

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington was held at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex, 350 Pascack Road, Township of Washington, New Jersey.

Council President Robert Bruno called the meeting at 7:37 p.m. by reading the following statement.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The regularly scheduled Public Meeting of November 13, 2017 of the Township of Washington Township Council. Adequate notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the Township Clerk to at least two (2) newspapers in January and this notice has been posted on the Township Bulletin Board and on the Township website.

Please notify the Municipal Clerk for any disability requirements necessary for attendance at Mayor and Council meetings. The fire exits are located through the double doors to your right and through the door on your left. Please silence all cell phones.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Council Members Peter Calamari, Steve Cascio, Thomas Sears, Michael Ullman and Council President Robert Bruno. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Township Attorney; Mary Anne Groh, Administrator; and Susan Witkowski, Township Clerk.

The Clerk read the totals of the list of bills representing October 12, 2017 through November 8, 2017:

TOTAL	2016 Reserve	\$0.00
TOTAL	2017 Current	\$2,725,507.72
TOTAL	Capital Fund	\$745,803.00
TOTAL	Animal Control	\$511.00
TOTAL	Trust Fund	\$21,942.51

A conversation followed if any balances have been encumbered for 2018.

March 31 is the deadline, but in the normal course of business funds are being encumbered on a daily basis.

Mayor's Report, November 13, 2017

VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY

Due to the frigid temperatures, VFW Post 6192 held its Veterans' Day Ceremony in the Senior Center on the 11th day of the eleventh month and at the eleventh hour. I was very pleased with the turnout especially it being a Saturday when people are busy with errands and things. It was a great day to thank the many veterans we still have here in the Township and elsewhere for their courage and commitment to protect our freedom. In the words of Elmer Davis, "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

We were notified that our application for Senior Citizen Activities for 2017-2018 funding from the Bergen County Division of Community Development has been approved for \$3,338. However, Robert Esposito, Director of Bergen County Division of Community Development, was the guest speaker at our Mayors Meeting and indicated that CD will probably be changing in the sense that we cannot continue to run the same programs that we apply for every year; in short, we will have to be very creative. Mr. Esposito was very informative and clarified a lot of perceptions about how these grants are awarded especially those for First Time Home Buyer Grants and Home Improvement Grants. First time homebuyers who make approximately \$56,000 for two and \$47-48,000 for one may qualify for grants. Right now, Mr. Esposito told us there are moneys available in the programmed fund. I spoke to Engineer Chris Statile about possible ideas such as a nature trail connecting Hillsdale and Twp. of Washington and drainage or sewer system grants. He also congratulated us for being very proactive with handicap ramps and curbs. Mr. Esposito noted that CDBG gave Habitat Humanity a grant to help with the four-unit residence they are building on Jefferson Avenue in the Township.

TAXES

Due to the Town Hall being closed on Friday, November 10, for Veterans Day, the tax office was open this evening until 6 p.m. Beginning tomorrow, you will be charged interest back to November 1 if you have not paid.

NEW BETHANY CHURCH

If you notice any paper lettering on the New Bethany Church, it is so that Planning Board members can visualize what the real signs will look like before the meeting where they will be reviewed. We have done this in the past; it works pretty well. In addition, I would like to clarify a proposal to purchase the former Bethany Church. I believe it was an excellent opportunity for the Township to purchase this building because the ambulance corps will have a presence on Pascack Road, a two-way garage for essence of time and safety, and virtually a new building; the DMF staff could move into the ambulance building with an area for a break room and an area for cots to be placed when staying there at length in storms; senior citizens and patrons would have additional parking spaces; the cost of the renovation/new construction of the DMF would be reduced by not having to add a second story but rather provide room for vehicles and salt shed. If you haven't been in the former Bethany Church, it is beautiful (all renovated) and much larger than it looks from the outside with other possibilities for revenue. At the last council meeting, Councilman Ullman asked if I heard anything about the New Bethany Community Center negotiating with NJ Transit for a park and ride; I had not heard that. However, I did investigate as much as possible at this point and learned that NJ Transit does have a partnership with an entity for commuter parking elsewhere in the state.

TOWNSHIP LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

You received the pamphlet indicating the dates that the program begins in each zone. However, due to the leaves not falling as early as usual, the DMF had been going to all the zones to pick up leaves where there are piles at the curb. However, and this is important: please do not put sticks, twigs, and branches in or on the leaves because they get stuck in the vacuum. This really delays everything since the staff has to actually go around and remove the branches from the piles to avoid clogging the vacuum. This is why I scheduled a special pickup of wind storm branches and twigs on Friday, November 10. However, some residents put garden debris in the barrels which added to the workload. Also, please read the leaf program brochure for specific information such as:

procedure on County Roads, last day to place leaves at the curb, keeping leaves away from catch basins, etc.

ROAD PROGRAM 2017

Due to the fact that prices came in lower than expected, we were able to pave additional roads including Tulane, Amherst, and Madeline and install ramps at Amherst. In addition, some streets that were paved in the 2014-2017 road programs and that do not have street name signs will be getting them from funds left over from those road programs.

ENGINEERING

Last month I mentioned the drainage plan that Town Engineer Chris Statile and Director Vladimir Wojno-Oranski formulated to remediate this condition ongoing from Day 1 of the building. The plan includes draining water away from the foundation walls, removing large overgrown pine trees which are dumping needles that clog the gutters, installing a shed roof to be placed over the lower stairway to prevent rain and snow from flooding the lower platform which runs into an interior sump pump. This part would actually reduce DMF costs to shovel snow and spread salt after snowstorms. Also, the irrigation system for the landscaping would need to be reset or repaired. The preliminary cost estimate is \$39,530. Specs have gone out to bid with a return date of November 21; the cost will be paid from a Republic Insurance trust which the town was awarded many years ago based on the construction issues.

