwood and Richard Skinner. They were recognized by officials from the federal to our local level. These honorees can pick the charity of their choice for the money that is raised. The last day to pay taxes for the 2nd quarter is today. If someone didn't pay if they go online and pay by 10:00 pm tonight they can do so without a penalty. Ambulance Corps and Fire Department did receive a lot of calls this month, the CAD reports were very long, a lot of calls were received. The Police Department officers have been very proactive in making arrests, including drugs, traffic and criminal warrants. We also had 21 day enforcement for texting and for distracted drivers, at which time the police department issued 210 summonses for such violations. The Fire Department is preparing for the annual inspection of vehicles and equipment this coming Saturday, and we get to look and see how well the place is kept up and the equipment. The Fire Department is also getting ready for the annual antique custom car show, truck and motorcycles which will be held on Flag Day, June 14th 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Planning Board has been very busy this month, an approval was given for a second floor addition on Hoover, confirmed approval of the new Rite-Aid sign, approvals were given to Bark Place dog grooming and accessories, Alpine Investment Group and a new place called Rocket Fizz, which is a soda pop and candy shop, it is the first such franchise in New Jersey, and we are still working on the Stagger Lee application. Pot holes are being filled starting with the largest ones and higher traffic areas, we are also still in constant communication with the county. The DMF is mostly involved in preparing fields, pot holes and debris pick up and they also had an emergency over at Woodfield in which

extra money was needed. Administrator Cavallo reviewed quotes from engineers for design and specs of Memorial Field, the Township engineer Chris Statile has been selected and he already working on it and hope to have it within a week or so. With regard to Memorial Field, all the burnt out lights will be fixed on Saturday May 16th since the equipment needs to be arranged. May 25th will be the Memorial Day Parade and it will start at the corner of President and Ridgewood at 10:00 am. She hopes there will be good weather and a good turnout of residents. The committee has been really working hard to get that in place. If you know of anyone who can offer their convertible to drive someone around that would help. Street sweeping will occur on May 18th by Paramus. Recyclables at the curb this month was the same as last year in April, 96 tons, but the revenue was \$550.00 less, prices are going down so we need to recycle more. There are still some openings with the Junior Police Academy, registration is at the Township Police Department or Westwood or Hillsdale. The summer recreation program is now open for registration. The program will operate from June 29th to July 31st. Lacrosse, baseball, softball and men's over 35 softball is in full swing. The Township did receive the Community Development Block Grant, which was \$40,000 to help us install the rest of the handicap accessible curb cuts and ramps around the Township. She was very happy to hear Danica Wertalik completed the CERT class up at the academy on her own and graduated on April 10th. Congratulations to her for going through this 8 week course, she did an excellent job. May is Mental Health Month and you can wear green for support. Sky Trading started all of their work, this phase of the project includes installation of underground storage tanks and fuel pumps, the project will last approximately 8 to 10 weeks. With regard to insurance classes some of council went up to the liability insurance classes, for those of us to go we save \$250.00 off of what the Township pays, thanked all of the council people that attended, herself and Administrator Cavallo did attend. The grant of \$22,889 was received for the replacement of the Senior Center flooring which will be starting soon. We were notified today that we are going to receive the Clean Communities Grant this year in the amount of \$19,216.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Sears – Stated he is still trying to set up a meeting with Assembly Auth and the Mayor has also called for a meeting with regard to the intersection. At the meeting we can find out what is going on and what assistance they can give us, if they can give us any at this time. Stated we are receiving donations for the heart compression machines. If anyone would like to donate please see him for an application.

Mr. Frank – Stated he is trying to get together with Councilman Sears with regard to the Fire Department building and see what kind of issues they have with regard to settlement. Stated he was down there a few years ago and have an idea of what is there, but he would like to take another look at it. Thank you for taking care of the lightening at Memorial. Mayor Sobkowicz stated Administrator Cavallo took care of that, we can rent the lift by the hour instead of the month. Stated that is a not an easy thing since it is a specialty item.

Mr. Calamari – Stated for those that were not at our last council meeting, we had our budget hearing tonight, but since two of the councilmen could not attend we are voting on the budget at the next meeting which is a week from today. Asked for everyone to please come out and support the town's events. The Memorial Day Parade is great and we should keep in mind what the day is all about. Also asked everyone to please support the local stores that are moving into the shopping center to help them survive.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio.

Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth asked what is being built on the corner of Pascack Road in Washington Township? Mr. Calamari replied that is Sky Trading, the revised/renovated gas station is going at that location. Asked with regard to the catch basins, they are old and rusty, would like to know if the rust ever wears off. Administrator Cavallo stated they are new and that is what they look like. There was a discussion with regard to the catch basins. Mr. Bernroth would like to know if they will stay like that since they look old and rusty. Mr. Calamari stated he will look into that.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment spoke at length with regard to the dates that budget was published and the state law. She stated it is disrespectful not to have the two councilmen that are missing here for this meeting. She stated it would have cost \$135.00 to re-advertise the meeting and she feels without the two councilmen here it is disrespectful to the public. She stated that Mr. Calamari made a statement of putting WCTV on the agenda months ago and it has not been done. She spoke of the 3 year CAP budget and the fire department and police department which public safety. She stated residents have a right to ask questions and make any comments at any time and should not be limited. Stated that Mrs. Curran is paid \$50.00 per hour and the Mayor indicated she would attend a meeting a month, which she has not. Stated that Ms. Do sat at every budget meeting, lived in this town and cared for this town. Stated 90% of the new employees are not residents and do not really care about this town as much as someone who lives in and is a part of this town. Stated it is very disrespectful of the council to have this public hearing without two council members, believes the council members were not made aware of the date since Mr. Calamari himself looked surprised.

Beatrice Napier, 324 Hudson Avenue – Ms. Napier asked if the schools are required to recycle. Mayor Sobkowicz replied schools are exempt from recycling, they do recycle, but they are exempt. Ms. Napier stated in the shopping center the garbage cans have bottles and trash piled up and that those items should be recycled. Mr. Calamari stated he can suggest the idea of separate bins for recycling to the management.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso stated he found it amazing that no one from the council had a comment for the auditor or any questions. Stated that council is elected to watch the resident's money and the administration. Mr. Calamari stated all of our questions were answered during the budget sessions, had they not been answered to our satisfaction we would not have introduced the budget that we did. Mr. Frank stated we went through the budget line by line, and it took us four or five days, Saturdays. Administrator Cavallo had his laptop open and different references and anything we asked him he either went or found it for us or he answered the question. Mr. Frank stated the Administrator answered everything very thoroughly. Mayor Sobkowicz stated council president and the councilmen did do a lot with the budget. Mr. D'Urso spoke of the CFO attending meetings and the fact that she did attend this meeting. Mr. D'Urso also spoke of dispatching and that it was approved by council but the mayor knocked down the idea. He spoke of a disturbing anonymous letter that was mailed to his home, which is addressed to the mayor and council, he doesn't know if anyone else received this letter. Mr. Calamari stated as far as he knows no one else received it. Mr. D'Urso stated this letter is from someone in Paramus and it has to do with the DMF vehicles. He stated he is not going to read it, it was mailed from Kearny, New Jersey and he is not going to read it. He stated he will hand it to the Municipal Clerk and anyone who would like to read it can OPRA the letter. Mr. Frank stated that you need to be careful of what you read. Mr. Frank spoke of an article in the paper in which it is stated by Mr. Bruno that the field is going to cost 3 million dollars. Mr. Frank stated he hasn't seen a number over 2.2 million dollars in any of the estimates. Mr. D'Urso stated this letter was mailed personally to my home and would like council to take heed of this letter. Mr. Calamari stated council will certainly read it.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra stated there is more speeding going on now that Colonial Boulevard and Washington Avenue have been paved. Stated during the week there is a new police trailer there, and she would like to know what happened to the old trailer. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that is the old trailer. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke at length with regard to the speed limit signs that are located in that area and more signs need to be posted on Colonial Boulevard. Mr. Calamari stated he will ask the captain if it would be something of value to add more signs. She would like to know if it is a state law where signs are to be located. Mr. Calamari stated he doubts it. She stated there is a speed zone going right through from Hillsdale right down to Ridgewood Road and there should be a permanent trailer.

Sandy Philips, 321 Hudson Avenue – Ms. Philips asked if the \$6,000 celebration can be put towards fireworks so residents can enjoy them at night since a lot of events happen during the day. Mr. Calamari stated that already has been looked into, we don't have the space to do it in proper fashion and it is also a liability issue. Ms. Philips suggested maybe going with Westwood. Mr. Calamari stated we haven't researched doing something jointly with Westwood. Mayor Sobkowicz stated do it is very expensive, the overtime, and the clean-up. Additional funds would need to be raised.

