

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

**PUBLIC PORTION/CONFERENCE SESSION**

**October 20, 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 Vice President Peter Calamari with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steve Cascio, Richard Hrbek, Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Matthew Cavallo, Administrator. Absent: Thomas Sears, Councilman.

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**

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to approve the October 6, 2014, 2014 Public & Conference Session Minutes. (Hrbek Abstain)

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Calamari.

Nays: None.

**GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

**Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place** – Mr. Bernroth states that he is happy to say that his driveway is going to be fixed so it conforms to the road. Mr. Bernroth would like to know what is the status of getting the signs that say “State Law You Must Stop for Pedestrians at Crossings”. Mr. Calamari states he knows Mr. Sears was working with the police department on it and Mr. Sears didn’t leave Mr. Calamari an update on it. Mr. Calamari will leave a note for Mr. Sears to follow up on that at the next meeting. Mr. Bernroth would like to see those signs since every other town has them.

**Rosa D’Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard** – Mrs. D’Ambra spoke of Colonial Boulevard, that there is speeding in that area and Mrs. D’Ambra would like to see more 25 miles per hour limit signs in that area, since there is only one sign at the beginning of Ridgewood Road and the other end of Colonial. Mrs. D’Ambra states since the area is being paved, once the street becomes smoother the cars are going to go faster. Mrs. D’Ambra states since there is leaf pick up, and the Township pays Paramus \$18,000 a year to clean the streets twice a year, wouldn’t it be a better idea to have the streets cleaned before there is snow on the ground. Mrs. D’Ambra believes we need our streets cleaned more often. Mrs. D’Ambra states with regard to OPRA fees, the Township cannot go above the state law, meaning if the state law is five cents per page, the Township can’t go above that. Mrs. D’Ambra also would like to know why this is being checked into, is it due to more OPRA Requests. Mr. Calamari states his understanding is if someone puts in an OPRA Request that will take an extraordinary amount of time to fulfill, if it should take ten hours to fulfill a request and then getting 5 cents per page to fulfill the OPRA Request. Mr. D’Ambra states it is her understanding no matter how large the OPRA Request is, it needs to be filled. Mrs. D’Ambra asks would this be an hourly charge, not per paper. Mr. Calamari states it is up for discussion tonight, it would be to guard against people flooding the office with OPRA Requests that could take a lot of time, as long as the Township is within the state rules, we may decide to eventually put an ordinance in to allow to charge

for a request that takes longer than the average amount of time. Mrs. D'Ambra asks would that be an issue with regard to transparency. Mr. Calamari states he doesn't think so, if it is available we will make it available. Mr. Calamari states in his opinion he does not agree that all the taxpayers should pay the salary of whoever the person is that is fulfilling the request, that is his opinion and that is why this subject is up for discussion. Mrs. D'Ambra would like to know what is happening with the VFW building. Mr. Calamari states that is what we will be discussing when we move into the Conference Session of the meeting. Mrs. D'Ambra states regarding the turf, when the leaves and acorns start falling, the turf will be in disrepair. Mrs. D'Ambra states at the March 2012 council meeting the members of the sports committee revealed their plan to resurface Memorial Field with turf for the benefit of one park only, bonded for 15 years at 2.3 million dollars. In April of 2012, MKW Associates, a firm paid by the council to develop a Master Plan for 3 fields in town, Gardner, Sherry and Memorial Field. Mrs. D'Ambra would like to know if Mr. Calamari knows how much this firm was paid in 2012 for their services. Mr. Calamari states off hand he does not know. Mr. D'Ambra states all the fields need an update, they are in bad shape. Mrs. D'Ambra states that Mr. Spezial and Mr. Twomey are only directing their focus on Memorial Field, plus Mr. Beckmeyer is a football coach and Mrs. D'Ambra believes that Mr. Beckmeyer should recuse himself from voting on anything. Mr. Beckmeyer states he disagrees with that since he is a volunteer, he does not get paid by the Township or Borough, it is on his own free will and his own time. Mr. Beckmeyer further states that he does believe he has the expertise in the field of engineering and artificial turf field, that he has supervised the installations. Mr. Beckmeyer disagrees with Mrs. D'Ambra wholeheartedly that he should recuse himself. Mr. Beckmeyer will direct this to the attorney, since it is only his opinion. Mrs. D'Ambra states in the 1970's the parks were run by Mr. Lombardo and the parks and streets were done by him and maybe there were 9 men on the road department. Mrs. D'Ambra would like to know why the road department can't do that again. Mrs. D'Ambra understands they are picking up the grass; it is because we don't have enough men. Mr. Calamari can't comment on that at this time.

**David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle** – Mr. Snyder would like to know if Mr. Poller has a reply to a question Mr. Snyder previously asked with regard to the cell tower. Mr. Poller states the equipment is on and it is expected to go voice this Thursday. Mr. Snyder is pleased to hear about the future plantings at the entrances to the Township on the beautification. Mayor Sobkowicz states the administrator is working on that, he is working on signage and plantings. Mr. Snyder asks if it will be this calendar year, being 2014. Administrator Cavallo states he believes it will be in the beginning of 2015. Mr. Snyder states with regard to the turf, and this came across the national news, there was some cancer causing situations across the United States with black pellets. Mr. Beckmeyer states that was never proved. Mr. Snyder states he is not against it, but would like to make this aware, do the pellets come up. Mr. Beckmeyer, it looks like a shag carpet and when someone is running, some pellets do come up. Mr. Snyder these were soccer teams that have had some instances of cancer. Mr. Beckmeyer states, this is his opinion, he is not a doctor, but so many of these fields have been installed over the years and there is an unfortunate situation that some goalies on soccer teams did come down with cancer. Mr. Beckmeyer states it was not proven that it was from the turf, there are tens of thousands of fields like this throughout the country and millions of kids are playing on them. Mr. Snyder spoke of the grant in Bergen County for bike lanes; it would be great on Pascack Road to provide a bike lane and also crosswalks at the same time. Mr. Snyder asked if the bridal shop is considered commercial. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is residential. Mr. Snyder hates to see a 124 townhouse development have a commercial part bordering the property. Mr. Snyder did see the ReMax sign that stated it was commercial. Mayor

Sobkowicz states that sign came down. Administrator Cavallo states that yes, the zone is residential; they did have a use variance for the bridal shop itself. Administrator Cavallo further states once the owner vacated the property, zoning will state the variance is vacated; the next owner would have to go to the appropriate board to apply for a new variance if they decided to have a business there. Administrator Cavallo did contact the realtor and the sign did come down. Mr. Snyder the gas station, does anyone know what is the status of that eyesore. Administrator Cavallo states there are construction plans, nothing has moved forward yet. There are permits issued. Administrator Cavallo was in contact with the responsible party for the property to deal with the overgrown weeds and stuff. Administrator Cavallo states the Township is completely out of it now, they are getting construction permits. It is the understanding from Administrator Cavallo they only need to do one improvement a year to keep their permit open. Mr. Snyder spoke of the trees that are down by Seasons, coming down Washington on the left hand side. Mr. Snyder believes someone should ask the owner of Season's to remove those trees, it is an eyesore.

