

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

November 10, 2014

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Council President Thomas Sears with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Peter Calamari, Richard Hrbek, Thomas Sears. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator. Councilman Dr. Steve Cascio arrived at 8:05 pm.

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 Ridgewood News, forwarded to the local newspapers, posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz states that tomorrow, November 11 is Veteran's Day and we will be holding our Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony at 11:00 am down by the monument. This is an opportunity for us to pay tribute to the men and women who fought to preserve our freedom. Mayor Sobkowicz hopes to see everyone there. The Washington Township Police Department was one of 23 police departments to receive the "Outstanding Achievement Award" from the American Automobile Association at the 2014 North Jersey Traffic Safety Ceremony. This award is given to Police Departments that have instituted and maintained traffic safety programs that address pedestrian safety, vehicle occupant safety, child passenger safety, and DWI enforcement and driver attention. Mayor Sobkowicz states in terms of desk hours for the dispatchers versus the sworn officers, out of the 1128 desk hours until the end of October 800 hours were completed by dispatchers and 328 hours by sworn officers, which is 71% versus 29%. Every month, Vic Fadini, our Joint Insurance Fund consultant holds a meeting and a meeting was held on October 22 to review safety information and changes in our workplace. Topics included motor vehicle abstracts for the DMF employees, recent painting of the DMF building, workplace accidents and drainage and paving at the firehouse. These items are included in the safety report to the JIF. Colonial Boulevard will be paved in the next few weeks; some concrete markers have already been put out. The firehouse was milled today and with good weather being predicted for tomorrow will be paved and the parking lines, depending on the weather, will be done on Wednesday. The Township was notified last Tuesday that East Glenn Avenue, a county road will be paved this week, from Gateway and Ridgewood up to Hampshire Road in the Township. Mayor Sobkowicz states a letter was sent to all the residents that will be affected by this paving. On Saturday, October 11, the Shredding and E-Recycling Event was held and even though it rained the event was just as crowded as usual. Mayor Sobkowicz states that residents told her that they had been gathering their items and would not let a little rain keep them away. The special projects engineering firm is currently evaluating and ranking all the streets in the Township for the 2015 road program based on the need. A preliminary report will be received before the end of the year so it can be in the new budget. The Township Leaf Program started on November 3 for Zone 1, today, November 10th for Zone 2, and November 17th for Zone 3. Please have the leaves curbside by the date for your zone. All leaves are to be placed by the curb no later than December 1. The Road Department will be working every Saturday from now until the end of November, so don't be afraid to put the leaves out for Saturdays. Mayor Sobkowicz states with regard to the

Roadside Recycling Program, it really needs to be stepped with the amount of recyclables for November and December that are left on the curb on the Fridays of the month. As far as tonnage, we are about the same as last year but prices are a little lower. Last year for the whole year the Township received \$49,000 in revenue to go against what is spent on the program. At this time we are at \$42,000, if it is stepped up for November and December we can get back up to what was received last year. The Township basically recycles about 100 or so tons a month. The fence replacement at Memorial Field will begin in the next few weeks. Administrator Cavallo and special projects engineer Statile have been working on an application for funding to improve the entrances to Memorial Field along Pascack Road, which was submitted to the county. Administrator Cavallo and Township engineer are soliciting bids to repair Woodfield Road drainage culvert and Julia Court as approved by the council at the last meeting. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Prime Steakhouse on Saturday, October 17th. Mayor Sobkowicz states we are hoping that all the businesses that have opened up are successful. Mayor Sobkowicz states with regard to Banking Request Proposals, four were received in answer to our requests and they have been reviewed by the Administrator, CFO and herself. As a result Oritani will be the main bank for the Township at the end of November. This is based on the rates and the services the Township will be receiving from that bank. The Township Fall Festival was held on Saturday, October 25th with the day beginning with the Ragamuffin Parade at Finnerty Place which was sponsored by the Fire Department. Prizes for the costumes in various age groups were awarded. Parents and children did get dressed up and it was great. Next the library sponsored its 2nd Annual Haunted House, which featured a scary juggler, which was enjoyed by all. Following that was our Town Fall Festival and it was a great day for the Township, the weather was absolutely great and about 2000 residents showed up to enjoy the activities, the rides, the games and the camaraderie. Residents did wish it was a little longer, this year there was a problem with scheduling so it was only about three hours, and it will be back to normal next year. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is also important to mention the people who worked to bring Town Day work for months, starting at the end of June and all the way straight through to October. It is a lot work, but it is worth it when you see all the residents enjoying themselves. Mayor Sobkowicz thanks everyone, the committee and all the groups in town who participated, there was so many of them. The cell tower became voice active on Monday, November 3rd. Next year 2015 is the Township's 175th Anniversary, if anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Bernadette at town hall. Mayor Sobkowicz states she attended a ceremony for Jim Dugan and Mary Ellen Sickel, who were Volunteers of the Year for the Township. It was nice to see so many people being honored county wide. There was a Trunk-or-Treat event held on Halloween at the Bethany Church, just in case residents were wondering why they didn't have that many trick-or-treaters on Halloween, they were probably at the Bethany Church at the Trunk-or-Treat. The event was excellent, there was a float there for picture taking and all the trunks of the cars were seasonally decorated. A Halloween movie was shown inside on the big screen, with soda and hot chocolate being available. The kids were able to trick or treat in a safe and friendly environment. Mayor Sobkowicz was glad to see many of the Township's residents participate. Mayor Sobkowicz states unfortunately several longtime residents of our community passed away very recently, Ralph Richetti, Michael Cavallo, Eugene Barack and Lois Schroeder, which were all longtime residents and active family's members in the community. The Township has advertised for residents to join our Volunteer Cert Team, it is called Citizen Emergency Response Team. In joining this team, a person will become a member of the office of Emergency Management in this community and will be trained to support our first responders being Police, Fire and EMT's, in emergency and non-emergency situations. Members will receive basic level

training in disaster preparedness, terrorism awareness, fire suppression, disaster medical operations and command system. Mayor Sobkowicz is pleased to announce that 18 people answered the ad, and recently they were sent applications so that the process can begin of fingerprinting, training and so on. The Library is participating is also participating in this project, due to the fact that they did receive a grant to help out with it. With regard to the Tree Lighting, which is technically a council function, in the last few years it did not end up that way. Mayor Sobkowicz did speak with Council President Sears, and the administration and the council this year are going to collaborate. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 12th at 6:00 pm and it will be near the library. The library is going to have a tree lighting event right before it. This past Thursday, Chief Hooper, Captain Hackbarth, Administrator Cavallo and the Mayor, and Fred Corrubia met with the Turnpike Authority over several issues, one being buffering along Carriage Court and another issue was accidents on GSP Exit 168. Mayor Sobkowicz states since the ramp was renovated coming off GSP Exit 168 in 2012, accidents have actually been 50% less for the last two years. Mayor Sobkowicz states we are OPRA'ing the Turnpike Authority for statistics for traffic studies they have done for a possible litigation for Exit 171 and the last issue was discussed was maintenance along the bridge. Mayor Sobkowicz states at this time the she would like to announce to the Township Council that she is appointing the following citizen to the office and position of Acting Fire Official Ron Gimbert, term expiring December 31, 2014. The Township's current Fire Official has been ill for many months and at this time the Township needs an Acting Fire Official.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Hrbek – No report.

Mr. Beckmeyer – Mr. Beckmeyer states if the public does have time tomorrow to come to the monument for the Veteran's Day Ceremony to honor our Veteran's at 11:00 am. Please come out and honor those who served our country. Mr. Beckmeyer would like to thank everyone who participated and the committee on Town Day, even though Mr. Beckmeyer could not make it since he was away with his daughter out of state. Mr. Beckmeyer heard it was a great event and would like to thank everyone who participated and hopes everyone enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari states all of his items have been covered, thank you.

Mr. Sears – Mr. Sears would like to thank the council members that came out for Town Day and the support of Dina Burke and the other committee members. It was a great event. Mr. Sears also would like to address the Veterans letter given out by the Bergen County Veterans. There is a lot of information on that letter than can help a Veteran and a Veteran+ can call the county to receive this letter. Mr. Sears states the Veterans VA Hospital is offering a Guardian 911 for Veterans that are home and alone. Veterans can receive this free, it hooks up to the telephone line. It is an alert, you can hit a button, and it will dial 911 and come to police headquarters. The VA is supplying this and you would need to see your VA doctor and they can obtain this for you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to approve the October 20, 2104 Public and Conference Minutes. (Sears Abstain.)
Ayes: Councilperson Beckmeyer, Calamari, Hrbek.
Nays: None.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth states he had complained with regard to his street, the construction company came around took a piece of the street out, paved it again and now his driveway and the street are aligned perfectly. Mr. Bernroth is glad the Township is having a ceremony for the Veterans. Mr. Bernroth states he is a veteran and it is nice to see that the ceremony takes place every year. Mr. Sears thanks Mr. Bernroth for serving.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra asked when will Colonial Boulevard be paved. Mayor Sobkowicz states in the next couple weeks, we are waiting for the grant to come through. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of MKW Associates and a letter dated January 6th 2012 regarding Memorial Field, Sherry Field and Gardner Field. As a result of this letter MKW was paid \$6,000 and the letter went to Dr. Cascio first, his name is on it. MKW Associates is in Rutherford and John Williams is the President of MKW. Mrs. D'Ambra read from the letter, and Mr. Williams who wrote the letter did not specify installing synthetic turf, he recommended the advantage of natural turf, but first the drainage needs to be corrected before anything is done on that field. Mrs. D'Ambra hopes that the drainage is corrected first before anything is done on that field.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment states there were two articles in the local papers with regard to the resolution that was cancelling out monies for the Township. Mrs. Ozment states that everyone at the meeting was speaking about \$276,000 that was the figure that was in the newspaper but the resolution \$615,000. Mrs. Ozment would like an explanation from Administrator Cavallo. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the article and the Mayor's comments that this has been 25 years and the Mayor knew this for 25 years. Mrs. Ozment states one of the gentlemen in the audience made a comment that he thought it was disgraceful and it was. Mrs. Ozment states when she saw the resolution and all the items there, and the Mayor is very well aware, she was a councilwoman and for five years she has been a Mayor, even if she says she was one of five, and that is constantly said by her, in the last five years it could have been done. Mrs. Ozment states Gary Vinci was saying this to this Township, to everyone in this town and every council member before this council. Mrs. Ozment states on September 10th the Clerk received a Local Finance Notice about the best practices. Mrs. Ozment states it seems to her it was very strange that there was not enough time to talk to the council about the results. Mrs. Ozment states we do have a new inexperienced administrator who is not experienced in best practices. Mrs. Ozment states the CFO is part time, and Mrs. Ozment knows the year before last the CFO did nothing two years she could have done something she did nothing with those. Mrs. Ozment states the Acting Deputy is very nice and very bright, very smart, except she never did anything with that before. Mrs. Ozment states it seems strange that the council, other than what was said three weeks ago, only Mr. Sears and Mr. Calamari knew anything about that. It seems very strange to Mrs. Ozment that we have a council that is not being informed. Mrs. Ozment took the notice and it does read the results thereof were or will be discussed. Mrs. Ozment states where is the respect for the council where it should have been discussed before it was sent out and not afterwards. Mrs. Ozment states that Mr. Sears and Mr. Calamari are the newest members of the council and have no idea what best practices actually is, and that is no disrespect, but you are both new and you both were the only ones that knew anything about it. Mrs. Ozment asked the

