

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2020~7:00 p.m.

**☞PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A VIRTUAL MEETING
WITH REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT☞**

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Feeney

STATEMENT:

Welcome to the regularly scheduled Public Meeting of May 4, 2020 of the Township of Washington Township Council. Adequate notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the Township Clerk to at least two newspapers in January and this notice has been posted on the Township Bulletin Board and on the Township Web Site.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Led by Council President Feeney

ROLL CALL: Via Conference Call

Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney. Let the record reflect also participating via conference call, Mayor Calamari; Township Administrator Tovo and Township Attorney Poller and Township Clerk Witkowski.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT read by Council President Feeney.

CORONAVIRUS - For the latest updates on the Coronavirus, as well as messages from Mayor Calamari, Chief Skinner, and Governor Murphy's statewide at home order, please visit our website.

Facemasks are now required by law in New Jersey grocery stores, essential retail stores, and while using New Jersey Transit. If you are in need of a mask, please visit the Township website and send an email to COVID-19 Task Force. The mask will be delivered to your home or you can pick one up in the pick-up at Town Hall.

Per Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 120, dated Wednesday, April 8, 2020 the Primary Election Scheduled for June 2nd has been rescheduled to Tuesday, July 7th.

Please note that the Township of Washington has extended the grace period for Quarter 2 Taxes to **June 1, 2020**.

Town Hall remains closed to the public – you may not pay your taxes in person. Your options for paying are as follows:

1. Mail payment to: Tax Collector, 350 Hudson Avenue, Township of Washington, NJ 07676 Make check payable to: Township of Washington.
2. Place payment in new blue drop-box in front of Town Hall – along the path leading to building from the parking lot. Your payment must be in a sealed envelope, addressed to TAX COLLECTOR and identified by address or block & lot. The drop-box is checked multiple times daily.
3. Pay online through the Township website: www.twpofwashington.us Scroll down the home page & click on the link: PAY PROPERTY TAXES HERE and then follow the prompts.

If you would like your bill returned stamped PAID, enclose your entire bill with payment and include a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you have questions or require assistance, please contact us: taxcollector@twpofwashington.us or call 201-666-8797. We appreciate your flexibility during this crisis.

DPW YARD

The DPW Yard is now open and has resumed its normal Tuesday, and Saturday scheduled hours, Tuesdays 7am-3pm and Saturdays 9am-1pm. A permit is required to use the facility, application form can be found on www.twpofwashington.us, under Departments, Forms, Permits, Licenses. The Yard will close prior to 1:00 or 3:00 P.M. if the truck is full. Household (bulk) Debris pick-up has been postponed until further notice.

Township of Washington Task Force Food Drive

Help donate to those in need, now accepting canned goods, non-perishable items and toiletries. Drop boxes are located at Town Hall, main exit of Fresh Grocer and front entrance of Rite Aid. Care packages will be assembled with your generosity for Township residents in need. Please visit on our website for further information. We will be starting assembly of care packages this Friday, please have all donations in the drop boxes by Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Cumming, seconded by Councilman DeSena to approve the following minutes:

March 9, 2020 Budget Meeting (sc)
March 9, 2020 Closed Session (sc)

Ayes: Councilmen Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
 Council President Feeney.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Councilman Cascio.

A motion was made by Councilman DeSena, seconded by Councilman Cumming, to approve the following minutes:

March 23, 2020 Regular Meeting
March 23, 2020 Conference/Budget Meeting

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
 Council President Feeney.
Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Cumming, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the following minutes:

April 6, 2020 Regular Meeting
April 6, 2020 Conference/Budget Meeting

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
 Council President Feeney.
Nays: None.

REPORT OF MAYOR CALAMARI

Coronavirus – As of this past Friday, 92 confirmed cases of Coronavirus amongst our residents. Please continue to assist your neighbors and practice social

distancing, it is the best way to stay safe and prevent new cases. I also ask that you pray for those effected by this crisis.

Memorial Day Parade-unfortunately has been cancelled, but please remember the meaning of the day, those that have served our Country and have given their lives of service. Please speak to your children about the meaning and significance of the day. I am proud to share that we will be having a Virtual Memorial Day Parade, please decorate your front porch in red, white and blue and include a short video with a message for our Veteran's and First Responders. Please visit the Township for further information, I cannot encourage you enough to take part, show the Veteran what the commitment and sacrifice the Veteran's mean to us individually in this great community of the Township of Washington.

Property Taxes – The Council approved the option in the Governors Executive Order allowing municipalities to extend the tax grace period to June 1st, unfortunately the Governor did not give municipalities an extension to pay their share of County and school taxes. I checked with the Finance Department; they report it will be tight to make those payments so close to June 1st. If you need extra time due to hardship, please take advantage of it, but if you are fortunate enough not to need the grace period, please make your payment during the usual grace period of May 10th. Due to the crisis the public cannot enter Town Hall, but you can either pay by mail, drop-box or online. Please call the Tax Office at 201-666-8797 with any additional questions you may have. The State reports they will not have the new amounts to us in time for our regular tax bills, we will be mailing estimated tax bills for the next quarter. Additional information will become available as we get closer to that date.

Parks & Fields – I consulted with the Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, Mayor of Westwood and Superintendent of the Westwood School District regarding the opening of town parks, the decision was made to keep the parks closed until further notice, as well as the school properties. The reason for the decision is as follows, Governor Murphy's Executive Order 133 specifically prohibits and continues the closure of parks facilities, including picnic areas, playgrounds, exercise stations and equipment, pavilions, restrooms and other buildings, it further continues to ban organized or contact activities for sports of any kind. The township parks differ from States and County parks because for the most part they are specifically designed for the type of activities that are still banned by the Governors directives. I realize this creates a continued inconvenience on some residents, however I would like residents to know that this decision was made placing the utmost priority on the continued health and safety of the Township of Washington and its residents. I am happy to report that Westwood Mayor Arroyo and Superintendent Gonzalez and I have a very positive working relationship and excellent communication. The conversations between us have been positive and collaborative as we work for our communities during this crisis.

DPW Yard – As of May 2nd the DPW yard will be resuming its Tuesday and Saturday hours. Please note anyone bringing debris to the yard must be able to place the debris in the truck without the assistance of DPW employees who are only present to run the equipment and maintain an orderly flow of vehicles. Due to the social distancing orders in place please be sure to abide by the following guidelines, wear a protective covering/mask, monitor social distancing guidelines, maintain at least six feet of space between yourself and others, place items as expediently as possible and depart from the premises promptly. When possible, please leave garden debris for curbside collection no oversize loads, please be considerate of your neighbors as many items that need to be disposed of and please be patient and courteous to our DPW employees and each other.

