

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

October 17, 2016

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Council President Michael Ullman, with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Robert Bruno, Peter Calamari, Steve Cascio, Tom Sears. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Mary Anne Groh, Business Administrator. Absent: Michael Ullman.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act this meeting was listed in the Township Council Annual Meeting List which was published in The Bergen Record, forwarded to the local newspapers, posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the 2016 Leaf Flyer which was distributed. She stated leaf pick-up begins on October 31, 2016 for Zone 1 and every week thereafter for Zones 2 and 3. Nicholas Markets/Food town appeared before the Planning Board on October 5th with plans for their renovation. They will be revising the parking with new striping, relocating the front customer entrance, improvements to the building, and as well as interior store renovations. The approval will be memorialized by the Planning Board at the next meeting. The store will be open during the project. She stated this month the Township received a Shared Service Contract from Bergen County in reference to county resurfacing. She stated as a pre-requisite to the county paving the roads, the Township has to inspect the conditions of all curb ramps and crosswalks, make any repairs/replacements before the road is scheduled to be repaved and verify the manhole frames are in good condition. She stated the county will pave the roads, but every other expense is on the Township. She spoke of the Shredding and E-Recycling event which was held at the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday, October 15th and the overwhelming response. She stated she is very pleased with the work being done by the members of the department of the DMF under the direction of Acting Superintendent Tom Clossey and Foreman Bill Lawlor. She stated they are continuing to paint stop lines, crosswalks and filling potholes, along with various building issues. They are also landscaping some of our Township lots, prepping for leaf season along with the winter season. She spoke of a current sewer problem due to tree root. She spoke of unexpected expenses which are draining the Township's budget, which include taking down large/dangerous trees on Township property, the repair of the well, the repair of the air conditioning at the Police Department, repairs to air conditioning and plumbing in the Senior Center, fire equipment and leaks in the lower portion of the building. She stated on a positive note the Township did sell 3 old trucks and a Crown Victoria police vehicle on govdeals, receiving \$8,900 in revenue. She thanked the Administrator, our Acting CFO Ms. Marabello and Ms. Apar for their work on the Best Practices worksheet. She stated October 17 - October 21 is the last pick-up of grass/garden debris. The Police Department answered 6,178 calls from January to September, and 604 were in September. A strict 9:00 p.m. curfew will be enforced on October 30/31. Anyone in violation will be brought to Police Headquarters for appropriate action and will only be released to a parent/guardian. She spoke of the New Jersey Bail Reformation, which means a larger amount of paperwork that needs to be processed and the fact that all prisoners with certain types of crimes must be transported to Bergen County for processing a