**Fred Goetz, 587 Washington Avenue** – Mr. Goetz would like the administrator know with regard to an issue on Wayne Place with leaves, and it is also the same issue with snow and trying to fit three lanes of traffic there. Mr. Goetz states even though the website tells residents not to put their leaves out, they do. Mr. Goetz would like the Administrator to have the DPW go check it out. Administrator Cavallo replies he will. Mr. Goetz would like to know who drafted the agenda for tonight, more specifically the ordinances and resolutions on there, was that the clerk or the attorney. Mr. Calamari states off hand he does not know, since Mr. Sears was here until Thursday. Mr. Poller states the clerk drafts them. Mr. Goetz asks if the clerk gets advice from the attorney when the agendas or ordinances are being drafted. Mr. Poller replies once in a while. Mr. Goetz asks with regard to these particular ones tonight, did the clerk ask the attorney for any advice or did the clerk ask the records council or the New Jersey Clerk's Association for guidance with regard to this. Administrator Cavallo states with regard to the two introduction ordinances that are here tonight, they came out of the administrator's office. Administrator Cavallo states he did speak to the council on each one separately before the meeting and then there were sent to the attorney for final review and put on the agenda. Mr. Goetz states it seems to be that everything that is being drafted and was on the agenda two weeks ago, there was time to correct it, it seems to be contrary to the whole purpose of the Open Public Meetings Act, since there was no reintroduction or republishing so that the public can come out and speak for or against an ordinance. Mr. Goetz states it can't be a minor change if there is a resolution, motion or an ordinance to make a change. Mr. Goetz would ask that council consider going back and re-advertise re-introducing the salary ordinance. Mr. Goetz states that Mr. Calamari was quoted in the paper that 90% of the people Mr. Calamari spoke with were in favor of turfing Memorial Field. Mr. Calamari states that is correct, yes. Mr. Goetz how many that was approximate. Mr. Calamari states 18 to 20. Mr. Goetz so in town of 9000 people, talking about maybe  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the population. Mr. Calamari states it was not a town wide survey. Mr. Goetz states with regard to Memorial Field, when Mr. Goetz was familiar with the numbers, the maintenance of Memorial Field numbers were \$11,000 to \$13,000 per year, where are the number of \$150,000, \$160,000, \$115,000 and all of these different numbers coming from. Mr. Goetz states the actual maintenance of the field, cutting the grass and putting down the chemicals, that is \$11,000 to \$13,000 per year. Mr. Goetz states is there something he is missing, because there is no way those numbers are even close to accurate. Mr. Goetz would like to know exactly how those numbers were added up. Mr. Calamari did not bring anything with him concerning the finances or maintenance. Mr. Calamari believes the last number Administrator Cavallo was costing about \$106,000

per year to maintain the field. Mr. Calamari will provide Mr. Goetz a breakdown of the amount. Mr. Goetz states if we are talking about changing the field itself, numbers that include picking up of the garbage should not be included, or maintaining the parking lot, or maintaining the pavilion or healthcare for employees. Mr. Goetz believes the numbers are \$100,000 off of what they should be. Mr. Goetz asked with regard to Best Practices wasn't it due October 17<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Cavallo states yes they were. Mr. Goetz asks why are we late Administrator Cavallo states they were submitted. Mr. Goetz asks doesn't the council have to review them before they go to the State. Administrator Cavallo states the State of New Jersey states Best Practices do not have to be discussed with council prior to being submitted, we did have to indicate the date they were going to be discussed, which is October 20<sup>th</sup>, they don't have to be approved by the council before submitted. Mr. Goetz understands that, wouldn't it be wise if the governing body is familiar with the practices they are governing by and whether there can be improvements. Administrator Cavallo states before they were submitted, the Mayor and himself did meet with the Council President and the Council Vice-President to go over it, to brief them before tonight's meeting. Mr. Goetz since we don't treasurer, who was it prepared by. Administrator Cavallo replies that it was prepared by himself, and the acting CFO who is also the acting treasurer.

**Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place** – Mrs. Ozment spoke of the fact on the agenda it is states DPW, when it should be DMF, since the Township is not a borough. Mrs. Ozment would like to know why there is a patch on Hoover Avenue. Administrator Cavallo there was a water main break. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the last time there was a major road program and two weeks after the road was put in there was a break and now there is another one. Mrs. Ozment states the Mayor should be doing something with the water company since this has been going on for years. Mrs. Ozment states the reason the streets are in bad shape is because there are all of these openings by United Water. Mrs. Ozment spoke of all the streets that have had water main problems. Mrs. Ozment states the Mayor should be meeting with the water company and doing something about it since the Township is spending this money in putting in roads and we open the roads. Mrs. Ozment states she has been asking what roads are going to be on the new road program and the Mayor is asking the council for the streets, since when does the council decide what streets need to be done. Mrs. Ozment states that if someone has a friend that recommends a street, and that street gets put on and Mr. Beckmeyer has a friend that is not right. Mrs. Ozment states there should be an engineering report. Mayor Sobkowicz states she did not ask the council for roads, they can submit names if they would like to. Mayor Sobkowicz further states that we have an engineer who is going to do a total study of every road in this Township, on a spreadsheet. Mrs. Ozment states that she has heard from a birdie that the person who is our Certified Public Works Manager is retiring, is the council aware of this. Mr. Calamari states he is not, but Mrs. Ozment is hearing it from word of mouth, so Mr. Calamari states it is not official. Mrs. Ozment it was from a very reliable source, this person is retiring the beginning of January. Administrator Cavallo states we have not received his letter in writing as of yet. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the tax sale that is going on, and the tax collector is the clerk, it seems the clerk telephone number is in the newspaper article for a tax sale, which Mrs. Ozment believes is not right. Mrs. Ozment spoke of an ad in the League of Municipalities it was for a Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer. Mrs. Ozment would like to know why the Township is advertising for a Deputy Treasurer. Administrator Cavallo states the Deputy Treasurer is retiring December 31<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Ozment states the only person in finance that knows anything is retiring, that is a bad situation. Mrs. Ozment spoke of Judy Curran, who is the temporary CFO/Treasurer, what is the situation. Mayor Sobkowicz she is temporary. Mrs. Ozment would like to know how long a person can be temporary. Mayor Sobkowicz replies two years.

Mrs. Ozment would like to know what is wrong with Julia Court, since it is a new street. Administrator Cavallo states the storm water retention system under the roadway has a compaction issue; the roadway in the center is sinking. Administrator Cavallo states the ordinance that is on right now is to fund the repair to the roadway, which is a public roadway. Mrs. Ozment asks if someone can contact the developer. Administrator Cavallo states he is looking into it, but the roadway needs to be repaired. Mrs. Ozment asks how long is there going to be no parking in the commuter lot. Mr. Calamari states his understanding is a couple of days. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the signs that are up for Town Day and the DMF putting up the signs. Mrs. Ozment states that School Street off of Jackson also has leaves along the road, and now the parents of Washington School are parking there, there is no place to park and no sidewalks there. Mrs. Ozment states that area the leaves need to be picked up constantly. Mr. Calamari indicates to Mrs. Ozment that her time is up. Mrs. Ozment states to Mr. Calamari when he was sitting in the audience last year, Mr. Calamari was saying it was not fair when his time was up, and now Mr. Calamari is telling people that five minutes is up.

**Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue** – Mr. Ullman would like an explanation of Resolution #14-191 cancellation of capital ordinances, have these been bonded and are these monies in the balance sheet of the Township at the current time. Mayor Sobkowicz states this is a project that she wanted to do for some time and the Mayor did ask Administrator Cavallo to tackle this with her. Mayor Sobkowicz and Administrator Cavallo went back to 1989 and went through every single ordinance from 1989 to the present. Mayor Sobkowicz states that \$335,752.00 of ordinances were unfunded, which means that if we cancel them out, it will automatically lower the Township's debt by that figure. Mayor Sobkowicz explained that \$276,722.00 were funded, but that money was not used towards purchasing something and if they are canceled that money will go into capital surplus fund, which means if we want to reduce the debt with that money we can, or we can purchase items, but we don't have to through bonding, we can just introduce an ordinance and purchase through the ordinance. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is a way for us to take a picture of what our debt at this point, lowering the debt or to pay cash for things if we want or to lower debt we already have, gives us quite a few options. Mr. Ullman states with regard to Ordinances 96-4 or 97-10 for \$58,000.00, it is possible that the balance was funded, and that interest was paid, paid the principal. Mr. Ullman states the residents of this town have been paying this for so long and now it is decided to cancel it. Mr. Ullman does not understand how there can be something that is 20 something years old and nothing was ever done with the money. Administrator Cavallo states when he met with Gary Vinci, of the auditor's office, Mr. Vinci advised Administrator Cavallo this was something that he had been asking the CFO to do for years, this should be done on a yearly basis. Mr. Ullman so since 1996, this is something that should have been done every year and it has not been done, whose been watching this. Administrator Cavallo cannot answer that question since he was not here. Mr. Ullman can't understand, we are paying bond anticipation notes, long term funding this money is never used, it sits in the coffers and then it is cancelled and there is surplus. Mr. Ullman we have a temporary CFO, and a temporary Treasurer what is going on. Mr. Calamari can't explain what has happened in previous years, my tenor on the council is this year but Mr. Calamari is happy that the mayor and the administrator are looking into it at this time. Mr. Ullman thinks this is a disgrace, it is great Mr. Cavallo is looking at it now, but there were people for the past 20 years who could have been and should have been and have been paid to look at this and haven't been looking at it. Mr. Ullman states when we approve the salary ordinance, are we going to take away from the prior CFO the money that she was paid when she wasn't doing her job or take away from the administrator