Emergency and First Responders – The Police Department, Office of Emergency Management and Administration are working with one another during this crisis.

They are here, as they have always been, to protect and assist, but they do so much more. I was fortunate to take part in some of their drive-by birthday tributes. It is just one small example of how they go above and beyond law enforcement to make such a positive difference in the community. The Ambulance Corps volunteers, together with surrounding towns in their Mutual Aid Agreements and Central Dispatch have maintained 24/7 service to the residents of the township and the other towns, requiring them to have direct contact with COVID patients. The Fire Department volunteers have remained active and ready for our township, ready when they are called upon, some of the situations are accident scenes, car fires, smoke conditions and house fires. As always keep our volunteers and their families in your thoughts and prayers, especially during these trying times. In conclusion, be safe, practice good social distancing and encourage others to do the same, take care of yourselves and think of positive ways to help others, we will get through this together.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Council President Feeney stated if anyone can donate to our COVID-19 food drive, that would be much appreciated.

Councilman Cumming stated there was an email that came in from Mrs. Carcone suggesting Council look into using a different platform, such as Zoom for Council meetings, instead of this platform. He replied to her email stating there was a reason that the other platforms were not desirable, Zoom does not have the facilities we need to hold a meeting on the air, the server is located in China, which may be less desirable. We have a secure set-up which is in house, it seems to be working quite well, the public is invited to comment on the "Comment Line" which is 201-664-4659, we welcome everyone's suggestions and helpful hints. He thanks Mrs. Carcone and apologizes for the delay in answering her email. Council President Feeney stated we are looking at some options for that, there are a few companies that she is looking to get information from on how to hook it up, she will have more information in the middle of the week.

Councilman Cascio stated he has no report.

Councilman DeSena stated his thoughts and prayers go out to all that we lost and those who are battling COVID-19, please stay strong our prayers are with you and we will get through this. A big shout-out to our essential employees and Happy Firefighters Day and Nurse's Week, it should be Nurse's Week, Doctor's Week and Essential Employees Week every week after we get through this crisis. The budget process has been moving forward, and he looks forward to a zero increase in taxes for our township taxpayers and utilizing some of the governments criteria given to us by Governor Murphy during the crisis will be implemented for zero tax increase.

Councilwoman Morgan stated she echoes Councilman DeSena words, her thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by the COVID-19. Today does kick off "National Nurse's Week" she wants to take this opportunity to appreciate her fellow nurses that live here in the township, there are a lot of us. We put our lives on the line helping people affected by this pandemic, something we never thought we would never be facing when we came into this profession, you work long grueling shifts helping patients while worrying about your health and your family's health. As a nurse herself she can tell you that caring for another person during their moments of vulnerability and uncertainty is very difficult, heartbreaking but it is also a gift because it is in those moments that we are given a chance to shed hope and light in an otherwise very dark time. Most of the days this profession feels like a calling, it is the most essential and rewarding type of work, more often than not nurse's carry emotional battle scars, she can assure you that this does not come without a price. She applauds nurses,

understands the hard work, the time away from family, but she wants nurses to know they must take care of their mental health, especially during this time, seek help if you start to feel overwhelmed, we are human and cannot carry it all. She would like to recognize and publicly thank the many residents who reached out to her and many of the town's front liners with supplies, masks, hand sanitizers, food, everything from prayers to cheers and clap outs at 7:00 p.m. The amount of support we received from the residents in this township was humbling, she knew we were a strong community before, but in these recent weeks it feels like we are completely surrounded by family, your support and the encouragement that residents show on a daily basis is what we need as frontlines to keep going, whether you are nurse, healthcare worker, police officer, or essential worker. To the community, from the bottom of my heart, on behalf of all the front liners who have been touched by the unwavering support and encouragement we have received, we genuinely appreciate it, we thank you and we will get through this.

Council President Feeney stated for everything you do Councilwoman Morgan, thank you.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT (with consent of Council)

Appointment of Chief Financial Officer

Attorney Poller stated he also gives a shout out to those in the nursing industry, it is amazing what they do. Attorney Poller stated he wasn't present at the last meeting, but a question came up if this is a 4-year appointment or is it an appointment to fill the unexpired term of the prior CFO, there a few ways to approach this. He has his view of it, he has people that have their view, he did reach out to Trenton to get their view, it turns out they are not the same exact view. The DCA is not willing to give a legal or binding opinion as to what their terms are, they defer to the Municipal Attorney to make the determination. They did say we had a Temporary CFO appointment under the statute after the termination of the prior CFO that effectively stops the term of the original CFO, so the appointment now will be a new appointment of a four-year term, from January of this year, 2020. Council President Feeney asked is this Attorney Poller's recommendation based upon conversations of the prior meeting? Attorney Poller replied yes.

Mayor Calamari – To the Council President and Council members of the Township of Washington, please be advised that I am hereby appointing John K. Corcoran to the position of Chief Financial Officer effective May 2020, for the statutory term of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023, subject to having received your advice and consent, which I hereby respectfully request.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS OF CONSENT

Resolution No. 20-199 Appointment of Chief Financial Officer-John K. Corcoran

A motion was made by Councilman DeSena, seconded by Councilman Cumming to pass Resolution No. 20-199.

Councilman DeSena stated he would like to thank Administrator Tovo and the Mayor for spending the time in getting a candidate. This candidate has many years of experience in finance, not as a CFO, he does feel at this time we need a full time CFO, not part-time. Councilwoman Morgan stated she is okay with part-time. Councilman Cumming stated we are in desperate need of a CFO this person was interviewed; has the qualifications he believes Council should appoint this candidate. Council President Feeney stated she is in agreement, she thinks at this time it is in the best interest of the township, we need to have a

certified CFO in that position. Councilman DeSena asked what are the hours per week 20 or 25? Council President Feeney replied she believes it is a salaried position at \$70,000. Administrator Tovo stated that is correct. Councilman DeSena asked what is the hourly rate, it would differ between 20 or 25 hours. Council President Feeney stated it is a salaried position for the work that needs to get done. Councilman DeSena stated it is a salaried position, it is the minimum of 20 or 25 hours per week, if he ends up working 25 or 30 hours, does the Township owe him overtime? Administrator Tovo replied he is a salaried employee, stays at that rate of 20 hours per week, 25 hours per week during budget time. He is not eligible for overtime, no medical or dental benefits since he is part-time and is eligible for time off.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 20-199

Appointment of Chief Financial Officer-John K. Corcoran

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed the person listed below as Chief Financial Officer within the Department listed below for the term prescribed by law, subject to the advice and consent of the Township Council;

Name: John K. Corcoran
Department: Department of Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby gives its consent to such appointment by the Mayor.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Limit to five (5) minutes)

****TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION PORTION OF THE MEETING, PLEASE DIAL IN ON 201-664-4659. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD, AND WE ASK THAT ONLY ONE PERSON SPEAK AT A TIME. PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THE END OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION, NO MORE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED****

Council President Feeney stated there is a five-minute time limit.

