

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

PUBLIC MEETING/CONFERENCE SESSION

OCTOBER 17, 2011

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Conference Meeting in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Fred Goetz with the Clerk leading the salute to the flag. Members present: Steven Cascio, Joseph D'Urso, Richard Hrbek, Fred Goetz. Mr. Beckmeyer arrived at 7:32 p.m. Absent: None Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Kenneth Poller, Attorney. Absent: Lilly Chin, Acting Administrator.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was noticed with the Ridgewood News, posted on Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to approve the September 12, 2011 Conference minutes, September 26, 2011 Public and Conference minutes and October 3, 2011 Public minutes of the Township Council of the Township of Washington.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to open the Public Discussion.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

Elizabeth Leahy, 279 Wilson Avenue - Asked if there was an update on the cell tower? Mr. Poller said that it still seems on the positive side about the other side of town hall. He did say he tried to contact Verizon on this date but was not able to contact the attorney.

Agnes Smith, 646 Valley Court - Asked if anyone knew why there were surveyors on Thursday and Friday on the corner of Seasons property. Wanted to know if they were hired by Seasons, the County, Sky Trading or the Municipality? Mayor Sobkowicz said that she was not aware of surveyors in the area and they were not sent from the Township. She said that she would try to find out why they were there. Mrs. Smith asked if the Township has met again with the County about the intersection and Mr. Goetz said that he did not know of a meeting and turned it over to the mayor. Mayor Sobkowicz said that she is trying to set up a meeting with the County and that as soon as she sets it up she will contact the Council. Mrs. Smith wanted to know if the residents would be kept up on what is happening with the County. The mayor said that the meeting would probably be in Hackensack. Mrs. Smith said that she would contact the County herself for information. Mrs. Smith then asked if there has been any progress with Exit 171 and Mr. Goetz said that he did not know of any meetings in reference to the exit and then asked the mayor if there was any additional information she might have. It seems that the town is waiting for information about the no right hand turn on Exit 171. There was a discussion about Woodcliff Lake and Mrs. Smith said that Woodcliff Lake should honor us and then we will honor them. She said that she thought the town should initiate a lawsuit if Woodcliff Lake does not take responsibility for the exit. Mayor Sobkowicz said that the town is vigilant and that the town did meet with the County about Exit 171 some time ago. She went on to explain all

that the town has done and that our next step might be litigation. She said that Exit 168, Exit 171 and the corner of Washington Avenue and Pascack Road are intertwined. Said that the last administration did not resolve the problem and it didn't seem that they moved forward in past years. Our engineer just recently stated that he said that the Township was finally making some progress. The renovation for Exit 168 is going forward. Mr. D'Urso stated that he had a conversation with the Deputy Director of the Highway Authority. They would redo Exit 171 if Woodcliff Lake was willing. No one wants to get involved with a legal action with Woodcliff Lake. He said that he also thought of a new exit in Woodcliff Lake and gave the suggestion to the Highway Authority. Mrs. Smith said that she was sure that there would be a few towns that would probably help us. The Deputy Director told Mr. D'Urso that he suggested a light at Exit 168 that could be a blinking light at certain busy times of the day. There was a further discussion about different ways to handle the situation. Mrs. Smith said that the Township can't go on by making the situation worse with the new Exit 168. The Highway Authority even said that they would make a southbound exit in Woodcliff Lake. Mayor Sobkowicz said that she was working on the problem.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place - Stated that she is hearing and reading a lot about shared services and dispatching. She said that she was very nervous about it. She said that when Mayor Sobkowicz came to her door about changing the name of Westgate Road to Finnerty Place that she was told that the town would take care of all the maps and everything that needed to be changed. She said that the township debris folder still says Westgate Road. She went on to say that she and her husband both have medical problems and that one day when her son called 911 for 184 Finnerty Place because she was ill, the ambulance could not find the house because it wasn't on any map. If not for one of the police officers who immediately knew that Westgate Road was now Finnerty Place, there could have been a real problem. She said that if she does map quest, map blast or yahoo directions to her street do not come up. If the town does go to shared services she would appreciate changing her street name.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle - Mr. Snyder said that the attorney said that he was getting documents about one month ago and asked if anything had been done with the information concerning Exit 171? The mayor did say that the Council talked in Closed Session about litigation and the Council President asked that the mayor not discuss this type of subject matter. Mr. Snyder said that he was sure that 99% of residents would not object to legal action concerning Exit 171. He talked about the risk of litigation but said that this is a must situation. He said that the Highway Authority already started construction of Exit 168. He then talked about the cell tower. He said he talked to the corporate office of Verizon and asked how long it would take to put up a tower after approvals. He said that he didn't want to go into the first quarter of 2012 and still not have the cell tower resolved. He said that the town could be making \$4000 per month. Verizon can't wait to get involved. The time line looks like we will be going into 1st quarter of 2012. He said he is tired of hearing that we don't have all the information yet and is sure that residents are also tired of hearing this. He asked about the \$500 that other towns are giving their police chief to do a study about dispatching. Mr. Goetz said that the Council was not aware of the meeting with the six police chiefs until they read it in the newspaper. Mayor Sobkowicz said that the chiefs are having a meeting in town hall on Thursday to discuss the issue in the Senior Center. Mr. Snyder asked

