

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

October 6, 2014

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Council President Thomas Sears with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Peter Calamari, Steve Cascio, Thomas Sears. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor. Absent: Richard Hrbek, Councilman, Ken Poller, Attorney. Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator. Councilman Glenn Beckmeyer arrived at 8:30 pm.

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.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz states the 9/11 Ceremony took place on September 11th at 5:00 pm in the Senior Center at the Wall of Veterans. As noted by Andrew Wyrich, A Records reporter, the threat of rain did not prevent more than 50 people from packing the Senior Center to pay respects and reflect on the 13th Anniversary with musical renditions and patriotic songs. The songs were sung by Melissa Risetto, James Dugan and Alianna Eucker. Councilman Beckmeyer played Taps. It was wonderful to see such a larger than usual crowd attend this remembrance ceremony. It will be held again next year at 5:00 pm since the feedback from the residents as well as the relatives of the victims indicated it is much easier for them to make it at 5:00 pm. On Sunday September 14th the Knights of Columbus held its Annual Picnic. It was a great afternoon to spend time with the residents as well as raise money for charity. On Wednesday, September 17th a POW/MIA Ceremony was held and it was sponsored by VFW Post 6192. The national ceremony for POW/MIA Recognition Day is the third Friday of September each year. This is a time for us to remember those who were prisoners of war and are still missing in action. Vito Trause a Township resident and prisoner of World War 2 led the Pledge of Alliance. As part of this service members of Post 6192 set up a small table adorned with various objects symbolizing different aspects of the remembrance, as explained by Garret Pinke, past VFW Commander. The ceremony also included a video detailing the names of missing New Jersey soldiers from World War 2, the Korean War and Vietnam War. Steve Kohlreiter, Commander of the VFW said "Everyone left with a heavy heart, but also with an understanding of what these young men had to go through. We will always remember." That was taken directly from quote in The Record from Andrew Wyrich. On Wednesday, September 17th veterans were honored on the same day just before the POW/MIA Ceremony. Kathy Donovan, Bergen County Executive, conducted an awards ceremony for several veterans by presenting them with medals and certificates for their service. The recipients were Ed Glynn, Robert Meyer, James Maloney, John Paulus, Steve Kohlreiter, and Thomas Sears. If anyone knows of a veteran who has their DD214 paperwork and has not been awarded a medal and certificate, please send your information to Bernadette at Town Hall. Mayor Sobkowicz states since that ceremony she has received inquiries from residents who would like to get that award and we will be submitting their papers. The Township Police Department, in conjunction with the Computer Crimes Task Force and the Bergen County Prosecutors Office is sponsoring and Internet Safety Social Media Seminar for parents only on Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 pm at the Westwood Regional High School. If anyone is interested in

attending, there are flyers out on the table. Mayor Sobkowicz states she will be attending this seminar and believes if anyone has children in the school system, they should also attend this seminar. One bid was received by Administrator Cavallo with regard to Colonial Boulevard paving, which came in on Tuesday, September 30th. We will be discussing this later at the Conference Session. Administrator Cavallo and Township Engineer Azzolina are applying for a grant from the Department of Transportation to resurface Mountain Avenue. If the Township is awarded the grant, it will be available in May of 2015. Mayor Sobkowicz states she put a freeze on the budget as of last week, September 29th. Any purchases must have the Mayor's prior approval through Administrator Cavallo. Mayor Sobkowicz states usually this is done earlier in the year, usually June. Mayor Sobkowicz states she cannot wait any longer as some expenses are occurring, such as repairs to vehicles, engineering, investigations such as Woodfield Road and Julia Court, which necessities testing from outside agencies, terminal leave payments and being prepared for storms and winter problems. Administrator Cavallo is taking a budget class to help us with the upcoming budget process for 2015 and he asks his professor about budget freezes and the professor noted he always does them sometime during the third quarter, so the Mayor states she is actually late. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Township of Washington Police Department is selling pink hats to help raise money for breast cancer research. The hats are flexing fit and adjustable. If anyone is interested, please see Officer Cangelosi. The hats are \$25.00. October is also Fire Prevention Month. Fireman will be distributing information and items at Town Day on October 25th. The Township Shredding and E-Recycling will be held on Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Town Hall. If anyone would like to drop debris, just come around the bend and trucks will be parked in the parking lot. The DMF is also open until 1:00 pm. All roads in the 2014 Road Program have been resurfaced at this point. The paving company has been given a punch list of some items that might need to be corrected or finished. This should be finished within the next two weeks. The Township Leaf Program will begin on November 3rd for Zone 1, November 10th for Zone 2, and November 17th for Zone 3. Mayor Sobkowicz states leaf flyers were sent to residents, but she also has a couple on hand. Please have the leaves curbside by the date for your zone. All leaves are to be placed at the curb no later than December 1st. Grass and garden debris will be picked up each week according to the schedule until Friday, October 31st. The DPW Department also finished refurbishing the brine unit, so that it can be installed on the old sewer truck and used for the snow season. The old sewer truck will also be used to haul the leave vacuum during leaf season. The DPW made good use of an old piece of equipment. Mayor Sobkowicz states curbside recycling needs to be stepped up. Please leave recycling at the curb on residents Fridays of their month. As for tonnage the Township is ahead of last year by around 5 tons, but prices have softened and the revenue is not as good as it was last year. As of September 30th, we have gotten revenue of \$38,206, but for the total year the program costs about \$134,000. The roof on the pavilion at Memorial Field was replaced today. New tables, trash receptacles and benches will also be put in. The fence replacement will begin at the end of October; the start date is not finalized. Administrator Cavallo wanted to let the public know that he is looking into traffic barrier devices that can be installed at the corner of Pascack Road and School Street for added safety. With regard to the upcoming election, October 14th, Tuesday is the last day to register to vote, October 28th, Tuesday, is the last day to apply for a mail in ballot by mail and November 3rd, Monday, is the last day to apply in person for a mail in ballot at the clerk's office by 3:00 pm. Tuesday, November 4th is Election Day and the polls are open 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Member of the Ambulance Corps are getting ready for an event with Psychic Medium to be held this coming Saturday, 7:30pm to 9:30 pm to raise funds to operate the Ambulance Corps. The Ambulance Corps also recently