who was not doing her job. Mr. Ullman would like to know when Mr. Calamari spoke of the field to these 20 people, what was the discussion. Mr. Ullman would like to know what is the scope of the field that is currently under evaluation. Mr. Calamari says we are discussing whether to replace it with turf or not. Mr. Ullman does that involve buying properties next door. Mr. Calamari states not that he is aware of. Mr. Ullman asks does it involve the rehabilitation of the field house, rehabilitation of the basketball court or drainage control of the hill from the school. Mr. Ullman states it was stated we could rip up the carpet in 15 years, put a new one and we are good to go. Mr. Ullman finds it hard to believe that 15 years of run off is not going to cause a drainage issue. Mr. Ullman asks does it involve the field house or safety netting for Lacrosse. Mr. Ullman states all of the things he has mentioned should be part of the scope and he does not believe they are. Mr. Ullman states someone has to come and state the scope. Mr. Ullman also spoke with regard to the baseball fields, and it not being two baseball fields but one baseball field. Mr. Ullman would also like to know if the \$200,000.00 Mr. Twomey wants for the study, is that part of the 2.2 million. Mr. Calamari states he does not know, but that is the reason why it is being discussed. Mr. Beckmeyer states that Mr. Towmey and Mr. Spezial will be here in about a half hour, and the drainage issue will be addressed if we hire an engineer to look at it. Mr. Beckmeyer the drainage will be captured at the foot of the hill and it will not go over the field. Mr. Beckmeyer states that are all engineering and we are not to that point yet. There was a discussion on the drainage and the safety netting, which Mr. Beckmeyer is not sure of. Mr. Ullman states it has been proposed it is going to be a town facility. Mr. Beckmeyer states that Mr. Ullman is correct, if there are people walking around the field, there should probably be a safety net. Mr. Ullman asked if there is going to be real fencing, what is the plan there. Mr. Ullman states if we are spending that much money, do we want 50 cement filled buckets controlling the crowd. Mr. Beckmeyer states that Mr. Ullman is correct; part of the problem is there is a cost. Mr. Beckmeyer further states they are looking to turf the field as inexpensively as they can, due to the condition of the field. Mr. Beckmeyer states to Mr. Ullman that he will gladly speak to him. Mr. Ullman thinks it is something that should be evaluated and Mr. Ullman does not believe the cheapest solution is the best solution. Mr. Beckmeyer agrees, and states they are looking at the thriftiest way, since there is a difference between being cheap and being thrifty. Mr. Beckmeyer states we don't want to go overboard and spend money, nor do we want to be cheap, we would like to find a way to be thrifty. Mr. Beckmeyer states we don't want to go above the numbers.

**Joseph D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace** – Mr. D'Urso states that when he was on council Councilman Hrbek and himself did let people speak longer than they are supposed to. Mr. D'Urso states that the time limit should be reconsidered; people should be allowed to speak. Mr. Calamari states that he has been letting people go seven minutes, he has not be adhering to the five minute limit strictly, but Mr. Calamari does believe in some type of a limit. Since the attorney was not at the meeting last week, Mr. D'Urso would like an actual explanation of this amending of the salary ordinance. Mr. Poller states we introduced the ordinance, there was the publication, and the public hearing. Mr. Poller states the council had a minor amendment and a minor amendment interpretation is they can adopt ordinance without another public hearing, without publication again, if it is minor and an insubstantial amendment. Mr. Poller states this ordinance was introduced and there were two items that were left out, and they were items that were in the ordinance for years going back, \$12,000 was in the original one, which is not a change. Mr. Poller states we are dealing with two items which were in the prior ordinance, the municipal deputy clerk, \$10.00 item that was originally left off the original draft and there was another item that was identical that came out of the clerk's office, the \$10.00, those are insubstantial changes as far as Mr. Poller is

concerned. Those items are continuations of the prior ordinance, small amounts, and in advert ministerial errors. Mr. Poller states the council is authorized to amend that ordinance, they introduced, to make these two small insubstantial changes and to vote on it. There is no requirement for any more public hearings, or publication. There was a discussion with regard to Ordinance #14-14 which is a new ordinance; there will be a public hearing and publication on this ordinance, if it is passed. Mr. D'Urso asks the salary ordinance that is being passed tonight are dollars being increased. Mr. Poller states, no, there are two small items and they have been previously on all the other ordinances, left off inadvertently, small amounts and ministerial in nature. Mr. D'Urso spoke of Memorial Field, last year it was shot down. Mr. D'Urso states Mr. Twomey and Mr. Spezial have been in here ten times, they want it. They are volunteers and they want it. Mr. D'Urso was a volunteer for 15 years and worked with what he had. Mr. D'Urso states that there are options, such as the swim club, possibly partner or lease. Mr. D'Urso states the swim club is closing September, October and November, sitting there vacant. Mr. D'Urso asks Mayor Sobkowicz if she has the support of the council with regard to the turf field. Mayor Sobkowicz states she is in favor of the turf field. Mr. D'Urso is your council is favor of it or would you like to look at other options, possibly looking into the swim club. Mayor Sobkowicz states having a field that large near the swim club, who would pay for it. Mr. D'Urso states the town can partner with the swim club. Mayor Sobkowicz states the town is going to pay for a turf field on someone else's property. Mr. D'Urso states not a turf field, but partnering with the swim club or buying a portion of the land. Mr. D'Urso appreciates the two gentlemen wanting it; maybe there should be a referendum. Mr. D'Urso states a lot of time is being given to these gentlemen, now you open up the public can speak to these two gentlemen. Mr. D'Urso states that the attorney, along with Mr. Hrbek was working with something at the high school in 2010 and it didn't pan out. Mr. D'Urso states there are options, maybe the swim club can get together with the town on a portion of the land, and this is something to think about. Mr. D'Urso states it should be researched. Mr. D'Urso expresses an interest in the Zoning Board and Mr. D'Urso did email council. Mr. D'Urso states he has an interest in serving, has had some experience in planning and has been on the council for four years.

**Vic Fadini, 698 Kennedy Drive** – Mr. Fadini would like clarification on the cancelling of bonds. Mr. Fadini states the money was borrowed and we were paying interest on it, since we didn't spend it, what happened with the money. Mayor Sobkowicz states a lot of it was unfunded. Mr. Fadini, it is not as if you are spending all this money in interest, it is actively drawing interest in the account. Administrator Cavallo states that is correct and for clarification, we are not cancelling bonds, we are cancelling ordinances. Administrator Cavallo states we are cancelling the specific authorization, the actual bonds; we have two bonds on file from 2003 and one from 2008, 2011. Mr. Fadini just wanted to make it clear. Mayor Sobkowicz states it was a different philosophy.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance #14-10**

The Clerk read Ordinance # 14-10 entitled: AN ORDINANCE UNDER CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON SETTING FORTH THE RATE OF COMPENSATION AND MANNER OF PAYMENT OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN SAID MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to take Ordinance #14-10 off the table for further action.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Mr. Hrbek – I have one question before we go any further. Originally when it was tabled, I requested information regarding the record keeping for the Operations Manager and it is something I had not received. I would like for the record tonight.

Mr. Calamari – I believe we do, and I will turn it over to the administration.

Mayor Sobkowicz – The administrator and I discussed this several times and we came up with what I believe would be a good plan. The operations manager will report to the business administrator. The operations manager will keep track of the tasks completed and provide a written report once a month to the administrator by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. It is expected the operations manager will put in 20 hours in his position per month. The time work at the DMF Facility shall be kept by time card. Time work on other assignments away from the yard shall be recorded in the monthly report to the administrator. Time card system shall be used for accountability even though the operations manager will be on the clock when working; he is expected to be on call 24/7 for emergencies requiring his direction or consultation. If we get a Superintendent, then that position will not exist. I think this is fair.

Mr. Hrbek – When we hire a Superintendent, that position dissolves and he goes back to being director.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Director, yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to amend Ordinance #14-10 to include two items which were inadvertently omitted.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to pass Ordinance #14-10 as amended on second and final reading, submit the same to the mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: Councilperson Cascio.