about the bus shelter. Mayor Sobkowicz said that it will be fixed even though the person who hit the shelter is from New Hampshire and does not have insurance. The final question was about the dead trees on Seasons property. Mr. Snyder was told by Mayor Sobkowicz that Mr. Tucker talked to Seasons and that the trees will be taken down.

Toni Plantamaura-Rossi, 808 Robinwood Road - Said that she has lived on Robinwood Road since 1956. It is a calamity there. She said that this morning everyone was cutting through Robinwood Road. She said that she cannot make a left-hand turn out of her road and it is almost as hard to make a right-hand turn because of cars speeding down the hill. She said that it seems that Woodcliff Lake's money is greener than our money. She said that they think they are better than us. Said she was sick of it. Mayor Sobkowicz said that this morning there was an accident and that is why there was so much traffic. Mrs. Rossi talked about her quality of life. She also talked about the shopping center and that it was in very bad shape. She felt that the property values were going down. She said that everyone should send a letter to Woodcliff Lake about opening the exit. She said it was all about the money. As for the cell tower she did not think that the town should put up a cell tower for health reasons. She said that she was a police officer. She said that she didn't want to pay higher taxes. She went on to talk about the new high school fields. She said they look pretty but are of no use. She said that academics are a lot more important than sports.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard - Talked about Ordinance #11-15, CCO, and asked about the \$200 fee. She said that includes 2 inspections. She wanted to know what happens if there is only 1 inspection. She talked about having a good attorney when you buy a house and you would know if everything was O.K. She said that the residents are not ATM machines. She read from a piece of literature from the last campaign stated that the town seemed to be going in the right direction. She said that she didn't think so. The township is taking money out of the pockets of the residents. She said that she did not know why people have to pay for a new roof for their house. She said that the town is taking too much out of the tax payers.

Bill Thomson, 560 Hoover Avenue - He said that he understood that the Mayor runs the administrative side of the Township. He said that a letter was brought in and dated and signed by the Deputy Clerk for Mr. Tucker. There are certain situations in District 6 that are a shambles. He talked about the house on Ridgewood Boulevard North, Ed Bonner, and how long do residents have to look at a hole in the ground. Talked about the fact that the house was burned down and then how long it took to knock it down. He asked if the town had no recourse as to what could be done to the property owner. He asked Mr. Poller if the town could require someone to build a house after a fire. He was told that if the property violated an ordinance then the town could do something about it, but that the towns couldn't order someone to build a house back on the property. Mr. Thomson said that he did not think that residents should be made to look at the mess and, if it is allowed, then the town should lower property taxes in the area. He then asked about a small lot next to Aiello on Ridgewood Boulevard North and who owns the lot. He was told the town and he then stated that the Township should not be one of the main violators of their own town laws concerning the upkeep of the property. He talked about a small panel commercial vehicle parked on the sidewalk on Ridgewood Boulevard North every day. He also said that on Edison and Ridgewood Boulevard North there is a house that has a car on it with no license plate and has

