

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

May 18, 2015

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Council President Peter Calamari with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steve Cascio, Dave Frank, Thomas Sears and Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator.

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 ADOPTION

Resolution No. 15-185

Waiver of Reading in Full 2015 Budget

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to approve the following resolution, Resolution No. 15-185, Waiver of Reading in Full of the 2015 Budget.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, N.J.D.S. 40A:4-8 permits that the Budget as advertised may be read by its title providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget shall:

- a. Be posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted, and
- b. Is made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, THE Township of Washington has complied with the aforesaid requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township is hereby permitted to waive the reading in full of the 2015 Municipal Budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Cascio, to approve the following resolution, Resolution No. 15-186, Resolution on Adoption of the 2015 Budget of the Township of Washington.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorized of the amount of:

(a) \$8,986,301.00 (Item #2 below) For Municipal Purposes; and

(e) \$569,498.00 (Item #5 below) Minimum Library Tax

## SUMMARY OF REVENUES

### 1. General Revenues

Surplus Anticipated	\$ 1,325,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	1,738,733.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	350,000.00

### 2. Amount to be raised by Taxation for Municipal

Purposes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	8,986,301.00
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### 5. Amount to be raised by Taxation-Minimum Library Levy

569,498.00

Total Revenues \$12,969,532.00

## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

### 5. General Appropriations

#### Within "CAPS"

(a & b) Operations Including Contingent \$ 8,457,402.00

#### (e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures

Municipal 881,074.00

#### Excluded from "CAPS"

#### (a) Operations-Total Operations

Excluded from "CAPS" 1,619,533.00

(c) Capital Improvements 155,000.00

(d) Municipal Debt Service 937,794.00

(e) Deferred Charges – Municipal 56,000.00

(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes 862,729.00

Total Appropriations \$12,969,532.00

It is hereby certified that the within budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2015 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

### GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Rose D'Ambra, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth requests when there is closed session that a couple of chairs be put outside so someone can sit down until the doors open. Mr. Calamari stated he will make a note of that. Mr.

Bernroth asked about the rusty storm drains at the last meeting and Mr. Calamari indicated he was going to check into their appearance. Mr. Frank stated this is also used on the Garden State Parkway with the guardrails, from his experience the steel is actually supposed to rust so it doesn't need to be painted, it protects itself, it is supposed to rust like that. Mr. Bernroth asked are they going to look rusty forever. Mr. Frank stated they should look the way they look now.

Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road – Mr. Bruno stated he could not be at the budget hearing and did send an email with questions on a handful of accounts. He would like to know a million dollars more was spent than last year. Mr. Calamari stated during the whole budget process we deemed that money needed to be spent to keep the increases low as possible. Mr. Bruno stated in these categories a million dollars more will be spent than what was spent last year. Mr. Calamari stated we haven't planned on spending it, it is budgeted in case the need is there. Mr. Bruno asked what is true and what is not. Mr. Calamari it is hard to say that is why it is a budget at the end of the year we will look at it. Mr. Bruno stated the group health insurance is 45% more than it was last year. Mayor Sobkowicz explained the family plan went up 10.1%, the other two plans husband and wife and single went up 6%. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the Administrator knew of how many people might be getting married this year, how many people might go into the family plan, we would have to allow some monies for those occasions. Mr. Bruno asked if the employees contribute to the plan. Mayor Sobkowicz replied yes, all employees contribute to the plan. Mr. Bruno stated some of the increases would be offset then. Mayor Sobkowicz replied yes but not to the same extent of the increase. Administrator Cavallo stated that is not an increase of \$264,000, the increase on that line item of what was budgeted is very minimal. Mr. Bruno stated on that line item \$586,000 was spent last year, this year it is budgeting \$50,500, a 45% increase. Administrator Cavallo stated he doesn't see it that way. Mr. Bruno asked where is the CFO. Administrator Cavallo stated according to the Faulkner Act and the Code of this Township the mayor and the administrator are responsible for the budget. Mr. Bruno would like a copy of the premiums. Administrator Cavallo stated he can OPRA request it or get it off of the New Jersey State Health Benefits website. Mr. Bruno would like to go on record with this, some of you are elected officials and some of you are handpicked by the Mayor, you have a transparency obligation to us and fiduciary responsibility to properly report and accurately report the numbers of the town, and if you are going to set up a contingent reserve, which I applaud you Madam Mayor, but the reality is show the true expenses and show the contingency reserve so we know how much the town really has as a contingency. Mr. Bruno asked if the football coaches received 1099's. Administrator Cavallo stated if it was over the value they would receive a 1099, he believes the coordinator did. Mayor Sobkowicz stated years ago the coordinator made \$1000 or something along those lines, they would get a 1099 form, if you made under \$600.00 you would not get a 1099 form. Mr. Bruno stated the accumulated absence liability appears to be underfunded by about \$413,000, how is the \$413,000 going to be funded. Administrator Cavallo stated if everyone was to leave tomorrow we would have to declare an emergency and fund it in other years. Administrator Cavallo spoke at length with regard to the emergency absence liability.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of past budgets with regard to police dispatching. She stated in 2012 it was contractual for \$95,000. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that may have been for outside dispatching. Mrs. D'Ambra asked why is more to go outside for dispatching than with the police. Mayor Sobkowicz stated dispatching is done in house. Mayor Sobkowicz stated there may have been in the 2012 budget to go to outside but we didn't. Mrs. D'Ambra asked what happens to the money that was held over. Mayor Sobkowicz stated it may go to surplus or other accounts. Mrs. D'Ambra asked do we have contractual now. Mayor Sobkowicz stated we have in house dispatching, two full timers, a third one is almost full time and we have a part-timer. Mrs. D'Ambra stated in 2015 it went up to \$130,000. Mr. Calamari stated we are working on it to save on police overtime.