### **Ordinance #14-13 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

The Clerk read Ordinance #14-13 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to introduce and pass Ordinance # 14-13 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution #14-187** was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Dr. Cascio.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance #14-13 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF

WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

**Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard** – Mrs. D'Ambra would like to know what exactly is going to go on in the area of Woodfield Road, does that have to do with the sidewalk caving into the brook. Mr. Calamari states that is his understanding. Administrator Cavallo states the outside of the curbs, on both sides of the roadway which need repair. Administrator Cavallo states the culvert has undermined itself and the fill from inside is working its way out into the river and that is where you would see the big sinkhole on westbound side of the roadway, the library side. Administrator Cavallo further states this will allow us to fund the repair of that roadway. Mrs. D'Ambra asked with regard to the bridge, can the army corps of engineer or the county come in and check that bridge area. Administrator Cavallo states the engineer had already had the area radar, and it was determined the roadway itself is not sinking, just the area to the outside of the curbs. Mrs. D'Ambra asked what about the other side of the street is. Administrator Cavallo states where the grass is that will also be addressed. Administrator Cavallo states this repair is a band aid, this repair will last probably 10 or 15 years. It is Administrator's Cavallo understands that the culvert has come up time and time before, and issues have happened with the Lake Association with easements and there was also a grant that was given back to, the state or the county. In the future, that area would have to be looked into being repaired; this is sort of an emergency to fix it before collapsing the roadway. Mrs. D'Ambra asked if we could have gotten county funds for that area. Administrator Cavallo states it is not a county road and it is not a county culvert.

**Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue** – Mr. Ullman states there was a conversation with regard to the cancellation of the ordinances, and \$276,000 was funded, which means we have that cash and the interest that has accumulated on that. Mr. Ullman states he does not know if that interest covers the attorney fees or bonding fees. Mr. Ullman asks if that money is available this calendar year. Administrator Cavallo states cancelation of the ordinances, yes that money will be available in capital surplus, but as with any surplus, it is now cash on hand. Administrator Cavallo states the township does not go out and sell bond every year, as other municipalities do, we have the capital cash on hand based on selling small notes. Administrator Cavallo states we don't have a lot of interest; the township does short term financing. Administrator Cavallo states that yes, the money will be available and in speaking to the auditor, in our current standing, barring any large projects, we won't need to sell another bond for 3 or 4 years. Administrator Cavallo states the \$276,000 will be our cash on hand to fund some of these projects, and we will continue with our practice of selling notes once a year to free up our debt, but yes that \$276,000 can be used towards this. Mr. Ullman states we are authorizing the issuance of \$95,000 but we don't have to. Administrator Cavallo states that is correct. Administrator Cavallo further states when a bond ordinance is passed it is authorizing the debt, it is authorizing us to sell notes or to sell bonds, it does not say we are going to sell notes or bonds. Administrator Cavallo states the money is in surplus and it can be used. Mr. Ullman asks if the ordinance can be written where we can just authorize this work. Administrator Cavallo replies yes. Administrator Cavallo further states an ordinance can be written to not authorize debt, usually you don't do that for a large project, anything over \$50,000, you use those type of ordinances for small things, buy a piece capital equipment, want to buy a small vehicle, that is where regular capital ordinances are used for. Administrator Cavallo states in this case, allowing the authorization of debt, will two years down the road if

we need to fund a bond, this is one of the ordinances that can be included. Mayor Sobkowicz states we can use this to buy small items, pay as we go. Mr. Ullman states but if you purchase ten small items and bond one large item. Administrator Cavallo states we don't bond an item; we bond a group of items. Mr. Ullman would ask the council since the \$276,000 in cash is going to be made available, this ordinance is requesting the issuance of \$95,000 in bonds, based on what we have heard, Mr. Ullman would recommend that this ordinance not be passed and it come out of current funds. Mr. Ullman says that because there are other monies that we have had long term on the balance sheet with regard to the sale of properties, that have been there for 15 or 20 years and they just sit there and the money is never being spent. Mr. Ullman further states this is an opportunity to not bond this on a permanent basis and spend cash that is available.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Mr. Hrbek – Before we go any further on this, with the freeing up of this \$276,000, what vehicles or what methods are required for that money to be spent.

Administrator Cavallo – Council would still have to pass an ordinance, and the ordinance would have to be written for a specific purpose.

Mr. Hrbek – If we were to spend that like on the piece of equipment, like a roll-off, that would still have to be voted on as ordinance or if it was to be applied to something on the field, it would always need to be an ordinance.

Administrator Cavallo – Capital surplus is a great thing to use, as an example our open space grant that we received 50% matching, we would have to fund the other 50% of the project, instead of authorizing debt for the other \$35,000 to \$40,000, you have the money cash on hand to use. That is what you would be able to pass an ordinance for. I would like to also remind the council that we have an increase of our debt service this year and one of the ordinances to be closed is the library, there is \$104,000 left in that bond. We can use that \$104,000 to offset that increase in debt service. The \$276,000 we really need to be able to use that.

Mr. Hrbek – I am trying to weigh the statements that were made by the public, as far as using this money instead of going to debt, I guess if we were to use this money we would save on some of the debt service cost associated with it, bonding costs and legal. Even the way it is written from \$95,000 to over \$100,000.

Administrator Cavallo – That \$100,000 is in there to include engineering, bond attorneys. Remember the actual creation of this ordinance, soft costs would also be included in there.

Mr. Hrbek – By spending money out of surplus for a project, you are not going to pay for those costs, is that correct?

Administrator Cavallo – Correct, you would be paying for some of those costs. If we were to use surplus to pay for this ordinance, if you were passing it in the current state, we would still have to pay for the creation of the ordinance itself with the bonding attorney.

Mr. Hrbek – What are the costs?

Administrator Cavallo – Six hundred dollars.

Mr. Hrbek – Whereas the overall soft costs are in here and over \$6,000.

Administrator Cavallo – Usually it is a percentage of the estimation of the project that is how the soft costs come in.

Mr. Hrbek – There would be a possible savings of \$5,000.

Administrator Cavallo – Honestly besides the attorney's costs on this specific instance, unless we decide to bond three years down the road and charge part of the bonding fee, selling of the bond to this ordinance which is

allowed by the law, there is not going to be anything else, once this project is complete, I will be coming back to the council to close this ordinance as it is.

Mr. Hrbek – My point is if we were to spend surplus on this, instead of going out to bond, what would be the savings, from your statement \$600.00 that was done so far and the soft costs are \$6,000.

Administrator Cavallo – Those soft costs include the engineering work and that is the last to get done. There really would be no savings at this point. All this is doing is authorizing the debt, before we sell a bond it has to come back to the council, before we issue bonds it has to come back to the council. We are not going to be that any time soon. Let's say in 2016 we decide we need to issue a bond to get money in capital, say we pass a large bond ordinance, and we would like to include other items, this is one of the bonds that can be included. It is the package yes.

Mr. Hrbek – In your opinion, are there any merits.

Administrator Cavallo – In putting it as a regular capital ordinance, no, it would actually hurt us. Not hurt us right now. We want to be able to use that surplus to help us offset our debt for next year, which we have increase of and any other small projects we don't want to bond for. If the council decides they want to go with something else on that capital budget list that is a small number, \$20,000 or \$30,000 project, we authorize that we have the cash on hand.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Also the reason Administrator Cavallo suggested using this cancelled capital surplus on projects like we get the county open space grant is because there are matching grants, and when they give us their share, what is in the bond, we are technically paying interest on the money they gave us. If we use this money, we are not doing that we are better off, we are really getting the full amount the open space grant gives us rather than paying interest on it by using these cancelled funds for those types of projects.

A motion was made Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, to pass Ordinance #14-13 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

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

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

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Hrbek, Calamari.

Abstain: Councilman Cascio.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution # 14-188** was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Hrbek, Calamari.