other councilman and they knew nothing. Mrs. Ozment feels it is an embarrassment to this council. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the directors receiving increases of \$250.00 this year. Mrs. Ozment states some directors do a lot of work for this town and some directors do nothing. Mrs. Ozment states that Mr. Sears and Mr. Beckmeyer were both directors. Mrs. Ozment understands in prior years the directors would meet once a month with the Mayor and would give the Mayor an update of everything that happened in their departments. Mrs. Ozment asks Mr. Sears how many times you went to meetings in the four years Mr. Sears was a director. Mr. Sears states that there were a couple of meetings, but Mr. Sears states he would talk regularly with the Mayor on issues of his department. Mrs. Ozment states the meetings used to be in the calendar and now they are not even on the calendar anymore. Mrs. Ozment asks Mr. Beckmeyer how many meetings he attended. Mr. Beckmeyer states he does not remember how many years he was a director, but we probably would have a meeting every other month with Rudy. Mrs. Ozment states some of the directors do a lot of work and some directors don't do anything and they still receive the same amount of compensation as someone who does a great deal of work. Mrs. Ozment states the DMF director in that department was phenomenal, also in the police department for many, many years the directors were great. Mrs. Ozment states just because you speak to the Mayor that does not mean it's a meeting. Mrs. Ozment states that there were meetings, where people sat, the public also could attend those meetings. Mrs. Ozment states she believes it is a disgrace since we have a new Mayor that those meetings are not held any longer. Mr. Sears informs Mrs. Ozment her time is up. Mrs. Ozment asks if Administrator Cavallo could explain the resolution. Administrator Cavallo the \$615,000 was authorized by the council, out of that \$335,000 was not funded, which means the Township didn't go out and sell notes, or bonds and the Township did not borrow money for them. Administrator Cavallo further states the remaining which is \$276,000 is money that was funded by the Township for some projects and money was not utilized, some of them were little amount in numbers, \$5,000 here and \$6,000 there and those are on big projects, such as road projects and building projects. Administrator Cavallo that was what was left in the contingency and they were not cancelled, that remaining \$276,000 went into capital surplus. The \$335,000 was just used to lower the authorized debt. Mr. Sears asks Mrs. Ozment if that answers her question. Mrs. Ozment replies no, there are more questions she has for the next meeting.

Eamon Twomey, 187 Devon Road – Mr. Twomey states himself and Mr. Scott Spezial have been the unified voice for the Recreation Committee in the community for the last 8 months of these meetings regarding valuable information with regard to the cost of the upkeep and providing council with a 30 year plan for Memorial Field. Mr. Twomey states there have been multiple comments made about special interest groups, we are not representing special interest groups. We are representing every recreation community group within this Township, that includes Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Senior Baseball, Girls Softball, Men's Softball, Summer Rec, Football and Cheerleading, Washington School activities, Senior Citizen Community. Mr. Twomey states there have been multiple statements made with regard to the health concerns of artificial turf. Mr. Twomey states within a ten mile radius, in the last 10 years, 24 towns governing bodies and school boards have installed these fields. Mr. Twomey states there are two turf fields in the Township, one at Westwood High School and one at IHA. Mr. Twomey has a 36 page study conducted by the town of Ridgewood in 2009 that is a full 10 month assessment based on the health concerns and the human safety concerns related to synthetic turf. Mr. Twomey read from the document which he can provide to council, which states it does not. Mr. Twomey states this was a study done at an extreme cost by the town of Ridgewood. Mr. Twomey states that some publicized statements are obsolete, meaning they were done prior to 2008, this is the result of that that proves

those facts to be inaccurate. Mr. Twomey states environmentally artificial turf is greener than we are today. Mr. Twomey spoke of the fact that there will be no chemicals used on the field, no engines needed for mowing, no painting of lines on the field, no goose trappings and controlled drainage which is a huge factor. Mr. Twomey states with regard to the new field house, to the tune of \$500,000 to \$700,000, there is no need for a new field house at this point. Mr. Twomey spoke of negative comments online with regard to turf which is from a company Turfgrass Producers International, they are trying to fight for their own survival. Mr. Twomey states we have come to council in a meaningful way to come work together for a solution. Mr. Twomey states a 30 year plan was given and we are looking for some movement on where that plan is going. Mr. Sears ask what the year of the Ridgewood study is. Mr. Twomey states 2009. Mr. Twomey states he will make copies. The study ran from January to October 2009 and since that study was done four more fields were turfed.

Ellen Dogali, 749 Wayne Place – Ms. Dogali has been a resident of the Township close to 20 years. Ms. Dogali states every year the parking in the area of Washington School gets worse. Ms. Dogali states parents, grandparents they don't care, they come across residents driveways and they park. They have been double-parking now on Wayne Place, they go to school drop off the children and run back. Ms. Dogali states one time she did go out, and the person apologized and left. Ms. Dogali states by the time you call the police they leave before the police come. Ms. Dogali would like to see no parking on Wayne Place between the hours of 8:00 am to 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Ms. Dogali states there is no respect for neighbors that live on the block, and if someone complains they do not care. Ms. Dogali states that on School Street there is a little lot there of land that has trees, maybe clear that out and make a loop, so they can drop off their children. Ms. Dogali states that sometimes she sees mothers parked there at 2:00 pm at the beginning by the school. Ms. Dogali does not understand why they are parked there if school ends at 3:15. Ms. Dogali asks council to start thinking about something to be done about Wayne Place, because there is no respect for the neighbors and there is parking across everybody's driveway. Ms. Dogali has already spoken to one of the sergeants and he agrees, it is getting to a point that it is not fair to the residents of Wayne Place. Mayor Sobkowitz states she will speak to Lieutenant Hackbarth.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Lindenwood came to the meeting to talk about safety and some drainage issues at Memorial Field. Mr. Lindenwood states that Ms. Dogali is correct. Mr. Hanson walks his daughter to school and he does see the parking and there is no reason to park on that street. Mr. Hanson states there are public safety issues in this Township and that is one of them. Mr. Hanson states you can't walk down that street, especially with the leaves, the leaves need to be taken off that street. Mr. Hanson spoke of safety down at Memorial Field. Mr. Hanson has a 10 year old and a five year old that go to Washington School. Mr. Hanson states after the lights are turned off, in the area of the playground there are trip hazards everywhere. Mr. Hanson states he plays Men's Softball and there are safety issues on that field, since every time it rains, the field is a disaster. Mr. Hanson states the field is hard, soft and there are ruts out in the field. Mr. Hanson states the grass is dead. Mr. Hanson does not know when the grass was put in, but he has been here for about 12 years that grass doesn't grow. Mr. Hanson states something has to be done, nothing has been done for 12 years. Mr. Hanson spoke of the safety standpoint, a cheerleader that may have broken her leg or ankle and the drainage issue. Mr. Hanson states that Mr. Twomey showed him a video of when it was raining, the climate change. Mr. Hanson states that new dirt constantly needed, and the plastic doesn't grow up it went away and that dirt went into the lake and the dredging of the lake. Mr. Hanson came here today to thank everyone for what they are doing, it is a tough job and there are a lot of concerns. Mr. Hanson this is about the safety

of our kids, safety of our seniors that want to go down to the field and do something, the seniors can't use that field. Mr. Hanson states a lot of seniors might have wanted to go down to Town Day but couldn't park and couldn't get down the walkways due to the fact it was not safe. Mr. Hanson asks how many wheelchairs have to fall off the edge into a rut before something is done. Mr. Hanson asks the town and all of council to find a way to get this done and remember the grass doesn't grow when people are using it. Mr. Hanson please make good use of our dollars and find a way to do this. Mr. Hanson thanks everyone for their and dedication to this town and everything you are doing.