Mrs. D'Ambra stated she thought police officers were not dispatchers anymore. Mr. Calamari stated it is an ongoing process. Mrs. D'Ambra asked right now it is mixed. Mr. Calamari replied yes, now it is mixed. Mrs. D'Ambra asked with regard to the houses for the VFW property, are they going to be given to War Veterans. Mr. Calamari stated the number is not set in stone at this point, we want to give as many as we can. Mrs. D'Ambra would like the Township to be the first town to do something for our war veterans. There was a discussion of the number of units which would be approximately four units.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment spoke of an article in the paper on May 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the Board of Education approving tax levy increase. She spoke at length with regard to this article, that being Westwood taxes would increase \$41.00 and the Township's would increase \$190.00. She asked if council was aware of this at any point. Mr. Calamari replied no. There was a discussion with regard to the auditor. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the ratables of Westwood went down farther than the Township and the Township's homes are worth more, so it is more money. Mrs. Ozment spoke of what was done in the past. Mr. Calamari stated as a council we didn't know it, but we did our best no matter what they did to keep our budget as low as possible. Mrs. Ozment stated she did pluses and minutes and it was a \$50,000 difference, and the budget was not taken down that much. Mrs. Ozment asked if Mr. Calamari knows what the county is. Mr. Calamari stated he does not, but we probably could not have waited to find out what the school was going to do. Mr. Beckmeyer stated Dr. Cascio and himself have been on council for a couple of years and every year for the last four years the rate of increase has dropped now it is only \$14.00. Mr. Beckmeyer stated he believes that is very good since most of the towns in the Pascack Valley are over \$165.00, he only saw one that stayed flat. Mr. Beckmeyer stated we try our best to supply what we can and not increase taxes we do have it down to \$14.00. Mr. Beckmeyer stated that the school board is the one that is raising the taxes so maybe residents should go down to the school board and ask why are our taxes being raised, try and cut money out. Mr. Beckmeyer stated we do what we can with the money we have, we cannot say the school board is at \$140.00 and we have to drop another \$10.00 and limit what we do here, we have certain things we have to do. Mr. Beckmeyer stated if you are not happy with the school board go to the school board meetings. Mrs. Ozment stated we don't vote for their budget and BOE is allowed to go up to 2% they don't have to bring it to the public's attention at all. Mr. Sears stated he appreciates Mrs. Ozment bringing this to council's attention. Mr. Sears stated these tax increases are unbelievable and he doesn't see them having respect for Washington Township at all. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the budget book that is given by BOE. Administrator Cavallo stated that is was given last Monday, it is in the Municipal Building with a note attached that it will be picked up June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sears spoke at length with regard to the Board of Education. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the 2% on the Board of Education budget is a lot more money, for us to try to lower ours to make up for them we would have cut out services, we came under our 2%. Mayor Sobkowicz stated even though the BOE doesn't have elections, you can still make your voice known.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