Abstain: Councilperson Cascio.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance #14-14 entitled: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2014 was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage of public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 10th day of November, 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 #14-15 Introduction**

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

Mr. Hrbek – This is important for the public to understand. We are increasing the size to 25kw because we originally had it at 20kw, and now most of the same generators with the same noise level are at 22kw. A homeowner would buy based on what they could put in there house, what the noise level allowed. It is a little bit larger unit, which we fall short on; by increasing it we are not going to increase any noise. It does allow us to adjust based on what is being produced by the generator companies.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution # 14-189** was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Hrbek, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance #14-15 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 245-9.1 (ZONING: GENERAL REGULATIONS: GENERATORS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage of public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 10th day of November, 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.

Mr. Beckmeyer – The lifting of the restrictions starts tomorrow, why are we giving them a whole month?

Administrator Cavallo – The term of the contract is a month. As soon as the work is done at the firehouse parking lot, it will be over.

Mr. Beckmeyer – Can we put a stipulation as when construction has ended.

Mr. Poller – You cannot put until the end of construction, because that does not give any notice to the public as to when they can't park there. You can amend the resolution or pass the resolution pending the lifting of

restrictions, but it would be unfair to say when construction finishes because residents will not know when they can or can't park.

Mr. Beckmeyer – Is the parking lot going to be closed.

Administrator Cavallo – This morning the parking lot was closed since we didn't know how much equipment they were bringing. After that all the material will be in the ground, the parking lot will reopen. There is only one small hole, so the parking lot will be reopened after the drainage is in and then it will be moved again for when there is paving. The parking lot will be open between the drainage and the paving, closed for paving and reopened again.

Mr. Beckmeyer – According to this we are allowing residents to park on the road until November 15<sup>th</sup>, can we put something in until the borough accepts the finished product.

Mayor Sobkowicz – We can pick an earlier time.

Administrator Cavallo – The issue is the dates of our meetings. Our next meeting is not until November 10<sup>th</sup> that would be the first time we can reinstate the parking restrictions.

Dr. Cascio – I don't see a problem if you are letting them park for a month there. It is just a month.

Administrator Cavallo – This resolution only applies to people that hold a valid permit.

Mr. Beckmeyer – I am not a 100% in favor of it, for the people that live on these streets and people are parking in front of their houses. Maybe people would want to park on Meisten.

Mr. Hrbek – My question is with regard to the computers.

Administrator Cavallo – All the hard drives have been removed. They are in box, and I was planning on having the DMF destroy them by drilling a couple of holes in them and throwing them out.

Mr. Hrbek – Are we required to keep the hard drives for a while.

Administrator Cavallo - No, because all of our data is stored in the server. These computers have been sitting in the closet for more than two years.

Mr. Cascio - The computer sitting in the closet that worries me and not having qualified disposal of it. Having the DMF drill holes through it, you can pull data off of it if you really wanted to.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.

Nays: None.

#### **Resolution # 14-190**

##### **Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for the Repair of the Woodfield Road Drainage Culvert and Julia Court**

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has the need to advertise for bids for the repair of the Woodfield Road Drainage Culvert and Julia Court; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to adopt a resolution to authorize the solicitation of bids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that the Township of Washington hereby authorizes the solicitation for bids as referenced above by the Township Administrator.

#### **Resolution # 14-191**

##### **Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Capital Ordinances**

WHEREAS, there appears open of record unexpended balances on certain Capital Ordinance appropriations, and

WHEREAS, the said projects have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following Capital Ordinance appropriation balances be cancelled of record;

<u>Ordinance #</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Balance</u>
89-12	Impvt. to Municipal Fieldhouse	2.00
90-5	Impvt. to Lafayette	8,301.00
96-1	Acq. of DMF Equipment	373.00
96-4/97-10	Various Improvements	58,878.69
96-8/97-8	Various Improvements	14,460.00
96-9/97-9	Various Improvements	28,637.43
96-11	Acq. of Property	770.33
96-13	Acq. of Fire Dept. Equip.	1,519.45
97-7/98-9	Impvt. of Municipal Complex Parking Lot	81,433.16
97-11	Impvts. for the Fire Department	1,525.42
98-13	Impvt. of Lighting Rod	1,133.00
98-16	Improvements of Ridgewood Road	8,699.59
98-17/01-3	Traffic Light Improvement	19,195.50
99-7/05-1	Purchase of Equipment	4,454.30
99-8	Various Improvements	11,298.84
99-12	Purch. of Equip./Renovation Firehouse	1,786.67
00-4	Purchase of Equipment – Fire Dept.	306.71
00-5	Office Equipment	0.53
00-6	Purchase of Equipment	7,870.85
01-08	Acq. of New & Additional Vehicle Equipment	13,206.09
02-1/04-2	Improvements to Free Public Library	104,055.00
02-06	Acq. & Install of Exhaust System – Firehouse	6066.64
02-12	Acq. of New & Additional Equipment	10,218.67
02-16	Acq. of New & Additional Police Equipment	8.13
03-2	Acq. of New & Additional Vehicle Equipment	7,327.07
03-15	Const. of Commuter Curbs/Sidewalks – Washington Ave	1,040.00
04-4	Acq. of Land	409.00
04-9	Various Equipment	4,646.84
04-11	Acq. of Various Equipment	6,440.50
04-14	Acq. of Fire Fighter Equipment	4.00
06-7	Acq. of Police Utility Vehicle	727.65
06-15	Acq. of Fire Fighter Equipment	22.04
06-24	Acq. of Office Equipment	800.00
07-9	Acq. of Fire Fighter Equipment	242.50
07-12	Acq. of New Dump Truck	3,335.73
07-13	Various Improvements – Firehouse Generator	5,774.55
08-7	Construction of New Park	132,104.70
10-8	Acq. of Lands	60,079.82
10-14	Acq. of New and Additional Vehicular Equipment	<u>8,065.94</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>615,221.34</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds will be credited to accounts that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee.

**Resolution #14-192**

**Disposal of Obsolete Township Equipment**

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has advised the Mayor of obsolete equipment that is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36* authorizes the disposition of personal property not needed for public use without public sale when the estimated fair value of the property to be sold does not exceed the applicable bid threshold in any one sale; and

WHEREAS, the items of equipment set forth below have an aggregate value of less than the bid threshold:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	1D39P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	1D73P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	3C39P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	3D39P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	5C39P91
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	6039P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	6D30P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	8C39P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	8D39P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	CB39P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	DC39P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	FB39P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	FC39P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	JB39P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DHM	JC39P71
Desktop Computer	Dell	DMC	HRKN61
Desktop Computer	Dell	DMC	FT4W871
Desktop Computer	Dell	DCSM	DC4W2B1
Desktop Computer	Dell	DCSM	1LD94D1
Inkjet Printer	Dell	A920	BVNRS41\

<u>Description</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
Electronic Scoreboard	Portable Scoreboards	3375LED	0801-30870

<u>Description</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>VIN #</u>
2004 Ford Crown Victoria (V# 24B)	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W04X175329

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to dispose of said equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the obsolete equipment referenced above which is no longer needed for public use by the Township shall be disposed of according to the manner as prescribed by law.

**Resolution #14-193**

**Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for 2014 Road Improvement Program: Colonial Boulevard (Amending Resolution #14-186)**

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2014, the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey received bids for the 2014 Road Improvement Program: Colonial Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Pavement Maintenance, LLC, 81 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the required base bid contract amount of \$200,260.95 along with an additional

\$79,528.00 for Alternate No. 1 (Firehouse/Commuter Parking Lot Repaving) for a total contract amount of \$279,788.95; and

WHEREAS, the Township awarded the base bid together with Alternate No. 1 to Crossroads Pavement Maintenance, LLC by resolution dated October 6, 2014, but such resolution transposed the base bid to \$200,620.95, and correction thereof is intended by the within resolution; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in Account Nos. C-04-55-880-956 and C-04-55-879-956; and.

WHEREAS, \$149,000.00 of the base bid contract amount will be will be reimbursed by a grant awarded by New Jersey Department of Transportation upon completion of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the bid of Crossroads Pavement Maintenance, LLC, 81 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 be accepted and it be awarded, in the required contract amount of \$279,788.95; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged to Account Nos. C-04-55-880-956 and C-04-55-879-956; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Crossroads Pavement Maintenance, LLC in accordance with the bid and this resolution.

