

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

**PUBLIC PORTION/CONFERENCE SESSION**

**November 24, 2014**

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Conference Session in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Council President Thomas Sears with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Peter Calamari, Steve Cascio, Richard Hrbek, Thomas Sears. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Matthew Cavallo, Administrator; Allen Bell, Substitute Attorney. Absent: Ken Poller, Attorney.

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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Beckmeyer would like to table the vote for the minutes of November 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Beckmeyer would like to listen to the tape since it was very extensive, and he would like to make sure he heard what was said. Dr. Cascio concurs with Mr. Beckmeyer.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to table the approval of the minutes for November 10, 2014.

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

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, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.

Nays: None.

**Terence Hayes, 517 Jackson Avenue** – Mr. Hayes states that there has been a lot said of the turf field, going back and forth, verbally and in the paper. Mr. Hayes states right now there has been a lot of talk about a 2009 study, at this time we are in 2014, it is 5 ½ years later and news across the country are reporting of the toxicity and carcinogens that are in both turf as well as new turf, the potential risk for cancer on our kids, we all should be concerned about that. Mr. Hayes states the other concern he has is the cost. Mr. Hayes states he keeps hearing the number 2.2 million, there is no way Mr. Hayes can buy into that number, any way, shape or form. Mr. Hayes states what is the cost on the bond, what is the interest on the bond, what is the long term effect of the bond on the budget, what are the ongoing costs of maintaining the field, none of that has been discussed and also what is the impact on the taxes. Mr. Hayes states none of that has been discussed and it is like voting in the blind right now, nobody knows what it is. Mr. Hayes states two weeks ago there was a lot of talk about injuries on grass, like there is no injury on turf. Mr. Hayes states playing on natural grass is a lot safer than playing on turf. Mr. Hayes states Los Angeles, New York City, Ocean City, New Jersey, they are all getting rid of artificial turf because of the health hazard, or potential health hazard. Mr. Hayes states why this is being considered in these times when people know about the potential risk. Mr. Hayes can't understand that and he believes the council needs to take a real hard look at this before they take a vote based on what Mr. Hayes calls special interest. Mr. Hayes does agree with Scott Spezial that something needs to be done. Mr. Hayes states we should bring in a professional and ask what can be done on that field, we should not have individuals looking at it who have a special interest in running it and getting what they want. Mr. Hayes states bring in someone who is totally objective to

look at the field and say here what is can be done, here is what we need to do. Mr. Hayes states spend a little money that way before we put our children at risk and he would not want to be the parent whose kids go down there and ends up getting cancer. Mr. Hayes states the council needs to take a hard look at that and then make a decision.

**Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue** – Mr. Ullman would like to know why the special meeting that the council had was not advertised. Mr. Sears asks which special meeting Mr. Ullman is referring to. Mr. Ullman states he is assuming there was a meeting over the past two weeks that the council had. Mr. Sears replies no. Mr. Ullman states he had requested some closed session minutes and on multiple occasions the response Mr. Ullman received was closed session minutes are not available until they are released from closed session by a vote of council, Mr. Ullman states he received that response on 10/24. Mr. Ullman then states he received “your requested documents require prior approval by vote of the council and may not be released at this time” that was sent to him on 10/29. Mr. Ullman states he followed up and received the following “Mr. Poller as township attorney will review the closed session minutes and your aforementioned request, once reviewed a resolution approved by the council is required to release them.” Mr. Ullman received the closed session minutes this week, or last week Friday, so he would like to know when the council met to release them, and if they didn’t meet to release them why is he being told that it requires an act of council. Mr. Ullman asks what is the story. Mr. Sears states at the last meeting there was a discussion that Mr. Poller was reviewing those minutes and he was going to black out what was confidential, names and things like that, that could not be released and that council was going to be notified. Mr. Sears asks did you receive those minutes. Mr. Ullman replies yes, he received redacted minutes. Mr. Ullman’s question is what is the process to get closed session minutes from the Township of Washington, because he feels like he is getting the run around, and he also feels that the responses are unresponsive, when they are finally are responded to they don’t follow what was said previously. Mr. Ullman would like to know if Mr. Sears can explain that to him. Mr. Sears states he can only explain to Mr. Ullman the way he heard it sitting here and listening that Mr. Ullman’s request came in, and the request was done by the town clerk, sent to the attorney to be reviewed and council was going to be notified and be voted on, the next thing Mr. Sears knows is that Mr. Ullman has those minutes. Mr. Sears doesn’t know how we skipped the process but Mr. Sears will ask Mr. Poller to find out. Mr. Ullman can we ask the clerk since she is the one who provided the response. Ms. Erlewein states initially she was told there was going to be a resolution required and then she was told it was not necessary. Ms. Erlewein further states the redacted minutes upon Mr. Ullman’s OPRA request were sent to him, the minutes were all approved by the council as closed, not Ms. Erlewein, but the attorney redacted the confidential material and it was sent to Mr. Ullman. Ms. Erlewein states the council did approve the closed minutes that Mr. Ullman had requested. Mr. Ullman states yes, he understands. Ms. Erlewein states this is a learning process since this was not done for years and years so we are trying to get this down pat as far as what the correct process is. Ms. Erlewein states so initially it was a resolution, then I was told no, that that is not correct. Ms. Erlewein states it was reviewed, the material was redacted that is still confidential and still in litigation. Ms. Erlewein states the minutes prior to that were all approved by council. Ms. Erlewein apologizes if it is a little all over the place, but we are trying to do it right. Mr. Ullman appreciates that, it is just being right and on the fly because he is told three times nothing and then they appear in his inbox. Mr. Sears will speak to Mr. Poller tomorrow and see if a standard procedure can be set up on how these requests are to be handled and if council needs to take a vote on it. Mr. Ullman’s other question on the minutes is on a regular basis the council enters into a closed session and a resolution is read. Mr. Ullman would like to know why that resolution is

not in the public session, if the resolution is read in the public session, unless someone knows specifically request to see closed session minutes, they will never see that resolution. Mr. Ullman states the resolution is in the public session, voted on in the public session and then there is a closed session discussion. Mr. Ullman asks shouldn't the entire resolution and the reason council is going into closed session be included in the public session minutes. Mr. Sears states that were a question Mr. Ullman had a couple of weeks ago and Mr. Sears did call and it was agreed that it will become part of the minutes.

**Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place** – Mr. Bernroth states he asked months ago about getting signs that state “State Law You Must Stop for Pedestrians” in the crosswalks. Mr. Bernroth states the police captains that Mr. Bernroth spoke to agree with him that it would be a good idea. Mr. Sears states if he not mistaken we did talk to the officer in charge. Administrator Cavallo states that Captain Hackbarth did not recommend them. Mr. Bernroth states he spoke to two captains, one in charge of one thing and one in charge of something else. Administrator Cavallo states we only have one captain. Mr. Bernroth states he will go to the police and find out what is happening. Mayor Sobkowicz asks for clarification is Mr. Bernroth talking of the signs in the middle of the road. Mr. Bernroth state yes, but you can put them on the side to. Administrator Cavallo states he did speak with Captain Hackbarth and Captain Hackbarth stated the Township roads were not really built for them, emergency vehicles can't pass, they would have to go completely into the other lane and pass, but they are out until November and go back out at the end of the snow season. Administrator Cavallo states those signs would not be on the road at this time. Mr. Bernroth states when he was at the council meeting last time the room was filled, and people who lived here forever were complaining about this and that. Mr. Bernroth states if is so important everybody should be coming back and following up, problem A, problem B or whatever. Mr. Bernroth states a lot of people that come in and complain about something; assume that once they made the case everything will be taken care of. Mr. Bernroth finds that everything is taken care of once he comes back at every meeting that is when a lot of things get taken care of.

**Cindy Cannon, 804 Manhattan Avenue** – Ms. Cannon states she used to come to the meetings often when there were discussions of the cell tower, and she still has not service and she lives 48 doors away and it left a bad taste in her mouth. Ms. Cannon states she is looking at the paper and it bothers her. Ms. Cannon came to the Township 31 years ago, and loves the town, loves being here and now she sees the Township is in the paper all the time, and she does not like to see the Township in the paper with people complaining about this and that and the other thing. Ms. Cannon states Woodcliff Lake makes the paper a lot, Emerson makes the paper a lot, there is in fighting among council, she does not see that here. Ms. Cannon states with regard to the turf field she was helping someone to send out the petition that they were looking for a referendum, only on one day she did this. Ms. Cannon went to a lot of people that she had known and lived in the Township for a long time, people who never come to the meetings, it is nighttime, people don't want to get involved, people don't want to pay high taxes but don't want to get involved. Ms. Cannon states when that council voted on this, and it was tabled because council voted 4-1 against the turf field and now it is back on the agenda again, a year later, but why. Ms. Cannon states her children played on those fields and she knows they need to be fixed but is the fix at 2.3 million dollars. Ms. Cannon has friends that live in Glen Rock, they all voted down the turf field, they had various reasons; number one being finance, number two was the health issue. Ms. Cannon states her child played college ball on turf that they changed three times during the time he played in college for four years. Ms. Cannon states her son was injured three times when he played on the field in college; turf is not going to be answer to no injuries. Ms. Cannon states if we can get someone

in here that knows what they are doing and fix the field correctly, other than only those that want turf. A Ms. Cannon state is there not another way to remedy this. Ms. Cannon states most of the people that signed this petition; all thanked her for doing this. Ms. Cannon told them not to thank her, but to go to a council meeting, but people told her they don't get heard there, they don't want to go there or they feel embarrassed to talk in front of the councilmen, the council shake their heads like no, no, but this is the appearance that you give. Ms. Cannon states if you want transparency in government, the meetings should start being televised, that has been talked about for years.