Bob Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road – Mr. Bruno states he has been coming here for years and to hear someone talk about Wayne Place again is terrible. Mr. Bruno states he has sent pictures to the gentleman who was speaking about Memorial Field and Mr. Bruno has also written articles, emails about the sidewalk three years ago. Mr. Bruno is there any plan about the sidewalks at Memorial Field, where people fall and trip, where people can't walk up the hill because there is gravel that was put there 5 years ago, there is not even a path. Mayor Sobkowicz states we just a wrote grant for open space to install the sidewalk. Mr. Bruno would like to know the status of the vacant gas station on Pascack and Washington, and why does it continue to look the way it is. Mr. Bruno would like to know who is going after the owner to do something. Mayor Sobkowicz states there are things going on there at the gas station between them, the engineer and the DEP, they are working on those issues. Mayor Sobkowicz states you do not see the work going on since it is at the DEP level and a report was received by the Planning Board from our engineer. Mr. Bruno states you can't walk on that sidewalk to get to the bus due to the fact those fences have protruded upon the sidewalk. Mr. Bruno states it looks terrible and a lining should be put inside the fence like these green linings and the gas pumps that are in shrink wrap should be taken away. Mr. Bruno states they have no respect for this town. Mr. Bruno states he did speak with the code officer, John and he indicated they were going to go there and do something. Mr. Sears asks Administrator Cavallo to look into that. Administrator Cavallo states he will. Mr. Bruno asks with regard to Memorial Field, the budget it says it is \$13,000 for Memorial Field and Mr. Bruno reads that \$114,000, \$113,000 every year. Mr. Bruno would like to know where the \$100,000 is coming from. Mayor Sobkowicz states everything that gets expended has to go where the costs come from, it may not be under the term Memorial Field, it might be under something in the Road Department or Parks and Recreation, and everything has to go to the spot where it is coming from. Mr. Bruno states the total Parks and Recreation budget is \$75,000, exclusive of the \$13,000, that includes all the fields, the number is still short. Mayor Sobkowicz states there is also personnel that go out their time and the hours they spend there, how much they make per hour and there is also a lot of equipment that we use at the field, all of this go in. Mayor Sobkowicz states the Township had to pay for lift to change light bulbs, it comes into the budget where it is charged to. Mr. Bruno would like to see where the \$113,000 comes from. Mayor Sobkowicz yes, we have that. Administrator Cavallo asks Mr. Bruno to send an OPRA. Mr. Bruno understands that Administrator Cavallo responded to a question with regard to a question and gave an answer, and it was from \$600,000 to \$200,000 difference. Mr. Bruno would like to know if Administrator Cavallo is the CFO of the Township. Administrator Cavallo states he is not. Mr. Bruno would like to know why the CFO is not here presenting financial data to the residents of this Township and where is the CFO. Mayor Sobkowicz she does work here but she didn't work on this. Mr. Bruno asks why the CFO not here is, Mr. Bruno does not understand why Administrator Cavallo as the administrator is presenting this difference, not the CFO. Mayor Sobkowicz states the CFO is not required to come to meetings, she has come to a few and we did ask her to come at budget time. Mayor Sobkowicz is going to ask the CFO to come to a few meeting as we get closer to budget time. Mayor

Sobkowicz states in the month of August, the CFO, the Administrator and herself did go through the ordinances and did all the work. Mayor Sobkowicz states everything was checked by the auditor and they also went over it. Mr. Bruno states that is fine, but he believes it the residents and himself would feel more comfortable hearing it from a financial officer. Mayor Sobkowicz states the auditor did check it, everything was verified and stated to go forward with it. Mayor Sobkowicz is glad we could do it and as the Mayor and the administrator we should be able to do that, it was a lot of work. Mayor Sobkowicz states it was well worth it because the money that is being put into capital surplus will save a lot of money because we don't have to go out and do bonding, which is very expensive. Mayor Sobkowicz states if we need some of that money in that account, we can ask council to introduce and pass an ordinance, which costs \$30.00 to advertise, rather than paying bonding and attorney's fees. Mayor Sobkowicz it was a good thing for the Township to do that, it was very time consuming project and a couple of weeks in August were dedicated to it. Mr. Bruno asks on Washington Avenue, heading east from the Parkway, going towards Season's, from 5:00 o'clock to 6:00 o'clock that area has become a triple lane roadway, heading east. Mr. Bruno has sent pictures of the cars riding on the opposite side of the lane, crossing the double lines, pulling out into the lane, and the coming the opposite way is the turn by the bus stop where cars don't see that. Mr. Bruno has sent pictures to the police department and the council to show how dangerous that is and yet it is three lane highways. Mr. Sears is going to have the Mayor talk to the police chief to see where we stand with that. Mr. Sears knows the situation you are talking about since he has trouble with the fire trucks pulling out.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura states she has been in this town since 1956, and she is proud of that. Ms. Plantamura basically knows from top to bottom what happened in this town when nobody was here. Ms. Plantamura states the woman that came to speak about Wayne Place is totally correct. Ms. Plantamura states her girlfriend and herself had their foot run over in 1959, as a first grader at Washington School, nothing was done then. Ms. Plantamura's daughter went to Washington School for kindergarten through sixth grade. Ms. Plantamura's daughter was the last sixth grade class that went through that school. Ms. Plantamura states she formed a committee and had petitions that were presented to the town. Ms. Plantamura had Officer Hackbarth conduct a study, and basically nothing was done. Ms. Plantamura also tried to get sidewalks on Wayne Place believing it would be more safe for the children, nothing happened. Ms. Plantamura states it is now 2014 and this started when Ms. Plantamura was in kindergarten here in 1959. Ms. Plantamura states nothing has been done to guarantee the safety of the pedestrians on that road and the parking is out of control. Ms. Plantamura state Madam Mayor was on the council then and knows what Ms. Plantamura is talking about. Ms. Plantamura would like to remind the Mayor that an Exit 168 Committee was formed in December of 2011 and to this date Ms. Plantamura is still waiting for a meeting. Ms. Plantamura's concern is #168 is out of control, and Ms. Plantamura states she is a very sane person, but she is getting to the point that she will draw attention to that fact if nothing is done. Ms. Plantamura states Woodcliff Lake is considered to have more money than the town so they get priority so they don't have to be inconvenienced when they have cars coming off because they will not open up Exit 171. Ms. Plantamura states she will get to the point where she will go up that ramp with a giant sign open Exit #171 and will draw reporters and get notice on that because she is that angry. Ms. Plantamura states every day she is not allowed to use Washington Avenue. Ms. Plantamura states her husband called her up tonight on the way to his meeting and he is taking pictures for Ms. Plantamura of the line coming off Exit 168 is down the Parkway, coming 300 to 400 feet before the ramp even begins. Ms. Plantamura states we have no consideration as taxpayers of this town. Ms. Plantamura states we were to go

to a Woodcliff Lake meeting, collectively to voice our opinion and Ms. Plantamura feels it is obnoxious that Woodcliff Lake has not done anything to consider how we are inconvenienced from all the traffic that gets off Exit 168 because they can't make a right at Exit 171. Ms. Plantamura is still waiting for the meeting with regard to the Exit 168 Committee in December 2011. Ms. Plantamura states noting has been done. Ms. Plantamura states the intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue looks atrocious. Ms. Plantamura states if her property looks like that, they would come after her but because the man that owns Season's Restaurant owns all those four corners, he gets priority treatment. Mayor Sobkowicz states we did meet with the Turnpike Authority the other day, Thursday, and we OPRA'd information on how much traffic comes off there and goes up to Woodcliff Lake so we can verify how much of it is just going through the town to get there. Mayor Sobkowicz states we are considering litigation and will keep Ms. Plantamura informed on that, we are trying to get something legally.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder on Thursday November 3rd we came live with Verizon with the voice, the network was connected. Mr. Snyder states with regard to Exit 168, he is a realtor and he is around the area, and Mr. Snyder states he gets scared coming off that Exit 168. Mr. Snyder we have talked about having a blinking light there just to slow something down. Mr. Snyder states he originally stated that if we didn't have the walkways to cross over for the buses that we are going to have an accident at that area and that has been talked about for many years. Mr. Snyder states the traffic is getting worse and the reason for that is there is more people moving into the area and they are crossing through Washington Township and they are going through. Mr. Snyder spoke of the fact that the surrounding communities are building more houses and getting more traffic. Mr. Snyder states the Township is the culprit for all of this punishment. Mr. Snyder spoke of the committee formed in 2011, with the councilman that was here at the time and they was discussion about trying to sue Woodcliff Lake and nothing has been done. Mr. Snyder is worried about the accident situation because it is getting worse. Mr. Snyder it is bad at 11:00 o'clock in the morning, when you go take a left turn all of Pascack Road is backed up to Northgate and beyond. Mr. Snyder something has to be done very quickly, Mr. Snyder does not want to see someone killed. Mr. Snyder states usually after an accident there is a reaction. Mr. Snyder hopes the council works hard on this to come to a conclusion. Mr. Snyder states as far as the corner of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue, he agrees. Mr. Snyder is one that fights for the beautification of the Township because that is what all is about. Mr. Snyder wants everyone to drive down Hillside Avenue into Hillsdale and you will see the crosswalk where there is pedestrian crossing and there are the cone shaped signs in the center of the road. Mr. Snyder states he want to go back to where the Washington Township Center is, make that a crosswalk and have something in the center to slow down for pedestrians walking across and also have it by the school over there, Memorial Field, have that up with something in the center saying "Pedestrian Walking" since you must stop for pedestrians in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Snyder states that should also be on the corner of Washington Avenue and Pascack Road. Mr. Snyder states he understands new signs are being done coming into the Township. Mr. Snyder does not understand how the gas station at the corner has to do only have to do a one thing a year to be legal and we can't do anything about it. Mr. Snyder states everyone that comes in that is thinking about buying in this Township usually comes down Washington Avenue to the Open Houses. Mr. Snyder would like the beautification issue of this Township solved, since other towns do it and don't have the problems. Mr. Snyder feels everyone should get together as a community and work together to make this happen and it will be a better town for it. Mr. Snyder spoke of the trees next to Season's and why the Township can't make those trees that fell down, next to the stream, that we can't have those trees picked up. Mr. Snyder states unless

you live there, you don't see it every day. Mr. Snyder states every time he goes to Washington Commons and makes the left turn it is embarrassing. Mr. Snyder states other towns make it happen they have opinions and voices of council members and they get it done. Mr. Snyder now that the budget is finished let us take care of these items.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place - Ms. Lipnick spoke of the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Finnerty and Devon Road being closed off right at the intersection. Ms. Lipnick states the day of the Fall Festival and Rag-a-Muffin Parade Ms. Lipnick was backing out of her driveway when a vehicle came down Devon Road to make the U-turn into Ms. Lipnick's driveway. Ms. Lipnick states the stanchions in front her house don't work anymore, there is too much traffic. Ms. Lipnick states she thinks it would better to go all the way back to the corner of Oxford and Devon and close it off up there so people don't come down Devon Road. Ms. Lipnick spoke of the intersection of Pascack and Washington Avenue, and she would like someone to explain to her why going east and west there are turn signals but going north and south there are not. Ms. Lipnick states she is all of nine minutes from her office and it takes her 25 minutes to get to work and it is due to that intersection. Ms. Lipnick states if someone is traveling north on Pascack Road and wants to make a left onto Washington Avenue, you can wait for there 3, 4 and 5 traffic lights and no one will give you the courtesy of turning. Ms. Lipnick states the speed is also incredible in that area and it is an awful intersection. Ms. Lipnick states the police officer should be put on north and south to see what goes on in that area, there needs to be a turn signal.