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Needless to say, the members of the department are very busy with seasonal issues including: removal of water meters at Gardner, Sherry, and Clark fields; repair of lightning detector at Memorial field; shutdown of sprinkler systems; and leaf pickup. They were also busy with trees and large limbs that fell on several streets with the windstorm of October 24. White goods and metal were collected on October 18; 50 tons of stone was laid at the driveways and pathways at Sherry and Clark fields. Stone Mill Gardens donated 4 yards of mulch which was used to refresh the playground at Memorial. Inspection of buildings and grounds revealed multiple lights in need of replacement which was done. All leaf collection vehicles and equipment was serviced during October; a lot of it was done in house. On October 20 No Parking signs were placed as designated by the Police Department. Also on October 20, a truck transporting large panes of glass lost its cargo on Washington Ave; DMF did the cleanup. Heavy rain on Sunday, October 29, resulted in crew members being called in for flooding issues on East Glen. However, presently, all crew members are engaged in leaf collection. A total of 4 crews consisting of a total of 11 workers are being used.

GIRL SCOUT PROJECTS

Troop 95583 teamed up with Operation Christmas Child to collect donations of toys, school supplies, hygiene items, accessories, and personal notes. You have until November 15 to bring an item to town hall, library, or Washington School. Troop 94343 is collecting items for the Pediatric Department at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood to help children express their creative side. Items include crayons, colored pencils, notebooks, markers, erasers, and gift cards to any stationery or craft store. A box is in Town Hall.

ELECTION RESULTS/CONCERNS

As you know, Phil Murphy is the governor elect for New Jersey. I am concerned about increased state taxes based on his proposals. Also, this deepens the concern about the tax proposal on the federal level to remove or

modify the deduction for real estate taxes, NJ income tax, and changes to mortgage deductions. They are in "compromise" mode right now; however, these proposed changes bring new meaning to the importance of surplus since we were able to allocate \$1,200,000 from surplus and as well as make cuts in the budget to actually reduce the municipal part of the tax levy by \$122 for a house assessed at \$464,000. Keep your eye on these items. Anyway, on the local level the election results are Peter Calamari for mayor, Mike DeSena and Arthur Cumming for council. Congratulations and best wishes in your new endeavors.

REMINDER

All leaves are to be placed at the curb no later than December 4. However, I realize that there are still green leaves around and adjustments may be made to the schedule. Please look for notices about leaf pickup. Also, thank you for your cooperation for the special branch pickup we had Friday, November 10; you responded very quickly, and we were able to start the pickup on Thursday. Having this pickup was done in order to clear the way for quicker and better leaf removal without branches getting stuck in the vacuum and causing delays.

RECYCLING

For the month of October, you recycled 91.41 tons of paper and plastics with a revenue of only \$1,989 as opposed to October last year of 102 tons and revenue of \$4,390. This was one of my concerns when the additional two pickups a year were included at an additional cost of \$1,000 a month because prices for our recyclables were falling. However, the memo I received from the vendor noted: "Commingle pricing was favorable but fiber dropped as there have been political issues in China. We expect markets to improve in November and continue to trend slightly upwards for the next couple of months." No matter what, please recycle more.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Our new technical assistant, Bride Vaughn, started last week; I thank Lisa Ruff, who left for a full-time job for coming in on weekends to keep things as current as possible.

GAS MAIN REPLACEMENT/VAN EMBURGH

Van Emburgh Ave. will be CLOSED to through traffic Monday-Friday from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. each day until early in December. PSE&G will be installing a 12" gas main on Van Emburgh Ave. from Hampshire Rd. going north to the south exit of the Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA). Motorists may only gain access to IHA by approaching from the intersection of Washington Ave. at Van Emburgh Ave. Please advise the Officer at the detour location that you are going to IHA or that you live on Van Emburgh Ave., Clark Ave., Kennedy Dr. or Katharina Pl. No vehicles will be able to continue southbound on Van Emburgh past IHA.

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT BY SUEZ

Suez Water recently completed a water main replacement project on Andrea Lane, Edgewood Drive, and Parkway Court; however, Suez has agreed to repave these roads in 2018.

GOLDEN SENIORS

The Golden Seniors held their annual Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 25, at the Senior Center. The highlight was the costume contest with first place going to The Biker, Ann Marie Dunne, second place to Queen for a Day,

Bridget McGlone, and third place to The Wicked Witch, Lee Van Tassel. Any resident of the Township interested in joining the Golden Seniors come as a guest to a meeting to meet the folks; if interested, call Jim Joyce, Membership Committee Chairman, at 201-444-1778.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

From January to October 31, the department answered 6,929 calls. I would like to thank the residents for such a quiet relatively uneventful cabbage night and Halloween. At the Triple AAA Ceremony in October, the Township received the Award of Excellence, which is given to police departments that have instituted and maintained traffic safety programs to address distracted drivers, vehicle occupant safety, work zone safety, school safety, child passenger safety, and DWI enforcement. This is probably the third year we have received this award. Our new Radar Speed Trailer should be here shortly. It not only does radar speed surveys but can post messages as well since it comes with a programmable message board. This gives the department the capability of placing the trailer at various locations with important message to residents and drivers about future road work or events. Chief Hooper reports that the e-ticket system, which went live on September 27, is going very well. Hopefully, our 2018 patrol car (Ford explorer police package) will be arriving soon. Delays have occurred with this important purchase as well as other purchases due to the idiosyncrasies of the NJ State Contract system, e.g. the car itself is on state contract but not all of the options are under the state or coop contract. So, these options have to be vetted or checked as allowable, etc. based on certain standards and prices.