A motion was made by Councilman DeSena, seconded by Councilman Cumming, to open the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asked is it possible to have the agenda placed on the website prior to the meeting? Township Clerk Witkowski replied it is. Mr. Ullman stated he is on the website, it only shows the Conference Agenda, not the Public Agenda. He stated in the Mayor's comments he mentioned if too many individuals applied for the extension it would be "tight" he doesn't know if "tight" is the an accounting term, but what are the actual implications of people crossing that threshold, what is our cashflow position, and was that shared with the Council before they passed the resolution and before it was signed. Council President Feeney stated she believes several council members were aware, it was spoken about, if residents did not pay their taxes by May 1st because our school payment was due, it was going to be (inaudible), she doesn't have an answer regarding the cash flow, she would have to get back

to Mr. Ullman. Mr. Ullman asked what is the impact if the town defaults on that payment? Council President Feeney replied she doesn't know, perhaps Administrator Tovo, who is our Acting CFO would know. Mr. Ullman stated he imagines it would have been a big discussion if we were failing to make our statutory payments. Council President Feeney asked Administrator Tovo does he know if there is an impact, is there discussion of an extension since the property tax payment deadline has been extended. Administrator Tovo stated as of right now there has been no movement for an extension of dates on our statutory required payments, generally speaking with LVH, we are in good financial status right now, but like every town in the state if the revenue from taxes or property taxes lags severely, it puts everyone else in jeopardy we may have to look to short or long term borrowing to fill that gap, mechanisms would be put in place to expedite that process, but we are waiting to see how this next quarter works out. Council President DeSena stated he does agree, can Administrator Tovo give her the cash flow information so she can forward it to Mr. Ullman. Administrator Tovo replied yes, he will do that. Mr. Ullman asked what days, hours and time that the new CFO be on site? Council President Feeney stated that it still being worked out, with the impact of COVID-19 she doesn't believe that can be answered until that changes. Mr. Ullman asked if we don't know the gentleman's hours, when he will be on site, is it prudent to approve the appointment. Administrator Tovo stated the hours will be during normal business hours, five days a week, the hours will be on site. Council President Feeney stated Mr. Ullman's five minutes are up, she did extend the time due technical difficulties.

William Ferrara, 2556 Cleveland Avenue – Mr. Ferrara stated he had sent an email to the Mayor, Council, Administrator Tovo and he has not yet received an acknowledgment as of 5:00 tonight, he just wants to make sure it was received. Council President Feeney stated the email was received, but we were not really sure what it was in reference to. Councilwoman Morgan stated that was the other email. Mr. Ferrara asked how much monies are given to the school board, is it 1/12 of the year? Administrator Tovo replied the payments are monthly. Mr. Ferrara stated the Township is short one month until the June 1st deadline. Council President Feeney asked how much is the payment for? Administrator Tovo replied 2.9 million. Mr. Ferrara stated at the end of last year, the Township had 16 million of cash in the bank, he doesn't know where it stands today, the money does need to be sent there to pay the teachers. He stated he was able to look at the agenda online today, noticed the paving contract for the two basketball courts of \$124,000, he would like Council to reject that because in 2015-2016, this town applied for grants to do the basketball courts, they were accepted/granted. Five years later we have not done the work, he doesn't know why the work wasn't done, he assumes there were engineers involved in developing the grants, unless the engineer was incompetent. There must be something wrong, either the specs went out to bid for are totally different, but he cannot see why it would cost double what the total cost of the project. He stated he had a conversation with Administrator Tovo about the practice of issuing/cutting checks before the work is completed, not issuing the check until work is completed, it has been the subject of an audit comment and he suggests this be discussed with the auditor. He stated in last year's Capital Plan, which was ten-million-four-hundred-thousand-dollars, there was \$550,000, which is 5% expense the Township has to bear, tax people. The road program as well as a number of other projects, he is assuming that money is sitting somewhere, he wants to make sure this year's capital 5% doesn't cost the town because last year's road program wasn't done, because two road programs are intended to be done this year. Council President Feeney stated she will look into the road program and get back to Mr. Ferrara.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan, seconded by Council President Feeney, to close the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,

Council President Feeney.
Nays: None.

Township Clerk Witkowski did reach out to Ms. Henry (website administrator) regarding the posting of the agenda. The Township Clerk stated she had sent Ms. Henry the amended Conference Agenda, she took down both not realizing she only posted the Conference Agenda, the original Public Agenda has been reposted, along with the Conference Agenda.

ORDINANCES

Adoption, 2nd Reading:

Ordinance No. 20-05

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 50 IN BLOCK 4308 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO THE OWNER OF CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming to approve Resolution No. 20-207 authorizing second reading and opening of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 20-05.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 20-207

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 20-05 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 50 IN BLOCK 4308 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO THE OWNER OF CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

Please call 201-664-4659 if you have a comment on Ordinance 20-05 only.

No calls received.