Tracy Glock, 330 Wilson Avenue - Ms. Glock states she is the coordinator of Recreation Cheerleading and she has been for the past 7 years. Ms. Glock understands that there has been some talk in town that the girls don't benefit from the use of Memorial Field and Ms. Glock would like to assure everyone that is not the case. Ms. Glock states in the last 7 years there have been between 55 and 75 girls participating in cheerleading, that is about 450 girls in the past 7 years ranging from 3rd grade through 8th grade. Ms. Glock states it is \$130.00 per girl, and over 7 years that is about \$58,000 that has been collected for these girls that use Memorial Field. Ms. Glock states the cheerleaders use that field from August to November approximately four months, Monday through Thursday, 2 nights a week, 8 hours per week, 12 weeks per year about 80 hours per season. Ms. Glock states the conditions on that field are dangerous, we do make due. Ms. Glock states she is out there with a snow shovel, broom, shoveling off the gravel off the basketball court where the girls are participating and practicing. Ms. Glock states the lighting is less than adequate and for that reason we try to go up the field. Ms. Glock states in the 7 years there have been broken wrists, broken ankles, sprained ankles, sprained wrists due to the ruts and gravel they are slipping on at the basketball court, the conditions are dangerous. The cheerleaders put their stuff on the retaining wall which is now collapsing. Due to the condition of the retaining wall that is where all of the gravel, loose stones, glass and whatever comes off that field now travel on to the court where they practice. Ms. Glock would like everyone to rest assured if they think the girls are not performing there or participating we are there. Ms. Glock those hours are not including the time the cheerleaders are there for the games. Ms. Glock states the cheerleaders were there for 3 games and two out of the 3 games the towns that came to our town to participate refused to get onto the field to participate to do their half time routine and hello cheer due to the condition of the field being dangerous. Ms. Glock does have pictures if they are ever needed. Ms. Glock loves doing what she does, it is a volunteer position. The cheerleaders love being out there and it is fun for them, they enjoy it. Ms. Glock states as a parent and a coordinator it is embarrassing to hear from another coach that they don't want their team out there because they are afraid they are going to get hurt. Ms. Glock states she should not have to worry about them getting

hurt. Ms. Glock states her daughter has played softball there as well as lacrosse, both of which she is taking on to the high school. Ms. Glock states her son is there pretty much every day and her husband plays softball there. Ms. Glock states her family appreciates the field and uses the field. Ms. Glock states they are residents, they love the field and hope to see that something is going to be done very soon.

Katie Fisher, 567 Van Emburgh Avenue – Ms. Fisher would like to point a couple of things that a few of the parents here in the town have spoken about. Ms. Fisher states that football, lacrosse and all the other sports kids are playing Washington School does their Field Day, Spring Sport Day and it is embarrassing. Ms. Fisher states we have families coming from Ridgewood, Waldwick, and Franklin Lakes to play lacrosse and football on our fields and to have the parents looking at us and saying how can you guys practice on this field let alone play games on it, it is pathetic. Ms. Fisher states she has been coming to these meetings, and maybe she has not been here since 1950 something but she has been in the town almost 20 years and it is the same thing all of the time. Ms. Fisher would like to know when a decision is going to be made about that field. There have been kids getting injured, not only from our town get injured but from other towns, and again the parents say the same thing all the time, how can you guys play on this field. Ms. Fisher as a parent of two daughters that have gone through the girl's lacrosse program and the girls are also using the field, as well as the boys. Ms. Fisher asks to please make a decision about the field, whatever it is make the decision and do it and have it be something that other people are held accountable for. Ms. Fisher if we are going to get turf, get the turf and have the companies that put it in be accountable for it. Ms. Fisher states if it goes to grass, which she does not want and feels it is waste of money, if that is done, put the grass and have the company that put it in be accountable for it, but if they say it is not going to work due to the drainage being poor, then it is not going to work. Ms. Fisher thanks council for the work that they do, she knows this is all volunteer. Many of our parents that are in all the different programs within recreation or sports are volunteers as well. Ms. Fisher states we just want the best for the kids of our town.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asks Mr. Sears when is transparency going to be shown with regard to the operations of the council and specifically about Closed Session. Mr. Ullman states on August 4th, the council approved minutes for March 24th, April 7th and April 21st for Closed Sessions. Mr. Ullman would like to know if Mr. Sears knows what was discussed at those meetings. Mr. Sears states yes he knows. Mr. Ullman would like Mr. Sears to tell him. Mr. Sears no, you did OPRA those did you not? Mr. Ullman states he asked for the minutes, but he is not asking for the minutes, he is asking what was discussed. Mr. Poller states the minutes have been given to me to look at and redact. Mr. Sears states he is asking if that can be discussed and Mr. Sears states he can't discuss that. Mr. Ullman asks Mr. Sears that Mr. Sears cannot tell Mr. Ullman what was discussed. Mr. Sears replies no, he cannot. Mr. Ullman a motion is made every time you go into Closed Session, is that correct. Mr. Sears replies yes. Mr. Ullman in that motion, there is a reason why council is going into Closed Session is that correct. Mr. Sears replies yes. Mr. Ullman can you tell me what that reason is. Mr. Sears it could be for employment, a legal matter, it could be for contract negotiations. Mr. Ullman states on March 24st can Mr. Sears tell him what was discussed. Mr. Sears states no, not offhand. Mr. Ullman went to the minutes of March 24th perhaps the minutes can show what was discussed. Mr. Sears states the only thing is that we went into Closed Session on the 24th and our priority is the lake and possible litigation. Mr. Ullman would like to know where the resolution is. Mr. Poller states there is a closed session resolution every time we go to closed session and in that resolution you are told specifically what is going to be discussed. Mr. Ullman would like to permission to ask Mr.

Calamari a question. Mr. Sears states that no, Mr. Ullman cannot ask Mr. Calamari a question. Mr. Ullman asks why it is not in the minutes, all of the minutes are approved. There was a lengthy discussion of the closed session resolution and why it is not in the public minutes. Mr. Poller states that the closed session resolution is a public resolution and can be made available at any time. Mr. Ullman when council approves minutes of meetings, they seem to be able to capture every other resolution except for the resolution that discusses why you are going into closed session. Mayor Sobkowicz states that can be posted to the website. Mr. Ullman believes they should be in the minutes. Mr. Ullman would like to know why a request for minutes is denied for the closed session. Mr. Poller explains the issue is there needs to be a review of the closed session minutes, redaction of anything that is still outstanding and then the council approves a resolution. Mr. Poller has been given all of the minutes that Elaine has done since she has been clerk and go over those and redact what is still open. Mr. Poller states you will probably have them by the next meeting. Mr. Ullman asks so the closed session minutes available to the public. Mr. Poller explains the procedure with regard to redactions and the procedure in releasing closed session minutes. Mr. Ullman has a second OPRA request of the last time closed session minutes were approved for the public and has not yet received a response. Mr. Ullman asks is he to interpret that closed session minutes have never been released to the public. Mr. Poller they have been released in years gone by, he does not remember. Mr. Poller states they haven't been released for many, many years, the procedure had not been implemented but it will now.

Marcel Sirois, 654 Kennedy Boulevard – Mr. Sirois would like to see the letter from Ms. Plantamura. Ms. Erlewein directs Mr. Sirois to the letter. Mr. Sirois states this is his first time coming to a meeting and his parent, he has 3 children and is involved in the recreation at Memorial Field. Mr. Sirois states the words that he agrees with are safety, community and town aesthetics. Mr. Sirois would like for anyone here to raise their hands if they have met people in Mahwah, Ramsey, River Vale, Hillsdale that have stated we used to live in Washington Township or we lived in Washington Township or we looked into living Washington Township and we didn't want to move there. Mr. Sirois spoke of his recent experience of two colleagues, one who looked into moving on to his street, but decided to move to Hillsdale. Mr. Sirois has another colleague move to Glen Rock and Mr. Sirois asked why didn't they move to the Township and these colleagues stated that there is nothing there. Mr. Sirois states the aesthetics are not here and the community is not here and when his colleagues looked at surrounding towns, it was a simple decision.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso spoke of the corner and Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio and Hrbek were involved with that with the county along with Councilman Goetz, himself and the Mayor. Mr. D'Urso states it has been on hold even back in 2009, when the county came in and wanted to redevelop that corner and we know why it is not getting done because someone does not want it to get done. Mr. D'Urso is glad the Mayor had a meeting with regard to Exit 168 and hopefully, and maybe you will see if any residents put in an OPRA request at Exit 171 or to make a right hand turn. Mr. D'Urso states he was on the committee that Ms. Plantamura spoke about and there was a meeting that is all that was had because frustration sets in, other things set in. Mr. D'Urso states a traffic light was offered at that exit, some people don't want it and state it is unnecessary and dangerous. Mr. D'Urso spoke of Exit 151, which has a similar intersection. Mr. D'Urso states the blinking light at Van Emburgh slows people down. Mr. D'Urso states the light should have been gotten, but it was not. Mr. D'Urso states nobody wants to develop that corner because it seems as if we are enhancing and benefitting all the other towns coming through. Mr. D'Urso states it is geographic, people are going to come through, and there is no other choice that corner needs to be developed. Mr. D'Urso states the county offered a free light a while back, Mr. Sears the safety

lights were offered. Mr. D'Urso states you start with the light, you start working with the county. Mr. D'Urso states it does not come from council, Mayor it comes from you. Mr. D'Urso states the Mayor needs to take an active approach of working with the county and saying you want to get something done. Mr. D'Urso states something needs to be done, whether people like it or not. Mr. D'Urso states he is 50/50 on the turf field, and he knows there are a lot of people here today. Mr. D'Urso it does not matter to him at this point anymore. Mr. D'Urso states no other considerations have been taken. Mr. D'Urso did bring up another suggestion of putting another grass field, not turf field, down by the swim club, to maybe work with them. Mr. D'Urso states something needs to be done.