bail hearing in front of the Superior Court Judge. She stated this translates to more overtime for the municipality. She stated the Police Department will also have to immediately purchase a newer version of the Life Scan fingerprinting system at a potential cost of \$26,000. She stated on October 20th she will be attending a class on this in Westwood on this subject and also invited council to attend. She stated Corporal Fasciano recently submitted an application to the State to recovery 10% of the cost incurred to the Township due to Superstorm Sandy, which is about \$14,000. The Township recently received notice of award of Senior Citizen Activity Grant for \$3,500, which goes for this year and 2017. The Township also submitted three Community Development Block Grants for 2017 to 2018, \$5,000 for senior activities, \$8,000 for the cost of the senior van driver and \$43,500 for new tables and chairs for the senior center. Buldo is the Township's new curbside recycling vendor and took over the collection on October 7th. She stated Green Star, our recycling scavenger, who is now owned by Waste Management sent the Township a termination notice of the current 5 year agreement, which ends January 31, 2017. They will continue to service us until told to stop. She stated prices have fallen considerably and the Township will probably receive less revenue than in the past. For the month of September, 92.76 tons was recycled. The contract for disposal of organic recycling matter also expires at year end and we will be going out to bid on that. The Township plans to continue the shared services agreement of street sweeping with Paramus. The next street sweeping will be December 12th, one week after the end of the leaf season. An energy audit was conducted of the Town Hall and Firehouse, but we have not received the report yet. The Stigma Free Mental Awareness will have two mental health education events at the library, first being tonight second one being October 24th at 6:45 p.m. She spoke of attending the first event and the importance of such event. She spoke of being approached Director of ER Nursing of Valley Hospital with regard to putting together a Mayor's Wellness Program. The kick-off for the event will be Saturday, January 7, 2017 with a speaker and hopes that everyone will consider joining. She stated she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Cardinal Courtyard, which has been in the works for about 5 years, and organized by the Education Foundation and sponsored by HUMC North. She stated the DuraBlend was not installed due to the weather and will be installed in 2017. SUEZ Water has agreed to pave Walnut and Washington due to replace of water mains and the Township did Cross on our own. Captain Hackbarth attended a county traffic meeting with regard to the intersection and was notified that a traffic study for the intersection will be done in the Spring by the County. She urged everyone to go online and sign the petition against the trucks coming from Hillsdale. Waste Management has applied to renew their permit to haul garbage; we do not know the timeframe. They had been hauling about 300 to 400 tons per day, now they can haul up to 900. She stated this does jeopardize our health and safety. She stated you can also sign the petition at the library or upstairs. The Ambulance Corps was dispatched 367 times from January to September, 45 in September alone. She stated if you are interested in joining the Ambulance Corps, please reach out to them. The Fire Department answered 134 calls from January to September, 14 in September alone. The Fire Department calls include fire, rescues, accidents and so on. The Fire Department also had a special drill at the YJCC on October 9th. She also congratulated Bobby Thompson, who has been a firefighter for 60 years and was honored by the 200 Club on October 5th in Garfield. The Fire Department is sponsoring a Texas Hold'em Event on Friday, October 21st, starting at 6:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus is holding their annual Halloween Costume Party on Friday, October 21st to raise money for charity. October is the time for wrestling and basketball sign-ups. A senior JIF member did inspect Memorial Field for playability and he stated the DPW has completed and continuous to maintain the surface in a safe playable condition for the 2016 football. He stated although it is mostly crabgrass, he did not observe any holes or divots and stated it is better than the last time he inspected it in August of last year. The library is sponsoring a Christmas Carol on Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m. reservations are required.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio commented on the DMF performing work within the Township. He spoke of the police responding very quickly to two motor vehicle accidents by his home.

Mr. Sears – Mr. Sears asked what the status of getting rescue vehicle repaired. Administrator Groh replied there are few issues with the trucks and she has been trying to schedule meetings with the Chief and Deputy Chief. She stated in the meantime Paramus has reached out and asked for a meeting so the head of their mechanical services department can see the vehicles.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated tomorrow is the last day to register to vote and encourages everyone to register to vote. He stated he was happy the senior group reached out to be educated about the upcoming referendum on both sides of the issue. He spoke of the reservoirs running low, and sees this as a condition that will not go away. He stated it is something to keep in mind when thinking about the field and the surface that should be put down.

Mr. Bruno – Mr. Bruno spoke of the Foodtown renovation and he did see some spectacular drawings that have been prepared. He stated it will be a really nice upgrade, along with the parking lot. He asked that the building management people be contacted and to see if some shrubbery can be put along the driveway. He stated we have a new clerk, who has accepted the position and is here tonight, her name is Susan Witkowski.

Resolution No. 16- 292

Appointment of Clerk

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington requires a Township Clerk to perform the duties of the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is authorized by law to appoint the Township Clerk and desires to appoint Susan Witkowski, R.M.C. as the Township Clerk;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Susan Witkowski, R.M.C. is hereby appointed to the position of Township Clerk in the Township of Washington commencing on October 31, 2016 for a three (3) year term in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears to pass Resolution No. 16-292.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

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

Neve Twomey, 187 Devon Road and Lexie Santise, 4 Sutton Way – Ms. Twomey stated herself and Lexie are both Juniors at Westwood High School and both play field hockey and lacrosse. She shared a young adult aspect of the field and what it means to the both of them. Ms. Santise spoke of the Dragon Soccer Club tryouts 10 years ago and the tryouts being cancelled due to the condition of Memorial Field, that being her first impression of Memorial Field. Ms. Twomey spoke of the hundreds of hours she has spent on that field and watching younger siblings play on that field. Ms. Santise spoke of their first introduction to high school sports in trying out for the field hockey team. Both commented on the difference on playing on turf at the high school, watching other sports play on the turf, and looking forward to away games

since so they can play on better facilities. They feel Westwood High School researched the turf field, and the high school would not put players on surfaces that are not safe. They spoke of voting yes to the referendum vote so all the residents can have a sense of pride in the community.