**Toni Plantamura, 808 Robin wood Road** – Ms. Plantamura thanked council for having her at the priority table last time we met. Ms. Plantamura was granted permission at the priority table, but someone from council did mention that having her at the priority table was going down a slippery slope, and she doesn't understand why that was said and would like it clarified, since she feels she didn't do anything wrong as a taxpayer and resident of this town. Ms. Plantamura does know of other people that have sat at this priority table, and she feels it gave her a bad rap. Ms. Plantamura would like it explained why that was said and it was in the paper and she didn't like it, so she would like it explained why her sitting at the priority table was going down a slippery slope. Mr. Calamari states from his short tenor on the council, no citizen had ever sat at the table before. Mr. Calamari did state it to Ms. Plantamura not to take this personally, it has nothing to do with her, and it could be anyone who asked for an audience. Mr. Calamari states he believes we have the time now to speak, and we have had groups up here talking about topics, but during his tenor we have never had an individual tax payer get an audience with the council at the conference table. Mr. Calamari states he hopes Ms. Plantamura remembers he did state please don't take this personally, it was not geared toward Ms. Plantamura but anyone who would sit at the priority table. Ms. Plantamura asks is there a set of rules that says who can and cannot sit at the priority table. Mr. Calamari states he does not know, he just stated his opinion. Ms. Plantamura is it made up as we go along. Mr. Calamari states he did not ask Ms. Plantamura to leave, he was just stating his opinion. Ms. Plantamura would like to understand what the conditions are. Ms. Plantamura does appreciate that she was allowed to sit here, but she thought anyone could sit at a priority table if they had a concern. Ms. Plantamura is just asking for a clarification. Ms. Plantamura state when she did come last time, she gave four pages of questions and no one could read them at the time. Ms. Plantamura still would like to know, before a decision is made, this was before the council a year ago, and it was voted down and she does not understand why it is back here again. Ms. Plantamura would like council to know she has over 500 signatures as of today to put it to a referendum vote and she will present it to council if need be. Ms. Plantamura states that she has come to maybe three or four meetings in the past few months and she hears the same people presenting their case for the artificial turf. Ms. Plantamura finds it a little disconcerting. Ms. Plantamura would like to know who appoints people to the Recreation Board. Mayor Sobkowicz states she does. Ms. Plantamura states well, you have the mayor that appoints the people to the Rec Board and there are two people that represent the Rec Board themselves, in the areas that concern them, presenting their case, their side to the Mayor and the Council and Ms. Plantamura felt it was one sided and that is why she asked to come to the priority table, because she does not understand if council is getting the whole picture because there are pros and cons to this and council is talking about a large, large ticket item in this economy. Ms. Plantamura thinks that this should take a back burner to all the other problems that this town has. Ms. Plantamura thinks there are a few of them, and she never used to think that. Ms. Plantamura thinks this is a nice town, she has lived here all of her life, obviously there is something going on that she likes, but there are a lot of issues that are not being addressed. Ms. Plantamura states residents were

getting up in masse talking about all these things going on. Ms. Plantamura states she has concerns, such as sleigh riding, she asked a specific question and no one answered. Ms. Plantamura states if artificial turf is installed, is sleigh riding allowed to be done in that area anymore. Ms. Plantamura states to her kids are inside too much and you have an actual thing where kids are coming outside in the winter and getting some exercise, so are they going to be allowed to sleigh ride. Ms. Plantamura has been sleigh riding on that field and a lot of other kids in this town since day one and is that going to be taken away. Ms. Plantamura asks if artificial turf is installed are kids going to be allowed to sleigh ride there anymore. Mr. Sears states he is still looking into Ms. Plantamura's questions. Ms. Plantamura asks the summer rec program, in the middle of August and July, are the kids going to be allowed to run around on that surface, that could possibly heat up to over a 120 degrees or are they going to be pushed to another field, because they are not allowed to play on the artificial turf. Ms. Plantamura states this is a concern to her because she does not want football and lacrosse that are pushing this agenda only; nobody else is, because she has talked to over 500 people and they told her that they think it is special interest group pushing this and they want a right to put this to a vote. Ms. Plantamura states if you have certain people doing this, what happens to everybody else. Ms. Plantamura asks who is going to schedule that field, who is going to be in charge of scheduling that field, football and lacrosse? Ms. Plantamura asks was this considered, who is going to schedule the field. Ms. Plantamura states she guesses she is not going to get any answers tonight either. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is scheduled by the Superintendent of Recreation. Ms. Plantamura asks so they are not going to take priority even though they are asking for it. Mayor Sobkowicz states all the heads of all sports sit at a table, as a group with the Superintendent of Recreation and they make up a schedule, every sport has a representative. Mr. Sears states he hates to do this, but Ms. Plantamura your five minutes are up. Ms. Plantamura states there is an article in the paper today about the football; it is in the front page of The Record that football is declining because of safety issues.

**Elizabeth Murrell, 129 Woodfield Road** - Ms. Murrell states her husband and herself have built a number of sports facilities. Ms. Murrell states it concerns her that council does not seem to have any engineering expertise to make a presentation to the council. Ms. Murrell would like to know if council has any engineering expertise on how to make a field work. Ms. Murrell states when turf is put down, you put round up on it, and that is not really taking care of the grass and you can't have children playing on that. Ms. Murrell then asked Mr. Beckmeyer if he is an engineer. Ms. Murrell was told by Mr. Sears that all questions would have to come through him. Ms. Murrell cannot direct questions to council. Ms. Murrell asks if there are any civil engineers that are looking into this. Mr. Beckmeyer states he is a civil engineer. Ms. Murrell asks Mr. Beckmeyer what is his area of expertise. Mr. Beckmeyer states he is municipal engineer for two towns, and he actually designed and has been included in five artificial fields that he has designed and built. Ms. Murrell asks if Mr. Beckmeyer has ever built any grass fields. Mr. Beckmeyer states no, because the towns specifically wanted artificial fields, for financial reasons, for durability reasons, for drainage reasons, for geese feces reasons. Mr. Beckmeyer states he can go on and on why they wanted artificial turf over usage of grass. Mr. Beckmeyer states most of the towns would prefer grass, but none of the towns could keep grass viable on the surface with the amount of play on it, it is a durability issue with the grass and they all turn into a mud hole and they continue to re-sod, and they are losing time on the field since you have to wait for the grass to grow and the roots to reattach. Mr. Beckmeyer states the towns all decided the best thing for their community to put artificial turf and that is what they hired him to do design and install the artificial turf. Ms. Murrell asks if Mr. Beckmeyer has a presentation on the