Elizabeth Ritter, 699 Jacquelyn Road – Ms. Ritter states if a very large tree falls on top of your house and takes away your bathroom and your bedroom do you only put a tarp back on with tape, Ms. Ritter thinks not. Ms. Ritter states you would need a plumber, contractor to review everything and put a new roof on. Ms. Ritter would like to know how much longer? Ms. Ritter has been in this town for almost 20 years, every time she attends a council meeting, the same things are discussed. Ms. Ritter states please the problem needs to be fixed, no more Band-Aids, these are our children.

Pat Ryan, 905 Ridgewood Boulevard East – Mr. Ryan has been to a council meeting during the five years in this town and swore he would never come back. Mr. Ryan states this is a good reason to come back. Mr. Ryan has heard many of the parents and community members talk about the field and ask the same question on when a decision is going to be made and there still has not been an answer. Mr. Ryan states he has gone to meeting 20 years of his life and he has never left a meeting without a decision. Mr. Ryan states when we receive all of the information that is needed. Mr. Ryan what additional information is needed. Mr. Ryan states if people do not like his answer, he is warning people that he will ask them to leave. Mr. Ryan states we are trying to be fair, we have opponents that do not want the field, and we have people that do want the field. Mr. Ryan states this is not a joke, it is a lot of money and if someone thinks it is a joke, he would ask them to leave. Mr. Ryan states the bottom line is we are trying to get as much information as possible to make a decision that is cost effective and what the town needs, if a turf field is needed yes or no. Mr. Ryan states we have objections to that or do we put sod down, it is a lot of money. Mr. Ryan states council needs to get all of the information, not because it is a softball field or football field, we use it for town day, we would like seniors there. Mr. Ryan states we need as much information as possible, not because someone came up here with a list of numbers stating this is what we need and this is the reports. Mr. Ryan states we have objections and we need to listen to everyone. Mr. Ryan states everybody has a right to come before the council to make this decision. Mr. Ryan states if you don't like that would rather ridicule, Mr. Ryan would ask you to leave. Mr. Ryan states it is a lot of taxpayer's money and Mr. Ryan states he has been bombarded by seniors that told Mr. Ryan do not make this decision. Mr. Ryan wants all the voices heard, transparency and hear everyone's comment before a decision is made. Mr. Ryan states that is how something is done, you listen to both sides. A decision will be made, but Mr. Ryan would like to listen to both sides, making it fair to everyone. Mr. Ryan states that Mr. Eamonn sat here, and made a point that he has been here for 8 months making the case. Mr. Ryan states Mr. Ryan is stating he needs all of the information, and everyone has a right to make their case. Mr. Ryan states that is correct. Mr. Ryan how long is that window going to be open. Mr. Ryan states not very long. Mr. Ryan would like to know is there is timeline when that window might close. Mr. Ryan states soon. Mr. Ryan states soon is a relative term, a couple of years, couple of months. Mr. Ryan states probably within a month. Mr. Ryan states so within a month, the window will close on all the agreements that can be made and this council will

go forward and make a decision. Mr. Sears states absolutely. Mr. Ryan thanks Mr. Sears.

Anthony Conti, 490 Ridgewood Blvd No – Mr. Conti states he is 50/50 on the field. Mr. Conti does remember there was a vote on it about a year ago and now it has come up again. Mr. Conti would like to know if anyone has spoken to the Board of Education yet since you would have to go to the hill by the larger field and doesn't a large portion of that belong to the Board of Education. Dr. Cascio states there are a couple of plans and none of them encroach on the Board of Education's property. Mr. Conti states he believes there was a vote a year ago, a no vote and it was 3-2, 4-1 something like that.

Joe Lattarulo, 20 Johnson Place – Mr. Lattarulo would like to know how much money has been spent over the years sodding the field. Mayor Sobkowicz states we do have the figures, just let me know how many years you would like. Mr. Lattarulo states in his opinion a lot of money has been wasted and that includes his money. Mr. Lattarulo states his child is in 7th grade came home one time bloody arm, not due to being hit hard, he fell on a rock. Mr. Lattarulo states it is very unsafe. Mr. Lattarulo states with regard to the senior citizens, if they had their kids our age right now what would they do? Mr. Lattarulo states turf the field, it is very unsafe.

Tom Lyons, 693 Hillcrest Road – Mr. Lyons states as far as chemicals go, there are conversation on what is going to take place versus having sod there, you really need to look at what is going to take place. Mr. Lyons states with the sod right now, there are tons of chemicals being dumped on it. Mr. Lyons states you have gases from the lawn mowers coming off. Mr. Lyons states as far as the turf goes, you have the modern turf versus the old turf where you hear agreements on chemicals is completely different. Mr. Lyons states there is also the cost. Mr. Lyons states people he has spoken to don't understand there is really not a definitive increase versus what you are paying for right now. Mr. Lyons states a lot of town people don't understand where you are at with the cost from sodding versus turfing. Mr. Lyons states he is for the turf, he broke his collarbone their years ago. Mr. Lyons states go with the turf.

Mike Jezior, 804 Robinwood Road – Mr. Jezior states the idea of injuries being caused by grass, I question that. Mr. Jezior states it is hard for him to believe there are a lot of injuries due to grass. Mr. Jezior mentioned once he played football 3 years in grade school, four years in high school, four years in college and one year in the Army and he doesn't remember anybody ever getting hurt by grass. Mr. Jezior states he was hurt by other people, but none of his injuries were caused by grass and he does not remember anyone else being hurt by grass. Mr. Jezior so the idea that grass makes more injuries, he does question that.

Scott Spezial, 785 Washington Avenue – Mr. Spezial states he has been with the Recreation Department for 35 years longer than anyone up there and also longer than the Mayor. Mr. Spezial states this is his 38th year working with the kids as a football coach. Mr. Spezial states there are few things that are under misconception and people's opinions, such as it is for football or it is for lacrosse. Mr. Spezial states he represents the kids, that is why he is here, and that is the only reason a person like myself is around this long, we care about the community and the people in it. Mr. Spezial this is not about turf or grass, this is about problems we are having at this facility that is what this is about. Mr. Spezial we don't want turf because it is better, we don't want turf because there are less injuries. Mr. Spezial states we are going to do what the council tells us we are going to do. Mr. Spezial states we have problems there and those problems are not being solved. We have been patching it since 2000. In 1989 Mr. Spezial states he put the sprinkler system in there, that is 15 years ago and the field looks no better now than it did 15 year ago. Mr. Spezial how much money was spent last year maintaining that field? Mayor Sobkowicz states over \$100,000. Mr. Spezial states \$114,000, without the little extra's.

Mr. Spezial states those numbers were not pulled out of the air, that is a researched solid number that we brought to you and was confirmed by the administrator. Mr. Spezial states there are high costs to that, but if it is rounded out to \$120,000, the town is spending \$10,000 a month on that facility. Mr. Spezial we are asking council to solve some problems, such as the drainage, mesh, that was supposed to be taken out and is still there, geese problems, insect problems, chemical problems, maintenance problems and none of these problems have been rectified. Mr. Spezial the field was made years ago to drain off at a 73 degree angle, so the water runs off, that water runs off to the basketball court, where the cheerleaders practice since they can't practice on the dirt, on the field itself, so they practice on a sanded asphalt area. Mr. Spezial states the lighting was put in in 1980, so it is 30 years old. Mr. Spezial states with all the people stating they want the field, don't want the field, it is good or bad all Mr. Spezial wants is the problems solved. Mr. Spezial states if council can give him a solution to those problems other than something artificial or not artificial we are open to that. Mr. Spezial states we came to council as a recreation department stating we have problems, besides the poor condition of the field, which was sodded two year ago, a year and a half ago, it was supposed to last 6 years, it didn't even make it two and this has been repeated over and over again, it does not last and it is not going to, no matter what you do. Mr. Spezial states he is open to suggestions and council can give solutions to the problem, then we are open to it. Mr. Spezial states help us solve the problem, don't say we don't like this situation without offering an answer. Mr. Spezial would like solution so all the parents can be told. Mr. Spezial states so he can tell all the parents, all of the people that he has been associated with for 35 years what is going on at Memorial Field. Mr. Spezial all we want a solution to the problems, turf, fake grass, real grass it doesn't matter, just solve the problems. Mr. Spezial states this has been going on for 10, 12 years now and it is the same problems. Mr. Spezial states the same solutions that were offered are not working. Mr. Spezial we have a list of problems and they have been given to council. Mr. Spezial states we have brought some people tonight, not to get ugly and screaming and some councilman that are in the room said well they are 50/50, they are not 50/50, they are against it. Mr. Spezial states the bottom line we have the same problems we had 3 or 4 years ago and we are asking council to solve the problems. Mr. Sears states we are working on it. Mr. Spezial states thank you.

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

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

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance #14-14 2ND Reading

The Clerk read Ordinance # 14-14 entitled: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2014

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance # 14-14 at second reading by title.

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

Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution #14-200** was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

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

Nays: None.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance #14-12 entitled: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2014 be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to open the Public Hearing.

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

Nays: None.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asks if there is still going to be a Deputy Court Clerk. Mayor Sobkowicz replies no. Mrs. Ozment what happens if the Court Administrator is out on vacation, sick or injured, and if there is an emergency of some sort, who will be able to handle that situation. Mayor Sobkowicz replies we will be getting a substitute. Mrs. Ozment asks if that is going to be in our ordinance for the courts, but also in the municipal courts is this all going to be changed. Mr. Poller no, if you have an administrator out sick and you have to call someone on one occasion, you don't need the position in there. Mrs. Ozment asks what if Mrs. Koesel goes away on vacation and she is gone for two weeks, that would be more than one time. Mrs. Ozment further states there was a problem a while back that Mrs. Koesel had fallen a while ago and she wanted to come back to work and the doctor would not allow her, she was out for a long period of time. Mrs. Ozment asks so the ordinance would not have to be changed. Mr. Poller states no, when temporary people are appointed to the positions they don't change the ordinance in anticipation of that.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to close the Public Hearing.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to pass Ordinance #14-14 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

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

ORDINANCES

Ordinance #14-15 2ND Reading

The Clerk read Ordinance # 14-15 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 245-9.1 (ZONING: GENERAL REGULATIONS: GENERATORS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to introduce and pass Ordinance # 14-15 at second reading by title.