Scott Spezial, 785 Washington Avenue – Mr. Spezial reviewed and spoke at length of the three main assets and phases of the referendum vote on November 8th for Memorial Field, those being the physical, environmental and the fiscal. He stated these are some of the facts that residents want to know.

MaryAnn Cavallo, 406 Hickory Street – Ms. Cavallo spoke of the five factors listed from the Center of Disease Control that foster the spread of MRSA and staph infections. She feels this should be taken into consideration with regard to an artificial surface on Memorial Field. She spoke of the five C's, crowding, contact, compromised skin, contaminated items and cleanliness, and the fact that products that would need to be used to keep the bacteria at bay. She spoke of certain infections (superbugs) being resisted to antibiotics. She stated the possible implications should be addressed. She stated she is voting no on question 3.

Joseph Diorio, 385 Coolidge Avenue – Mr. Diorio stated he is an emergency physician for the past ten years. He spoke of his encounters as a physician with the MRSA infection. He stated he has never seen data that shows MRSA infections or any other type of infections are higher on a turf field as opposed to a grass field. He spoke of the compounds that are found in crumb rubber fields, which are low levels and are found in everyday environments. He spoke of a study by the Environmental Agency that came out in 2008 and a government study in 2009 with regard to rubber fill that showed no toxic effects. He stated there was more concern ten years ago with regard to the crumb fill, but the rubber fill that is made at this time, the substances do not exist any longer on them. He feels that the fields are safer and safer.

Beth Ritter, 699 Jacquelyn Road – Ms. Ritter spoke of the various reasons she is voting yes to the referendum. She spoke of the lack of parking and wheelchair accessibility at Memorial Field for disabled children that live in the Township. She stated she is paying it forward for the next generation.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson thanked the administration for the work they did for Memorial Field to have the field ready for Town Day. He spoke of the number of hours that the field is being used and with those hours grass can never grow. He spoke of this being an investment for the infrastructure and a wise economic decision. He spoke of the Friends of Memorial Field T-shirt, ADA requirements and lighting efficiency requirements. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of how difficult it is finding the bulbs and the expense of renting the lift. Mr. Hanson spoke of this project being an investment in the infrastructure, clean water and community. He is encouraging people to vote yes on this, because we owe it for people in the community.

John Sklavounos, 667 Colonial Boulevard – Mr. Sklavounos stated for the past 4 years he has been president of Washington Township Baseball and Softball and has been part of the baseball board for approximately 10 years. He stated the program completely supports the Memorial Field project. He spoke at length with regard to this project being for the long term and baseball players not having the opportunity to play on Memorial Field in the Fall. He feels it is important for the residents of this town to understand it is not only about athletics. He thanked Mayor and Council for supporting baseball and softball and looks forward to getting this project moving along.

Michael Kazigian, 468 Beech Street – Mr. Kazigian stated he has been a resident of this Township for the past 22 years. He spoke of his reasons why he was first opposed to this project but now is in favor of it. He feels it is a smart investment at this time. He spoke of the facilities that did receive upgrades in the Township. He spoke at length of what this project would address. He also commented on a photo taken which he feels deceptive in showing grass, when the field is full of weeds, depressions and dirt. He stated the turf is a small increment of the total project, about 10% and the facilities

need to be fixed regardless of the turf. He stated the project has something for everyone and he is voting yes on the field.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Court - Ms. Plantamura read Ordinance 15-16 with regard to Memorial Field and her interpretation. She stated what she was told with regard to Friends of Memorial Field and the address on the flyer being of former Councilman Beckmeyer who was a paid coach in the Township. She spoke of the postings on the Friends of Memorial Field Facebook page with regard to Senator Cardinale and Assemblyman Robert Auth supporting the referendum. She feels certain tactics are being used that are unethical and there is dishonesty. She spoke of artificial turf field that Mr. Twomey spoke of in New Milford, but she found it is not New Milford, New Jersey but New Milford Connecticut. She stated New Milford New Jersey has six natural grass fields that they spend \$54,000 to maintain. She spoke of her feeling that Memorial Field is not being maintained properly and Westwood reaching out for the Township to use their fields. She spoke of the Senior's being offended with regard to this issue and that the ADA compliance is grandfathered in. She stated she is not against fixing the field and the fieldhouse not being in the cost.