another car on the same property with 4 flat tires. Mr. Thomson said that the administration would have to be blind not to see all these problems. He then asked about Exit 168 and whether we knew about how many accidents there are at the exit. The mayor told him that the town was aware of all the accidents and that the Township had a great deal of problems in that area. She said that at certain times she also has to call out state troupers to help with accidents. He said that there seems to be a lot of problems in this community and somebody needs to do something about them.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue - He asked if the bid has been awarded for the new generator and was told that 5 bids came in and that they are still being looked at by 2 electricians. When they make a recommendation she will decide which company will be awarded the bid and then bring it to the Council for their approval. Mr. Ullman said that the town was getting a diesel generator and that they only run for 48 hours of continuous operation. He said that during an emergency we will not be the only town calling for diesel fuel and also asked how the town was going to get the fuel to the generator. Mayor Sobkowicz said that the town would have to put the generator on a truck and bring it For fuel. He said that his recommendation was to look at a natural gas generator. He said that you wouldn't have a dependency on outside companies with natural gas. He said that during Hurricane Irene certain service stations were not open. He said that if you are using diesel fuel that the town would have to look for fuel service. He then asked about the purchase of the washer and dryer for the fire department. He wanted to know if it was being used and Dr. Cascio said that that it was not hooked up yet. Mr. Ullman asked why it was not hooked up and whether there was an expense involved with hooking it up. He could not understand why it has taken 4 or 5 months. Mr. Goetz said that he did not have an answer and that he was not noticed about any added expense. Mr. D'Urso said that it has been over a year. Mr. D'Urso said that there was a discussion when the fire department first came to the town but it was then decided that the money should be spent. He said that since the town purchased the hardware that the expense to hook it up should have been incorporated into the purchase. Mr. Hrbek said that he too felt that the generator should be natural gas. Mr. Ullman asked about maintenance at Memorial Field. He was told that the town outsources the cutting and field maintenance. The public hearing on the open space grant tonight is for improvements to Memorial Field such as playground equipment, scoreboard and basketball court.

William Ferrara, 2556 Cleveland Avenue - He said that he has been coming to meetings and has heard about process of a shared service agreement. He stated that the town has been working on shared services for about a year. Dr. Cascio said that he has been working about 1 ½ years on this subject with Westwood and Hillsdale. The meetings have been about shared services in general and dispatching. Said that the group looked into Northwest and the County facility in Mahwah, which is a new state of the art 911 dispatching center. There has been serious negotiation for the last six months. Dr. Cascio said that he was made aware by a newspaper reporter two weeks ago that 6 municipal police chiefs of Township of Washington, Westwood, Hillsdale, River Vale, Old Tappan and Emerson had formed a committee to look at a central dispatch in the old Old Tappan police headquarters. Mayor Birkner of Westwood confirmed the meeting. We also learned from the newspaper article that the chiefs requested \$500 per municipality to pay for a consultant to look at the site in Old Tappan to set up a command

center there. Most of the other towns authorized the money. He said that he learned during the course of this meeting that our Mayor authorized the \$500. He said that there is a meeting scheduled this Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in our senior center and that is when he would learn more about this study. Dr. Cascio said that he did not pay anything for the study he did. Mayor Sobkowitz said she learned about the study at a Mayor's meeting. She said that the mayors' feels that there is no harm in doing research. Police feel that they have 2 or 3 options. We could go to Northwest, County or any other option that the police are looking into. She said that she would learn more after Thursday also. Mr. Ferrara then asked about the new generator. He said that he understood that the town went out for bonding for this generator in 2008. He asked if the town could put controls to make sure that something is done when the town goes out for bonding. Mr. Hrbek said that you can't put time restraints, but you can put a time limit. Mr. Ferrara said that if you drive east to the overpass at Exit 168 you can look to the right and see the guardrail in the winter. Would like the town to ask the Highway Authority to cut down the trees so you can see better all year.