SHREDDING AND E-RECYCLING

Shredding and E-Recycling held on October 21 went very well. As soon as I realized that the line of cars at 8:30 a.m. was down Hudson Avenue extending all the way down Manhattan, I knew that we would be very busy. Even though Waste Mgmt. sent three employees and I had two additional on duty, it was almost nonstop until 12 p.m. We got one or two very brief slowdowns. It was a great time to bring debris to the Yard, gather papers to shred, and get rid of electronics.

STREET SWEEPING

Our next street sweeping will be scheduled for one week after the end of leaf pick up, which would be December 11 unless leaf pickup is delayed due to the leaves falling later than usual.

WALL OF VETERANS

If you know of a veteran who lived in the Township at some point or still lives here and would like to have his/her picture, please send or bring to Bernadette at Town Hall. I would like to clarify information about the Veterans Wall in the Senior Center and the Honor Board at Veterans Circle outside. To be on the honor board, you have to have joined the military while you lived in the Township.

PHYSICAL WELLNESS PROGRAM

I am happy to report that the Healthy Steps program organized by Valley Hospital Community Outreach in January of this year and scheduled to end in April is still going strong on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. We meet at the Library. Please join us.

AMBULANCE CORPS

From January 1 to October 31, our ambulance corps was dispatched times. The members of the Corps are always working hard to get new members to provide more service to the residents.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

From January 1 to October 31, the Fire Department was dispatched 415 times. Their service calls include fires, rescues, accidents, utility issues, and etc. They sponsored the Ragamuffin Parade on October 28 at Finnerty Place, which was very well attended by children and parents wearing outstanding costumes. The new deputy chief's car was delivered two weeks ago and is currently being outfitted with all the ancillary items and decals. In the last month or two before the election, new fire truck as well as new firehouse was proposed. However, earlier this year at budget time, the ladder truck was proposed by the fire department as an important need in terms of providing the members with the resources they need as they are called upon to answer emergency calls. A new firehouse was, was included in the budget. I supported the truck based on the reasons listed above.

MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

I give the members of the committee a lot of credit because they "meet," so to speak, under a polarization of passions for or against the turf field; it's been very difficult but members did research and advocated for their points of view. They all are working hard to find solutions. I thank them for the time and effort they are giving to the town.

RECREATION

Our recreation football and cheerleading squads did very well this year in the NNJJFL.

WRHS TEAMS

While all the fall teams at the Westwood Regional High School have done very well, the football team and girls' soccer team are doing exceptionally well in the North 1, Group 2 playoffs.

TREE AND MENORAH LIGHTING

Our Tree and Menorah lighting will take place on Friday, December 8, at 5:30 p.m. on Finnerty Place near the library. The library has a holiday event from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. so that it is easy to attend both events.

LIBRARY

The Library sponsored its Annual Haunted House on Saturday, October 28, following the Fire Department Ragamuffin Parade. It was great, and everyone had a good time. The next Cartooning Class is November 27 for grades 3-6; work with John to improve your skills. Don't forget to check the afternoon movies on Monday and Thursdays at 2 p.m. and Gaming Fridays @2:30-4:45 p.m. Local genealogist Fred Voss will assist you in unraveling the secrets of your family tree on December 13 at 6:30 p.m. 9579 people attended library programs in 2016. I hope it is more for 2017!

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Councilman Cascio congratulated Mr. Cumming, Mr. Calamari and Mr. DeSena. He stated he has contacted Congressman Gottheimer's office regarding the Tiger Program and is waiting for an update. He wishes luck to the Ladies Cardinals soccer team who are playing tomorrow at Ridge High School for the State Group 2 Championship.

Councilman Sears stated VFW Post 6192 is having a membership drive and reaching out to all of the communities since a member does not need to be a resident of Township of Washington. If any Veteran needs any help, please reach out to Steve Kohriter or Bill Thompson, and they will be more than happy to assist anyone. The grant for the emergency trailer for the ambulance is being finalized, and will be submitted shortly. He suggested reaching out to the County via www.bergenbids.com, since it is a joint sharing service and is another opportunity for the Township to purchase items.

Councilman Calamari stated he also attended the Veteran's Ceremony, which was enjoyable. He congratulated the new Council members, and looks forward to working with the new and existing Council members in moving this Township forward. He also wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Ullman stated he has no report.

Council President Bruno stated he, along with his family, thanks everyone for their support. He would like to especially thank his wife Sandy, for her support and guidance throughout this process, since there is no way he could have done it without her. He stated politics should never reach family members, but unfortunately we were dealing with anonymity, anger, hypocrisy, but most of all ignorance. Family should never have to endure veiled threats, slanderous remarks, deformation of character, threats of frivolous lawsuits, bullying, intimidation tactics and cyberbullying. The anger and hostility that we all witnessed needs to be checked at the coat room going forward. He stated he worked hard for the residents, volunteers, and employees, and hoping what comes out is the awareness of what needs to be done to make this town a better place to live for all residents, not just a select few. All employees and volunteers are to be treated with respect they deserve going forward. This should be an eye opener for everyone that this form of government must change. He stated neither himself nor his family have any political interest or financial gain, other than increasing property values, controlling expenditures while at the same time providing better services than those provided in the past 8 years. He asks residents to be involved, and take an active role if time permits, since it is their money, home and town. His sincerest thanks to those who supported him in his Mayor run and he wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. As always, he is always available to help.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Bill Thompson, 560 Hoover Avenue – Mr. Thompson congratulated Mr. Calamari, Mr. Cumming and Mr. DeSena on their victories. He stated he ran for Mayor many years ago but did not win. He spoke of the points of his campaign, such as getting rid of the colored bags and televising meetings, both of which have been done. He stated residents were not always treated nicely in those days, but they are now. He spoke of taking his energy and working with Veterans. Since 9/11 he has been Post Commander of 6192, went on to become the Commander of all VFW's Posts in Bergen County, in 2010 he became State Commander and today he is on the National Board of Directors.