types of materials being used, the type of substrata. Mr. Beckmeyer states Ms. Murrell asked if he is an engineer and he is, but he is sitting up here as a councilman as everyone else. Mr. Beckmeyer states if Ms. Murrell would like an engineer to come in, an expert can be brought in and he can have a line of experts stating why artificial fields are better. Ms. Murrell states she doesn't want that, she would like to read the technical data itself, such as what type of material is being used, what type of substrata, what type of sprinkler you are putting in, what type leveling is going to be done. Mr. Beckmeyer states we are not even close to that point. Mr. Beckmeyer asks Ms. Murrell where she built fields. Ms. Murrell states her husband and she do air structures; they built fields for University of Illinois. Mr. Beckmeyer asks they play football and lacrosse on these fields and other sports. Ms. Murrell replies yes, and practice field for the Seahawks. Mr. Murrell states at this time her and her husband is semi-retired, the company was Fabric Structures and now we are Murrell Textile Works. Ms. Murrell states her and her husband would be glad to volunteer their time and look into this and use our professional expertise for the Township, which they have done in the past. Ms. Murrell states her husband was Recycling Director for five years and she was president of WCTV for 10 years. Ms. Murrell states her and her husband would be glad to help the council, glad to give you our expertise and look into this in a professional manner. Ms. Murrell would like this to be looked into as a professional with real numbers and real information because there are a lot of questions. Ms. Murrell states with artificial turf there are more injuries to ankles and you wrists and that kind of thing, you would need to wear special shoes and things like that. Mr. Beckmeyer states he does not agree with that, the information he saw was it was not really substantial that there are more injuries with the artificial turf. Ms. Murrell states she has read it both ways. Mr. Beckmeyer states the way he reads it, it is two different things sometimes. Ms. Murrell states that yes, it can be read both ways. Ms. Murrell states it is also concerning to her that these kids are being put into this artificial environment, leaving behind the earth. Ms. Murrell states young people need to play outdoors. Mr. Beckmeyer states by putting this artificial turf down, we are actually giving the children more time to play outside on this field than if we left it as grass. Mr. Beckmeyer states that is his opinion, but it is true in every community that we did this in.

**Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place** – Mrs. Ozment states she is not going to get involved in the turf field, instead she is going to thank Mr. Sears for allowing a resident to come up and speak. Mrs. Ozment states that Mr. Calamari has only been here 10 months and to make a statement that it is a slippery slope, this town has allowed its residents to come speak at the conference session. Mrs. Ozment states the impression given is that this is a special table, it is not. She states it is where people work and council works with the residents of the town and we have had residents come forward who have had problems with snow removal in the shopping center, residents who had problems with no parking signs that they were going to put up at George School, residents have come many, many times. Mrs. Ozment thanks Mr. Sears for actually taking a stand and saying yes. Mrs. Ozment states that Mr. Calamari should have been around a longer period of time before he made that kind of a statement. Mrs. Ozment states that Mr. Poller is very good in making statements, as in thank you very much for your comments and that is what the council is told to do. Mrs. Ozment states in this case she feels Mr. Calamari was very wrong.

**Mr. Sears** – Mr. Sears states just so it is clear, the statements Mr. Beckmeyer made are his statements, not the statements of the full council. Mr. Sears please when everyone leaves, please note that.

**Mr. Beckmeyer** – Mr. Beckmeyer states the only reason he offered them was because he was asked.

**Mr. Sears** – Absolutely, correct. Mr. Sears would like that understand.

**Eamonn Twomey, 187 Devon Road** – Mr. Twomey states over the past couple of years there has been much information given to work in collaboration with the council in making the best informed decision as possible to resolve the issues of Memorial Field. Mr. Twomey states he has a few more pieces of information that he hopes council will use to make an informed decision. Mr. Twomey states in 1999 into 2000 the Township installed a sprinkler system at Memorial Field. There are 11 zones in that system that deliver 52 gallons per minute to each zone. Each zone runs on average for 30 minutes at a time, that is 5 ½ hours a day every day, and it runs during the watering season. That is 17,000 gallons of water each time that system runs. The watering season is 5 months long, from May through September. There are roughly 150 days in those five months, and it runs as schedule, every other day or 75 times during the watering season. That is 17,000 gallons of water per day, multiply it by 75 is 1,275,000 million gallons of water to keep that grass green. Mr. Twomey states 1,275,000 million gallons of water are used on that field annually to try to keep the sod, grass to grow, to maintain, to thrive, to fight off dying in the middle of the summer. Mr. Twomey states with regard to water run-off, every time there is any kind of precipitation, by design from the Army Corps of Engineer 50 years ago, the water shoots across the field, from the foot of the hill to the fence on Pascack Road in a 2 degree slope, 73 inches from the hill to the fence. Mr. Twomey states as the water shoots across the entire surface, it takes clay, soil, chemicals, the herbicides, the grass seeds and it all washes down onto the basketball court. This is no longer acceptable, a drainage solution needs to be built for this facility. Mr. Twomey states with regard to the swim club, numerous times it has been brought up that the Township should look into a joint venture of some sort to build a field between the swim club and Gardner Field. The suggestion is to grade the property and sod it to connect the two properties. Mr. Twomey states he pulled the flood maps for that property and as it actually turns out the property is in a flood plain. By design, the run off from the stream, which is next to the Parkway, and all the water that comes off the Parkway, rolls into that stream and eventually will go into the property behind the swim club which is considered to be wetlands. Mr. Twomey states Gardner Field is about two to three feet higher than the property that is being proposed to be used for an additional field. Mr. Twomey states the DEP would never allow grating of any kind on that property. The property is a private property, it is not owned by the town, why would the town spend any amount of money to build a field on someone else's property that is in a flood plain, Mr. Twomey does not know. Mr. Twomey states he doesn't know if it was known it was in a flood plain, or considered wetlands, this is just more information. Mr. Sears states he always thought it was considered wetlands down there. Mr. Beckmeyer states we actually had the owner of a property which abuts this, where the house went on fire a couple of years ago, and their backyard abuts this property. Mr. Beckmeyer states the engineer came to us and basically made a comment they were having problems. Dr. Cascio states that property does not abut that property at all, that is south of that property. Dr. Cascio states the land between the swim club and Gardner Field is owned by the Township of Washington, which goes across, if the Parkway was not there, would continue its course that goes across to Kennedy Park on the other side. Mr. Beckmeyer asks where the house that went on fire located. Dr. Cascio states it is south of Gardner Field. Mr. Beckmeyer states the property is between swim club and Gardner. Dr. Cascio states that yes, Mr. Beckmeyer is correct. Mr. Beckmeyer states if there is wetlands behind that property that had buffers into his backyard, then the wetlands are in the property that we are talking about. Dr. Cascio that is owned by the town. Mr. Beckmeyer is not talking about who owns it, Mr. Beckmeyer is saying the buffer came into that gentleman's backyard, and there was a problem with the building for months. Mr. Twomey states pretty much everything south of the pool to the Parkway is considered wetlands that would not be an option for the