Eamonn Twomey, 187 Devon Road - Mr. Twomey stated he is appalled by the statement of being called unethical. He spoke of the project being for the town, not only turf. He spoke of the field not being able to support certain sports. He spoke of JIF coming down to the field and as the Recreation Director he should have been invited. He spoke of the field not being ADA Compliant for the children of the Township. He stated he never mentioned New Milford New Jersey. He spoke of surrounding towns in the area also asking for turf fields.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place - Mrs. Ozment spoke of ADA compliance that should have been done for Memorial Field along with other things in the Township that can or should have been improved under this Mayor. She also spoke of the maintenance figures with regard to Memorial Field and Town Day being held on that field for the past seven years. She stated residents should speak to the Mayor and ask why things are not being in the Township. She spoke of the snack stand and basketball court being a disaster. She stated for the past seven years nothing has been done. She spoke of the lights and drainage that should be upgraded. She spoke of the new sports that have come into the Township. She spoke of the track, curb cuts and parking. She stated small things could have been done in the past instead of lumping it together in one lump sum. She spoke of the 2.45 million not being the final amount. She stated we are now resident against resident and this is not good for the Township.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ullman.

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.

Resolution No. 16-288 was discussed, which is four sweeps per year. Dr. Cascio would like to know if the sweeps would be scheduled and residents advised. Administrator Groh explained it depends on what situations the Township has and what needs to be done. Dr. Cascio stated he would like them completed since the money is appropriated, it should be spent. Mr. Sears would like to reinforce Dr. Cascio's comments. Mr. Bruno stated four sweeps were budgeted for this year. Mayor Sobkowicz stated we budgeted \$4,500 per sweep. Mr. Bruno stated he would like to see a minimum of four times,

depending on weather conditions. He stated the sweeping cleans up the Township and makes it look better.

The Consent Agenda was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ullman.

Resolution No. 16 – 285

Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement for Senior Citizens Activities

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$3,530.00 in 2016 – 2017 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Citizen Activities at the Jack Woods Senior Center, 350 Hudson Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorizes Administrator Mary Anne Groh to execute the aforesaid grant agreement on behalf of the Township;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorizes Mary Anne Groh to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council recognizes that the Township of Washington is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Township is in accordance with HUD requirements.

Resolution No. 16 – 286

Revising Contact for ADA Compliant Curb Ramp Grant Contract

WHEREAS by Resolution dated September 28, 2015, the Council authorized Matthew A. Cavallo to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with a certain grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$40,000 in 2015 – 2016 Community Development Block Grant funds for Handicapped Accessible Curb Ramps; and

WHEREAS Matthew A. Cavallo is no longer employed by the Township and the Council desires to authorize Mary Anne Groh to sign all County vouchers in connection with said grant agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mary Anne Groh is hereby authorized to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with said grant.

Resolution No. 16 – 287

Authorizing Advertisement of Bids for Recyclable Organic Material

WHEREAS the Township has the need and requirement to advertise for bids for a contract for disposal of organic recycling materials; and

WHEREAS the Township Council wishes to adopt a resolution to authorize the advertisement for bids; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for a contract for disposal of organic recycling materials.

Resolution No. 16 – 288

Street Sweeping 2017 Interlocal Agreement

WHEREAS the Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., allows any municipality or county to enter into a contract with any other municipality or county for the provision of any services within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (the "Township") and the Borough of Paramus (the "Borough") seek to enter into an Interlocal Agreement wherein the Borough will provide street sweeping services for the Township up to four (4) times per year at a cost of \$4,500 per sweeping; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute an reviewed and approves of the "Interlocal Agreement For The Provision Of Street Sweeping Services" proposed by Paramus for the one year period commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the "Interlocal Agreement For The Provision Of Street Sweeping Services".

Resolution No. 16 - 289

FEMA Grant Generator at Firehouse

WHEREAS the Township of Washington ("Township") made an application to FEMA for the acquisition and installation of a permanent gas generator at the Fire House and was awarded a non-matching grant by FEMA in the amount of \$75,000; and

WHEREAS the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) serves as the grantee on all such FEMA grants and, in accordance with FEMA protocol, is responsible for, *inter alia*, administering the grant with the Township; and

WHEREAS the NJOEM has submitted a proposed Sub-Grant Agreement with the terms and conditions of the grant award for execution by the Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorizes the Business Administrator Mary Anne Groh to execute the aforesaid Agreement on behalf of the Township.