He spoke of great victories, such as a Bill which allows young men and women who serviced to attend college and the transformation in Veteran's medical care. He also spoke of his last platform when he ran for Mayor, and that is the need for the change of government, since he believes there needs to be a change. He spoke at length of looking into merging with Westwood. He thanked Mayor Sobkowitz for her time, service, dedication and leadership to the Township.

Ruth Mayer, 133 Woodfield Road – Ms. Mayer stated she has been resident since 1978, and she believes that the shopping center, specifically the Food Town delivery trucks are blatantly ignoring the Township Ordinance which in turn endangers her comfort and health. She read from the original noise Ordinance from 2001 which includes restrictions on deliveries to the shopping center. She has records going back to 2015 of delivery trucks delivering as early as 5:30 am, lights flashing and engines running, as well as refrigerated trucks that run all day and into the night. She stated in the past, when there was a problem with the refrigerated truck, it was moved to another location. She stated she has on occasion called the Police Department as well as taking videos herself on her cell phone. She stated she did speak with the Chief of Police this morning, and is being told that as long as these trucks are not physically loading or unloading, they can arrive any time. She does have a video of a truck unloading prior to 7:00 am. Mayor Sobkowitz stated Chief Hooper did put out a high priority memo to all Police personnel, specifically for the midnight shift to keep an extra check on the shopping center, if a violation is observed or called in to take action. She stated she also reached to the store manager/owner, and the noise during the night does seem to be resolved. A conversation followed on the ordinance, specifically regarding hours noise is prohibited, 11:00 pm – 7:00 am. A recommendation was made to Ms. Mayer to file a complaint with the Court Clerk, and the Court Clerk will then issue a summons. A conversation followed if the ordinance spoke of decibel levels.

Julianne Lipnick, 187 Finnerty Place – Ms. Finnerty stated in the last three (3) elections, the opposition has taken the nerve to trespass on her property. She stated in the past signs on her lawn have been trashed, the bulb in her spotlight has been unscrewed and thrown on her lawn, her photo has been taken and she has been cursed at for not agreeing with the referendum. She stated she is putting cameras on her property, and she will file charges against anyone who trespasses. She stated freedom of speech has disappeared from the Township of Washington.

Michael Werfel, 880 Crest Place – Mr. Werfel thanked Mr. Cumming, Mr. Calamari and Mr. DeSena, and hopes that things will get done. He spoke at length of clarification of the Tree Ordinance, Chapter 2, Sub-Section 7, which states it is the responsibility of the owner for maintenance, and Sub-Section 212 Section 3, F. states as long as the tree is in the Township's right of way, easement, it is the responsibility of the Township. He stated he was on the Board when the Board approved the no left hand from Pascack Road into the Exxon. A conversation followed if there would be any issues, when Mr. Calamari becomes Mayor, of him signing off on a Police Contract as well as Mr. Cumming being elected as a Councilman, both being involved in Police negotiations. A discussion also followed on Mr. Poller's involvement in dealing with a PBA contract. Mr. Werfel also spoke of Chapter 52 of the State Ethics Commission. He stated he did complete a comparative analysis of having a civilian dispatcher as opposed to a police officer, and there is no way, as far as he can see, that having civilian dispatcher's costs more than a police officer.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso congratulated Mr. Calamari, Mr. Cumming and Mr. DeSena. He also thanked Mr. Sears and Mayor Sobkowitz for their service. He stated he understands that Mr. Calamari and Mr. Sears were not involved in what occurred during the election, but their supporters were and it was uncalled for to embarrass a person's family. He also spoke of

clarification being needed for Mr. Poller's position as a salaried employee or compensation.

Ted L'Estrange, 6 Jeffrey Court, Otisville, New York – Mr. L'Estrange spoke about "Genocide by Scalpel" concerning organ harvesting in China. He stated that China's hospitals transplant approximately between 60,000 and 100,000 human body organs each year. There is no organ transplant program in China. He spoke of organ transplanting in the United States, which is a waiting list of years, as opposed to China where the waiting list is weeks. He stated that tens of thousands of prisoners each year are killed for their organs. They and their organs become property of the State. On June 13th of last year, the House of Representatives unanimously passed Resolution 343 which condemns the practice of State sanctioned force organ harvesting in China. The European Parliament has also passed similar regulations. This has been happening for over 16 years, and he is making Council's aware of this. He spoke of books and documentaries being written that speak of this subject. He distributed information packets to Council members. He stated he does have an outline letter for a Resolution request.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked if the synagogue is leaving? Mayor Sobkowitz replied Temple Beth Or is joining with Closter and the building is for sale. She also asked the status of the TD Bank property and if a report has been received on the 55 gallon drums that were located in the parking lot of the Municipal Building. TD Bank has not been sold yet, and no report has been received on the drums. Mrs. Ozment requested that someone look into fixing the clock, as well as looking into replacing a Dead End sign, which is no longer legible, at the end of Hoover and Manhattan.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Sears to close the general public discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES

Adoption 2nd Reading

Ordinance No. 17-19

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR NO-KNOCK REGISTRY FOR PEDDLING, SOLICITING AND CANVASING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

A motion was made by Councilman Sears, seconded by Councilman Ullman, to approve Resolution No. 17-333 authorizing second reading and opening of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 17-19.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 17-333

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 17-19 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A NO-KNOCK REGISTRY FOR PEDDLING, SOLICITING AND CANVASSING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment thanked Council for this Ordinance and it is good for the Township. She would also like to add her name to the list.