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

Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution #14-201** was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari.

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

Nays: None.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance #14-15 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 245-9.1 (ZONING; GENERAL REGULATIONS; GENERATORS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

A motion was made by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to open the Public Hearing.

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

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to close the Public Hearing.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made Mr. Calamari, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to pass Ordinance #14-15 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

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

Nays: None.

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. Calamari.

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

Nays: None.

Resolution #14-202

Chapter 159 2014 State Body Armor Replacement Fund Program

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington will receive \$2,187.03 from the State of New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice and wishes to amend the 2014 Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2014 in the sum of \$2,187.03 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special item of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Additional Revenues offset by appropriations.

Appropriations:

2014 State Body Armor Replacement Fund Program

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,187.03 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations excluded from 5% CAPS

Public & Private Programs offset by Revenues

State of New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice

2014 State Body Armor Replacement Fund Program

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Resolution #14-203

Engineering-Soil Moving Escrow Trimarchi

WHEREAS, Agostino Trimarchi, posted engineering and soil movement escrow on premises known as Block 4427, Lot 1, 343 Hull Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated October 30, 2014, C.O. No. 113+a,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated October 29, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$27.00 to the above.

Resolution #14-204

Soil Moving Escrow/Aegean Pools

WHEREAS, Aegean Pools, LLC posted soil movement escrow on premises known as Block 2329, Lot 29, 380 Pascack Road; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated October 29, 2014, C.A. No. 13-359,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated October 15, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$79.00 to the above.

Resolution #14-205

Engineering Escrow/ Gram May

WHEREAS, Gram May of New Jersey, Inc. posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 2329, Lot 29, 380 Pascack Road; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated August 5, 2014, C.A. No. 13-360 for a fence around the pool and C.A. No. 13-359 for an in-ground pool dated October 29, 2014.

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated October 15, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$216.00 to the above.

Resolution #14-206

Confirm Endorsements of C.D. Projects

WHEREAS, a Bergen county community Development Grant of \$3,274 has been proposed by the Township of Washington for Senior Citizen Activities in the municipality of the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Service Act, Community Development Funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Washington hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Resolution #14-207

Recreation Refund

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following recreation fees:

Heather Perin
164 Hickory Street
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Wrestling Registration
Refund Amount: \$125.00

Popi Kousis
107 Cardinal Lane
Westwood, NJ 07675

Refund for Wrestling Registration
Refund Amount: \$125.00

Resolution #14-208

Township Planner

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (the "Township"), Bergen County has a need to acquire planning services for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the contract for such services is not being awarded under what is termed the fair and open contract provisions as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the planning services awarded hereunder is comprised of professional services to be rendered to the Township of Washington, and such professional planning services may be in excess of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, T & M Associates has submitted a proposal with respect to the rates for said services to be rendered to the Township for the year 2014 which is the anticipated term of this contract; and

WHEREAS, T & M Associates has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Washington in the previous one year, or made any contribution as per the terms of Township ordinance, and has agreed that the terms of appointment will prohibit T & M Associates from making any reportable contributions during the term of the contract or making any contribution in violation of the terms of Township ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the availability of funds for such services shall be determined in the Township's annual budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with T & M Associates as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract herein has been awarded to T & M Associates to provide the goods or services as described herein. This contract was not awarded through the "fair and open process" as defined under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. As such, the undersigned does hereby attest that T & M Associates, its subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company has neither made a contribution that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16, in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c.19, affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the

contract to any political party committee in the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, or make any contribution which is not in conformity with Township ordinance, when the contract is awarded, or to any candidate committee of any person serving in an elective public office of said municipality when the contract is awarded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution, and that a notice of the award of said contract shall be published according to law.

Resolution #14-209

Tax Refund/Giordano

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey granted a judgment for Block 1302, Lot 6, owner Robert and Barbara Giordano, 650 Kennedy Drive for year.

WHEREAS, under the New Jersey Statute 54:3-27.2, in the event a taxpayer is successful in an appeal for a reduced assessment the taxing district shall refund excess taxes paid within 60 days of judgment. Michael Muller, Esq. is attorney for plaintiff.

NOW, THERFORE, 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:

Michael Muller, Esq.
77 Hudson Street
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

(2011) Original Assessment	\$602,500.00
Revised Assessment from judgment	\$545,000.00
Difference	\$ 57,500.00
Refund Due @ 1.858 per \$100	\$ 1,068.35

Resolution #14-210

Dog House Saloon Late Closings

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that permission is granted to extend the closing hours of the Dog House Saloon & Grill to 3:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 (Thanksgiving Eve) and on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 (New Year's Eve).

Elaine Erlewein
Acting Township Clerk

Thomas Sears
Council President

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

November 10, 2014

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

PRIORITY

Memorial Field – Ms. Toni Plantamura – Also Present Robert Moss, Green Acres Coordinator for the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club –

Ms. Plantamura distributes documents to Council.

Ms. Plantamura states she does not know the procedure and would like someone to explain it to her. Mr. Sears states you can begin now, you have 15 minutes. Mr. Sears would like to ask everyone to please pay attention and to have respect for everyone that is speaking here or he will have those leave these chambers. Mr. Sears further states everyone has a right to speak, and petition the government and everyone has a voice in this town. Mr. Sears states we all have a right to speak, whether it is pro or against and Mr. Sears asks everyone to be respectful.

Ms. Plantamura states she has several questions and nobody is going to get a chance to read over her 16 points that she has on papers she has prepared. Plus there are articles that she has on certain topics that concern her in reference to this artificial turf. Mr. Sears states if Ms. Plantamura has a particular question, Mr. Sears would ask Mr. Twomey to answer them. Ms. Plantamura has a guest speaker that came here and he has to have time. Mr. Sears states no, only one person that is my original statement you will be the speaker of this group. Mr. Sears states he is to give you the information, and you are the speaker of the group. Ms. Plantamura states she didn't understand that. Mr. Moss states he is here as a resource. Ms. Plantamura states she asked the question if she could bring a guest, and she has someone that she did bring. Mr. Sears states he will allow him five minutes. Ms. Plantamura states this is her first statement, since she probably is not going to have any of her questions or most of her questions answered in the period that she is allotted. Mr. Sears states your questions will be answered. Ms. Plantamura states if that does not happen, she is going to request at this time another priority table meeting so she can get all of her questions answered. Mr. Sears states that we will be finishing this Memorial Field shortly, council needs to make a decision. Ms. Plantamura at this time she would like to the council and the mayor know that she has a petition going and she has almost all of the signatures that are needed, so it would have to go to a referendum vote. Mr. Sears asks Ms. Plantamura to please begin. Ms. Plantamura states there are several issues that she is concerned with, and two that really concern her, one being if this is a contentious issue like this, why you haven't put this to a referendum vote to begin with, without her going out of her way with four jobs to try and get a petition of 461 signatures. Ms. Plantamura would like to know the reason that this has not been put up to a referendum vote so that all the taxpayers of this town and citizens vote on this and make the decision for you. Ms. Plantamura asks why hasn't this been done. Mr. Sears states first of all the people like the council to make a decision, and for council to make a decision we need to come to a point. Mr. Sears further states Ms. Plantamura can at any time can petition the governing body that is her legal right, but for members of the council to understand what the committee is asking us to look at. Mr. Sears states hypothetically three million dollars is put to a vote in the town, nothing is going to happen, and we need to understand what they are

presenting to us so we can make a legitimate decision. Mr. Sears states if council votes for or not, that is the opinion of the council, you do have a right to petition. Mr. Sears states a decision has not been made right now since we do need to find all the facts out. Ms. Plantamura feels as a pure democratic system is to have a vote on this because it is such a large ticketed item and that should be done. Mr. Calamari asks Ms. Plantamura if she is here representing herself or a group. Ms. Plantamura states no, just herself and other people that she has spoken to. Mr. Calamari states nothing personal, but Mr. Calamari believes we are going down a dangerous road allowing individuals to come up to the conference table when everyone else spoke at public session, Mr. Calamari just wanted to state that. Mr. Calamari states it is nothing personal, but Mr. Calamari believes it is a slippery slope we are going down. Ms. Plantamura states she does not understand what that means. Mr. Beckmeyer states Mr. Twomey; he is the Director of our Recreation Department. Mr. Sears states stop it. Mr. Beckmeyer states Mr. Twomey is representing them, he is not a single person. Mr. Beckmeyer states what will happen is we will have people from the other side sending letters to sit up here and give their sides. Mr. Sears states this is a onetime thing. Ms. Plantamura states she is representing all of the people that have signed her petition so far which is over 300 names, and this was not done on somebody's else's time, this was done on her time. Mr. Beckmeyer states that is her prerogative to do that. Ms. Plantamura states exactly, her other main concern is the field is a Green Acres field; there is a sign right on the fence, when you walk into it. Ms. Plantamura's question is it allowable to take Green Acres funds and restrict uses of the field and converting a multi-use field that is owned by the municipality to artificial turf. Mr. Beckmeyer states yes. Mr. Hrbek states as long as it abides by all the terms of Green Acres. Ms. Plantamura asks what are those terms. Mr. Sears does not know that, he does not have the paperwork. Mr. Moss states we are told it is allowed under Green Acres, but in what form, was there a determination by the Commissioner of DEP, specifically about artificial turf. Mr. Poller states a determination would have to be made when the plans are ready, and things are ready to go. Mr. Moss it was stated it was allowed under the program. Mr. Poller states we believe that the surface of the field is not a determining factor. Ms. Plantamura has several concerns, one is if the kids are going to be able to sleigh ride at this field, her other question is as she is listening to everybody complain about the condition of the field, Ms. Plantamura would like to know why all of the sudden there is a change that artificial turf is the answer to natural grass. Ms. Plantamura states in this environment, in 2014, everything is environmentally sensitive and it does not make any sense to her why you would take a natural field and convert it to an artificial turf and assume that is the answer. Ms. Plantamura would like to know if people have been paid for maintenance to this field over the years, why haven't they been fired if they are not doing their job. Mr. Beckmeyer states it is simple wear and tear. Ms. Plantamura asks wear and tear from what. Mr. Beckmeyer replies from children playing on it, massive amount of children playing on it. Ms. Plantamura asks does this have anything to do with cleats. Mr. Beckmeyer states it can have to do with anything, it could be from people with sneakers running on the field, it will tear up the grass, and they tap the grass down and wear it out by running around on the field. Mr. Beckmeyer states is Ms. Plantamura suggestion that the kids play on the field without cleats, is that what Ms. Plantamura is saying. Ms. Plantamura states she believes that the sports that are prioritized on this field, they have priority on this field she feels. Ms. Plantamura states this field right now is used for football only and lacrosse; there are bleachers that have taken over the entire field. Mr. Beckmeyer states Ms. Plantamura is not correct, there are more than just footballers, there is lacrosse, baseball, men's softball play on the field, cheerleaders play on the field. Ms. Plantamura asks if baseball and softball going to be able to play on this turf. Mr. Beckmeyer yes, it is going to be just