#### **Resolution #14-194**

##### **Removing Parking Restrictions for Commuters During Firehouse Parking Lot Paving Project**

WHEREAS, commencing on or about Tuesday, October 20, 2014, the Township of Washington will begin repaving of the Firehouse Commuter Parking Lot (the "Project") which is anticipated to be completed on or about November 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that, during the time the Project is ongoing, all commuters who currently hold a valid Commuter Parking Lot Permit from the Township of Washington will be allowed to park on Clinton Avenue, McKinley Avenue, Meisten Avenue and Burke Street, which streets are currently subject to parking restrictions; and

WHEREAS, all parking restrictions currently in effect for Clinton Avenue, McKinley Avenue, Meisten Avenue and Burke Street need to be temporarily suspended until the completion of the Project for all commuters who currently hold a valid Commuter Parking Lot Permit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby suspends all parking restrictions currently in effect for Clinton Avenue, McKinley Avenue, Meisten Avenue and Burke Street while this Project is ongoing for all commuters who currently hold a valid Commuter Parking Lot Permit from the Township of Washington until November 15, 2014;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Project be completed prior to November 15, 2014, the parking restrictions applicable to the affected streets may be reinstated by resolution.

#### **Resolution #14-195**

##### **Engineering Escrow/Seidita-Perrotta**

WHEREAS, Josephine Seidita and J. Perrotta posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 4408, Lot 21, 225 Colonial Blvd; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated March 28, 2007, C.O. nos. 06-057, 04-351, 04-351A,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated October 6, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$288.00 to the above.

**Resolution #14-196**

**Engineering Escrow/Blumkin**

WHEREAS, Raphael and Ellen Blumkin posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 2406, Lot 112, 310 Coolidge Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the project falls under the guideline where neither a Certificate of Occupancy nor a Certificate of Acceptance is required,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated October 8, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$559.00 to the above.

**Resolution #14-197**

**Engineering Escrow/Rhee**

WHEREAS, Marcus and Ashley Rhee posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 2502, Lot 3.30; 1125 Linwood Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rhee is requesting a refund of the escrow money based on Mr. James Tucker letter to the homeowner which is attached along with Mr. Rhee's letter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the escrow money in the amount of \$1000.00 to the above.

**Resolution #14-198**

**Engineering Escrow/Gallina**

WHEREAS, Marcus and Ashley Rhee posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 2502, Lot 3.30; 1125 Linwood Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rhee is requesting a refund of the escrow money based on Mr. James Tucker letter to the homeowner which is attached along with Mr. Rhee's letter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the escrow money in the amount of \$1000.00 to the above.

**Resolution #14-199**

**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:

Jean Lifrieri  
264 Calvin Street  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Flag Football Registration  
Refund Amount: \$45.00

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Patricia Larsen  
147 Fern Street  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Flag Football Registration  
Refund Amount: \$45.00

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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**

**October 20, 2014**

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

**PRIORITY**

**Best Practices** – Administrator Cavallo states there are 50 questions on the Best Practices worksheet, which the division came out with about 5 years ago. The question is regarding the Township fiscal and operational policies which determine how we are going to get our state aid. For the municipality to get 100% of state aid the answers would have to be in the affirmative at least 42 questions, then the Township would receive 100% of state aid with no penalty. This year the Township has 42 in the affirmative meaning the Township would be receiving 100% of what the state decides to allot the Township in the calendar year of 2015, which would be state fiscal year 2016. Administrator Cavallo would like to go over a couple of the deficiencies and see if council has any questions. Administrator Cavallo met with Mr. Sears and Mr. Calamari regarding #6, which is requiring its elected officials to attend on an annual basis at least once instructional course, it is the obligation and responsibility of elected officials. That is being looked into for next year; it could be an online class, so that next year that question can be answered in the affirmative. Mayor Sobkowicz states mostly all of us attend the insurance, but that is not a requirement. Administrator Cavallo states there is no actual requirement of the council, so that will have to be discussed and a decision needs to be made. The next negative item is #15, that being audit findings that were the same two years in a row, 2012 and 2013. When we discussed the audit and the Corrective Action Plan was introduced, there were three items, the first three items on the list that had shown up on both last year's audit and the year before audit, there were items which were looked into and with the Court Administrator that should not appear again. The 2nd item is the negotiated contract awarding gasoline and that is being worked on with a state contract, so we don't have that issue again also. The 3<sup>rd</sup> item general capital fund improvement authorization balances to be in agreement with the audited balances. The numbers that we had in our computer, the auditor had been off by a couple of dollars by ordinances dating back to the early 90's. Now that we have closed these ordinances, that item should be closed. That item showed up two years in a row. Administrator Cavallo states those three items he does not expect to see on next year's audit. Best practices number #23, has to do with Pay to Play, they wanted to know if the Township adopted an ordinance that was more restricted to the state statutory requirements, just as every other municipality in the state has done, they have kept with the state requirement, did not restrict it any further, so we did lose a point on that. Number #29, the Township does not really have budget projections for the next two budgets. Mr. Hrbek is there a reason for that or can something be done. Administrator Cavallo states he is going to try and have that in the future, and he is hoping when that question repeats itself next year it will be able to answer in the affirmative. That will be discussed more at budget time. Mr. Hrbek that would a tremendous help, especially with increasing some debt service, having the increase in surplus. Administrator Cavallo states those are things that can be planned out since we know what our debt service is going to be and we will also know what our contractual employees' salaries are going to be. Administrator Cavallo states they are estimates, but we should be able to have that during budget projections. Administrator Cavallo states numbers 33 and 34 are very important and we should try and get this for next year. That being introducing and adopting our budget on time, which wasn't done. The

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February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> dates are always moved by the director, they usually end up being around March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Cavallo states this is something that needs to be worked on together by the administration and council, when the administration gives the council the budget, so we can stick to the deadlines that are set by the state and get the two more points. Mr. Hrbek states that on that topic a lot of it hinges on when council is given the budget from the administration. Administrator Cavallo agrees and states that he did start working on the budget two weeks ago. Mayor Sobkowicz states the budget is always given by the deadline, which January 15<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hrbek states no, that is not correct. Administrator Cavallo states numbers 45 and 46, there personnel issues that we really do not want to address at this time, one of them being a transitional light duty, with workmen's compensation rules as they are right now, if a person comes back on light duty, they realize they can't work there is a chance that the workmen's compensation might start over again, that means we have to pay, people have been on workmen's compensation for years. The only department this would be for is the police department. Administrator Cavallo states when we didn't have civilian dispatchers and we had an officer that was not able to go on the road, he would sit on the desk, now we have dispatchers, and you will not be paying police officers to sit at the desk. Mr. Hrbek, what are you recommending for that? Administrator Cavallo recommends staying the way we are with no light duty policy. Administrator Cavallo states #46 is a no; we do not limit the benefits for work related injuries above the statutory benefit. If the person is out on workmen's compensation, paid for by the state, and they have already exceeded the one year workmen's compensation with us where we will pay them their salary, for example the police department. At that point they would rely on the state and the township does not continue to supplement that, and we want to stay that way. Administrator Cavallo states at this point we want to stay that way. Administrator Cavallo really does not understand why that question is a no, that answer should really be opposite. In speaking to different associations the Clerk Association, the CFO Association, most of them hate this worksheet, it really should not have anything to do with how to determine state aid, but you have to answer. Administrator Cavallo states we have enough yes's so it will not hurt us. Mr. Hrbek, what do we receive per year from state aid on average the last couple of years? Mayor Sobkowicz replies she does not know. Acting Clerk Erlewein replies between \$700,000 and \$800,000. Mayor Sobkowicz replies \$747,000, something like that, last year we lost about \$185.00. Administrator Cavallo states that he would say it is between \$700,000 and \$800,000. Administrator Cavallo states the requirement of the division is that this is discussed at an open meeting, and it could be submitted prior to the meeting. Administrator Cavallo states it had to be noted and it is noted on the second to last page that it would be discussed at the public meeting of October 20<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Cavallo states if there are any questions, he will answer them, but he believes between himself, Elaine and Judy they pretty much completed everything and answered these questions as best as we could. Mr. Calamari asks how many questions you need to answer yes to. Administrator Cavallo states 41 in the affirmative, we had 42, not just in the affirmative, it is how it is calculated, also N/A and prospective also count as a yes.