A motion was made by Councilman Ullman, seconded by Councilman Sears, to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 17-19.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Sears, seconded by Councilman Ullman to adopt Ordinance No. 17-19.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

Ordinance No. 17-19

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR NO-KNOCK REGISTRY FOR PEDDLING, SOLICITING AND CANVASSING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Chapter 167 of the Code of the Township of Washington entitled "Peddling and Soliciting" be and is hereby amended by adding the following provisions to Article I [General Regulations]:

1.

§ 167-1 Definitions is amended by amending the definition of "Solicitor" as follows:

"SOLICITOR

A person, also known as a "canvasser," traveling either by foot, motor vehicle or other motorized conveyance, bicycle or other human powered conveyance, or any other type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house or from street to street, to take or attempt to take orders for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, personal property of any nature whatsoever for future delivery, or for services to be furnished or performed in the future, whether or not such person has, carries or exposes for sale a sample of the subject of the sale, and whether or not such person accepts an advance payment for the goods. Included in the definition of "solicitor" is any person taking a poll or a survey from house to house or on the streets, or soliciting the sale, lease or other disposition of a house or real property."

2.

§ 167-2 Purpose is amended in its entirety to provide as follows:

"The purpose of this article is to prevent crime, invasion of privacy, and dishonest business practices by the regulation of the conduct of solicitors, nonprofit-making vendors and distributors, and the fee therefor is estimated to cover the expenses involved and not for revenue purposes, and by the imposition of license fees for revenue upon peddlers."

3.

The following additional section is hereby added to Article I, General Regulations:

"§ 167-14.1 No Knock Registry.

A. Any owner or occupant of real property within the Township of Washington who desires that solicitors, peddlers, distributors and nonprofit-making vendors be restrained from soliciting such owner or occupant may enroll in a "no knock" registry to be created and maintained by the Township Clerk (the "Registry"). The Registry shall be updated as enrollments are added, and a current Registry shall be provided by the Township Clerk to the Chief of

Police.

B. Upon issuance of a license under this chapter, the Chief of Police, or his designee, shall furnish to the licensee the most current Registry provided by the Township Clerk, and the licensee shall personally acknowledge receipt of the Registry, such acknowledgment constituting notice of the contents of the Registry.

C. No solicitor, peddler, distributor or nonprofit-making vendor issued a license under this chapter shall enter upon any property listed on the Registry, nor attempt to contact or communicate with any owner or occupant of said property or invitee thereof. Any licensee violating the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment as prescribed in Section 1-9 of the Code.”

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

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

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

Adoption 2nd Reading

Ordinance No. 17-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE WITH REGARD TO CONDITION OF SIDEWALKS

A motion was made by Councilman Sears, seconded by Councilman Calamari, to approve Resolution No. 17-334 authorizing second reading and opening of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 17-20.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 17-334

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 17-20 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE WITH REGARD TO CONDITION OF SIDEWALKS be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra asked what this ordinance would change. She spoke at length of sidewalks being removed and replaced by homeowners with Belgium blocks so they can park their vehicles, as well as the poor condition of the sidewalks on Washington Avenue. Mr. Poller stated this provision expands the authority and powers of the Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Official to issue letters, giving homeowners ten (10) days to comply, and if they do not he can issue a summons regarding condition of sidewalks that are unsafe. A conversation followed on residents removing sidewalks that are in existence and parking their vehicles up to the curb. This subject will be put on the following Agenda for Council to discuss.

Michael DeSena, 347 Beech Street – Mr. DeSena stated it is his understanding that under State Law, once a sidewalk is in, the homeowner cannot remove the sidewalk unless they go before the Planning Board of the Township. Mr. DeSena spoke at length on the enforcement of this ordinance, and giving additional duties to the Code Enforcement Officer current duties. He also spoke of reviewing sidewalks on a yearly basis by voting district. Mr. Poller stated the Code Enforcement Official is Gary Mazanec, and he is responsible for issuing letters responding to complaints for sidewalks. He stated this is something that was added to the Property Maintenance Code. Mr. DeSena asked if Mr. Mazanec will be receiving additional compensation. Administrator Groh cautioned everyone not to discuss Mr. Mazanec’s position. Mr. Poller stated this will not give Mr. Mazanec more responsibility, it will give him more authority. Mr. DeSena spoke of reviewing sidewalks on a yearly basis by voting district is being proactive. Council President Bruno stated it will come down to the issue of job description and how it fits into the budget.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment spoke of Property Maintenance, which she feels may need to be updated as it is very large. A conversation followed on the creation of the position of “Code Enforcement Official.” Mr. Poller stated it is better to that the Code is more expansive to give the Code Enforcement Official more authority to address situations.

Julianne Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Mrs. Lipnick asked if a homeowner does not comply within 10 days, does the Code Enforcement Official have the jurisdiction to write a summons to appear in court. Mr. Poller replied yes. She asked that be stressed in the letter that goes out to homeowner. A conversation followed on working with homeowners in good faith to attempt to resolve an issue. Letters are mailed via certified mail.