town to be able to build something there anyway. Mr. Twomey states that people are calling us special interest groups, we are speaking for the recreation community. Mr. Twomey states we had some of those members here last week, if we need to bring them back again to voice the same concerns we can do that, but we are trying not to belabor the point. Mr. Twomey states hopefully this information is useful to council in terms of making the right decision. Mr. Beckmeyer would like to ask Mr. Twomey a question. Mr. Sears replies yes. Mr. Beckmeyer states a resident was up earlier, Mr. Hayes, and he was talking about different numbers. Mr. Beckmeyer asks Mr. Twomey if he let council know these numbers out in the open. Mr. Twomey replies yes, he did. Mr. Beckmeyer states so Mr. Twomey is not being non transparent with these numbers. Mr. Twomey replies no, they have been presented. Mr. Beckmeyer states it sounds as if when Mr. Hayes came up here the rec department was keeping all these numbers hidden, but Mr. Beckmeyer thought he heard Mr. Twomey present the numbers. Mr. Twomey states the numbers were presented by him. Mr. Beckmeyer states it is too bad Mr. Hayes left already. Mr. Twomey states then they were proofed by the business administrator. Mr. Twomey states our numbers were off originally based on the amount, we didn't actually go out to bond for the \$168,000 for the sod, it was \$125,000 that was paid, so we were off by \$28,000, and there were two other items. Mr. Twomey states we had a lift there for \$10,000 that we actually paid for in 2011, that bill was paid by somebody else.

**Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court** – Mr. Hanson states there are important issues that have been spoken about. Mr. Hanson first would like to start with a thank you to the Department of Municipal Facilities, they may have listened to what we spoke about last time. Mayor Sobkowicz states she actually received a complaint from some residents that they were coming around too much to pick up leaves. Mr. Hanson states he drove past on his way to work this morning, all the leaves were picked up on the path to the school. Mayor Sobkowicz every morning at their 6:30 shift they do go around to see if there are more leaves. Mayor Sobkowicz states she actually received comments that residents can't get the leaves out fast enough. Mr. Hanson states that is great, when the snow comes please do that too for the residents that are walking. Mr. Hanson states he noticed the fences were down, and last meeting there were conversations about safety, which he thinks we are all about. Mr. Hanson looked into the Americans with Disabilities Act, there seemed to be conversations that our field was not for everybody. Mr. Hanson believes this town is for everybody. Mr. Hanson states the Americans with Disabilities Act it states in 2010 fields need to be fixed, make the facilities not the fields, make the facilities ADA Compliant, which means ramps, parking, and access to all parts of the field. Mr. Hanson would encourage anyone to walk down to that field with someone who needs assistance getting on and off the field. Mr. Hanson states there are some people that would appreciate that, Mr. Hanson states his father is in a wheelchair, takes a handicap van to get places. Mr. Hanson was looking at it from that perspective and there is no way to offload his dad. Mr. Hanson states we are required to fix the facility, fixing the facility is the solution. Mr. Hanson also heard some other issues such as drop off at schools and that not being safe. Mr. Hanson would encourage anyone here to try to walk to Washington School in the morning with a stroller, a double wide, try that, while holding their daughters hand. Mr. Hanson would like someone to investigate with a professional, the hill where the fence is down, if that can be turned into parking for the school and the facility. Mr. Hanson states there is a lot of drainage rolling down into the beautiful lake in town, all the drainage from the field, the run off ends up in the lake. Mr. Hanson states there are of residents that are worried about the lake, what goes into the lake. Mr. Hanson also spoke of the drainage on Woodfield, Mr. Hanson states professionals have ways to store drain water, and we are not storing our drain water. Mr. Hanson states this field, the facility, the school and the street

can all be fixed with some good ideas that a professional can solve for us. Mr. Hanson states that is what we are asking council to do, is move ahead hire a professional and start putting the plans on paper so we can move forward. Mr. Hanson states with artificial turf, the articles read 3000 hours of playing time. Mr. Hanson states we are all talking about where to play, want the kids healthy, want our population living longer, we need to exercise. Mr. Hanson states that means playing at night, after work, we need the lights. Mr. Hanson states 821 hours is what the rec committee has added up, the fields can take 300 hours. Mr. Hanson states there are professionals you can get opinions on, and Mr. Hanson believes there is one on the council, and Mr. Hanson is not asking for his professional opinion, since he is a councilman here, a community member. Mr. Hanson states there are professionals that can be hired, and we have someone that has done this. Mr. Hanson states we need to trust the professionals.