A motion was made by Councilman DeSena, seconded by Councilman Cumming, to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 20-05.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Council Presidents Feeney, to adopt Ordinance No. 20-05.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Ordinance No. 20-05

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 50 IN BLOCK 4308 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO THE OWNER OF CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) provides for a sale of real property not needed for public use to the owner of the real property contiguous to the real property being sold, provided that the property being sold is less than the minimum size required for development under the municipal zoning ordinance

and is without any capital improvement thereon; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b) (5) and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2 provide that whenever any municipality intends to sell real property which is less than minimum size required for development under the municipal zoning ordinance and is without any capital improvements thereon, it shall accord the owner or owners of any real property contiguous to such real property the right to prior refusal to purchase said land, and that said property shall be sold to the highest bidder from among such owners; and

WHEREAS, the owners of all contiguous properties to Lot 50 in Block 4308 on the Tax Map of the Township of Washington (the "Township Property"), have been provided with a right to prior refusal to purchase such property, and all have declined with the exception of Lorraine Rubino who is the record owner of 403 Fern Street (Lot 21 in Block 4308) and 397 Fern Street (Lot 50 in Block 4308), both being contiguous properties to the Township Property; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine Rubino has offered to purchase the Township Property for a purchase price of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the Township Property, which is less than the minimum size required for development under the Township's zoning ordinance and is without any capital improvement thereon, has a fair market value of less than \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Lorraine Rubino to merge the Township Property into her contiguous properties, which merger shall be a condition of any conveyance by the Township of the Township Property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington as follows:

1. The following real property owned by the Township of Washington is not Lot 50 in Block 4308 as shown and designated on the Tax Assessment Map of Township of Washington.

2. The aforesaid real property is less than the minimum size required for development under the applicable ordinance of the Township of Washington, and is without any capital improvement thereon.

3. The Township of Washington has determined to sell the aforesaid real property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b) (5) and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2, and by this Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract for sale of the Township Property with the Lorraine Rubino covering the conveyance of the Township Property for a purchase price of \$50,000.

4. The sale of the Township Property shall be in accordance with the corresponding contract for sale authorized hereunder.

5. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

6. All Ordinances or any provisions of any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies and not otherwise.

7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication and in accordance with the Charter, and subject to such emergency resolution as may be adopted pursuant to Section 17-32 thereof. [R.S. 40:69A-181 (b)].

Mayor Calamari stated now that the first ordinance has been completed regarding the sale, if there are any homeowners who have properties border a contiguous piece of property that the Township owns, and are interested in purchasing it, please send an email to mayor@twpofwashington.us. Council President Feeney also requested that information be put on the website.

Introduction, 1st Reading: None.

INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTION(S): None

CONSENT AGENDA:

All of the following items have been determined to have the unanimous consent of Council and will be enacted in one motion. Should any item require independent consideration, any Council Member may have such item removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council President Feeney asked would anyone at this time like to remove any resolution(s) from the Consent Agenda for discussion?

No discussion requested by Council members.

**Resolution No. 20-214 was a placeholder; it will be presented at the next meeting.*

A motion was made by Councilman DeSena, seconded by Council President Feeney to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Councilman Cascio, Cumming, Cascio, Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 20-208

Authorize payment of bills April 16, 2020-April 29, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington as per Ordinance No. 19-25, § 7-61 Payment of claims; expenditures, the list of claims below have been reviewed and approved by the Department Head, Township Administrator, Mayor and Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the following list of bills, representing the time frame of 04/16/20 to 04/29/20:

TOTAL	2019 Reserve	\$0	
TOTAL	2020 Current	\$43,633.91	
TOTAL	Capital Fund	\$11,678.28	
TOTAL	Animal Control	\$0.00	
TOTAL	Grant Fund	\$1,044.05	
TOTAL	Trust Fund	\$1,342.35	
TOTAL	Escrow Trust	\$ 9,783.50	
	GRAND TOTAL:		\$67,482.09

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following claims have been paid by the Treasurer prior to the Bill List Resolution, as per Ordinance No. 19-25, since the last bill list was submitted.

TOTAL	PERS/PFRS ANNUAL PENSION CONTRIBUTION	\$929,231.00
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VERIZON	2019-BLDG FAX 201-666-0338	40.81	38739
VERIZON	2019-FIRE HOUSE 201-666-0750	77.36	38739
VERIZON WIRELESS	2020 CELLPHONES FOR DEPT HEADS	338.72	38738
VERIZON WIRELESS	WIRELESS POLICE DEPT	228.18	38738
RICOH USA, INC	BUILDING COPIER LEASE	98.40	38757
RICOH USA, INC	ADMINISTRATION COPIER LEASE	141.83	38757
ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.	2020 PAYROLL PROCESSING-2/29	289.22	38749
ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.	2020 PAYROLL PROCESSING-3/31	362.02	38749
GREATAMERICA FIN'L SERV. CORP.	LEASE OF POSTAGE MACHINE	159.00	38767
BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTH	2020 DUMPING & RECYCLING FEE	2,543.84	38740
BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTH	2020 DUMPING & RECYCLING TAX	120.39	38740
NESTLE WATERS NORTH AMERICA	2020 - BOTTLE WATER DELIVERY	153.82	38761
ATLANTIC COAST FIBERS, LLC	RECYCLING-2020-MAR	1,446.54	38763
CLOSEOUT BATS.COM	Men's Softball (softballs)	1,079.10	8765
WB MASON CO., INC.	Report Covers	14.11	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	Manila File folders Letter	5.78	38755
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	Inv. # 15F654017 1/21/20	11.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	Mat Advantage Item# 8874	0.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	4x6 Active Mat Item# 10186	12.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	3x5 Mat Onyx Item# 10189	17.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	4x6 Mat Onyx Item# 10192	54.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	3x10 Mat Item #10202	97.50	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	Service Charge	6.55	38766
WB MASON CO., INC.	1" Ring Binder	8.16	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	2" ring binder	16.96	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	Toner Cartridge	64.91	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	Spiral Bound Notebook	2.02	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	Post It notes 3x3	9.30	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	Post It notes 1-1/2 x 2	3.98	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	Medium Binder Clips	1.58	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	Small Binder Clips	0.78	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	Penda flex Letter file folders	8.20	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	Elastic Bands	4.25	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	Large Binder Clips	2.10	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	Case Folders and Supplies	102.09	38755
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	WASHINGTON & PASCACK I#139349	7,478.28	3451
SMITTY'S PRODUCTIONS INC.	STEEL TOE BOOTS - PER CONTRACT	1,100.00	38750
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	ITEM NO. 1919	11.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	ITEM NO. 8874	0.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	ITEM NO. 10186	12.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	ITEM NO. 10189	17.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	ITEM NO. 10192	54.00	38766
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CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	INVOICE# 15F658993 2/4/20	11.00	38766
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WB MASON CO., INC.	BIC WITE-OUT EZ CORRECT TAPE	2.84	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	C-LINE BINDER PKT ASST 5/SET	8.44	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	BOISE FIREWORX PAPER	3.53	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	DATAPRODUCTS R3027 COMPATIBLE	8.28	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	BOSTICH PAPERPRO 3-HOLE PUNCH	15.88	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	SCOTCH MAGIC TAPE REFILL	11.22	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	UNIVERSAL ADDING MACHINE TAPE	11.10	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	UNIVERSAL STAPLES 5000/BX	0.98	38755
WB MASON CO., INC.	VERBATIM WIRELESS LED MOUSE	18.50	38755
IMPACT FIRE SERVICES LLC	INS-FIRE ALARM	250.00	38737
IMPACT FIRE SERVICES LLC	INS-FIRE ALARM	740.00	38737
IMPACT FIRE SERVICES LLC	INS-EXTINGUISHER	60.00	38737
IMPACT FIRE SERVICES LLC	INS-EXTINGUISHER	189.00	38737
BOB'S TROPHY SHOP	Recreation BASKETBALL Trophies	263.25	8761
WB MASON CO., INC.	Ink and File Jackets	158.26	38755
PIONEER MANUFACTURING CO., INC	LACROSSE PAINT	133.00	38752
PIONEER MANUFACTURING CO., INC	ITEM: AMAXW12	127.00	38752
PIONEER MANUFACTURING CO., INC	SHIPPING & HANDLING CHARGES	20.00	38752
THE RODGERS GROUP, LLC	PD/ Training	1,000.00	38765
AUTOMOTIVE BRAKE COMPANY	ATM 178.3090	169.68	38744
SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP	WELDED BRASS BEARING ASSEMBLY	141.52	38742
SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP	THRU-BOLT 1-8 X 9-1/2 HEX	51.60	38742
SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP	1-8 HEX NUT ZINC PLATE GRADE 8	15.00	38742
SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP	1" SAE GRD 8 WASHER	22.64	38742
SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP	LABOR	240.00	38742
CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION	CMCM1C1	260.00	38746
BRAEN STONE INDUSTRIES, INC	STONE FOR SHERRY & MEMORIAL	2,802.82	38769
RE-TRON TECHNOLOGIES INC.	BATTERY FOR POLICE VEHICLE	186.56	38754
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	2X3 WELLNESS AF ONYX ITEM:1919	11.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	MAT ADVANTAGE ITEM: 8874	0.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	4X6 ACTIVE MAT BLK ITEM: 10186	12.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	3X5 XTRAC MAT ONYX ITEM: 10189	17.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	4X6 XTRAC MAT ONYX ITEM: 10192	54.00	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	3X10 XTRAC MAT ONYX ITEM: 1020	97.50	38766
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	SERVICE CHARGE	6.55	38766
PRIME LUBE CORP	CHEVRON DELC XLC PREMIX 50/50	547.25	38736
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	BI/PRE ZON/ENG 4205/1 #72984	222.00	8764
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	BI/PRE ZON/ENG 4310/58 #73004	521.50	8764
SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP	CIC03134	136.88	38742
SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP	18034 TIE WRAPS	11.00	38742
SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP	LABOR	240.00	38742
AMERICAN WEAR INC.	INV.# 672195 3/12/20	94.05	38751