had their fundraising by mail; please support them if you can. Foundations Physical Therapy held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Town Center on Saturday, September 13th. They welcomed us in to tour the facility, learn about the conditions that they treat and the methods used to meet the needs of the patients. There were several patients in attendance that had gone there and were talking very positively about the facility. Eye Level Learning Center held their ribbon cutting ceremony at the Town Center on Saturday, September 27th to welcome people to do the same, tour the facility and learn about the individualized curriculum they have to improve Math and English skills. Prime Steakhouse and Pho Miu Restaurant are open for business at the Town Center, so please try them. We wish all of these businesses success. Maryellen Sickle and James Dugan were named Volunteers of the Year; they will receive their award at Bergen Tech, across the street from Bergen Regional Medical Center on Farview Avenue at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 8th. Administrator Cavallo developed a Request for Proposal for local banks to evaluate their services and rates that they give to the Township. Four proposals were received. Administrator Cavallo created a spreadsheet which is being reviewed by him, the CFO, the auditor and the Mayor herself. Household Hazardous Waste Collection is being held at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road on Sunday October 19th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Flu shots will be available tomorrow, Tuesday, October 7th from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. If you are 65 or older, you must bring you Medicare Part B card. Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, November 1 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at the DMF garage. The Township was awarded \$22,889 from the Bergen County Development Block Grant to fund the replacement of the tiles in the Senior Center; they are in bad shape and keep lifting up throughout the floor. Administrator Cavallo is soliciting quotations to replace the tile. Eventually the tile will also have to be replaced at various areas of the building. The only grant that the Township received at this time is for the Senior Center. The Township Engineer reviewed the area of Woodfield Road and Julia Court, specifically the area Woodfield Road drainage culvert and has determined the area closest to the westbound outlet needs repair to fix the erosion. In addition, the engineer has determined that the cause for the sinking roadway at Julia Court is due to poor compaction of the roadway when it was built around the underground storm water system. Tonight the council is being asked to introduce an ordinance appropriating monies to repair both problems, which are really emergencies. The flyer for the Township Fall Festival is on the table, which explains everything about the Fall Festival. If anyone is interested, please take a flyer. It will be a very busy day. At 10:00 am the Fire Department will have the Ragamuffin Parade on Finnerty, then at 10:30 am to 12:30 pm the Library has the Haunted House and then at 12:30 pm -3:30 pm is Town Day, we hope that everyone attends. There will also be some new things; Westwood Community Band will be performing. Also we will have a new feature called the "Dinosaur Museum" which is hands on; some of the things will be real fossils from dinosaurs, so it will be a fun new thing. We also have bouncie rides, fun slides, trackless train, and all things we have had in the past, all the special games. If anyone is interested, please pick up a flyer with more information. Please be reminded that the curfew for Cabbage Night and Halloween is 9:00 pm for October 30th and October 31st. Additional patrols will be on duty those days for everyone's safety.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – No report this evening. Thank everyone for coming.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari would like to note the passing of Father Steve Duff who was a priest at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Father Duff had been there since he was ordained some years ago; he will be sorely missed by the parish.

Mr. Sears – No report this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to approve the September 22, 2014 Public, Conference, and Closed Session Minutes. (All Vote)

Ayes: Councilpersons Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

Rose D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra asked If ReMax Commercial Investment Association went before the Planning board to put up a sign at the bridal shop at Washington Avenue and Pascack Road. The sign is approximately 48 x 49 inches without the posts. Mrs. D'Ambra states that is not a commercial corner as of yet, that is a non-conforming use corner. The sign looks ridiculous and the place looks sloppy. Mayor Sobkowicz states we will get the zoning officer there. Mr. Sears the zoning officer will be contacted tomorrow. Mrs. D'Ambra asked didn't anyone notice it. Mayor Sobkowicz states the proper authorities have to go out there to measure it and give them a notice. Mr. D'Ambra states why people have to complain about things, when it should be open eyes to all the council and whoever we are paying to do the job. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of a car accident on Washington Avenue and Colonial Boulevard on August 13th, between an SUV going west and a Mercedes wanting to cross over Washington Avenue to go south on Colonial. Mrs. D'Ambra states if someone is in a small sedan can't see anything due to the fact the bushes on the corner are over 36 inches high. It is a very bad corner, even with the crosswalk, vehicles speed on Washington Avenue. Mayor Sobkowicz states that people have been stopped for speeding in that area. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of the condition and what vehicles need to do in order to drive in that area. Mayor Sobkowicz will have Lieutenant Hackbarth look into it. Mr. D'Ambra is surprised in all of these years the Township has not done anything with regard to that corner, with regard to maybe a caution light or some sort of sign. Mrs. D'Ambra further states all the other towns have pedestrian crossing. Mr. Sears that is one of the things Administrator Cavallo was looking into. Mrs. D'Ambra states the police should be more vigilante on Washington Avenue. Mayor Sobkowicz states the police have been very vigilante on Washington Avenue, they have been giving out tickets. Mayor Sobkowicz states the month of August was the highest ticket month we have ever had. Mrs. D'Ambra asks why is the Azarian sign still at the shopping center, since they have already be given a year. Mayor Sobkowicz states she also thought about that the other day and that needs to be looked at by the Planning Board. Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of other areas where that are not allowed. Mrs. D'Ambra states that Azarian is getting away with too much and there is also a need for more garbage pails in that shopping center, it looks terrible on Sunday. Mrs. D'Ambra states she spoke to a guy that came around cleaning with a truck from Paterson and he can't believe what goes on here. Mrs. D'Ambra states that the crosswalk between Manhattan and Pascack, which needs a better signal, since it changes to red while she is walking across the street quickly. Mrs. D'Ambra states that there are not many trucks coming down since Waste Management left. The Township needs to think about the pedestrians that cross over from the shopping center to go up the hill.

Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth states that Mr. Sears answered his question with regard to the state signs that state stop for pedestrians. Mr. Bernroth states Crest Place was paved and it looks great. Mr.

Bernroth states his driveway, which has the curbing on it, on one end the curb is about an inch and a half higher than the road, when you get to the middle of the driveway it is about a half inch higher than the road, the other end is at least four inches higher than the road. Mr. Bernroth states no one else's driveway is that uneven. Mr. Bernroth did mention it to Bernadette and she stated that someone was going to take a picture and send it to the Township engineer. Mayor Sobkowicz believes Administrator Cavallo did get a picture, but she does not know where it is at this point. Mr. Bernroth states regardless something needs to be done to fix it. Mr. Bernroth states it should be even like everyone else's. Mr. Sears states he will contact Administrator Cavallo to see if he received the picture and to look into it. Mayor Sobkowicz believes Administrator Cavallo received the picture. Mr. Bernroth states he would like this fixed. Mr. Sears states he will follow up tomorrow.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asks if there will be a public discussion on Ordinance #14-10 the Salary Ordinance. Mr. Sears replies no. Mr. Ullman asks if there is a name associated to the salary line, as an example Floating Staff, Department of Admin, number 4, do we know who that is. Mayor Sobkowicz, yes. Mr. Ullman asks with regard to unclassified, do we know who that is. Mayor Sobkowicz states there is no one in that position right now. Mr. Ullman states with regard to Purchasing Assistant, he was under the impression the reason that the current administrator was such a good fit because he had extensive purchasing background, what does the purchasing assistant do. Mr. Ullman states one of the former administrators he believes was the assistant and became the administrator and it was not filled. Mayor Sobkowicz states the former administrator, by the Township code it is supposed to be a separate one. Administrator Cavallo has a QPA, which his Qualified Purchasing Agent, which means that our bidding threshold is different, there are other things the Township is allowed to do by having a QPA. The Township always had a separate person doing purchasing. That person does all the purchase orders, a lot of spreadsheets from the vendors, networks with the vendors, calls up and checks on invoices and things like that, it always was a full time position. Mayor Sobkowicz states the administrator Mr. Ullman is referring to do both jobs since she was an acting administrator and was doing that job and she was working on weekends too. Mayor Sobkowicz states with regard to the last administrator, it was put back to a regular position. Mr. Ullman asks if the Township currently has a Township Treasurer. Mayor Sobkowicz states we have Judy Curran who is our CFO, and she is qualified to be a treasurer and she will be appointed as a treasurer soon. Mr. Ullman will she be receiving \$50,000. Mayor Sobkowicz replies no, Ms. Curran will only receive the same thing she is getting now, a maximum of \$15,000 per year. Mr. Ullman states so the Township Treasurer is not getting that salary. Mayor Sobkowicz states the Township Treasurer is not going to be getting that salary. Mr. Ullman asks if the assistant is different than the office clerk. Mayor Sobkowicz states that is only if we should need part time help in that office, we don't have anyone doing that now. Mr. Ullman asks from a council's perspective, when council approves something like this, the Salary Ordinance, does council have any control or is council notified when a role is filled or vacated. Mr. Ullman states council approves it and gives the administration a blank check to approve. Mr. Sears states to fill that position. Mayor Sobkowicz states for example during tax collection time, we do have a person who comes in specifically to help out with collecting taxes, it is very busy and that is why there are several of these non-classified part timers. Mayor Sobkowicz further states under number 4, item number 9 which is Tax Collection Clerk, during tax time end of August, we did have someone come in, who does come in during the year to help with tax collection. Periodically these part time positions are filled, depending on the season more or less. Mr. Ullman we have an assessor, we have an assessor's clerk, who makes more than the assessor. Mayor Sobkowicz states the assessor's clerk is full time. Mr.

Ullman states are 25 hours considered full time, are they receiving benefits. Mayor Sobkowicz states the assessor's clerk works 25 hours in that position and works at another position in the tax office. Mr. Ullman asks where that position is and by combining those two jobs is this person getting benefits. Mayor Sobkowicz states it under number four, number 8. Mr. Ullman so number 4, number 7 and number 8 is the same person. Mayor Sobkowicz states yes. Mr. Ullman does those two part time positions qualify full time. Mayor Sobkowicz states for benefits, yes. Mr. Ullman states his question to the council is council is passing an ordinance and are filling roles with part timers to save on health benefits, pension benefits, doing something for the taxpayer, complete lack of transparency, because if no one asks we think we have two part time people when we really have one full time person who is getting full time benefits. Mr. Ullman how many people is the Township employing and who has accountability. Mayor Sobkowicz states we have to put the costs where they are, the costs are put into that department. Mr. Ullman asks how many FTE's we have in the administration. Mayor Sobkowicz states she would have to look that up and write that up. Mr. Ullman how many FTE's, how many people are getting benefits, does the Township still have people who are not working, not employees of the town receiving benefits or are covered under the Township health program. Mayor Sobkowicz asks Mr. Ullman what he means by employees that don't work here. Mr. Ullman states he was under the impression at one point in time there were individuals who were not employees of the Township, who were receiving benefits or were covered under our dental or medical plan and they were reimbursing the Township. Mayor Sobkowicz states the only program we have with that is the dental plan for people who worked here and this was gone through quite often in the past couple of years. Mayor Sobkowicz states if they worked here they can stay in the dental plan, but they have to pay in January what their yearly cost would be, it is a budget offset. Mayor Sobkowicz states this is offered to any employee that retires, a retiree but there is no medical coverage. Mr. Ullman only for the retiree or their families. Mayor Sobkowicz states they pay the single price or the family price. Mr. Sears states Mr. Ullman your time is up.