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

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

Nays: None.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance #14-16 Introduction**

The Clerk read Ordinance # 14-16 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ECOLOGY FACILITY ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to introduce and pass Ordinance #14-16 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: Councilman Hrbek.

The following resolution, **Resolution # 14-211** was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: Councilman Hrbek.

WHEREAS, Ordinance # 14-16 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ECOLOGY FACILITY ORDINANCE was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage of public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, 350 Hudson Avenue, Township of Washington at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise in The Record, a newspaper circulated in this Township, the introduction and notice of further consideration for final passage and public hearing of this ordinance as required by law.

### **Ordinance #14-17 Introduction**

The Clerk read Ordinance # 14-17 entitled: AN ORDINANCE MANDATING DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR ALL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:14-15f

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to introduce and pass Ordinance #14-17 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.  
Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution # 14-226** was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.  
Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance # 14-17 entitled: AN ORDINANCE MANDATING DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR ALL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:14-15f was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage of public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, 350 Hudson Avenue, Township of Washington at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise in The Record, a newspaper circulated in this Township, the introduction and notice of further consideration for final passage and public hearing of this ordinance as required by law.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following resolutions were part of the Consent Agenda and were made available to the Governing Body and the Public prior to the meeting.

The Consent Agenda was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Hrbek, Sears.  
Nays: None.

## **RESOLUTION #14-212**

### **Deputy Township Clerk**

WHEREAS, THE Township Clerk is not available for the December 8, 2014 meeting of the Township Council,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Township Council to designate Cornelia Lisa as Deputy Township Clerk to perform the duties of the Township Clerk for the Council meeting of December 8, 2014.

NOW, BE IT IS RESOLVED, Cornelia Lisa is designated as Deputy Township Clerk for the Council meeting of December 8, 2014 and shall perform the duties of the Township Clerk for said meeting.

## **Resolution #14-213**

### **Commuter Parking Permits**

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue 75 commuter parking permits for the Firehouse Parking Lot for the year 2015.

As of November 21, 2014 thirty parking permits have been issued.

**Resolution #14-214**

**2014 Budget Appropriations**

WHEREAS, Title 40A:4-58 of the New Jersey Statutes provides if it should become necessary during the last two (2) months of the year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefor and there shall be an excess in an appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose setting for the facts, adopted by not less than 2/3 votes of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfer in the 2014 Budget Appropriations:

	FROM	TO
Uniform Fire Safety O/E 4-01-25-264-500	\$1200.00	
Public Defender O/E 4-01-43-495-200		\$1200.00
Group Insurance 4-01-23-220-000	\$25,000.00	
Pension Adjustment PERS 4-01-36-471-002		\$25,000.00
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TOTAL TRANSFER	\$26,200.00	\$26,200.00

**Resolution #14-215**

**Engineering Escrow/Cacciola**

WHEREAS, Cacciola and Company posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 2305.02, Lot 4, 509 Jackson Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated November 6, 2014, C.O. NO. 05-246,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated June 14, 2013,

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 \$608.00 to the above.

**Resolution #14-216**

**Soil Moving Escrow/Mullen**

WHEREAS, Victoria Mullen posted soil movement escrow on premises known as Block 2305.02, Lot 4, 509 Jackson Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated November 6, 2014, C.O. No. 05-246,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated June 14, 2013,

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 \$157.00 to the above.

**Resolution #14-217**

**Planning Board Escrow/Real Estate**

WHEREAS, Real Estate Ltd, Inc. posted planning board escrow on premises known as Block 1101, Lot 11, 35 Gorga Place; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated November 13, 2014, C.O. No. 97-400,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated November 10, 2005,

NOW, THEREFOR, 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 \$169.50 to the above.

**Resolution #14-218**

**Engineering Escrow/Capazzi**

WHEREAS, Louis Capazzi posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 1101, Lot 11, 35 Gorga Place; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated November 13, 2014, C.O. No. 97-400,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter date November 10, 2005,

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 \$331.50 to the above.

**Resolution #14-219**

**Soil Moving Escrow/Lanzilotti**

WHEREAS, Dennis and Susan Lanzilotti posted soil movement escrow on premises known as Block 1101, Lot 11, 35 Gorga Place; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated November 13, 2014, C.O. No. 97-400,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated November 10, 2005,

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 \$542.00 to the above.

**Resolution #14-220**

**Tax Refund/Sekas**

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey granted a judgment for Block 3501, Lot 14.01, owner, Dorothy Wink, 71 Ridgewood Road and Block 3501, Lot 14.02, 64 Pascack Road for year 2013

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. Rachel M. Schuster, Esq. is attorney for plaintiff.

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

Sekas & Abrahamsen, LLC  
Rachel M. Schuster, Esq.  
530 Sylvan Avenue, Suite 201  
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632

	Parcel 1	Parcel 2
(2013) Original Assessment	\$ 632,000.00	\$397,800.00
Revised Assessment from judgment	\$ 582,000.00	\$377,800.00
Difference	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Refund Due @ 1.858 per \$100	\$ 949.00	+ \$ 949.00 = \$1,898.00

**Resolution #14-221**

**Tax Refund/Singh**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received for Block 3203, Lot 30, 2622 Cleveland Avenue, owner H. Singh, Parmijit Walia and Kamaljit Kaur., for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2014. Payments were received on October 6, 2014 by (\$2,570.00.) and on November 7, 2014, (\$2,570.00) paid by Corelogic.