AMERICAN WEAR INC.	WIPER RED 18X18	14.00	38751
ALL MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS, INC.	GEORGIA PACIFIC #235-04	119.70	38759
ALL MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS, INC.	LIVI VPG 2-PLY BATH TISSUE	85.80	38759
ALL MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS, INC.	DIAL 1250 MANUAL DISPENSER	30.00	38759
MARSALA HARDWARE, INC.	KEYS MUNICIPAL BLDG.	12.66	38741
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SUPPLY	24 X 30 FIELD CLOSED SIGNS	291.06	38743
JEM INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INC	INTERIOR DISINFECTANT	414.91	38764
FIS GLOBAL	CHARGEBACK-WIPP CC CANCEL	2,898.00	38760
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	BI/PA/ENG 1404.01/10.01 #73071	661.50	8764
INSTITUTE FOR FORENSIC	PD/ Psychological Evaluation	500.00	38747
RAY REPRODUCTION	COMMUNITY BANNER ON VINYL	275.00	38768
RAY REPRODUCTION	TOGETHER ANYTHING FLYERS	14.50	38768
QRP, LLC	BLACK DRAWSTRING CINCH BAGS	500.00	38756
QRP, LLC	BLACK BIKE WATER BOTTLES	544.05	38756
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	SOIL-2519 CLEVELAND 72980	197.25	8764
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	BI/PRE ZON/ENG 3301/6 73037	392.50	8764
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	BI/PRE ZON/ENG 4425/42 73120	570.00	8764
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	PLAN BD/ENG-GOLDEN ORCH 73057	2,047.00	8764
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	BOA-620 PASCACK 2202/1 #73063	3,193.50	8764
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	PB/SITE-NICHOLAS MK/SIGN 75066	582.00	8764
T&M ASSOCIATES	HOUSING PLAN I# LAF385682	2,795.00	38748
T&M ASSOCIATES	HOUSING PLAN I# LAF385684	1,624.49	38748
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	SITE/WTC-J.NICHOLAS MED #75066	656.50	8764
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	SITE/WTC-NEW EDEN NAILS #73065	657.75	8764
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF NEW	DELTA DENTAL PLAN-APRIL	4,215.83	38745
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF NEW	DELTA DENTAL PLAN-RETIRESS-APR	134.68	38745
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF NEW	DELTA DENTAL PLAN-LIBRARY-APR	331.25	38745
BULDO CONTAINER & DISPOSAL	MONTHLY RECYCLING SERVICE	12,154.48	38735
AZZOLINA&FEURY ENGINEERING INC	BI/PRE ZON/ENG 2203/8 73059	82.00	8764
ALLEGIAN WIRELESS LLC	RES 18-317 RADIO COMMUNICATION	4,200.00	3450
TRITEC OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC.	NEW COPIER B/W	64.91	38753
TRITEC OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC.	NEW COPIER COLOR PRINTS	379.19	38753
		67,482.09	

Resolution No. 20-209

Authorize refund of engineering escrow monies, Block 3301/Lot 9, 204 Devon Road, in the amount of \$767.50