There being no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Dr. Cascio to close the Public Discussion.
Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz
Nays: None

PUBLIC HEARING – OPEN SPACE GRANT

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to open the Public Hearing.
Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz
Nays: None

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue - Asked if the Open Space Grant was a matching grant and was told yes. He asked about the Master Plan for the fields and asked how the town was going to use the money in light of not having a full understanding of how we are going to use the space. Mr. Goetz said that the town is going out for a master plan for all the fields in Township of Washington. Mr. Goetz said that the town would have a plan in place in a timely fashion. Mayor Sobkowitz said that the town will not even know if we will be getting the money until next year. She said that by that time the town will have a plan. Mr. Goetz said that the town is going ahead with the approval of trying to get the grant. The council has the say on how the money will be used.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard - Asked if the money will be used only for Memorial Field and she was told yes. Mr. Hrbek then said that before the money could be spent that the council would still have another vote ahead of them. Mr. D'Urso agreed that the Council would have another vote and that Memorial Field is a disaster. We will not be spending any money until we have a plan.

There being no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to close the Public Hearing.
Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz
Nays: None

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Dr. Cascio to approve the resolution as previously approved on September 26, 2011.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: Councilperson D'Urso

ORDINANCE

The Clerk read Ordinance 11-15 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUED OCCUPANCY.

At this point there was a discussion about tabling the ordinance and it was explained to the Council that they should go ahead with the public hearing to hear what the residents wanted and then to discuss further at a later date and just not vote on the ordinance this evening.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Goetz to introduce and pass Ordinance 11-15 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz

Nays: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Hrbek

The following resolution was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Goetz.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz

Nays: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Hrbek

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 11-12 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUED OCCUPANCY be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Dr. D'Urso to open the public hearing.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: Councilperson Beckmeyer

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard - Said that she wanted to reiterate about why it should cost so much money for this permit. Furthermore she felt that it was just to put money in the town coffers. Houses are going down in value and residents are taxed to the hilt. Said that the amount should be lower than \$200 especially if it is for 2 inspections. She said that all a person has to do to sell their house is to follow state law by having a fire extinguisher and carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. She said that she did not feel that the town had to have all these permits. She said the lawyers have to do their job and the home inspection person will do their job. The home inspection report costs about \$300. Mr. Goetz talked about his knowledge of sellers needing CCO's when they sell their houses. He said the CCO is an added protection for the buyer. This way they will know if there are any open permits on a house and whether there are any fines or outstanding fees. Without a CCO, a new owner is then responsible. Mrs. D'Ambra was told that the seller pays the fee. Mr. Goetz said that there are pros and cons to CCO's. Mr. Goetz read off of a list of all the towns in the area that have CCO's. We are one of the few towns that do have CCO inspections. Mr. D'Urso stated that he has done work on his house three different times in the last 15 years and the last time he went for a permit he was told that he had outstanding permits. He was able to find the tags that had the approvals on them and brought them to the building department. It seems that the approvals were not put in the books. He said that the Council is trying to protect the new buyer. Need to table the ordinance after the public hearing to discuss further.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle - Stated that he was a professional realtor. He agreed with Mr. D'Urso but stated that he did not think that condos should be involved. He said that there are 600 units of condos in this town. He stated that there are 124 units where he lives in the Commons. Explained about condo boards and said that there wouldn't be an open permit in the condos. He did say that he does suggest that his clients see if there are open permits. He talked about how he came here from Upper Saddle River. He said that he felt that taxes in Township of Washington are forcing people not to move to the Township. He said that he felt bad for seniors in Township of Washington. Mr. Poller stated that he did not agree with Mr. Snyder. He said that condos are individually owned and that he doesn't feel that there is any difference between a condo and a single family home. Condos can have permits out for basements, electrical work, plumbing work, etc. The inspection would show if there are still permits outstanding. Mr. Snyder said that the Township should think a little bit more about the residents. Mayor Sobkowitz stated that she didn't think that the taxes in the Township are higher than a lot of other towns. Said that she thinks the taxes are lower than Westwood. Mr. Snyder talked about Westwood and how it has become the second best restaurant row in the area. The Township only has a shopping center that is destroying the neighborhood. Mr. Goetz said that the Council can discuss lowering the fee. He did say that because of foreclosures the CCO inspection is more important. Dr. Cascio said that he was just involved with a personal situation. Someone in Washington pond was selling and it was found out that there were 6 open permits. The owner replaced the common roof, sliding door, windows, etc.