WHEREAS, under the New Jersey Statute N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, overpayments must be refunded to the homeowner and;

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

H. Singh and Parmijit Walia and Kamaljit Kaur  
2622 Cleveland Avenue  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

REFUND: \$ 2,570.00

**Resolution #14-222**

**Tax Refund/Lynch**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received for Block 3309, Lot 11, 440 Colonial Blvd., owner John and Roseann Lynch, for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2014. Payments were received on October 28, 2014 by Guardian Title (\$4,007.00.) and on November 7, 2014, (\$4,007.00) paid by Corelogic.

WHEREAS, under the New Jersey Statute N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, overpayments must be refunded Guardian Title has authorized to refund the homeowner directly and;

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

John and Roseann Lynch  
440 Colonial Blvd.  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676  
REFUND: \$ 4,007.00

**Resolution #14-223**

**Tax Refund/Hakimian**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received for Block 4305, Lot 18, owner Paul Hakimian and Lisa Dunne, for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2014. Payments were received on October 14, 2014 by (\$1,754.00.) and on November 7, 2014, (\$1,754.00) paid by Corelogic.

WHEREAS, under the New Jersey Statute N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, overpayments must be refunded to the homeowner and;

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

Vantage Point Title  
25400 US Highway 19 N #135  
Clearwater, FL 33763

REFUND:       \$ 1,754.00

**Resolution #14-224**

**Tax Refund/Core Title**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received for Block 4506, Lot 11, owner March and Kerry Caifa, for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2014. Payments were received on October 28, 2014 by (\$ 2,215.00.) and on November 7, 2014, (\$2,215.00) paid by Corelogic.

WHEREAS, under the New Jersey Statute N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, overpayments must be refunded to the homeowner and;

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

Core Title  
1300 Route 73, Suite 112  
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

REFUND:       \$ 2,215.00

**Resolution #14-225**

**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:

Jenny Jung  
854 Robinwood Road  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Summer Recreation  
Refund Amount: \$24.00

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Christine Connelly  
630 Calvin Street  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Basketball  
Refund Amount: \$135.00

Cindy Stogianoglou  
733 Wayne Place  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Wrestling  
Refund Amount: \$125.00

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Elaine Erlewein  
Acting Township Clerk

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Thomas Sears  
Council President

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

**CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION**

**November 24, 2014**

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

**Mr. Sears** – Mr. Sears states he asked the Mayor to speak about an issue with the Police Department as the Township, it is important that we understand what is going on with the Township. We need everyone's support.

**Mayor Sobkowicz** – Mayor Sobkowicz states that Mr. Sears asked her to mention something that occurred last week in the Township. On July 25<sup>th</sup> there was an attempted burglary in the Township and three of the Township officers were able to catch the one of the attempted burglars, which are called actors. We were the only town to have gotten this far in that process, it seems to have been part of a larger ring. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is very important that all of the residents keep a look out, seeing what is going on and reporting anything suspicious that you see. Mayor Sobkowicz states last Tuesday night, at about 2:30 am while Police Officer Cangelosi was on his patrol, he spotted two men running behind a home on Hampshire Road, and the garage door was open with two very expensive cars in the garage. Officer Cangelosi then called for backup and they went after the men. Ironically enough, about a month ago a Mercedes Benz was stolen from a driveway in the Township and that Mercedes Benz was parked there because they ran off after the officer got there, so we recouped the Mercedes Benz that had been stolen from a month ago, they were there to steal another vehicle. Mayor Sobkowicz states what happens in this ring, they come in take an expensive vehicle, but they leave a junk car, which is then found someplace else in town. The K-9 dogs then came from the County, other officers got there. The burglar then ran on foot to Jackson Avenue and stole a Jaguar SK and hopped on to the Parkway. Hillsdale saw that car and chased them down to Route 80, but the car was going over a 100 miles per hour, so they felt at this point dangerous to continue. At 4:30 am Sergeant Lawton found a person walking along Linwood Avenue who was the other person in this attempted burglary who is under age, and is in custody. Mayor Sobkowicz states all of these people were wanted by Somerset County, Essex County, Passaic County, and Bergen County. Since this car theft ring involves so many counties, the whole investigation has been taken over by the State Police. Mayor Sobkowicz's point is this was due to the vigilance of our police officers and residents in town who called and let us know about things going on. Mayor Sobkowicz states the burglary that occurred in July, neighbors had called and told her they had seen different people running through the backyards so she put that neighborhood on active patrol, so when it happened that Friday night, the officers were right in the area. The Police Department has done some really excellent work, they have made a lot more arrests recently with people having warrants. Mayor Sobkowicz just wanted to bring this out in the open and she is glad Mr. Sears asked her to do that because it is very important that we keep being vigilante. Mayor Sobkowicz states this is the only department that has been able to apprehend anyone in these rings and the Police Department has really been doing an excellent job.

**Mr. Sears** – Mr. Sears thanks the Mayor. Mr. Sears states he is sure the council supports the whole community getting involved and being alert. The Holiday Season is coming up, so please keep an eye out and don't be afraid to call the police.

**Mayor Sobkowicz** – Mayor Sobkowicz states please do not leave your keys in your car.

## **PRIORITY**

**Zoning Board Appointments** – Mr. Sears states we have Arthur Cumming and Richard Smith whose terms expire, the one year. Mr. Sears states that Arthur Cumming has indicated he would like to stay on.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to appoint Arthur Cumming to the Zoning Board.

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

Nays: None.

Mr. Sears states the second gentleman who wishes to stay on is Richard Smith.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to appoint Richard Smith to the Zoning Board.