like it is now; it is going to be in turf. Ms. Plantamura asks why has the drainage problem that has been going on been corrected, how do you know that is not going to still happen after you are considering spending about 3 million dollars in artificial turf. Mr. Hrbek states one of the biggest cost items in the turf field is an integrated drainage system that goes down below the surface of the turf that remains intact and the surface gets resurfaced 12 to 15 years, the drainage is one of the big ticket items of doing the project. Ms. Plantamura asks what happens if the drainage is not done correctly and the field needs to be repaired, because Ridgewood was the town that had major problems. Mr. Beckmeyer states Ridgewood failed because it was built next to a creek and the creek flooded over its bank, raised the carpet up from underneath, due to drainage. Mr. Beckmeyer states we are nowhere near a creek or a river or even a lake that could flood at the point where Memorial Field is. Mr. Beckmeyer states it is too high, and the closest body is our lake and it is probably 12 feet below the surfaces, it would never reach that point it would flood. Mr. Beckmeyer states that is why the field in Ridgewood flooded; it is due to the creek overrunning its bank, not because of rain that we would experience. Ms. Plantamura states we already have an artificial turf at the high school, so why would we need a second artificial turf, isn't there any kind of compromise that could be worked out. Ms. Plantamura heard that you can lease or rent the field. Mayor Sobkowicz we did rent it last year for Town Day and this year we were given a quote of \$900.00. Ms. Plantamura states that is nothing compared to three million dollars. Administrator Cavallo states that is for one day. Ms. Plantamura states she must be stupid because she does not understand she is paying taxes along with all of you that go to that school district and the town has to pay to lease that field. Ms. Plantamura states she had no idea. Mr. Beckmeyer states you can go to the Board of Education and complain to them, because we had this issue when we were talking about the field, why do we have to pay so much if we already funded half of it, because it is Westwood as well, we funded for half the field and we have to pay for all of these costs. Mr. Beckmeyer states everyone that uses that field has to pay for it. Mayor Sobkowicz states plus they use it a lot also. Mr. Beckmeyer states if we put artificial turf the high school would probably see about taking some of our spare time over since they are so booked at the high school with their programs and we would charge them. Ms. Plantamura states she is going from one subject to another because she knows she has limited time, and this is another thing that bothers her, and she didn't want to bring this up, but she is going to, because she sees that there are a lot of people in this room that want this field, but she thinks there are a lot more people in this town, if it is put to a vote, that don't want this field. Ms. Plantamura asks why has Clark Field has been chained and locked for years; it is a Green Acres funded field. Mayor Sobkowicz states once you have a Green Acres field, all the other fields are Green Acres, but it was not technically funded. Ms. Plantamura why is it locked and chained. Mr. Sears would like to stay on Memorial Field topic. Ms. Plantamura's concern is that Clark Field is chained and fenced off and the baseball association controls that. Mr. Sears would like to speak on Memorial Field. Ms. Plantamura states the issue of Memorial Field has been coming up because of football and lacrosse pushing this issue, this has been one sided. Ms. Plantamura has sat in this audience and heard this side come up over and over again; they have a right say that. Ms. Plantamura's concern is if you convert a second field in the same town to artificial turf and one field is already off limits for the rest of the children and use for other people in this town, and it is chained and locked, who is to say that that is not going to happen at Memorial Field and whose going to do the scheduling over there. Ms. Plantamura already sees that there is going to be problems, she can see that. Mr. Beckmeyer asks how does she see that, he is just curious. Ms. Plantamura states right now she sees a problem because football is dominating October and November; it is all set up for football. Ms. Plantamura would like to know

how do you have people come on and use that field with those bleachers and lines and cones set up for football. Mr. Beckmeyer explained once the field goes artificial, the lines are already installed in the turf, so no one is going to put lines and there are not going to be cones out anymore. Mr. Beckmeyer the plan has a small little grandstand along the embankment so there will not be any need to put stands on the field any longer that would eliminate that problem from the start. Ms. Plantamura asks who will schedule Memorial Field. Mr. Beckmeyer states that would be the Recreation Department. Ms. Plantamura states she doesn't know if this is allowed, but when the Recreation Department that is appointed by the Mayor and Council, as she understands, since she was on the Recreation Board. Mr. Sears appointed by the Mayor. Ms. Plantamura states they come before the town, and they are proposing something this expensive and gets heard at the Priority Table at least three times, she is concerned you are not listening to the other side of it. Mr. Sears states that is why Ms. Plantamura is up here. Ms. Plantamura knows that, and Ms. Plantamura several, several people in this town who do not want this and the right thing to do is put it to a vote. Ms. Plantamura states if this has been stalled since 2009, somebody doesn't want to make a decision so if you have to a referendum it would force a decision because you would either have to vote yes or no, and you have an answer in front of you. Ms. Plantamura states there are a lot of senior citizens and we are always talking children, and she is going to say something, that possibly people in the audience don't want to hear. Ms. Plantamura states it is not that she does not care about kids, she had a child, her child is 28 years old, but her daughter did not get priority for anything in this town because of certain things that were done because her daughter was a female. Ms. Plantamura apologizes, she didn't want to bring that issue up, but Ms. Plantamura was not allowed to play on that field when she came to the town. In 1990, Ms. Plantamura formed a competitive women's softball team and managed for that team for 15 years in the town, and when she came to the recreation department she was told she was not going to get field time because men come first, children come second and women come last. Ms. Plantamura wants council to know that she knows all angles of this and she believes if that field is converted to artificial turf the people that are going to benefit the most by that is football and lacrosse, she will not be convinced otherwise. Ms. Plantamura wants to know what benefit the girls are going to have. Mr. Beckmeyer states we have girls on the lacrosse team. Ms. Plantamura asks are lacrosse players all township residents. Mr. Sears asks Mr. Twomey to answer that question. Mr. Twomey there were 107 girls last year and in the past 7 seven we have had over 500 girls play lacrosse in this town that was besides the high school program. Ms. Plantamura asks if they were township residents. Mr. Twomey states it is a shared program between Washington Township and Westwood. Ms. Plantamura asks why isn't Westwood putting in some of the money for the artificial turf. Mr. Twomey states because they house our entire soccer program. Mayor Sobkowicz states Westwood does soccer and we do lacrosse. Ms. Plantamura states she is sorry, but she thinks it is unfair, totally unfair. Ms. Plantamura states that it is always heard that kids need this and kids need that, she apologizes but she is of the mindset now that she feels kids have too much. Ms. Plantamura states as a matter of fact kids have so much that they can't even work and she hires the youth of these communities around her. Ms. Plantamura states a lot of them have no work ethic, they are spoiled and for asking herself, and she considers herself a senior citizen now, since she is in her sixties, without considering people that have possibly lost their jobs in this community, people that have hard economic times, people that are senior citizens that are crying, and she has heard them cry in this town, stating they can't even afford to pay their bills now, she thinks it is really sad that a senior has to move out of a community due to the taxes they can't afford, after they have established roots. Ms. Plantamura further states to say all the time, and to play the card that

kids need this, kids to her need natural grass that needs to be maintained, and if people are getting paid for that, if you have not fired them by now because there are divots over there and there are drainage problems, why are these people getting paid that are not doing their job. Ms. Plantamura states getting back to the Green Acres, you said you can have restricted use. Mayor Sobkowicz states if you have one field that is Green Acres, and you have another field that isn't, that does come become a Green Acres field even though technically. Mr. Sears asks Ms. Plantamura if she has any other questions about what was presented by the Recreation Department with regard to Memorial Field. Ms. Plantamura yes there was something that was submitted back in March of 2012 about the safety factors, that facilities with a grass surface have proven to be a harder surface than a turf surface, she does not believe that. Mr. Beckmeyer asks Ms. Plantamura if she has been over to the field lately. Ms. Plantamura states yes, she just walked it tonight, in the dark with a flashlight. Mr. Beckmeyer states there is no grass. Ms. Plantamura states there is a lot of grass there, she walked over the whole thing. Mr. Moor states they did a survey; there is a lot of grass. Mr. Beckmeyer what percentage would you say. Mr. Moor states he would have to go back in the daylight, but he knows he was walking on grass. Mr. Sears asks Ms. Plantamura if she has any other questions that you would like to address. Ms. Plantamura states she is concerned about the carcinogens that are incorporated into artificial turf; she is concerned about the heat that is radiated off a plastic surface. Ms. Plantamura has talked to several athletes that work for her, and she is a teacher at Bergen Community College, and she asked for her student input. Ms. Plantamura even has a list of names, and only two of them stated they preferred playing on artificial turf, the rest of them all told her there are deep burns that come from sliding on artificial turf, they told her they hit harder and they have more injuries on artificial turf. Ms. Plantamura would like to know if anyone asked any of the athletes who have played on artificial turf how they feel. Mr. Beckmeyer states he asked his children and they stated they both would prefer to play on artificial turf, both of his children have played on artificial turf, it is smoother, it is less risk for them to sprain an ankle because there is unsure footing, there is better footing on artificial turf than on grass especially grass in the condition that we have. Ms. Plantamura ok that is four I heard, but everyone she asked stated they prefer playing on natural grass. Ms. Plantamura states again, to close, she feels it is irresponsible and almost undemocratic, even though you are all elected officials, that for an issue like this, with so many questions and answers coming up, this should be put to a referendum vote. Mr. Beckmeyer states it would be a referendum with a number of items, we are talking about replacing the DMF facility, maybe adding on to the firehouse, maybe getting a new fire truck, these are all big numbers, and all of this should have a referendum. Ms. Plantamura replies yes, and she believes that all the towns, since we can't afford home rule anymore, be all be conjoined together in districts. Mr. Sears thanks Ms. Plantamura. Mr. Moor states he has a question, if he may; first of all you are the council president correct. Mr. Sears states that is correct. Mr. Moor appreciates your general remarks that you have made this evening about listening to all of the people. Mr. Moor states Toni will keep him up to date when the ordinance is going to be voted on. Mr. Moor would like to know if he is able to submit comments by email on the ordinance. Mr. Sears replies yes, absolutely. Ms. Plantamura states that Glen Rock put an artificial turf up for a referendum, three million dollars and it was voted down because people had a chance to vote on it. Mr. Beckmeyer states the referendum was after they went to bond it, they voted to bond it first, and then they did the referendum. Mr. Beckmeyer states you are asking to do a referendum before we even vote on it. Ms. Plantamura states yes. Mr. Sears states council has not taken a vote on it, thank you. Ms. Plantamura states thank you for your time.