Fred Goetz, 587 Washington Avenue – Mr. Goetz if he understands correctly the Township still does not have a treasurer, but the Mayor stated we are going to appoint someone the treasurer soon. Mayor Sobkowicz states it will only be part time, not full time. Mr. Goetz states if that is the case, would it not make sense to put the correct number in the salary ordinance and inform the council as to what that correct number would be. Mayor Sobkowicz states no, because we still hope to get a treasurer. Mr. Goetz states so the number would not be accurate. Mayor Sobkowicz states a lot of them are not accurate depending on when somebody starts or someone comes in, or someone leaves and we get a new position. Mr. Goetz what will be paying that treasurer. Mayor Sobkowicz states the Treasurer/CFO will still not be able to get any more than \$15,000 per year at the rate of \$50.00 per hour, last year she earned \$6,825 as of last week or so, I think she has earned about \$4,000. Mayor Sobkowicz states she does not foresee any big jump in payment to her. Mr. Goetz if they're not going to be a big jump is there going to be a jump or still paid hourly. Mayor Sobkowicz it will be the same as it is now, paid hourly for what she does. Mr. Goetz states we are still keeping a line item in for the council to be voting on. Mayor Sobkowicz states this was discussed all during the budget process, and as you well know since you were there for quite a few years, you well know we advertise for positions, and we keep them there, if we get the person or if not the money gets put into surplus. Mr. Goetz states the position has been vacant over a year now. Mayor Sobkowicz replies we know and the position has been advertised several times and we have not gotten anyone. Mr. Goetz did the council receive the information with regard to the \$12,000 stipend position that was asked for. Mr. Sears states he has not gotten the documentation on that. Mr. Calamari states right before the meeting Mr.

Calamari reviewed his town emails, and we did receive it back on April 10th, a one page document describing the position of the Operations Manager. Mayor Sobkowicz states the administrator also has information for later if we discuss it for the salary. Mr. Goetz did you receive the information with regard to the \$10.00 stipend. Mr. Sears states no he has not. Mr. Goetz this is the Salary Ordinance and still two weeks later you haven't received the information I find that disturbing since council should be privy to as much information as possible on something voting for. Mayor Sobkowicz asks Mr. Sears what information you are looking for. Mr. Sears states the \$10.00 per diem. Mayor Sobkowicz states for the Assistant Clerk, that is something that is not a major change, that can be inserted, and the Violations Clerk is not entitled to that. Mr. Goetz with regard to Ordinance #14-10, if the council has to pass a resolution to amend an ordinance it is by definition a major change to that ordinance. Mr. Goetz does not believe a resolution can be done to amend an ordinance, he can be wrong, but the attorney is not here tonight to ask. Mr. Goetz thinks the ordinance would have to go back to be reintroduced, to give the public an opportunity to comment on that position. Mr. Goetz would urge the council to again put the ordinance back to first reading.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asks if the two changes in the salary ordinance are both in this new ordinance that is sitting out here. It states Deputy Court Administrator in the absence of the Court Administrator, daily \$10.00. That was put in and it is not for the Clerk, but the deputy in the office, there have been two deputies here for many many years. Mrs. Ozment states for the Court Administrator there is an ordinance and Mrs. Ozment was part of passing that ordinance through the courts, that the deputy receives that amount. Mayor Sobkowicz states the Deputy Court Administrator, if there was a Deputy Court Administrator that person is entitled to the \$10.00, but that person is becoming a Violations Clerk and in that job capacity that person is not entitled to the \$10.00. Mrs. Ozment states it is in here but the Township does not have a Deputy Court Administrator at this moment. Mrs. Ozment asks do we have a Court Administrator as of this moment. Mayor Sobkowicz replies yes. Mrs. Ozment asks so you do have a Municipal Court Administrator. Mayor Sobkowicz replies yes. Mrs. Ozment asks but the girl who has been in that office for quite a few years, is not the Deputy Court Administrator. Mrs. Ozment where is the attorney. Mr. Sears states he is ill. Mrs. Ozment states she is not saying he can't be sick, but for many years he has always sent people, but in the last few years, when the administration was not as friendly with the council, he always sent someone here. Mrs. Ozment this ordinance is very important, the way is done here, a motion to take it off the table, then a motion to add, a motion amending. Those are major items putting back into an ordinance. Mrs. Ozment states at one time there was a big disagreement with regard to the word "the" versus "a" in the title of an ordinance, whether that was a minor change or not. Adding these two things is not a minor change. Mrs. Ozment states on that alone, Mr. Poller sick or not, should have sent an attorney to give a clarification. Mrs. Ozment asks with regard to the other ordinance being introduced, which is amending, modifying the salary ordinance. Mr. Sears yes. Mrs. Ozment asks what is the ordinance in reference to, what is being amended. Mrs. Ozment asks why didn't council take the ordinance and amend. Mrs. Ozment states it is two weeks difference in time, and Mrs. Ozment knows being a former employee it is hard not getting your raises. If something is being amended, where is the amendment? Mrs. Ozment states it is really disturbing to look at something like this and say there is no attorney to ask. Mayor Sobkowicz states an ordinance cannot be amended if it didn't go through yet. Mrs. Ozment you should have stopped the ordinance, if you are going to do something different because of something then it should have just been done all over again, it would have only cost two weeks, it should have not been done this way. Mrs. Ozment thinks it is very difficult situation, motions are being made and two