A motion was made by Councilman Sears, seconded by Councilman Cascio, to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 17-20.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Sears, seconded by Councilman Cascio to adopt Ordinance No. 17-20.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Ordinance No. 17-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE WITH REGARD TO CONDITION OF SIDEWALKS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Chapter 173 of the Code of the Township of Washington entitled “Property Maintenance” be and is hereby amended by adding the following provision to Article IV, Section 173-7:

1. “I. Lifted, cracked or disintegrated sidewalks where the condition thereof constitutes a hazard to persons utilizing same.”
2. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
3. All Ordinances or any provisions of any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies and not otherwise.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication and in accordance with the Charter, and subject to such emergency resolution as

may be adopted pursuant to Section 17-32 thereof. [R.S. 40:69A-181 (b)].

Adoption 2nd Reading

Ordinance No. 17-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIREHOUSE PARKING REGULATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Sears, to approve Resolution No. 17-335 authorizing second reading and opening of Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 17-21.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 17-335

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 17-21 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIREHOUSE PARKING LOT REGULATIONS be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

No Public Comments.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Sears, to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 17-21.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.
Nays: None.

A conversation followed on the layout of the existing spots at the lot, specifically vehicles only being able to exit via backing out onto Washington Avenue if the lot is full. The 2014 recommendation of Mr. Statile, who was the engineer at the time of the paving and realignment will be looked at.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Sears to adopt Ordinance No. 17-21.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.
Nays: None.

Ordinance No. 17-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIREHOUSE PARKING LOT REGULATIONS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Chapter 223 of the Code of the Township of Washington entitled Article V, Firehouse Parking Lot, be and is hereby amended by deleting the current provisions thereof and substituting the following therefore:

“Article V”
Firehouse Parking Lot

§ 223-32 Permit required.

No person shall park a vehicle upon the parking lot adjacent to and part of the firehouse building of the Volunteer Fire Department of the Township of Washington without a permit issued hereunder. Vehicles shall be parked only within parking stalls delineated on the lot, which stalls shall be utilized on a first-come-first-served basis. If no parking stall is available, vehicles shall not be parked anywhere else upon the lot notwithstanding the issuance of a permit hereunder.

§ 223-33 Application for permit.

Applications for a permit shall include the following:

- A. Name and address of applicant.
- B. Number of cars in family and registration plate numbers.
- C. Number of licensed drivers in family.
- D. Names and license numbers of licensed drivers.

§ 223-34 Validity of permit; display required.

Each permit shall be valid until the expiration of the licensing year and shall be prominently displayed upon the vehicle being parked.

§ 223-35 Fee.

A permit fee of \$100.00 shall be due and payable upon issuance of a permit as herein provided.

§ 223-36 Permit limitations.

No more than one permit shall be issued for each family and such permit shall be limited and restricted to residents of the Township of Washington and shall not be transferable.

§ 223-37 Fee not pro-ratable.

All fees, except as hereinafter stated, shall not be pro-ratable for the period between the issuance of the permit and the end of the licensing year.

§ 223-38 Applications, issuance and renewal of permits.

The application for, issuance and renewal of permits shall be governed by the following procedure:

- A. Any person seeking the issuance of a permit hereunder for the upcoming licensing year must file an application therefore. The application form shall be available from the Township Clerk. The Township Clerk shall mail application forms to all permit holders for the current year as provided hereafter, and shall mail application forms to all residents requesting same for the upcoming year, provided that requests must be received no later than the last Township business day in October of the current licensing year.
- B. On the first Township business day in November of the current licensing year, the Township Clerk shall mail application forms for the upcoming licensing year to all current permit holders and to all persons requesting applications in accordance with Subsection A above.
- C. Completed applications for the upcoming licensing year must be submitted in person together with proof of residency in the Township, current driver's license, vehicle registration and vehicle insurance to the Township not later than November 15 of the current licensing year.
- D. Not later than the first meeting of the Township Council after November 15, the Township Clerk shall inform the Township Council of the number of properly completed applications received.
- E. The Township Council may set the number of permits to be issued for the upcoming licensing year by resolution at the first public meeting of the Township Council in the month of December of the current licensing year. If the Township Council shall fail to so act, the number of permits to be issued for the upcoming licensing year shall be equal to the number of permits issued for the current licensing year.
- F. If the number of properly completed applications exceeds the number of permits to be issued for the upcoming licensing year, the Township Clerk shall hold a public drawing from all properly completed applications. This

drawing shall be conducted on the third Monday in the month of December of the current licensing year. The Township Clerk shall draw the applications, recording the order of the drawing. Permits shall be awarded in the order of drawing. Those applicants not receiving permits shall be placed on a list of alternates in the order drawn and shall receive permits in the order drawn if and as vacancies occur.

- G. Alternates receiving permits for less than a full licensing year shall have their permit fees pro-rated according to the duration of their permits. A permit holder whose permit is terminated prior to the end of a licensing year shall receive no refund.
- H. The list of alternates shall be maintained by the Township Clerk, which list shall be open to public inspection at all times. A master list of permit holders shall be provided to the Township of Washington Police Department, and shall be updated if any alternates receive permits during the licensing year.

§ 223-39 Licensing year.

The licensing year shall commence on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December.

§ 223-40 Parking restrictions.

- A. Parking permitted under this article shall be limited to those spaces designated as such on the parking lot property.
- B. Parking shall be limited to the period from Monday through Friday, between the hours 5:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- C. No more than one authorized vehicle per family may be parked during any permitted period.

§ 223-41 Waiver of liability.

All parking shall be at the applicant's own risk, and the applicant waives any rights or claims of liability against the Township for any loss or damage as a result of parking privileges extended hereunder.