Diane Grimaldi, 441 Van Emburgh Avenue – Ms. Grimaldi asked if there is going to be a Conference Session tonight. Mr. Calamari replied there is not since there are only three councilmen available. Ms. Grimaldi asked if someone has been chosen for the DMF study. Administrator Cavallo replied the Musial Group. Administrator Cavallo spoke of the 2013 bond ordinance, an ordinance to fund the study and Musial being the lowest responsible bidder. Ms. Grimaldi asked what would be the time line. Administrator Cavallo replied three to four months. Ms. Grimaldi asked what is the status with of the culvert at the library. Administrator Cavallo stated the engineer reviewed the project and did conduct a survey. Administrator Cavallo also stated that he did receive the specs and it should go out next week. Ms. Grimaldi asked has a Planning and Zoning Board secretary been hired. Administrator Cavallo stated we plan on interviewing next week. Ms. Grimaldi stated she attended a function for Mayor Birkner last week. Ms. Grimaldi stated that Mayor Birkner brought up the police dispatching study that was done and the agreement that was made and stated that he is more than happy to revisit it and it is still on the table if council wanted to look into it again at the same cost.

Vic Fadini, 698 Kennedy Drive – Mr. Fadini stated he has seen signs for Mayor Birkner around town and would like to know if permits were given out for lawn signs. Administrator Cavallo stated he contacted the clerk in Westwood who is contacting the campaign to have the signs removed until permits are applied for. Mr. Fadini asked no permits were requested or given and signs that just went. Administrator Cavallo replied that is correct. Mr. Fadini congratulated the council for staying away from the Westwood outsourcing. He stated he always thought it was a bad idea and it is still a bad idea. He stated the Mayor had mentioned before that the emergency services were against it. He stated even though it was approved a few years ago, he hopes the new council will be against outsourcing our dispatching with Westwood or the County. He would like to congratulate council on their patience with the CCC (Chronic Complaints Club) that comes now and then. He believes this council as compared to recent council has been very respectful to the people giving them a chance to talk without snide remarks as previous council. He stated this is respectful council, not like councils of the past.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson asked with regard to Memorial Field, this is for plans and specifications. Mr. Calamari replied that is mostly correct. Mr. Hanson asked what the cost of the engineering is. Mr. Calamari stated it is \$64,000. Mr. Hanson spoke of the fact that council did a good job in bringing the amount under budget and that should be applauded. Mr. Hanson spoke of the 25 mile per hour speed limit being a good idea and some county roads are 40 miles per hour. He stated the intersection needs a lot of help and maybe we should take the speed limit idea to the county. He asked has soil remediation been done at the intersection of Pascack and

Washington. Administrator Cavallo stated that shoring is being done so the underground tanks can be installed. Mayor Sobkowicz stated soil remediation was already done for that section. Administrator Cavallo stated soil remediation is complete; the only remediation that is required is still ongoing, that being the ground work contamination. Mr. Hanson stated it is nice to see progress and looks forward to the council getting stuff done this year.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio.

Mr. Calamari – Stated that the Councilmen that could not be here tonight did indicate that they would listen to the meeting before voting on it. Mr. Calamari stated he will remind both of them as to how important that is.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Frank.

Ayes: Councilmen Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio.

Resolution No. 15-182

Engineering Escrow

WHEREAS, George & Tatianna Mouravieff, posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 1208, Lot 4, 691 Kennedy Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated March 30, 2015, C.O. No.14-407; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated March 19, 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$314.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-183

Waste Water Collection System Operator

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 7:10A-1 et seq. requires that the owner of a Waste Water Collection System be licensed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) and that the system be operated by a NJDEP licensed operator; and

WHEREAS, Charles H.F. Blumeling, III possesses the required licensed.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in line item 5-01-20-165-201 to award a professional service contract without competitive bidding to serve as the licensed operator of the Waste Water System within the Township of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington hereby awards a professional service contract to Charles H. F. Blumeling, III as the NJDEP licensed operator of record of the Township’s Waste Water Collection System without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law. It is acknowledged that Charles H.F. Blumeling, III, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies he has not made any

reportable contributions to a political candidate committee in the Township of Washington in the previous one year, or make any contribution as per the terms of the Township Ordinance, and has agreed that the terms of the award will prohibit Charles H.F. Blumeling, III from making any reportable contributions during the term of the contract or making any contribution as per the terms of the Township Ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the award hereunder, the Township Council of the Township of Washington hereby appoints Charles H.F. Blumeling, III as the Licensed Municipal Waste Water Collection System Operator of record for the year 2015 at an annual compensation of \$1,000.00, and that said Licensed Municipal Waste Water Collection System Operator is hereby obligated to serve a copy of all reports on the Township Department of Municipal Facilities and the Township Clerk.

Time Noted: 8:57 pm



Elaine Erlewein
Acting Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: June 1, 2015