items are being amended. Mrs. Ozment asks do we have who the operations manager who will sign off on, what hours he will do. Mayor Sobkowicz states that is what is being discussed. Mrs. Ozment you are going to discuss that, and how are you going to vote on this ordinance if that was two weeks ago discussion. Mrs. Ozment asks is she wrong Mr. Sears. Mr. Sears replies, no you are not. Mrs. Ozment asks for information from Mr. Sears. Mr. Sears states he has it and will give it to her. Mrs. Ozment there is \$600.00 it was under stipends used for expenses for traveling expenses CFO/Treasurer that was taken out. Mrs. Ozment asks council took that out at budget meetings. Mr. Sears replies yes. Mrs. Ozment asks with regard to road projects, do you have a list of streets. Mayor Sobkowicz states the engineers are working on it, it will be for 2015. Mrs. Ozment with regard to zoning board appointments, she will put her name in there, since she is certified, would not have to worry about the certifications. Mayor would you like me to go through the violations clerk, you did ask about that. Mrs. Ozment replies if you would like to do that, that would be appreciated. Mayor Sobkowicz explains a few years back employees only had to complete Level 1 and Level 2 testing, but then it was changed to pass Level 3 and Level 4. Mayor Sobkowicz states last year there was a deadline and that deadline was extended to this year. Mayor Sobkowicz states they went for Level 3 and did not pass, one repeated it and did pass and one did not. Mayor Sobkowicz states the person then received an extension letter as long as this person completes Level 4, which is just now, it is okay. The other person could be a Violations Clerk, but there are certain things this person can't do. It was discussed and that is why we are introducing this amendment to make a Violations Clerk, so that person could stay in the job. Mrs. Ozment asks so that person will not receive a per diem. Mayor Sobkowicz states that person in that job title cannot receive a per diem as a Violations Clerk. Mrs. Ozment that person can't accord the state. Mayor Sobkowicz replies yes.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso states he is confused. Mr. D'Urso states Mary Ann and Mr. Goetz brought this up, you tabled the ordinance two weeks ago, it is now being amended, is council now voting to pass the salary ordinance tonight. Mr. Sears replies yes. Mr. D'Urso states it is confusing, and the attorney gets sick and the attorney did have something to do with this, time and effort was put into this and it should have been discussed. Mr. D'Urso states not to be a wise guy, but he did email his OPRA Requests to all of you a week ago and thank you Elaine for sending them tonight at 6:30. Mr. D'Urso would like to know if council opens their emails. Mr. D'Urso believes that Mr. Hrbek opened his tonight because Mr. D'Urso does put read receipts. Mr. D'Urso did not see a read receipt for Mr. Beckmeyer or Mr. Calamari yet. Mr. D'Urso is thoroughly confused on what is going to be done with this ordinance. Mr. D'Urso states from what the Clerk sent him, the Township is on course of just shy of spending \$500,000 in police overtime this year, and Mr. D'Urso is sure that most of that is going towards dispatching. Mr. Sears states he would like to address that, but he does not have that report. Mr. D'Urso is there anything with the gas station on the corner. Mr. Sears replies nothing, nothing at all. Mr. D'Urso states on a recent Saturday, at two o'clock in the morning, he was watching cable television and it was very entertaining. It looked like it was from 1990, and Hugh Rogers was interviewing Vito and it ran all weekend. It was very interesting to see what was going on back then, since Mr. D'Urso did move into the Township back in 1990 and that is what the interview was from and Vito was again interviewed recently. Mr. D'Urso if we can run these great entertainment things and show the Township, why can't we just videotape these council meetings and run them whatever time they want to. Mr. D'Urso states he hopes council will reconsider looking into this.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Calamari, Cascio, Sears.
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. Calamari to take ordinance #14-10 off the table as amended. (Motion did not carry).

Mayor Sobkowicz – Mr. President, are you not going to vote on this tonight.

Mr. Sears – No, we are not. I feel there are too many unanswered questions and without an attorney here to address the issue, I would like to remove it from the agenda.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Okay, just one note then. If you decide not to vote on this ordinance, then you have to take the amendment off. By the way, the attorney ruled that the Deputy Court Administrator, the \$10.00, is an insubstantial change so it does not affect anything, does not require publication or a public hearing. If you decide to take this off tonight, I am just letting you know then you have to take the amendment off also.

Mr. Sears – We will take a vote on that. I need a motion to take ordinance #14-10 off the table and also a motion to remove ordinance #14-10 as amended.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Can you repeat those motions again please.

Mr. Sears – I need a motion to take Ordinance #14-10 as introduced off the table.

Mr. Calamari – I will motion it.

Mr. Sears – There is no second. With that being done, #14-10 is off the table until we speak with the attorney. I also need a motion to also take the amendment off the table of Ordinance #14-10.

Mayor Sobkowicz – Are you leaving the ordinance on the table or are you just voting it down.