## **UPDATES**

**Memorial Field** – Mr. Calamari does now know if anyone has any updates on Memorial Field. Mr. Beckmeyer states it is for questions. Mr. Calamari asks if Mr. Spezial and Mr. Twomey are okay with answering questions from the public. They both state that yes, they are fine with that. (Mr. Calamari then invites Mr. Spezial and Mr. Twomey). Mr. Calamari states this will be done informally, if anyone has a question please raise your hand.

Mrs. D'Ambra asks if the turf is put down, what is going to happen to the hill up by Washington School, where the kids in the winter time use to go sledding, coming down the hill and coming to the turf field. Mr. Twomey states as we move forward, the plan is there is fencing around the entire perimeter of the inside of the field, walking path to the outside, sleigh riding at that point will no longer exist on that hill, and it is dangerous as it is now. Mr. Spezial it is school property also, the school does not permit sleigh riding on that hill, and just because it is done, does not mean it is okay. A lengthy conversation followed with regard to the sleigh riding on the turf, and the liability of someone sleigh riding. Administrator Cavallo states the fencing that is going in on School Street and Pascack Road is going to meet the current fence along the school property and along the property directly south of Memorial Field on Pascack Road. There was a discussion of open space fund, which the Township has received approximately \$128,000, after we matched it is \$64,000 each. A portion of that money was used for the fence and the repair of the pavilion. Dr. Cascio asks where the location of the fence would be located. Mr. Spezial the track was put on just about the inside of the fence; we also discussed trying to have a pole with lights halfway down, which would light the track. Mr. Spezial along the hill part the track on the inside, then when you get to the field house, it opens and goes around. It would have to come down and wrap around the pavilion and go back up. There was a discussion of what could be done for sleigh riding and also the fencing, which would have padding and would be colored. Colors were discussed of the padding, which should be yellow not green. Mr. Ullman would like to know what is the number of the turf field, the surface of the field, would that be the 1.2 million. Mr. Twomey just the surface, yes. Mr. Ullman asks what the estimate for the lighting is. Mr. Twomey replies the estimate from Musco is \$470,000 to \$500,000; the 1.2 includes all the excavation and the substructure work underneath. Mr. Ullman states that today there is an issue with water coming off the hill onto the field, there is drainage underground that the engineer last year suggested it be cleared out due to sediment, when we talk about the 1.2 would that also be to control the drainage off the hill. Mr. Spezial spoke of the current facility now, which is designed to accept water from the hill, have it run off the facility and run into the street or the basketball court that is the way it was designed. Mr. Spezial states the drain was put in much later, trying to defer some of the water and over the years the hill, which used to be very rigid and had valleys in it that water would sit. Mr. Spezial states the facility that would be built is basically a giant catch basin for water, no longer at an angle, very low grade. Currently from the base of the hill to the fence by the softball field, it is 73 inch degree incline, which is 6 feet 1 inch, span over 270 feet, you can't help water runoff. The facility would be level surface with pure drainage in it that would catch all water from the hill, rain water to whatever type of water that exits. Mr. Spezial some of the issues, as the one in Ridgewood, they built next to rivers and we are not in that situation, there are no bodies of water. The current existing system that is in there now is an angular system where water runs off the surface. This particular system is basically a giant catch basin that catches all water. Mr. Ullman the hill will drain into the catch facility that is built for the football field. Mr. Spezial states not the football field, the entire park. Mr. Ullman states in 15 years when the turf is replaced, there will be 15 years of run off into this giant catch basin, where there would be a lot of soot and other debris, can we just rip up the turf or will there be other rehabilitation that needs to be done. Mr. Beckmeyer explained the drainage system that could be done, which is putting a sediment separator that would actually take the sediment out and deliver the clarified water into this huge catch basin, that would eliminate any soot or sediment that would clog up our existing basin now. Mr. Beckmeyer we would once every five years bucket out the dirt, or you can get a vac truck and suck it out. Mr. Ullman the 1.2 million, does that include the engineering that was just

discussed with regard to the sediment. Mr. Beckmeyer we received numbers from the turf company and we explained the particular issue we have with run off from the slope and there number came back that this will be installed with that in mind for this number. Mr. Beckmeyer if we ever get to the point where we hire our own engineer who does our own design, he would do the actual calculation of how much water is coming off the hill, and calculate how much sediment he believes would be coming off that hill, under different rain events, different storm events. At that time we would get an entire estimate of really is needed. There was a discussion with regard to the batting cages, which would be moved and are not included in the 1.2 million. Mr. Spezial states it would be \$15,000, \$3,700 for two foul poles and \$4,000 per dugout, four dugouts. Mr. Ullman does that include the safety netting across the end line. Mr. Twomey that is not included in the 1.2 million. There was discussion of the netting that would be put up. Mr. Ullman asks with regard to the baseball field, it is his understanding that the two outfielders pose a hazard to each other and there was a recommendation to only put in one diamond, is that correct. Mr. Twomey states that is correct, the recommendation from our insurance carrier that at no point should two events simultaneously happen. Mr. Ullman have we determined where those displaced teams are going. Mr. Twomey states it not so much as having a displaced team, it is scheduling. Mr. Spezial the insurance company asks for dimensions and they were given. The insurance company took the dimensions and came up with their recommendations and they felt the games should not be played at the same time. Mr. Spezial states with that in mind, we tried to come up with a multi-use single field. Mr. Ullman asks if any rehabilitation is included to what is currently there. Administrator Cavallo states in the concept plans, nothing would happen to the existing pavilion or playground, and with the basketball court it depends on where we have to move the wall. Mr. Spezial states the bathrooms are less than six years old, handicap bathrooms we use for storage, currently the facility is used for summer recreation that is not part of the budget. Mr. Spezial there can be little paver area around the pavilion, or a bocce ball court next to the basketball court for the seniors. Mr. Spezial states it is not about the sports. There was a discussion of having benches for the seniors. There was a discussion with regard to parking, which will remain the way it is. MKW came up with response of adding parking on School Street, but our safety director from the Township shut it down, since he does not want angle parking, safer the way as it is. Mr. Spezial states when he was on council there was a clean-up of the area that picked up 18 additional parking spaces. There was a discussion of the water fountain that is currently there that is not operational. Mrs. Philips would like to know what the difference in size of Sherry Field versus Memorial Field. Mr. Hrbek Sherry Field floods, it is on a flood zone. Mr. Hrbek spoke at length of the flooding on Sherry Field and the Musquapsink River. Mr. Twomey states it is considered wetlands. Mrs. Philips states it seems we are talking about spending a lot of money for what seems to be not an ideal location. There was a discussion with regard to Pascack and Washington Avenues. Mr. Twomey if we continue down this path, we are spending almost the same amount of money. Mrs. Philips replies that is still out for debate. Mr. Twomey we do have the numbers. Mr. Spezial states our goal to do the numbers and the numbers were confirmed by this administrator, and you can look at it and try and understand it. Mr. Spezial states currently we are spending a lot of money on a surface that we are constantly having problems with. There was discussion that this would be increasing the use of Memorial Field, which would be for all activities. Mr. Twomey states 40% of that field is clay, so turfing from corner would increase the use. Westwood is not turf field; it is for senior league baseball. There was a lengthy discussion of the length of the field for each baseball team. Administrator Cavallo states he understands what Mrs. Philips is asking, that is why a turf field would work better than what we currently have. The turf field