Peter Calamari, 28 Gabriel Way - Asked how much the town was going to regulate. Feels that at some point, the resident should be responsible.

There being no more comments or questions, a motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Cascio to closed the public portion
Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Casio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz
Nays: None

It was then moved on a motion by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to further discuss the certificate of continued occupancy at the Conference Session on November 1, 2011 and call for a vote on November 21, 2011.
Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz
Nays: None

The Clerk read Ordinance 11-16 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL MANUAL.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Goetz to introduce and pass Ordinance 11-16 at second reading by title.
Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz
Nays: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Hrbek

The following resolution was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio.
Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz
Nays: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Hrbek

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 11-16 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL MANUAL be

read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to open the public hearing.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: Councilperson Beckmeyer

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard - Mrs. D'Ambra asked if the personnel manual includes job descriptions. Mr. D'Urso stated that he has the manuals from 2006, 2008 and 2010. On page 9 of the 2010 manual it talks about job description policy. He said that something he doesn't understand is the vacation time. He asked Mrs. Do if you don't take your vacation do you loose it and she said yes. Mr. D'Urso said that that was not in writing. `` He said that it seems that it is not the Council's business but it had been presented to the Council in the past and wanted to know if changes could be made without Council being informed. Mayor Sobkowicz said that JIF originally told the town that it needed a personnel manual. Mayor Sobkowicz said that she would be glad to discuss the manual and has several ideas she is working on that the Council could approve which deals with medical coverage for new employees only. Mayor Sobkowicz said that she doesn't understand why the Council should pass the ordinance. Mr. Goetz stated that he felt that the Council should get a change to see a new manual before further discussing the ordinance. Mrs. D'Ambra stated that job descriptions in the personnel manual could be a problem since someone could say that they didn't have to do a job if it was not in their job description.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle - Said that he again agreed with Mr. D'Urso about personnel manual. In corporate life, people can do various jobs. The job descriptions should be in the personnel manual. He talked about having layers of employees so that they could cover for each other. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that there were no layers in town hall as we had only a small amount of workers. She said that there is a team approach to what people do at town hall. Mr. Goetz said that the Council could give the personnel manual a fresh set of eyes. Mr. Hrbek asked if JIF has to review the personnel manual and was told no. Mr. Snyder then talked about the fact that you would need 22 pages for job descriptions. It was suggested that a subject outline of what the duties are could be incorporated into the manual.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue - He said that he did not think it was clear if job descriptions are included or not included. He said that a couple of months ago he inquired about the fact that everyone gets the same raise. In the corporate world a raise is given against performance and responsibilities. Also has to do with transparency and what they are responsible for. Feels that job descriptions should be part of the manual. He also asked if the manual includes gaps that exist. He questioned about someone quitting for a day, a month or a year and whether when they come back do they start new or just continue from where they left off. He said that it was something the Council could look into to close gaps in the personnel manual. Also then Council could see if there are changes if the ordinance goes through. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that over the years the town has tried to make adjustments. Because the way government goes, it would be a good idea for merit raises. Some people work harder than others. The town has never been overly generous. The personnel manual is updated if JIF sends up updates like the motorcycle directive that was added to the personnel manual recently. The manual is a work in progress. Talked about a repast that prompted a change in

the personnel manual about 2 years ago and how the employee's family would not accept the repast and then it was taken out. Mr. Ullman said that he understood that there are constant changes, but at some point the town has to draw a line in the sand. The residents should know and understand what you pay the town clerk to do and the CFO. I feel that the Council should be focusing on job descriptions. This would set a course for the measurement of what people are paid. Mr. Goetz said that Council does not have a say in the personnel manual. Mr. Goetz feels that at least there should be a paragraph about job descriptions. He said that if something is changed about a responsibility in a job, that it could be added to the job description in the personnel manual. Mr. Goetz said that he would like to see what is changed in the manual. Mr. Beckmeyer said that he was all for job descriptions in the personnel manual. He did say that he did not like the fact that the Council should have to vote on it. He said he thought that it should be a policy, not an ordinance. He said that he did think that the Council should receive a copy of any changed. Mr. Beckmeyer stated that the mayor has certain jobs and the Council has other jobs. We do have to watch that the mayor is doing everything right. He said that he didn't mind getting copies but didn't think that the Council should vote.