§ 223-42 Violations and penalties.

No vehicle shall park or stand in a parking stall without displaying a parking permit placard issued by the Township Clerk for the applicable licensing year. Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Article shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$100.00 per day for each offense. In addition to any applicable daily fine, any unauthorized vehicles shall be subject to being towed away by the Township. In such case, the owner shall be responsible to pay all costs associated with the removal and storage of such vehicle which may result from such removal before regaining possession of vehicle. ”

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

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

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

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Sears, to approve Resolution No. 17-336.

Ayes: Councilman Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Bruno.

Nays: Councilman Ullman.

Resolution No. 17-336

Emergency Resolution-Ordinance No. 17-21, Amending the Firehouse Parking Lot Regulations

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b) provides that an ordinance may take effect less than 20 days after final passage and approval if the Township Council shall adopt a resolution declaring an emergency, and at least two-thirds of all the members of the Township Council vote in favor of such resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington has determined that an emergency exists in connection with the improvements authorized by Ordinance No. 17-21, and that such emergency as well as the general welfare of the Township of Washington would be served by having Ordinance No. 17-21 take effect less than 20 days after final passage and approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 17-21 shall take effect immediately pursuant to law upon the adoption of this Resolution by at least two-thirds of all the members of the Township Council.

INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-337 Budget Transfer

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Council President Bruno, to approve Resolution No. 17-337, Budget Transfer.

Councilman Cascio requested a general explanation. Administrator Groh stated in November, the Township has the opportunity to transfer from one budget line another. A few items are a matter of reclassification, which was raised by the auditor. Certain line items were being paid out of an expense line that has been categorized as salaries and wages, which explains most of the first entries. Mr. Poller's legal fees, codification and tax appeals were in an expense line item for a number of years. The \$35,000 of the \$44,000 is a pure reclassification, since those monies were already budgeted for that purpose, the \$9,000 is to help fund the amounts that were in excess of the original budgeted fees, and that amount was taken out of "Legal/Other Expenses Tax Appeals Appraisers" which the Township came in less than budgeted, so that was available to fund the \$9,000 which is necessary to bring Mr. Poller up to date, and there is also a cushion there. The next line is to fund T&M for expenses that went beyond their allotment. There was an excess in the "Planning Board Legal Expenses" that had been budgeted at the time the budget was adopted. Two cases were pending one of which were dropped and the other one has been slower, and that freed up \$10,000. "Legal Expenses/Council" is a description that is in the long budget document which is filed with Trenton, and historically that is how it has been identified, that is where the expenses for T&M and COAH are included. In working with Ms. Morrone, the lines are now being identified as they are described in the long budget document. A conversation followed if T&M is being paid out the Council Professional Services line item and the deferred charge that is sitting on the balance sheet. Currently, Mr. Poller is owed \$7,416.60, and as of September 30, T&M Associates is owed \$15,336.00, \$11,094.00 is available, being short \$4,242.77. A conversation followed on budgeting, having more of a plan and

bills to tie into the amounts. There is currently a shortage in engineering, since Mr. Statile did some work in the way of a grant writer, \$6,000.00 was taken from that line item. The Sewer Operator, as required by law, was budgeted under salary & wage, but it is supposed to be classified as an expense. There was a shortfall of \$451.00 for salary & wage in the Registrar/Board of Health, which is coming out of animal control. The DCRP was underfunded when the budget was adopted. Council President Bruno stated he would like to know what Mr. Statile's engineering fees were for him to be involved in the Memorial Field Committee, since he did attend some meetings and provided sketches/drawings. Administrator Groh spoke of the transfer, which allows bills to be processed and paid as they come in. A conversation followed on vouchers, having a Closed Session and the work that was requested by the Court Master, which is being done by the applicant, and not a T&M bill. A conversation followed on the process of the approval of bills.

Ayes: Councilman Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.
Nays: Council President Bruno.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Ullman, to the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Councilman Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 17-338

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle, July 2014 – June 2019

FORM 1B

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Washington County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Township of Washington Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2019 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 9876.00
Cash Match	\$ 2469.00
In-Kind	\$ 7407.00

2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Resolution No. 17-339

Refund Recreation Fees, Trish Luhrs, \$155.00, Basketball

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:

Trish Luhrs
334 Wilson Ave.
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Intramural Basketball 2017-2018
Refund Amount: \$155.00

Resolution No. 17-340

Refund Recreation Fees, Gloria Markopoulos, \$155.00, Basketball

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:

Gloria Markopoulos
PO Box 1415
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Intramural Basketball 2017-2018
Refund Amount: \$155.00

Resolution No. 17-341

Refund Recreation Fees, Danielle Cook, \$155.00, Basketball

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:

Danielle Cook
556 Ridgewood Blvd North
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Intramural Basketball 2017-2018
Refund Amount: \$155.00

Resolution No. 17-342

Refund, Recreation Fees, Gisela Villamil, \$145.00, Basketball

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:

Gisela Villamil
711 Beechwood Drive
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Intramural Basketball 2017-2018
Refund Amount: \$145.00

Resolution No. 17-343
Refund, Recreation Fees, Donna Hanson, \$145.00, Basketball

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:

Donna Hanson
11 Lindenwood Court
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Intramural Basketball 2017-2018
Refund Amount: \$145.00

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

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 9:40 p.m.


Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk


Robert Bruno
Council President

Approved: March 5, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2017

Members Present: Peter Calamari, Steve Cascio, Thomas Sears, Michael Ullman and Council President Robert Bruno. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Mary Anne Groh, Administrator; and Susan Witkowski, Township Clerk.