## ORDINANCES

### Introduction Ordinance No. 15-07

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-07 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

APPROPRIATING THE ISSUANCE OF \$714,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-07 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-187 was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Frank, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-07 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING THE ISSUANCE OF \$714,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 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 for final passage and public hearing of this ordinance as required by law.

Introduction Ordinance No. 15-08

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-08 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT TO FINANCE THE COST OF JACK WOODS SENIOR CENTER FLOORING REPLACEMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-08 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-188 was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-08 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT TO FINANCE THE COST OF JACK WOODS SENIOR CENTER FLOORING REPLACEMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 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 for final passage and public hearing of this ordinance as required by law.

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 Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 15-189

Tax Refund

WHEREAS, an overpayment for the 2nd quarter property taxes was paid twice by Wells Fargo and the lender has requested a refund;

WHEREAS, under the N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, tax overpayments shall be refunded to the payer:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage  
Correspondence Resolution  
P. O. Box 10335  
Des Moines, IW 50306

Ray, Rodney & Maura, Block 2318.Lot 15 \$ 2,078.00  
967 Harrison St.

Resolution No. 15-190

Tax Refund

WHEREAS, an overpayment for the 2nd quarter property taxes was paid twice by lender and homeowner and the resident has requested a refund;

WHEREAS, under the N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, tax overpayments shall be refunded to the payer:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Arlene K. Dukette  
505 Ridgewood Blvd No  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Ray, Dukette, Arlene K., Block 2310.Lot 6 \$ 2,062.25  
505 Ridgewood Blvd. No.

Resolution No. 15-191

Interlocal Police Department Mutual Aid

WHEREAS, the police departments in the County of Bergen have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the safety and security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods,

hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., manmade causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riot, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies, and

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and

WHEREAS, this Plan provides a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Washington to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief's Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an Inter local Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor and the Municipal Clerks of all Bergen County Municipalities.

#### Resolution No. 15-192

##### Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property;

WHEREAS, the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is providing federal mitigation funds to support development of the mitigation plan;

WHEREAS, a Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Mitigation Planning Committee;

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Plan includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction and was posted on the County Office of Emergency Management's website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments; and to present the Plan and request comments, as required by law, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that:

1. The Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on April 13, 2015 by the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Township; minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.

2. The Township of Washington departments identified in the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments. a

3. Any action proposed by the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the Township of Washington, and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.

4. The Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted on a yearly basis by a predetermined date as agreed upon by all stakeholders.

Resolution No. 15-193

Capital Budget Amendment

Whereas, the local Capital Budget for the year 2015 was adopted the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015; and

Whereas, it is desired to amend said adopted capital budget section,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen that the following amendment(s) to the adopted capital budget section of the 2015 budget is made:

Project	Estimated Total Cost	From	
		Capital Budget (Current Year Action) 2015	
		Improvement Fund	Debt Authorized
Improvement Various Road	\$750,000	\$37,500	\$ 712,500
Senior Center Floor Replacement	23,000	1,150	21,850
<b>TOTAL ALL PROJECTS:</b>	<b>\$ 773,000</b>	<b>\$38,650</b>	<b>\$ 734,350</b>

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017  
Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirements

Project	Estimated Total Cost	Budget Year 2015
Improvement Various Road	\$750,000	\$750,000
Senior Floor Center Replacement	23,000	23,000
<b>TOTAL ALL PROJECTS:</b>	<b>\$773,000</b>	<b>\$773,000</b>

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017  
SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

Project	Estimated Total Cost	Capital Improvement Fund	Bonds & Notes General
Improvement Various Roads	\$750,000	\$37,5000	\$712,000
Senior Center Floor Replacement	23,000	1,150	21,850
<b>TOTAL ALL PROJECTS:</b>	<b>\$773,000</b>	<b>\$38,650</b>	<b>\$734,350</b>