Resolution No. 16 - 290

Acting Municipal Clerk

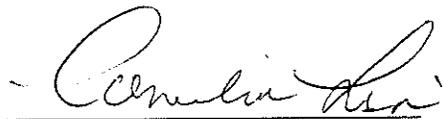
WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Washington, and the Township requires an Acting Municipal Clerk to perform the duties of the Municipal (Township) Clerk of the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined to appoint Cornelia Lisa as Acting Municipal (Township) Clerk to October 31, 2016;

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

The Township Council hereby appoints Cornelia Lisa as Acting Municipal (Township) Clerk until October 31, 2016.

Time noted: 8:52 p.m.



Cornelia Lisa
Acting Township Clerk



Robert Bruno
Council Vice - President

Approved: January 3, 2017

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

October 17, 2016

Members present: Robert Bruno, Steve Cascio, Peter Calamari, Tom Sears. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Mary Anne Groh, Administrator; Ken Poller, Attorney. Absent: Michael Ullman.

Time Noted: 9: 00 p.m.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Fire Department By-Laws – A discussion followed if LOSAP is part of the by-laws, which it is not, although it is mentioned. Mayor Sobkowicz stated herself; Mr. Calamari and Mr. Ullman have been having meetings with the Fire Department on strictly LOSAP. A discussion followed on changes to LOSAP being presented to the Fire Department. Mr. Bruno spoke of the LOSAP fund being audited in the future. A discussion followed on who administers the LOSAP, which is the president of the Fire Department, who runs the Department's rules and regulations with the Chief. Council involvement is the approval of the By-Laws. A copy of the by-laws without the emblem was requested. A discussion followed on the approval of the current by-laws, what was approved and what was not approved.

Salary Ordinance – Administrator Groh stated the reasons that she requested this be put on the agenda. She asked if the salary ordinance can be pared down to just the directors. Mr. Poller replied the council sets the maximum amount for a position, then the Mayor has the authority has to pay what the Mayor wants to pay under the departments, but the Mayor is limited by the budgetary aspect, the code does say the salary is set by ordinance. A discussion followed on giving increases to the employees. Mr. Bruno stated we should continue the way we have, monitor the job descriptions and salary. Administrator Groh spoke of positions that are not in the salary ordinance. The salary of the clerk was discussed which is set by the council, not the mayor. Mr. Poller spoke at length of the way the code is set up and some positions which can be added by amending the salary ordinance. A conversation followed on the amended positions, those being treasurer, CFO and tax collector.

Best Practices Checklist – Administrator Groh stated it is State issued and due to be filed on October 21st and it is the responsibility of the administrator and CFO. She also spoke of the responsibilities of the Clerk. She stated it is 30 questions, and we need to state yes to at least 22 to receive our last Energy Receipt Tax payment. A conversation followed with regard to number 10, which is a no answer. Administrator Groh spoke of conversations had at Pascack Valley's Administrators most recent luncheon with regard to Best Practices Checklist.

Recycling Scavenger – Administrator Groh stated a notice was received that the contract with the scavenger, Green Star/Waste Management will be terminated when the contract expires on January 31, 2017. The Township will have to solicit quotations. A conversation followed regarding going to single stream or dual stream.

Recycling Contract – Mayor Sobkowicz stated her reasons for continuing with the 24 times per year pick-up, not 26 times per year pick up. Dr. Cascio spoke of the confusion with going to 26 times per year since residents already know the schedule. A conversation followed with regard to the conversations had with regard to the 26 times per week and the pricing. Administrator Groh spoke of the 26 times per year, which was approved by council, the anticipated likely loss of revenue from the scavenger and notifying the residents of the change in the pick-up schedule. Mayor Sobkowicz asked that the council consider going back to the 24 per year pick up schedule.

Clerk Update – Mr. Bruno welcomed Ms. Witkowksi as the new Township Clerk.

CFO Update/Expiring CFO Position – Administrator Groh spoke of the candidate who was interviewed for the CFO position who also is a tax collector. She spoke of the salary ordinance and trying to get an offer together for this candidate and having various positions in the salary ordinance listed but not funded since it does allow more flexibility. A conversation followed on extending the current CFO to December 31, 2016.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari that the current CFO term extends to December 31, 2016.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Bruno.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ullman.