Mr. Sears – No, I am removing off until the attorney is here so we can have clarification on the items that were introduced tonight by the public. So we can get a clear understanding of what procedures and steps we are taking. The motion on the stipends and I need to, since I only received this tonight, the operations manager, the items I did not get this evening.

Dr. Cascio – That document was received during budget time. We agreed at the time it was not substantial enough on how it was going to be documented. It was just a list of some items. It was not what you requested.

Mr. Sears – This ordinance is removed.

Ordinance #14-13 Introduction

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 Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari, to introduce and pass Ordinance #14-13 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, **Resolution # 14-179** was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari.

Ayes: Councilpersons Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, 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 was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 6^h 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 20th day of October, 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 #14-14 Introduction

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

Mr. Calamari – I believe that would have to be tabled.

Mayor Sobkowicz – That needs to be tabled, you can't vote. You cannot amend an ordinance that was not passed.

Mr. Sears –That is correct. This needs to be tabled also.

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. Calamari – With regard to #14-185 I would like to see if we can place a fee on issuing refunds.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

Resolution #14-181

Engineering Esrow Refund/CHDB

WHEREAS, CHDB, Inc. (Marcus Rhee) posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 2502, Lot 3.03, 1125 Linwood Avenue; and

WHEREAS, he are requesting a refund of the escrow money as per his letter dated September 18, 2014 which is attached,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$608.00 to the above.

Resolution # 14-182

Veteran Tax Exemption/Cintineo

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank J. Cintineo, who resides at 834 Ridgewood Blvd E, Block 2326, Lot 56, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Cintineo was granted a permanent disability resulting from service-connected injuries as declared by the United States Veteran's Administration pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:04-03.30, which grants total exemption from local property taxes and;

WHEREAS, the disabled veteran completed the Certification of Eligibility to Continue Receipt of Disabled Veterans' Real Property Tax Exemption after deadline and the Tax Assessor, Ray Damiano, accepted the expired form,

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey, authorized, the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, by this resolution allows the Tax Collector to cancel 3d quarter 2014 tax bill in the amount of \$4,213.51 and all future tax bills to be cancelled through this resolution.

Resolution #14-183

Grant Agreement for Senior Center Floor Rehabilitation

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 \$22,889.00 in 2014 – 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Center Flooring Rehabilitation at the Jack Woods Senior Center, 350 Hudson Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council hereby authorizes Administrator Matthew A. Cavallo, to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Matthew A. Cavallo 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 6, 2014.

Resolution #14-184

Grant Agreement/Senior Activities

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 \$3,274.00 in 2014 – 2015 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 Administrator Matthew A. Cavallo, to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Matthew A. Cavallo 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 6, 2014.

Resolution # 14-185

Recreation Fee Refunds

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:

Kevin Dugan
289 Mountain Avenue
Township of Washington, NJ 07676
Refund for Flag Football Registration
Refund Amount: \$45.00

Jenny Jung
854 Robinwood Road
Township of Washington, NJ 07676
Refund for Flag Football Registration
Refund Amount: \$45.00

During Conference Session

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to approve **Resolution # 14-186** the dual projects, of Colonial Boulevard plus the additional Alternate #1 for the Firehouse/Commuter Parking Lot Repaving the total amount being \$280,148.95.

Ayes: Councilman Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

Resolution #14-186

Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for 2014 Road Improvement Program: Colonial Boulevard

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 \$200,620.95 along with an additional \$79,528.00 for Alternate No. 1 (Firehouse/Commuter Parking Lot Repaving) for a total contract amount of \$280,148.95; 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 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 \$280,148.95; 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.

Elaine Erlewein, Acting Township Clerk

Thomas Sears, Council President

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

**CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION
October 6, 2014**

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

PRIORITY

Review of New Estimate for Memorial Field – Mr. Sears asked the Recreation Director to come up. Mr. Sears will allow the Recreation Director to speak for ten minutes, since council has a full schedule. There was a lengthy discussion between the previous proposal for Memorial Field and the current proposal, which were both distributed. Mr. Twomey spoke of the original plan, taking the non-surface cost out, it will be grass versus the actual cost for turf for the next 15 years. The spreadsheet is put together for the next 15 years as well as year 2016 through 2030. Annually right now, based on the numbers that Administrator Cavallo came up with we subtracted out the light cost, light repair, the lifts for the lights, it is \$97,250.00 a year. The cost for the turf carpet itself, the excavation for the actual drainage of the field, and for sight work \$1,200,000.00, for the actual surface itself, that is based on professional estimate that was received Field Turf itself. Mr. Twomey spoke of a program, based out of Pennsylvania called the Keystone Purchasing Co-op. The state of Pennsylvania, as an entity, went to Field Turf, which is the leading provider for turf in the country, they said what we are calling a rate for anyone that would want to use out entity. If someone uses Field Turf you don't have to go to bid this is the rock bottom price if they are willing to sign up with the Keystone Purchasing Co-op program. The governing body of the State of Pennsylvania extended this courtesy to the State of New Jersey as well. New Jersey legislature amended it, and New Jersey can take action on this as well. Original numbers that were received from MKW, was 145,000 square foot, the actual surface of the field, it is \$8.75, as an estimate, to put the turf down with the drainage underneath, excavation. Based on these numbers of \$3.95, plus the excavation cost of \$3.50, it comes to \$7.50 compared to what we were talking about before. The turf itself from where we were three years ago is anywhere from \$150,000 to \$200,000 that it was then, if we are willing to go through the co-op. For the turf for the next fifteen years is 1.2 million dollars, based on those numbers. Grass for the next 15 years, going the way we are is 1.7 million dollars. Mr. Twomey spoke of the lights being a major problem, and drainage also is a major problem. Mr. Spezial spoke of the existing lighting, how the lighting is run through the field surfaces. Mr. Twomey spoke of the difference and the potential savings for turf is approximately \$500,000 less if the Township would go with turf. Mr. Twomey spoke of the last page, which gives the next 30 years for this field. Mr. Twomey states in the year 2016-2030 at the current rate for grass alone, you are talking about 2.3 million dollars and it is about \$500,000 to redo the surface for turf. Mr. Sears are we going to get 30 years out of this turf. Mr. Twomey the warranty for the turf is anywhere from 12 to 15 years depending upon the use, this field is done for NFL players, high school players and half the kids that would be playing on this turf are about 100 pounds. Mr. Spezial states the drainage system is 25-30 year investment and lighting is a 25 year investment. Mr. Spezial states even if there are repairs to the surface of the field, the drainage system will always be in place, which is a plastic material, there is no metal, so there is no deterioration or rotting. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of the drainage at length, which is now actually being put into roadways and in this case should last at least 30 years. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of the substructure of the field and the drainage. Mr. Beckmeyer states in 15 years you pay for the whole product. Mr. Beckmeyer states as you do in house you take up the carpet, leave the subfloor