TO  
CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)  
2015

Project	Estimated Total Cost	Capital Improvement Fund	Capital Surplus	Debt Authorized
Improvement Various Roads	\$750,000	\$36,000		\$714,000
Senior Center Floor Replacement	25,000		25,000	
<b>TOTAL ALL PROJECTS:</b>	<b>\$775,000</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$714,000</b>

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017  
Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirements

Project	Estimated Total Cost	Budget Year 2015
Improvement Various Roads	\$750,000	\$750,000
Senior Center Floor Replacement	25,000	25,000
<b>TOTALS ALL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$775,000</b>	<b>\$775,000</b>

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017  
SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING AND SOURCING AMOUNTS

Project	Estimated Total Cost	Capital Improvement Fund	Capital Surplus	Bonds & Notes General
Improvement Various Roads	\$750,000	\$36,000		\$714,000
Senior Center Floor Replacement	25,000		25,000	
<b>TOTAL ALL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$775,000</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$714,000</b>

Time Noted: 8: 22 pm

  
Elaine Erlewein  
Acting Township Clerk

  
Peter Calamari  
Council President

Approved: June 1, 2015

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

May 18, 2015

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

Roads Program – Administrator Cavallo stated the ordinance was introduced tonight so it can be funded. Administrator Cavallo stated he has been made aware that the road program should be out by now through Westwood. Mr. Frank asked any ideas what the prices would be. Administrator Cavallo stated we estimated in our numbers \$85.00 a ton, Ridgewood's numbers came in at \$76.00 a ton. Mr. Beckmeyer stated he just got on in Caldwell and it was \$76.80 a ton.

Facility Use Fees – Mayor Sobkowicz stated Mr. Poller is working on it. Mr. Poller stated he does have some questions, such as does it include all the fields in the towns or any exclusions. Mr. Calamari stated he believes it should be all. Mr. Poller stated there needs to be some parameters, it cannot state to be determined. Mr. Poller asked any usage by the Recreation Department is exempt. Mr. Calamari replied yes, that was agreed upon. Mr. Poller asked is the payment before usage. Mayor Sobkowicz replied yes.

Firehouse Building – Mr. Sears stated that Mr. Beckmeyer and himself did look at it Saturday. Mr. Beckmeyer stated he did look at the floor area and underneath the flooring itself. Mr. Beckmeyer stated underneath the doors it is falling apart faster than inside, something might have to be done for the short term. Mr. Beckmeyer stated he would like to get the Needs Study Report from the Fire Department as to what their needs are before anything is done. Mr. Calamari asked is it a safety issue. Mr. Beckmeyer replied no, the sill part right underneath the door there is an area where the trucks ride over it is bouncing, it is getting to be a depression and you can see where someone can trip. Mr. Beckmeyer stated it is the sill itself. Mr. Sears stated outside the sill you can see the collapse of it, the concrete on both sides. Mr. Beckmeyer stated if we leave the floor level as is, then we can go back at a future date and saw cut and do back to the second column and put an expansion point. There was a discussion of the flooring. Mr. Beckmeyer stated the floor is not collapsing, but you can see the crack in the sill. There was a discussion of where the expansion lines are located and the apron. There was a discussion of doing this concrete pour with the roads program.

Department of Municipal Facilities Building – Administrator Cavallo stated the requisition was signed over the weekend.

Memorial Field Improvements – Mayor Sobkowicz stated the lights were taken care of. Administrator Cavallo stated we should have a concept plan soon.

VFW Property – Habitat for Humanity – Mr. Poller stated this is going to be part of the COAH discussion that we had started in Closed Session with Stan Slachetka.

Intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue – Mayor Sobkowicz stated there will be a meeting in June. Mr. Sears stated he called Mr. Tedesco's office this morning, the original meeting was canceled and their office stated they would call the Mayor. Mayor Sobkowicz stated he did call today.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to close the Conference Session.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to go back into Closed Session.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None

Time note: 8:31 pm



Elaine Erelwein  
Acting Township Clerk



Peter Calamari  
Council President

Approved: June 1, 2015