Resolution No. 16 – 291

Motion of Consent Chief Financial Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that the Mayor, having advanced for appointment of Denise Marabello as the temporary Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Washington, and the Township Council, having consented thereto, that Denise Marabello's appointment as temporary Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Washington on a part-time basis effective September 30, 2016 is continued through December 31, 2016.

Ridgewood Interlocal Proposal – Mr. Calamari spoke of how this proposal came to be, by visiting Dan Kiely at his new position in Ridgewood. He spoke of what he was impressed with regarding this proposal and services which are being offered. Mr. Sears spoke of the diagnostic machines Ridgewood has and spare parts rooms which they have. He spoke at length of the benefits that the Fire Department could have with this agreement as well as the Police Department. He spoke at length with regard to the full time personnel that Ridgewood has, such as mechanics, street sweepers and parks commission. He feels this is a positive for the town and would be another joint service for the Township. He also spoke of touring the facility, which is located on Chestnut Street, just behind the Y. A conversation followed with regard to the rates being offered by Ridgewood and the administration looking at the proposal. Administrator Groh stated she does have some concerns with regard to this individual who was previously employed by the Township. Mr. Bruno spoke of the two issues that are financially if it makes sense or doesn't make sense and if there are any concerns. Administrator Groh stated she would like to go into Closed Session after conference is completed. A conversation followed on the Township having multiple vendors.

Memorial Field – Administrator Groh spoke of the bond amount that Ms. Plantamura mentioned during the public session. She stated the amount bonded is less than the total project amount. Mr. Bruno read the ordinance which states the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance is 2.333, this amount being exclusive of the \$142,800 bonds to be issued per prior ordinance. Administrator Groh spoke of the meeting with regard to Memorial Field, which she was not aware of, between the risk consultant and members of the DMF and Councilman Calamari happened to be driving by and stopped, joining the inspection. Mr. Calamari replied that is correct. She spoke of the Loss Control Report and what is included in that report and what the report suggests. Mr. Bruno would like copies of the report.

Intersection of Pascack and Washington Avenue – Mayor Sobkowicz stated the County will perform the new traffic study, but they are waiting to get more towns and then give it to vendor. A conversation followed on the Durablend, which needs to be done in August/September, which now will be completed in the Spring. Mr. Sears spoke of a brief conversation he had with Mr. Tedesco. Dr. Cascio stated he did ask two engineers to prepare square

footage analysis of what is needed as per the drawing that the County prepared with the yellow lines, but he does need the tax cards so calculations can be done. Mr. Bruno spoke of the dangers of the intersection with vehicles going over the double yellow lines and putting cones in the area. Dr. Cascio spoke of purchase of solar power entrance lights, which are approximately \$5,000 a piece that would warn vehicles. He feels this should be put in next year's budget. A conversation followed with regard to gas deliveries making the U-Turn into the fire house, the increase of left hand turns out of the gas station and if the No Left Hand turn signs are legal. A conversation followed if those signs were part of the plan and approved. Mayor Sobkowitz stated she will have Captain Hackbarth look into it.

Civil Rights Resolutions - Administrator Groh spoke of the resolution which is just basically recognizing that which is law. Mr. Poller stated there are two things set up; the attorney for JIF is giving a seminar to managers/supervisors this coming Monday along with a presentation afterwards for those who are underneath the managers as well as volunteers. He stated JIF is looking for this to be passed, which is a straight forward resolution and is something that should be passed. Administrator Groh stated the financial impact is the amount of the deductible for employment claims, so if the Township doesn't have this resolution the deductible will be higher effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Calamari spoke of the main concerns that council had and the running of multiple training sessions. Administrator Groh stated the contemplation was going to the Fire House with regard to volunteers. A conversation followed with regard to the deductible and introducing the resolution at this time or waiting for Councilman Ullman. Administrator Groh stated she just wanted to start the conversation and this subject is in our manuals. A conversation followed on the latest revision to the manual, which clarifies the vacation policy and was given as an addendum to the employees.

A conversation followed with regard to going into Closed Session. There will be no Closed Session.

Time noted: 10:09 p.m.



Cornelia Lisa
Acting Township Clerk



Robert Bruno
Council Vice - President

Approved: January 3, 2017