WHEREAS, Joe & Kim Soccodato posted engineering escrow monies for work on premises known as Block 3301, Lot 9, 204 Devon Road; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval, C.A. 06-509+A & C.O. 06-509, dated 4/13/20; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding invoice, dated 3/23/20, from the Township Engineer, has been encumbered for payment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of escrow in the amount of \$767.50 to the above.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by N.J.S.A. 40a:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and any other applicable requirements, I, Robert Tovo, Temporary Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Washington, have ascertained the availability of funds for such services as determined in the Township's escrow account; PROJECT ID: SOCCODATO1 Total Certified Amount Not to Exceed: \$767.50; Robert Tovo, Temporary CMFO

Resolution No. 20-210

Authorize refund of engineering escrow monies, Block 3301/Lot 6, 391 Pascack Road, in the amount of \$362.50

WHEREAS, Gary Rekucki posted engineering escrow monies for work on Block 3301, Lot 6, 391 Pascack Road; and

WHEREAS, the project falls within the guideline where neither a Certificate of Occupancy nor a Certificate of Acceptance is needed; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding invoice, dated 3/23/2020, from the Township Engineer, has been encumbered for payment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of escrow in the amount of \$362.50 to the above.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by N.J.S.A. 40a:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and any other applicable requirements, I, Robert Tovo, Temporary Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Washington, have ascertained the availability of funds for such services as determined in the Township's escrow account; PROJECT ID: REKUCKI001 Total Certified Amount Not to Exceed: \$362.50; Robert Tovo, Temporary CMFO

Resolution No. 20-211

Authorize refund of engineering escrow monies, Block 4311/Lot 2, 425 Hickory Street, in the amount of \$34.25

WHEREAS, Lawrence Farrell posted engineering escrow monies for work on premises known as Block 4311, Lot 2, 425 Hickory Street; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval, C.O. 19-501, dated 12/30/19; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding invoice, dated 3/26/20, from the Township Engineer, has been encumbered for payment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of escrow in the amount of \$34.25 to the above.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by N.J.S.A. 40a:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and any other applicable requirements, I, Robert Tovo, Temporary Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Washington, have ascertained the availability of funds for such services as determined in the Township's escrow account; PROJECT ID: FARRELL001, FARRELL002; Total Certified Amount Not to Exceed: \$34.25; Robert Tovo, Temporary CMFO

Resolution No. 20-212

Authorize refund of engineering escrow monies, Block 4301/Lot 26, 762 Koch Peak Avenue, in the amount of \$525.50

WHEREAS, Kevin & Michele Stapleton posted engineering escrow monies for work on Block 4103, Lot 26, 762 Koch Peak Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the project falls within the guideline where neither a Certificate of Occupancy nor a Certificate of Acceptance is needed; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding invoice, dated 4/13/20, from the Township Engineer, has been encumbered for payment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of escrow in the amount of \$525.50 to the above.

PROJECT ID: STAPLE0001

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by N.J.S.A. 40a:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and any other applicable requirements, I, Robert Tovo, Temporary Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Washington, have ascertained the availability of funds for such services as determined in the Township's escrow account; PROJECT ID: STAPLETON0001; Total Certified Amount Not to Exceed: \$525.50; Robert Tovo, Temporary CMFO

Resolution No. 20-213

Awarding of bid and contract to Jag Paving Corp. for Memorial Field and Gardner Field basketball renovations

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey received re-bids for the Memorial Field & Gardner Field Basketball Court Renovations (the "Project") pursuant to Advertisement for Bids and the related Notice To Bidders and invitation to Bid including Contract Documents and Specifications (referred to as "WT-2459 Bid"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is being partially funded through the following grants:

(a) a 2016 Municipal Program Park Improvement Program Grant awarded by County of Bergen Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund in the amount of \$13,500.00; and

(b) a 2015 Municipal Program Park Improvement Program Grant awarded by County of Bergen Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund in the amount of \$21,093.00; and

WHEREAS, Jag Paving Corp., 220 Kearny Avenue, Kearney, New Jersey 07032 (hereafter "Jag Paving") was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the work to be performed in connection with the Project in the amount of \$124,385.00; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount of \$124,385.00 shall be chargeable at such time as a certification of available funds is made by the Chief Financial Officer upon receipt of a properly executed purchase order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the bid of Jag Paving be and is hereby accepted and a contract is awarded to Jag Paving Corp. for the Project in the contract amount of \$124,385.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged to such accounts as may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and these funds shall be certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Jag Paving Corp. for the above stated purpose consistent with said bid.

Resolution No. 20-214

*Authorize issuance of estimated real estate tax bills-~~delete~~

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman DeSena, to adjourn to the Conference Agenda.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 7:54 p.m.

/s/ Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk

/s/ Arthur Cumming
Council Vice-President

Approved: August 17, 2020

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
CONFERENCE/BUDGET MINUTES
May 4, 2020

⌘PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A VIRTUAL MEETING ⌘
DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

CURRENT BUSINESS

I. Administration

II. Council

A. Ordinances and Legislation

B. Financials

1. Estimated tax bills (sw) – Township Clerk Witkowski stated she had put this on the agenda along with the Local Finance Notice just to inform Council this is an option, according to the Mayor we will be going forward with it, this is back-up information.

2. Auditor appointment, Year 2020 (sf) – Council President Feeney stated based on the information she received from Lou Mai and Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, her recommendation is going to be for LVH, he has sent the Statement of Work, she would like to put it on the agenda for next week. Councilman DeSena requested Council also see the documents. Council President Feeney stated it should come in slightly less than Lou Mai, she will send that out. Councilman DeSena asked if the audit and financials will be done by the same firm? Council President Feeney replied yes, there will be two separate teams doing the review. Councilman DeSena stated it is the same company. Council President Feeney stated yes, but it is two separate teams doing the review, she will send out the documents tomorrow.

Councilman DeSena asked the items he requested, can we put it on for the next meeting? Council President Feeney replied let us see if we can wrap up the budget tonight, we don't have much time, the budget is a priority.

C. Miscellaneous

III. Budget 2020 Discussion

Council President Feeney stated that the council members all received the new temporary numbers.