would not be a clay area; it would be turf, so that area when not being used as a baseball field could be used as a football field, since there would be lines. Mrs. Philips would like it explained again. Mr. Calamari states this needs to be wrapped up very soon, let us try and makes this the last. Mr. Hrbek states the clay is different colored grass. Mrs. Philips states that she has never been on the field. Mr. Beckmeyer states that Mrs. Philips should walk over to the field if you have never been there. Mr. Spezial states you can walk there and actually see the fields, because when you are driving by it, it looks green from the street which is 400 feet away, maybe you will get a better picture of what we are talking about. Mr. Twomey states if you attend Town Day you will see it. Mr. Calamari states he believes Mr. D'Urso would like to say something, but please keep it short. Mr. D'Urso states in defense for Sandy (Mrs. Philips) who is a town resident Mr. D'Urso doesn't believe she should be spoken to in that tone of voice by Mr. Spezial for one or Mr. Beckmeyer. Mr. D'Urso states Sandy is just asking questions. Mr. Beckmeyer doesn't want to interrupt Mr. D'Urso, but Mr. Beckmeyer indicates that his back was to Mrs. Philips, and he was just talking loudly so Mrs. Philips could hear him. Mr. D'Urso states we are all taxpayers. Mr. Beckmeyer understands that and he is trying to save taxpayers money Mr. D'Urso, not like you who just wants to waste it on a thought. Mr. Beckmeyer states to Mrs. Philips he does apologize; he did not mean to yell at her. Mr. Beckmeyer states if Mrs. Philips would like to take a walk on the field, he would walk with her. Mr. Twomey states that he is at the field every night, so Mrs. Philips can come down. Mr. D'Urso states if all this money is going to be spent, shouldn't the field house be considered and the basketball court. Mr. Beckmeyer states in his opinion no, because we went down this route two years ago with other councilmen on it, and it was let's do this and let's do that, the number was over \$3,000 and then it was stated that this much money could not be spent. Mr. D'Urso asks shouldn't other options be looked into. Mr. Beckmeyer, and spend how much there? Mr. Beckmeyer states Mr. D'Urso would like to pool center. Mr. Calamari this was supposed to be a discussion. Mr. D'Urso states that he is just asking a question and Mr. Beckmeyer said no. Mr. D'Urso states this beautiful field is going to be put in, which is great, and the field house and basketball courts are going to be left the way they are. Mr. Calamari states he would not say that, Mr. Beckmeyer has his opinion on it, and we talk about it. Mr. Calamari states it is not Mr. Beckmeyer's decision to make alone, and we will do what we feel is best. Dr. Cascio states with regard to Sherry Field, when MKW was hired, an entire study was done of all fields, which included Sherry and Gardner; Clark Field was excluded, since nothing could be done with that field except to play baseball that is the way it is designed. There were options and alternatives, and Sherry Field could have been extended and reconfigured to make a rectangular field, but there is an opportunity to use it. Dr. Cascio was down there two days ago, running my dogs, it is dry as a bone, but if you have a rain that could all change it is an option. That is something that was addressed and could be spoken about in the future. Dr. Cascio states right now we are concentrating on Memorial Field, so we can get more use out of it. Dr. Cascio states he is a fan of the natural surface for sports, but the artificial surface has a lot of advantages in our climate area. Mrs. D'Ambra MKW Associates came in 2011 and did a survey, what was said about Memorial Field. Dr. Cascio states proposals were asked for of what can be done with each field. Mrs. D'Ambra asks what was said about Memorial. Dr. Cascio MKW gave four different configurations. Dr. Cascio explained the configurations. Mrs. D'Ambra asks if MKW said anything about turf. Dr. Cascio it was mostly about laying artificial surfaces down. Mrs. D'Ambra asks if she can get a copy of this. Dr. Cascio you OPRA those documents. There was a discussion with regard to the water flow. Mr. Twomey states the water will be grabbed, preventing it from moving.

**Zoning Board Appointments** – Mr. Calamari states some of the terms do expire at the end of the year. There was a discussion with regard to Richard

Smith, who is seeking reappointment. Mr. Calamari is there anything in place where we formally accept applications for people that are interested. Mr. Poller states there is nothing formal; it is more along the lines of names are taken and considered. There was a discussion of whose terms are expiring, that being Mr. Cumming, who is a regular, and Mr. Smith is an alternate. Mr. Smith is the first alternate, and a second alternate is needed. There was a discussion if additional names were sent to Council President Sears. Mr. Calamari if anyone has any names; please make sure we get in for consideration. Dr. Cascio would like the list from last time, so those names can be considered.

**Special Charges OPRA** – The State Statute was provided by the Clerk. Mr. Calamari states council may want to put an ordinance in place if we see that a request is going to take a lot of time to complete, it does not mean it would be charged every time and it would be a judgment call, and who would make that call. Mr. Beckmeyer asks if any other towns have done this. Administrator Cavallo states this is something that Councilman Sears requested. Mr. Calamari states we will ask Councilman Sears.

**Habitat for Humanity** – Mr. Calamari asks if there are any updates for Habitat for Humanity. Administrator Cavallo states there are none. Mr. Hrbek where did we leave off. Administrator Cavallo states we need to make a decision on whether we are going to sell the property to Habitat or not. Mr. Hrbek what would they build on there, has that been decided. Administrator Cavallo states Habitat is not going to move forward with any further designs until they are given a commitment. Administrator Cavallo states we are definitely moving forward in selling the property. Habitat has already given three concepts, keeping the current building and modifying it, or knocking it down and putting two duplexes up, similar to the Oradell project. A decision needs to be made. Dr. Cascio would like to see the concepts. There was a discussion of the concepts. Administrator Cavallo will try to get renderings from Habitat and bring them to the next meeting. Administrator Cavallo states that council needs to realize once we make a decision that they are going ahead and approve the conceptual plans, we do need to sell the property to Habitat and it becomes their property.

**Roads** – Administrator Cavallo states besides the punch list of items that need to be taken care of with regard to the 2014 paving program they are still outstanding. The contractor on the cooperative is finishing up the job in Westwood, as soon as they are done there, they will be coming here to finish up the Township's punch list item. There was a preconstruction meeting for Colonial Boulevard, and the firehouse parking lot drainage was also started. Drainage work estimate is about three days, and the paving should take a day. Administrator Cavallo has not received the opinions on the firehouse floor yet, which is the same contractor. The two contractors that did give them to me both said there was nothing wrong with the floor. With regard to Colonial Boulevard the engineer staff will walk and put letters in the mailboxes just letting them know once the signs go up, expect to see work within two to three days. There is no estimate for a date, but the project will be completed by next year. There was a discussion if residents will have access to their driveways, and they will have access to their driveways, but while they are actually paving they may have to park on the side streets. Once the paving is complete, within two hours, you can drive it slowly, five to six hours the road would be cured. There was a discussion of if there are a list of roads for next years, and why that list cannot be completed this year. Mayor Sobkowicz states Administrator Cavallo's plan is to do a spreadsheet of all the roads and block them off in sections depends on how many council wants to do in one budget, if it is done in January, we will have it for the budget. There was a discussion of when the roads should be looked at since in January there could be snow on the ground. Mr. Hrbek would like the roads to be looked at this year. Mayor Sobkowicz states that would cost \$7,500. Mr. Hrbek states it is in the budget, the money was put into that for engineering, and it was \$25,000 or \$22,000 for an

evaluation. Mayor Sobkowicz states if it is there, we will do it. Mr. Calamari asks Administrator Cavallo to research that. Mr. Hrbek states there is a line in the budget for \$25,000 for that. Mayor Sobkowicz states if it is there, we will do it now.

**Firehouse** – Mr. Calamari states that was spoken about with regard to the paving, drainage and the firehouse floor. Administrator Cavallo states the two contractors that came in stated the cracks on the floor, pretty much the same thing Mr. Statile said, which is the cracks on the floor are due to the floor settling, which concrete will do when it finds its weakest point. Administrator Cavallo states the floor is not sinking. Mr. Hrbek did any of them give any opinion as far as lowering the floor. Administrator Cavallo did inquire with regard to the lowering the floor of the firehouse, that section we are dealing with, there is a stairwell. Mr. Hrbek states if the floor is being lowered, wouldn't it be good to lower the whole thing. Administrator Cavallo states he has seen firehouses lower a bay and fit the fire truck they need to fit as a cost saving measure.

**DPW/DMF** – Administrator Cavallo will check with the engineer to find out about the proposals. Administrator Cavallo states the engineer was working with his architects to give council numbers.

**Intersection of Washington Avenue and Pascack Road** – Administrator Cavallo does not know what update there would be on that. Dr. Cascio asks where the Township stands with the county on that. Administrator Cavallo states that the county has not come to him specifically, and he does not know what came before him. Mr. Hrbek asks if the county's last offer is still workable. Administrator Cavallo states he is not sure, since he did not see the last offer; he would have to look into that. Mr. Hrbek that is the question he has, would like the administrator to get an answer for the next meeting. Administrator Cavallo states he will look into it.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to adjourn.  
Ayes: Councilman Beckmeyer, Cascio, Hrbek, Calamari.  
Nays: None.

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Elaine Erlewein  
Acting Township Clerk

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Thomas Sears  
Council President