There being no more comments or questions, a motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to close the public portion
Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Casio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz
Nays: None

It was then moved on a motion by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to further discuss the approval of Personnel Manual at the Conference Session on November 1, 2011 and call for a vote on November 21, 2011. The Council wanted to see the changes that the mayor is making for administrative personnel.
Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz
Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Number 7, 8, 9 and 10 were taken off the Consent Agenda.

Numbers 7 (Amendment and Restatement of Section 125 Cafeteria Plan – Mrs. Do said that the town is required to offer full time salaried employees a flexible spending account. It is requested not to exceed \$2000.00. It is like a credit card and if someone goes to the doctor the \$10 co-pay is taken out of the account. The employees can even buy medical supplies and have it reduced by those dollars. They will lose whatever money is left in the account at the end of the year. It is like putting money against EZ Pass. Stated that she hoped no one would take it as it is a great deal of extra work. The only benefit is that it is pretaxed. We already had the 125 Cafeteria plan. It is costly to register and they charge for every transaction. There is a meeting for Mrs. Do and Rosemary Cunningham on October 25 to learn more about the plan and then there is a meeting for the employees on October 31, 2011. The Council was told that there are only 2 companies that have the plan. One company is in Connecticut and the other company is located in New Jersey so Mrs. Do would be using the New Jersey firm.

Number 8 (Director of Health Department) – Mr. Goetz said that he would have liked some background information in reference to the

appointment of the health director. He said that he had no idea who this person is and whether they even live in the Township. The Council should have information in advance in order to make an informed decision. We shouldn't just be given the name of the resident. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the Jean Covello is a long-time member of the health board and very active on the health board. Was an important part of H1N1 program last year and even worked for the municipality as a nurse for a period of time. The former director did an excellent job but had an opportunity to move to Park Ridge to her parent's home. The mayor said that if the Council wanted a resume that she would get one. Dr. Cascio said that Mrs. Covello is one of the most qualified persons for the position. He has known her for a long time and she has an extensive background in nursing. He said that he felt very comfortable with Mrs. Covello. Mr. Goetz thanked the mayor and Dr. Cascio and stated that he did not have a problem with the appointment after hearing about all of her qualifications. He said he wished he would have seen these attached to the resolution so that he did not have to pull the resolution. Mayor Sobkowicz read the letter of appointment for Jean Covello and said that the appointment was with the advice and consent of the Council and expires 12/31/13.

Number 9 and Number 10 (2 CD Block Grant Proposals for Seniors) – Mayor Sobkowicz stated that the one CD block grant was for a TV in the senior room. The TV is not working and another TV was donated but it also doesn't work. The second CD block grant was for money to make the entrance to town hall and the senior center ADA compliant. Mr. D'Urso said that the Council had talked about this before. Mr. Beckmeyer said that he questions whether the town can have the doors open out and have room to move a wheelchair through or a walker. Mayor Sobkowicz said that the people the town have talked to agree that there is no problem.

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: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Brian and Maria Kuchenmeister posted engineering and soil movement escrow on premises know as Block 4501, Lot 5, 165 Honeysuckle Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated October 4, 2011, C.O. No. 07-227;

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated September 29, 2011.

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 \$289.00 to the above.

WHEREAS, James Esposito posted engineering escrow on premises know as Block 3104, Lot 28, 639 McKinley Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated October 4, 2011, C.O. No. 11-234;

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated October 4, 2011.

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 \$510.00 to the above.