Administration

Project Tracker

Status of Computers – Town Hall – Mayor Sobkowicz stated she does have a few questions for the Administrator. The flooring and painting of Police headquarters is scheduled for the week of December 4th and 11th, and will be done simultaneously. Three vendors have come out to look at the doors, but no quotes have been received. The third vendor will be submitting a quote of new doors with locks.

Dump Truck/Leaf Pusher – Currently waiting to for a quote from the dealership, which is the same for police vehicles. A full time DMF employee has not been hired, the seasonal hours were reduced to 29 hours last week, but this week they are working more hours. Councilman Cascio asked that the two DMF trucks, whose tail lifts are all rotted out, be looked at. Administrator Groh submitted a memo to all department heads asking them for their current fund budget, as well as a capital budget. Mayor Sobkowicz suggested getting the DMF a new SUV, without the police package. They currently have two vehicles, but they are in need of repairs. Administrator Groh spoke at length of the \$6,000.00 cap for vendors, and getting quotes from additional vendors under State contract. A conversation also followed if monies were put into the budget for a Fire Department member to become a purchasing agent.

DMF Contract – Meeting next Monday, November 20.

AED update, locations, number of units, donation – Bob Stickel will be asked for an inventory sheet of the AED units.

Prospect Street update – The bids for the back flow valves are due by November 30, they will be reviewed by Mr. Statile's office. Two quote are needed. Work is to begin within two calendar weeks from the issuance of the purchase order, weather permitting. Five residents in the cul-de-sac have requested the valve, it is a 4 inch PVC adaptive back flow preventer, it is not custom made. Mr. Vladimir Wojno-Oranski, Director of Engineering, reviewed the bid document before it went out. Mayor Sobkowicz will notify the residents.

Council

Class 3 (SLEO) Police officer – statute – Information was given to Council in their packets. A conversation followed regarding if the school hires and pays the officer, or if it is something that would be done under the auspice of both municipalities. Mr. Poller stated as per the statute, it is a municipal appointment, the funding becomes the issue. Three parties would have to agree those being the school and both municipalities. Councilman Calamari stated he and Councilman Sears have a meeting already set up with Dr. Gonzalez and he will bring up this subject to see if they are interested. Councilman Cascio stated he will also reach out.

Tiger Grant Update – Councilman Cascio stated he is currently working with Jake, a representative from Congressman Gottheimer’s office. He stated we missed it for this year, but he will working for March of 2018.

East Glen Avenue 35 M.P.H. – The procedure is for the Township to officially request a speed limit change, via a letter to the County Engineer, Joe Femia, with reasons listed. The Township Police Department would also be notified. The County Police will then conduct a speed survey, 85% of the speed is calculated by the County Police. The County will then take this information, along with the accident data and perform an analysis. If the analysis concludes the speed limit should be changed, it is written up as an Ordinance for Freeholder approval. The letter from the township will have to include the accident data from the Police Department. A conversation followed if the Police Department has an opinion on this and the advantage of changing the speed limit, so it is one speed on the hill, not two different speeds as it is currently now. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Administration/Mayor would send a letter to the County, along with all the data requested.

Hull Terrace – update – If Council wishes to move forward on Hull Terrace to see if it is a private road, a title search will have to be done, along with a survey. A conversation followed on how much a title search would cost, and if the four (4) residents of Hull Terrace should absorb the cost of approximately \$2,000.00. Mr. Poller stated he does not subscribe to the notion that because the Township paved Hull Terrace, it is now a dedicated street. If the property is deemed private, the Township does not control the street, if the street is deemed public, the Township would provide the same service it gives every other street. In the past the Township did pave Hull Terrace, and as a as a result of that paving, the homes on the south side have water issues. The residents in the past have been promised a black top curb and piping to go out onto the street. A title search would resolve the issue if this is a private/public roadway once and for all. Mr. Poller will draft a letter to be signed by the administration to inquire if there is an interest by the residents of Hull Terrace for the street to become a township street and they will also be asked if they can provide a copy of their deeds. A conversation followed on asking Mr. Azzolina if there are any other streets in the Township that are private roads. Councilman Calamari stated he met with the residents of Hull Terrace on a separate issue, and they would like a street light on the corner of Hull Terrace and Mountain Avenue. Administrator Groh stated the residents would need to reach out to PSE&G.

Professional 2018 Process – A conversation followed on going out for RFQ’s and Pay to Play documents. Pay to Play documents are to be submitted within (ten) 10 days of appointment/award of contract and any vendor over \$17,500 would need to submit such document. Comments were made regarding establishing a cycle on RFQ’s. A list will be provided regarding appointments made by the Mayor, and appointments made with consent of council. It will also be discussed at the next council meeting (November 27.)

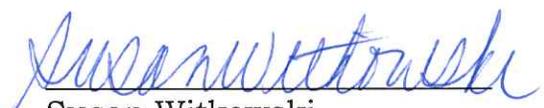
Alarm Permit Fees – disabled residents – A conversation followed on what is the definition of disabled. Councilman Calamari requested the number of residents who currently have alarms that are registered with the Police Department. Annual letters are sent by the Police Department.

Parking Ordinance – residents – A resident is asking for a decal/permit to allow him to park in front of his home for more than two hours. A conversation followed if this would be permitting the resident to use a public space in front of his home for his personal use. After a conversation it was agreed there would be no change.

A motion was made by Councilman Sears, seconded by Councilman Ullman to adjourn.

Ayes: Councilman Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman, Bruno.
Nays: None.

Time Noted: 10:41 p.m.


Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk


Robert Bruno
Council President

Approved: March 5, 2018