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and you roll out new carpet. When you roll out a new carpet, the drainage substructure underneath is still there, still viable. Mr. Twomey states the spreadsheets that were given are the full cost of the project, turf cost versus the actual project itself. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of a turf field that he was involved in on Route 17, East Rutherford, that was done 13 years ago, and it is not even to the point of replacing the carpet yet. There is no sign of any problems with the drainage structure. Mr. Twomey states the project is 2.2 million dollars, with this savings on the deal from Field Turf, the quote from Musco for lighting, we think the project is close to 1.85 million. The 2.2 million is the project itself, the engineering and any other bonding costs. Mr. Twomey states we have done a lot of homework on this, it could be even less for what we are going to be getting on this. Mr. Twomey spoke of page 2, current cost of what we are spending on the field, which is \$114,300, which is the numbers Administrator Cavallo had; it is 2% increase for the next 15 years, so in the next 15 years over 2 million dollars will be spent with the grass product right now. Mr. Sears asks how did they come up with the grass product being over 2 million dollars. Mr. Twomey states those are Administrator's Cavallo's numbers. Mr. Spezial states Administrator Cavallo went back 8 years and came up with those numbers. Mr. Twomey states the original numbers were \$147,000, but we took the original number for the bond. Mr. Sears would like to know how Administrator Cavallo arrived at these numbers, did he look at bills, price for labor, and pricing for lighting. Mr. Spezial states yes, that is correct. Mayor Sobkowicz states Administrator Cavallo went through all the old purchase orders. Mr. Spezial states the administrator used actual bills and records from the town, he went back 8 years. Mr. Sears can we see those bills. Mr. Spezial states you can look at the bills, but the administrator organized them, listed them all and came up with the number. Mr. Twomey states page 2 that is the annual cost for the next 15 years, which is 2.2 million, page 3 is based on the 2% increase per year, and this is what we have spent on the field in the last 15 years, which is 1.5 million dollars. Mr. Spezial states the field looks no better than it did 15 years ago. Mr. Twomey states page 4, 2016 through 2030 is where the Township is going to save money. In the year 2016 if we continue down the path with grass, it is \$156,000 the first year, \$207,000 the last year so it is another 2.7 million dollars in years 2016 through 2030. With the turf, 2016 through 2030 it is same \$500,000 for the new top carpet. Mr. Twomey states for grass continuing the way we are going for the next 30 years it is going to be 4.7 million dollars, for turf it is 2.7 million dollars. Taking that difference, the project is 2.2 million dollars, and could pay for itself over 30 years. Mr. Twomey states this is a 30 year plan, and this plan shows how the issues with the field are being addressed and we can make it the park we want it to be. This 30 year plan also limits the risk to the taxpayers on cost fluctuation, built in number, and really put it to work. Mr. Twomey spoke of choosing Field Turf as a partner that would really benefit the Township in getting it cheaper. Mr. Twomey spoke of going the route of turf; it would significantly diminish the hours spent by the Township DPW, which can really benefit the Township. Mr. Twomey spoke of the cost savings to the Township in the 15 years and also after the 15 years the Township would still have 10 years on the 25 year warranty for the lights, which also includes light bulbs. Mr. Twomey states in the end, there will be a facility which meets the needs of the Township of Washington, as well as the recreation membership of the Township. Mr. Sears asks what is the current membership of Township Football and Lacrosse, how many outsiders come to the Township to play Lacrosse. Mr. Twomey in the Lacrosse program it is 247 kids, but it is not just a sole program for Township of Washington, but it is along with Westwood, so we do have Westwood residents playing in the Township Lacrosse program. Westwood handles the Dragons Soccer Program, they take the kids from the Township and they all play in Westwood for that program. Mr. Sears asks how about football. Mr. Spezial states that is all Township kids, also all Township