Attorney Poller disconnected from the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Councilman DeSena stated 0-01-46-875-001(Emergency Appropriations BAN Interest) is a new line item, it did not appear until this last budget run, it didn't have any monies in it. Mayor Calamari stated it was there, he is 99% sure it had money in it. Council President Feeney stated it is on the 2nd one, we spoke about it at the last meeting. Administrator Tovo stated the question was if the charges were included in the overall budget number, that was confirmed in LVH's email that that the number was included the \$109,840, 0-01-46-875-001. Councilman DeSena stated more was taken out of the \$500,000 Capital Improvement Fund. Council President Feeney stated we are saying those things, but let's go with what the line item is, that would be more prudent and beneficial, the \$89,224 she does have that we were going to talk about it. Administrator Tovo state he doesn't recall the \$89,224, it was \$109,840. Council President

Feeney asked are you good with the \$89,224? Administrator Tovo replied we are, the numbers have been verified by LVH. Councilman Cascio asked where do we get that money from in the original document? Council President Feeney stated it was not in the first set of numbers, it was in the second, \$89,224. Councilman Cascio stated where is that control, it was not funded in the original, the original recommend for this line item was blank, when did the Council authorize the \$89,224. Administrator Tovo stated it was not in the original because we were not aware of the numbers yet, because LVH has not come in yet to do the Annual Financial Statement, when they came and ran updated numbers, that is what is reflected in the second run of the budget. Council President Feeney stated when she spoke to LVH last week, is that we didn't have the information when the original numbers were run, is that correct? Administrator Tovo replied correct. Council President Feeney stated Administrator Tovo has the information now from LVH we did receive that email, that is the number to fund that line. Administrator Tovo stated correct. Council President Feeney stated LVH has previously told us that sometimes we don't always have the numbers at the time when the first one is given to the Council, we are not the only town that experiences that, we did not discuss it previously, we are discussing it now. She asked Administrator Tovo to explain the purpose of this line. Administrator Tovo replied the purpose of this line is to ensure that funding is put in there for matching grants, which weren't done at the time the grants were received in prior years otherwise they would have rolled over to our grant receivable line. In addition, we had some over expenditures with some line items, a lot of which was for electricity for street lighting, there is a breakdown that was provided by LVH and emailed out to Council. Council President Feeney stated we are going off the Mayors/Administration's recommend, which is \$89,224, when they received the information from LVH. Councilman Cascio stated this procedure is incorrect. Council President Feeney asked Administrator Tovo to explain the impact of not approving this line? Administrator Tovo replied stated all the numbers in this category we are required to pay, if we have over expenditures, we have to pay them, we apply for matching grants, those grants are being done we have to match them. Councilman Cascio stated find the funds to fund this line. Council President Feeney stated we have to fund this line; it is already in this budget number which is down quite a bit from our last meeting. Council President Feeney stated she is making a motion to vote on the \$89,224 for account 0-01-46-875-001, please keep in mind that we have to put forth a budget that the CFO can certify.

**Administrator Tovo recommended amount to be \$89,244.*

A motion was made by Council President Feeney, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan, to approve increasing the following line item to \$89,224.

Ayes: Councilman Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan, Council President Feeney.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

0-01-46-875-001	Emergency Appropriation BAN Interest	REC \$89,224	Budget \$89,224
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Town Day #0-01-30-420-002

Council President Feeney stated the \$109,100 is there, \$20,000 came off for the fire house. Administrator Tovo stated the \$109,840 was the total for the over expenditures and deferred charges, the \$89,000 is part of that. Council President Feeney stated it is included in the number, Councilman DeSena indicated last time if it was included in the number, he would be okay with it. Councilwoman Morgan stated you are renegeing. Councilman DeSena stated he can change his mind. Council President Feeney stated we speak about

something, you say what it is, then you change your mind, we work hard to get some sort of compromise, there is no compromise. Councilman DeSena stated we removed items right off the top, we went from 14.3 to 13.84 which is the exact reduction of the \$460,000, with no other reduction. Council President Feeney stated we are now at \$13.6, we eliminated other monies, this is a budget discussion, nothing is set in stone, until passed voted on, goes for verification and gets filed. Councilman Cascio stated you cannot count the \$400,000 for garbage. Council President Feeney stated that was a placeholder, which both the Mayor and Administrator indicated, she has spoken to many people in the municipalities that is perfectly normal to do if you don't have the numbers and need to submit the budget by a certain date, your making this like it conspiracy, it is not, we were at 14.3, now 13.6. Councilman Cascio stated we are up \$700,000 from last year. Council President Feeney stated there were other multiple expenditures, the money has been explained as to where it is going, it is out of the Townships control. Councilwoman Morgan stated she feels at some point we need to start compromising, she doesn't think \$10,000 for Town Day is a lot, we all want to move the town forward, how do you propose we move the town forward when we are not willing to advance it financially even by \$10,000 for Town Day when you see all of the savings we have had thus far, she is not sure how you can move the town forward otherwise. Councilman Cascio stated you don't move the town forward by just spending money. Council President Feeney stated we are not just spending money, she strongly disagrees. Council President Feeney asked Councilman Cascio how do you move the town forward without spending money? Councilman Cascio stated he didn't say not spend any money, be more prudent with the money that we have. Councilwoman Morgan stated she feels we are very prudent; we decreased the budget. Council President Feeney suggested every councilmember give up their stipend, that would be an additional \$25,000 decrease. Councilman Cascio stated he will take 1.5% down. Council President Feeney stated the whole stipend, that would be a \$25,000 - \$30,000 decrease, we voted on every line. Councilman DeSena stated we voted on every line, this line was a no. Council President Feeney stated last week Councilman DeSena if the \$109,000 was in the number, you would consider the \$10,000 for Town Day. Councilman DeSena stated he changed his mind. Councilman Cascio stated he wants to make a motion for zero on this line item. Councilwoman Morgan stated there should be zero complaints on Town Day. Council President Feeney stated if we don't add this money to Town Day, Town Day will not be safe. Councilman DeSena stated there is \$38,000 in the account, we have taxed the resident for \$38,000, we took \$45,000 out of the account, that still is not reconciled. Council President Feeney stated this is to enhance the Township, make things better, make us a better town. Councilman DeSena stated we are talking about Town Day, not snowflakes, there is \$38,000 in the account, Councilwoman Morgan stated it costs \$25,000 with no sponsors to run Town Day, Councilman DeSena stated there is plenty of money right now in the reserves to pay for it. Council President Feeney asked so this will be our last Town Day? Councilman DeSena replied no, we can run it next year. Council President Feeney stated why not spend a little bit now, plan for the future, it is not prudent to spend all of the money that is there for that purpose. Councilman DeSena stated we are begging residents to make their tax payments, we are going to wallop them with a \$300-\$500 increase on their taxes this fiscal based on us, the County, local and school tax combination. Council President Feeney stated based on the average home of \$455,000 the average increase is School \$140, County \$19, Operations \$140. Councilman DeSena stated he thinks that is too much, we are talking about begging people to make their tax payments, but we are going to increase them. Councilman Cumming stated we are not begging them; the taxes are normal and due. Council President Feeney stated what was said is that taxes should be paid by residents who are in a financial position to pay them, if you need the extra time, take the extra time to pay your taxes, no one is begging. Councilwoman Morgan asked what was the last vote on the Town Day line item? Township Clerk Witkowski stated the last vote, motion by Council President Feeney, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan, for \$10,000, nays