Ayes: Councilman Beckmeyer, Calamari, Sears.

Nays: Councilman Cascio, Hrbek.

Mr. Sears states the third nomination is Joseph D’Urso. Dr. Cascio asks there are two regular members and one alternate that need to be elected. Mr. Sears states we are doing one alternate from three, we just elected two, and we need one more. Mr. Beckmeyer states instead of going down a list, he would prefer someone make a motion. Mr. Sears states he can go straight down the list. Mr. Beckmeyer would rather someone make a motion on someone. Mr. Sears states he wanted to put the names down in order.

A motion was made by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to appoint Dan Scuderi to the Zoning Board.

Ayes: Councilman Beckmeyer, Calamari, Sears.

Nays: Councilman Cascio, Hrbek.

**Recreation Refunds** – Administrator Cavallo states he spoke to Mr. Poller briefly and Mr. Poller did have concerns about the draft that was written, and Administrator Cavallo had pretty much the same concerns. Administrator Cavallo states this needs to be addressed by an Ordinance, so when he presents the 2015 Recreation Fee Schedule, that we have a section in there regarding refunds, such as a service fee for refunds. Administrator Cavallo states a draft of that ordinance along with couple of other ordinances will come in during budget meetings. Mayor Sobkowicz states the other issue is how long can someone be in the program before they get a refund, we want to address the whole picture. Administrator Cavallo states it will be presented during budget season. Dr. Cascio states there is so much going on during budget season, if it a problem now, might as well present it. Administrator Cavallo states the other problem we have is it is an ordinance, we can’t introduce an ordinance now because it will not be effective by the end of the year. Dr. Cascio states he is not saying to introduce it, but he would like a draft. Administrator Cavallo he has been working with the Recreation Department and that will not be a problem.

## **UPDATES**

**Habitat for Humanity** – Administrator Cavallo states he, the Mayor, Mr. Sears will be attending a meeting next Monday, at 4:30 with Jacey Raimondo to discuss the status. Mr. Sears states we will definitely keep the council in the loop with this. Mayor Sobkowicz Ms. Raimondo will give us some input with regard to some of the similar places. Administrator Cavallo states that Ms. Raimondo will be giving us some more information.

**Roads** – Administrator Cavallo states they are all paved, with the exception of Colonial Boulevard. Administrator Cavallo states the contractors

are all backed up right now, and there is a chance it will not get done until April. Mr. Sears asks is there any way they can fill in some of those pot holes right on the bend. Administrator Cavallo states he will look into the potholes. Administrator Cavallo states the County has told him not definitely, but they have postponed East Glen until the Spring.

**Firehouse** – Administrator Cavallo states the firehouse parking lot has been paved. Fire Department has started putting together their list of priorities that need to be addressed at the firehouse, so we can address them in our capital budget. Mr. Sears asks what about the bay floor. Administrator Cavallo states with regard to the bay floor, we had an engineer state the floor was not sinking and we also had two contractors come in, one gave us a quote to replace the bay floor, even though he said the floor was not sinking. Mr. Sears states if you look at the bay and you look at the door where it comes down, you have a two inch strip that goes straight across. Administrator Cavallo ask if Mr. Sears is talking about the outside, not the bay floor itself. Mr. Sears the bay floor is actually down. Administrator Cavallo states the strip is floating there. Mr. Sears states Administrator Cavallo needs to go the firehouse with Mr. Sears to see what is going on.

**Department of Municipal Facilities** – Administrator Cavallo sent council an email today asking them to review a proposal for scope and this needs to be discussed. Administrator Cavallo states numbers came in high, but he believes the numbers can be lower if it goes out to complete bidding. Administrator Cavallo would hate to see the Township get one proposal and award the contract. There was a discussion on the number and if the numbers go out to public it ruins the bidding process. Dr. Cascio would like to get as many bids as possible. There was a discussion that the scope of work needs to be discussed, it is very detailed. Administrator Cavallo states this is going to tell us what we need from an outsiders perspective, not from an insiders of what we want, it is going to give us a perspective of what is needed. Administrator Cavallo states we all need to be prepared for it to come back telling us we don't have enough room. Mr. Hrbek what do we need to do to keep this rolling. Administrator Cavallo states we need to go out and solicit proposals, he does have a set scope that he will be able to give to the vendor and request a proposal. There was a discussion of soliciting proposals quickly. Administrator Cavallo would like council to read through the scope of work.

**Intersection of Pascack and Washington Avenue** – Mayor Sobkowicz states we have not gotten to it yet. Administrator Cavallo states he was away last week, and has not gotten to it. Mr. Sears would like Administrator Cavallo to give Season's a call, he saw two kids hanging on dead tree in the lot, if Season's could remove that tree. Administrator Cavallo states he will take care of it tomorrow. Mr. Sears asks if we have any plans for Pascack and Washington. Administrator Cavallo states he is new to this, he was not here for all of this, so he has to defer to the people that were here. Mayor Sobkowicz states we have plans in our files that are being dug out. Mr. Hrbek asks that would be a good starting point, the last set, which started at A,B and C. Dr. Cascio did call the County and no one got back to him. There was a discussion of getting in touch with someone with the County. Mr. Calamari asks with regard to Exit 168, which ties into the intersection. Mr. Calamari spoke of the Parkway, and tolls being at certain locations. Administrator Cavallo states that he did receive via an OPRA Request a traffic study with regard to Exit 168 from the Turnpike Authority.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to adjourn.

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

Nays: None.

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Elaine Erlewein  
Acting Township Clerk

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Thomas Sears  
Council President