2015 Township Council Annual Meeting Schedule – Mr. Sears asks if there are any discrepancies. There was a discussion with regard to the 2015 meeting schedule. Mayor Sobkowicz asking if everyone was okay with the schedule. The general consensus was everyone was fine with the schedule.

UPDATES

Zoning Board Appointments – Mr. Hrbek asks if all the positions are filled at this time. Mr. Sears states there is one position open for an alternate. There was a discussion of those who are currently on the Zoning Board being reappointed. Mr. Sears states letters went out and they both said yes. Mr. Poller spoke of the alternates and it is first alternate whose term expires December 31, 2015 and then it going to a two year term. There was discussion with regard to the time of the terms expiring. Mr. Calamari stated someone did come up to him, and he will give the name. Mr. Sears state we have the three names carry over as Dr. Cascio requested from the last those being Mr. Ullman, Mr. Kueller and Mr. Anoblina. Mr. Sears states then we have Mr. D'Urso and Mary Ann Ozment that also requested. Mr. Beckmeyer states Ms. Ozment didn't put it in writing. Ms. Ozment states she said it in public. Mr. Sears states we have the five names, or council can consider their choices and send it to Mr. Sears. Mr. Sears asks Mr. Calamari to send the name and Mr. Sears will forward it to council. There was a discussion on how vote is going to be taken and if it should be taken at this time. Mr. Calamari states the person that came to him that is interested is Dan Scuderi. Mr. Sears states we will have a vote on the next meeting.

Habitat for Humanity – Administrator Cavallo states there will be a meeting scheduled for next week. Dates were discussed and it will be probably the Tuesday, the 25th of November.

Firehouse – Mr. Sears saw the firehouse lot was milled. There was a discussion why the whole lot was not milled. Administrator Cavallo spoke of the condition of the parking lot, since it was already down to gravel and if it was milled it would go down to dirt. There was a discussion with regard to the process of paving the parking lot. Administrator Cavallo states tomorrow the parking lot will be paved, and weather permitting it will be striped on Wednesday, if it rains they will stripe on Thursday.

Roads – Administrator Cavallo spoke of the paving program that was awarded through the cooperative with Pascack Valley which is complete. Administrator Cavallo states the paving on Colonial Boulevard is tentatively scheduled for tomorrow, after they fix an issue that they have to fix with regard to drainage at the firehouse. Administrator Cavallo states they will start working on the concrete work, which includes some curbs at the corners, part of the grant was all of the corners have to be bicycle and pedestrian friendly, grates in the roadway and lower the curbs down. Administrator Cavallo states that will start tomorrow and we will good with that. Administrator Cavallo states after the last meeting, he did get in touch with Mr. Statile, his firm has already started the road assessment, they are going to rate every street, based off a set criteria that they have and they will give us a report of every street and also break it down by the most important based on need, so we can plan adequately for the next couple of years. Mr. Hrbek asked if one of the categories could be streets that have cracks, that could be preserved, since that would be a lot less costly than milling and paving. Administrator Cavallo spoke of the atrocious repaving job on Pascack Road and that he does have a meeting with United Water on Wednesday and that is one of the issues that he is bringing up. There was a discussion with regard to the truncated mats and the pads that are being put down now are actually being put down in the concrete. There was a discussion of the prior program, a new inlet put on President Road, a divot in the roadway on South Chestnut Street that was repaired and Grace Court to pull water out of the cul-de-sac. Mayor Sobkowicz states that

was by Paul Azzolina on prior projects. Administrator Cavallo states they did come back and finish since it was an oversight on the contractor.

Department of Municipal Facilities – Needs Study – Administrator Cavallo received the final proposal today and did not have time to review it. Administrator Cavallo will send it to council.

Direct Deposit – Administrator Cavallo in 2013 a statute was passed allowing municipalities to require having direct deposit for their employees as of July 1, before we can require that the governing body has an ordinance. Mr. Beckmeyer asks if they can opt out. Administrator Cavallo states right now they can opt out, the law now says we can require direct deposit, two exceptions are seasonal and temporary employees, crossing guards are seasonal and recreation. Mr. Hrbek do employees get time off to go cash a check like 20 minutes. Administrator Cavallo states no. Administrator Cavallo states it makes it a lot easier on our end, less checks to sign. Seasonal and temporary employees can sign up; it would be required for all current town employees. Dr. Cascio states what is the percentage now. Administrator Cavallo believes it is half and half, there are 90 employees, but people with multiple jobs get multiple checks. There was a discussion of who gets paid quarterly and employees who have multiple jobs. There was a discussion of the cost savings, which would be minimal, but it would save time and labor hours. Administrator Cavallo is looking into other cost savings measures with payroll. Administrator Cavallo did mention it the DMF union representative and he said pretty much all the municipalities are already doing this.

Ecology Facility Ordinance – Mr. Poller states this came up that there were charges being made for replacement decals. Dr. Cascio asks who requested this draft of the ordinance, and did Mr. Poller do this on his own initiative. Mr. Poller yes and for very good reason, because he found out we were collecting it without an ordinance since 1992, which is not what we are supposed to be doing. Mr. Poller states the former clerk did it and our current clerk does and if it going to be done, there needs to be an ordinance. Mr. Poller states a vote can be taken if council wants to charge it. Mr. Poller states if you don't want to charge a replacement fee, and then stop collecting. Dr. Cascio asks as the attorney is Mr. Poller aware this was happening. Mr. Poller states as the attorney he does not deal with decals. Dr. Cascio asks how did this come to your attention. Mr. Poller asks when council talked about it, as soon as it was spoken about that there was not ordinance there needs to be an ordinance. Mr. Poller states there needs to be a vote on whether you want to have it, if you do there is an ordinance that you can introduce at the next meeting, if you intend to collect it, if you decide not to pass an ordinance, then he will recommend that you stop collecting. Mr. Hrbek states we were working on something. Administrator Cavallo states we did have a draft. Mr. Poller understands that they were working on the Ecology Center, that involved a lot of things. Mr. Hrbek states it involved this in particular because this was something that came to the forefront. Mr. Hrbek states we are dropping it on all the residents, and it is like charging residents for the cream that they are putting on their cup of coffee that they paid for. Mr. Hrbek felt strongly sure, you lose them, want extra ones, you can charge for those. Mr. Hrbek feels every household should have the ability to be able to bring their stuff, second car, third car, but anything above and beyond we should be charging a fee and that was the basis for our discussions on what we are doing. Mr. Hrbek states the administrator and I spent a couple of hours doing it and it blew up. Mr. Poller states he is pointing out one little thing that he feels you have to do one way or another now. Mr. Poller states now that we are aware that it goes on, just the replacement decals, not the extras. Mr. Hrbek states sooner or later you lose them, but when you charge people move into town, they never got them. Mr. Poller states he is not saying whether you should or should not, but if you

intend to continue to collect fees you should. Mrs. Ozment states that was the original letter that was given out to all the residents when we gave out sticker the first time, according to Ordinance #88-10, that is what it states. There was discussion of the letter that Mrs. Ozment provided and stickers provided. Dr. Cascio is personally against charging for any stickers, he feels it is good enough if a resident shows a driver's license that has a local address, or the registration of the car, the residents pay enough. Mr. Poller the ordinance says there is a charge of \$10.00 for a replacement sticker. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of the fee and the showing of the driver's license. Mr. Calamari understands where Mr. Poller is stating, we have to have a policy of whether we are collecting or not. Mr. Poller states if you are not going to do it then stop collecting right now. Mr. Sears asks if the council would like to continue with the ordinance. There was discussion of the current ordinance. Administrator Cavallo states in order for himself and Mr. Hrbek to continue to work on the Ecology Ordinance, we would need to know if council is interested in charging or not interested in charging. Mr. Beckmeyer states he believes we are going to have to charge until council figures out what we need to do. There was a discussion if there should be a motion to go forward. Mr. Poller states it should be introduced at the next meeting. Mr. Hrbek states no. Mr. Calamari states yes. Mr. Hrbek if we introduce what we are working on do the residents that paid \$10.00 get refunds. Dr. Cascio states a resident goes to the dump and has to pay \$10.00 for a law that is not on the books. Mr. Poller states he is not saying it is correct, he is saying that has been the practice. Dr. Cascio states if tomorrow they say it is okay to murder someone, the law is the law; it is not in the books. Mr. Hrbek if they show proof of residence, they should be okay to dump. Mr. Calamari states they would need a sticker. Mayor Sobkowicz state suppose someone has a house and they don't live in it, there are several that do come up. Mr. Calamari states to put it on and it will be talked about in due course.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to adjourn.

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

Nays: None.

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