Councilmen Cascio, DeSena, ayes Councilman Cumming, Council President Feeney, Councilwoman Morgan, since there was nothing in the line item four affirmative votes were needed, there were only three affirmatives. Mayor Calamari asked the recommendation was zero? Township Clerk Witkowski replied yes, there was nothing recommend/requested. Mayor Calamari stated he thought when Daisy was on the phone with us, that she made her pitch for the monies, amend the recommendation. Councilwoman Morgan stated it is zero, February 7, 2020, same day as the discussion about the snowflakes. Council President Feeney asked there is no way for a compromise, even with the numbers coming down? Councilman Cascio replied it is a no for him. Councilman DeSena stated his case. Councilwoman Morgan stated at some point she would love to hear just how we plan on moving the town forward, we come up with ideas, talk to people, plan it, vote on it and it gets knocked down, please let me know how we are going to keep this town moving forward and working with our neighboring towns. Councilman Cumming stated he feels we are moving backwards. Councilman Cascio stated there is \$38,000 in the account use those monies. Councilwoman Morgan stated she believes it would be prudent for a councilmember to sit on that committee to see how hard Daisy has to work to get monies and other items donated to make Town Day happen. Council President Feeney stated due to the COVID-19 businesses will be less and less likely to give the town donations. Councilman DeSena stated just to be clear no one is doubting the hard work and efforts that the entire committee puts into running Town Day, we were told it costs \$28,000 to run, there is \$38,000 in the budget, there is plenty of money this year to pay for Town Day with zero sponsors. They do a great job, it is wonderful, no one is taking away from anything they do, he just wants to be clear before he gets attacked, no one is taking anything away from what they do, there is \$38,000, these are tough financial times, we need to be prudent and next year, when times are better, he will fund the whole thing again, right now every \$10,000 is a few bucks off of someone's taxes. Councilwoman Morgan stated what is frustrating is the fact that Councilman DeSena stated find this, find that, then it is found, and Councilman DeSena is still renegeing on it, so the bottom line is Councilman DeSena was not going to agree to it regardless. Councilman DeSena replied that is not true because we did not have the \$89,000 figured into that, we were playing with the \$350,000 slush pot. Council President Feeney stated no one was playing with a slush pot, it was removed and the reason why it was removed was due to being a COVID year, Councilman DeSena (inaudible), Capital Project place holder, not a slush pot as being referred to, until decided what to be used for, you're calling it something else, there was a placeholder, \$500,000, it was told what happened with that, it doesn't seem to be an acceptable answer, she cannot find out why, so it is Town Day, zero.

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Deputy Treasurer/Benefits Coordinator

Councilman DeSena stated based on the minutes that were forwarded to Council, the 2nd person is doing the job, he would like to split the stipend in half, so they both have half of it. Council President Feeney asked Administrator Tovo if he happened to do any research in this area that the job is being split between two people, one side is the HR aspect, the other side is LOSAP. Administrator Tovo replied there are two different components, LOSAP, payroll and insurance aspect. Council President Feeney stated she feels more research has to be done as to what work is handled by who before a decision is made, she thinks we have to get a more comprehensive look as to who is doing what before we can make a decision. She asked if we find out the two of them are splitting the job equally, how would that work going forward? Administrator Tovo stated we can't make the adjustment throughout the year, the funding would not be there, he feels it is also important to find out what they are expected to do at the time of appointment if what they are doing now does reflect that, the number would be accurate, he doesn't want to get too wrapped up in titles, was the title Benefits

Coordinator title given to that employee when she was hired, it is also important role in the process, increasing one, less to another, he felt an increase is due because of more work, can be recommended in the future budget. Council President Feeney stated she would like to more information on the duties, the \$5,000 is funded, it is a conversation we could have, she understands what happened last year, that is not the issue, she would like to know how everything is being split so we know where we stand, an actual list. Administrator Tovo asked just regarding benefits? Council President Feeney replied the name of the role is confusing as to what is being done, who actually is doing it what, she does need more clarity, she believes it is warranted, but the person that is doing the work is entitled to the additional monies as part of the stipend if Administration can report back to us Council would have a better understanding.

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Library Contribution Due after expense

Township Clerk Witkowski stated she still has this item open (0-01-29-390-240). Administrator Tovo stated Council did vote on it, the question was regarding the formula, the \$496,000 was a back-in number according to LVH we have to un-cost the pension, healthcare and insurance the dollar amount is \$609,902, that is 1/3 evaluation number, we must be at or above, the budgeted number would be all of those other costs, the budget reflects we are slightly above the 1/3 mill. Councilman DeSena asked the \$609,902 is encompassing of pensions and everything else, payroll, all of that correct? Administrator Tovo replied correct, the \$609,902 would be the entire minimum payment. Councilman DeSena asked not on top of it? Administrator Tovo replied correct.

Council President Feeney stated now that the budget is done, she is going to introduce the budget, she has to get a resolution. Township Clerk Witkowski stated this all now goes to Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, they do the whole thing. Council President Feeney stated we know send the budget off as is, with these numbers.

Administrator Tovo stated he will give LVH the documents tomorrow, it should not take them that long to put these documents together. Township Clerk Witkowski stated everyone will get a copy of the document, there will be the Budget Resolution, Self-Examination Resolution, CAP Ordinance there are a few things that will be done at once. Councilman Cumming asked when is the next meeting? Council President Feeney asked can the meeting be put on for this Thursday (May 7th)? Township Clerk Witkowski replied no, because Council never decided the other night when we spoke because she spoke of the advertisement, its kind of fell off of the table, does Council want to do Monday? Council President Feeney replied yes, Monday, May 11th 7:30 p.m. Township Clerk stated that will give us plenty of time to advertise.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan, seconded by Councilman DeSena to adjourn.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Cumming, DeSena, Councilwoman Morgan,
Council President Feeney.

Nays: None.

Time noted: 8:50 p.m.

/s/ Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk

/s/ Arthur Cumming
Council Vice-President

Approved: August 17, 2020