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received for Block 2101, Lot 8, Qualifier C035A, former homeowner Estate of Marie Prezioso and current owner, Arthur and Mary Ann Cumming, for the 4th^d quarter 2010. Said property was awarded a tax reduction due to a successful tax appeal. It is necessary to pro rate the credit due the former owner, Estate of Marie Prezioso.

WHEREAS, under the N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, in the event a taxpayer is successful in an appeal from a reduced assessment, the taxing district shall refund any excess taxes paid, and:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer, Jacqueline Do, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Estate of Marie Prezioso
c/o Carole Saunders
52 Corey Lane, Mendham, NJ 07945

Total Refund: \$ 1427.87

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Tax Board reduced the assessment for Block 1302, Lot 3, 460 Van Emburgh Avenue, owners James and Kelly Golden for tax year 2011. Tax account is being serviced by Wells Fargo. As a result of this judgment 4th^d quarter 2011 tax payment was overpaid and;

WHEREAS, under the New Jersey Statute 54:3-27.2, refund of excess taxes is to be refunded to homeowner;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer, Jacqueline Do, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Services, LLC
Attention: Financial Support Unit-Region 1
MAC#X2302-04D
Des Moines, IA 50328

TOTAL: \$153.83

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Tax Board reduced the assessment for Block 3212, Lot 33, 624 Colonial Blvd., owner Islam H. Awad for tax year 2011. Tax account is being serviced by Corelogic. As a result of this judgment 4th quarter 2011 tax payment was overpaid and;

WHEREAS, under the New Jersey Statute 54:3-27.2, refund of excess taxes is to be refunded to homeowner;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer, Jacqueline Do, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Corelogic
Attention: Tax Refunds
1 Corelogic Drive
Mail Code: DFW 1-3
Westlake, TX 76202

TOTAL: \$551.92

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY RATIFYING

AND CONFIRMING THE SALE OF AN OFFERING OF \$3,275,000
GENERAL BONDS OF 2011 OF THE TOWNSHIP

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, in the County of Berge, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The award of Jacqueline Do, as the Chief Financial Officer of The Township of Washington, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Township"), of the offering of \$3,275,000 General Bonds of 2011 (the "Bonds"), of the Township, dated the date of delivery, to Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC, as the low bidder therefore, at the net interest of 2.030996% per annum and at the price of \$3,361,695.50 is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed in every respect. The Bonds were awarded pursuant to authority of the resolution of the governing body of the Township adopted September 12, 2011 and entitled: "Resolution determining the form and other details of \$3,275,000 General Bonds of 2011 of the Township of Washington, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey and providing for their sale".

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Washington wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$4,469 in 2011 - 2012 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Citizen Activities at the Jack Woods Senior Center, 350 Hudson Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council hereby authorizes Mayor Janet Sobkowicz, to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Lilly Chin to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and 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 Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

This resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Washington at a meeting on October 17, 2011.

Raffle License #824 for JCC was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington.

Raffle License #825 for Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has adopted Section 125 Cafeteria Plan (hereinafter, the "Plan") of the Internal Revenue Code in order to enable its Employees to choose between qualified benefits under the Plan on a tax-excludable basis and/or taxable cash compensation as well as receive reimbursement for certain unreimbursed medical expenses and/or certain dependent care expenses known as Flexible Spending Account (FSA); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington desires to amend and restate the Plan to reflect changes made under the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington hereby approves the amendment and restatement of the Plan effective as of January 1, 2012;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Washington is authorized and directed to take any and all action as may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Council hereby consents to the appointment of Jeanne Covello, Director of the Health Department of the Township of Washington, as read by Mayor So9bkowicz, to serve an unexpired term ending 12/31/13.

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$1,100 has been proposed by the Township of Washington for a TV in the Jack Woods Senior Center in the municipality of the Township of Washington; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$10,333.80 has been proposed by the Township of Washington for ADA Compliant Barrier Free Automatic Door Openers for the municipality's front entrance and senior center in the Township of Washington; and

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

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

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

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

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

Mary Ann Ozment, Township Clerk

Fred Goetz, Council President