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cheerleaders. Mr. Twomey states there are probably 100 football players and 80 cheerleaders, and that fluctuates year to year, it has mostly been up. That does not include baseball, men's softball and Township Recreation which also use the field. Mr. Sears states he appreciates all of the numbers. Mayor Sobkowicz states the utilization is there. Mr. Sears states there is no doubt of the use of the field. Mr. Sears states to please leave this with us; we will discuss this since this is something new with regard to Field Turf. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of turf which was used 13 years ago in East Rutherford. Mr. Twomey spoke of Little Ferry High School, Emerson High School and Park Ridge High School which did it as well. Mr. Twomey states Mr. Spezial and he has done everything, there is nothing really left for us to do to try other than move forward, it would save us money in the long run. Mr. Twomey states what we need as a recreation group and a town, the next part is to have a vote to determine if you want to go out for engineering. Mr. Twomey states it would be \$180,000 to \$200,000 to do an engineering effort to come up with the specs. That estimate can then be used to do the field, at least it is moving forward with this project. Mr. Twomey is not asking council to sign off on 2.2 million dollars right now, we are asking for \$200,000 to go for engineering to re do that field. Mr. Calamari does the number still include a track around. Mr. Twomey states yes and also for the lights in the walking path. Mayor Sobkowicz states a lot of people can then use it. Mr. Calamari states he took a very impromptu survey of families and seniors, and over 90% of them are in favor of the project. Mr. Calamari further states it seems we are throwing good money after bad to maintain the grass; it might be time to upgrade to the technology that will last. There was a discussion with regard to the tool that would be used to do sweeping and maintenance of the turf field. Dr. Cascio spoke of utilizing a dome in the future on the turf field with portable lighting, since there is a limited amount of space for basketball that would be a bonus as well. Mr. Twomey states he will look into that with Paramus Catholic since they do have it there. Mr. Twomey states if you have any questions, please contact us. Mr. Beckmeyer states if anyone would like he can get the representative from Field Turf to answer any questions council may have. Mr. Beckmeyer states he can get councilmen and mayors from other towns to come in to give an opinion. Mr. Sears states he will talk to Mr. Beckmeyer.

Garden State Parkway Exits #168 and Exit #171 - The reason Mr. Sears is bringing this up is the American Dream Project on Van Emburgh, 70 some odd homes and also some townhouses, major traffic coming off of Exit 168. Mayor Sobkowicz states this was also quite a few years back. Mr. Sears states the builder has already given his papers to the county and is looking for soil permits. Mr. Sears states we definitely need to plan and see what can be done to get Exit 171 open and also with regard to Exit #168, council may want to consider some sort of light there. There was a discussion with regard to the units, which is in the area of 25 townhouses and 43 houses. Mr. Sears would like council to start coming up with a plan. Mayor Sobkowicz states the attorney did want to have a closed session on it, on Exit 171 not on American Dream. Mayor Sobkowicz states American Dream went to the Planning Board, since it is residential, they wanted more units and they sued us for Mount Laurel. The matter went before Judge Harris and we got a six year repose, which the Mayor believes needs to start from scratch, and that is where it is right now. Mr. Beckmeyer asks was a traffic study done. Mayor Sobkowicz states she does not know, but she would think not. Mr. Sears states he knows there were multiple issues with the Fire Department and sewerage. Mayor Sobkowicz states the sewerage is a big issue because they want to put in pump house and the Mayor is adamantly opposed to that, and that needs to be dealt with in closed session also. Mr. Sears would like to see some movement on this. Mr. Sears understands that the attorney would like to speak about this in closed session. There was a discussion of how the traffic would flow. Dr. Cascio states that council did ask for a light at that location of the Garden

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State Parkway, it was offered to us and shot down by the administration. Mr. Beckmeyer asks if someone can check to see if a traffic study was done. Mr. Sears states he will. Mayor Sobkowicz states the builder has not come in yet. Mr. Sears states he has come in for permits for soil and things of that nature. Mayor Sobkowicz states the builder does not have final approval, he cannot obtain permits.

Zoning Board Appointments – Mr. Sears states two are coming up, a regular member and an alternate. Dr. Cascio we would have to submit who we want to. Mr. Sears yes, please so we can discuss this at the next meeting. Dr. Cascio spoke of the resolution and the names listed on the bottom. Mr. Beckmeyer states these are the last members. Mr. Sears states Laura Merckle resigned and she was never replaced. Dr. Cascio states what date did she resign. Mr. Sears states she did not take the position. Mr. Beckmeyer states we need one full term and two alternates.

Discussion of Ordinance for OPRA Fees – Mr. Sears states we are getting inundated with large requests for OPRA, last one was several hundred pages and took over 10 hours to get done. Mr. Sears understands there is something in the law that states we can charge above the normal OPRA Request is. Mr. Sears would like council to keep this in mind since the last request received was over 900 pages to get done, it is a lot and it ties up the town quite a bit. Mr. Sears stated spoke to other towns, they do have requests that seem to be above what the norm is and put in their ordinance extra fees can be charged. Mr. Beckmeyer above state law. Mr. Sears states we have to have an ordinance first. Mr. Calamari, if a request takes one hour, we are allowed the copying costs and not the person's research time. Mr. Sears, correct. Mr. Beckmeyer are we only to charge for printed paper. Ms. Erlewein states with faxing, scanning and emailing your prohibited from charging fees. Mr. Beckmeyer if someone asks in lieu of hard copies, if they ask for it to be sent by fax, if it was hard paper you can charge, if emailed you can't charge anything. Ms. Erlewein states that is correct. Mr. Beckmeyer you are still spending the same amount of time, but you are not getting reimbursed for that. Dr. Cascio states it has to be requested in the format. Ms. Erlewein states that there are provisions called "Special Charges" and that involve manual labor, but in order to charge any fee you do need an ordinance. There was a discussion of what would be considered the time allowed to research an OPRA Request, and who would determine what the fees would be. Ms. Erlewein states it would have to be considered something extraordinary. Dr. Cascio would like the clerk to provide the State Law on that. Mr. Sears also asked the attorney for interpretation, but has not yet received a response.

Accepting Bid & Awarding Contract for 2014 Road Improvement Program (2 Resolutions Attached) – Mayor Sobkowicz states these bids were received for Colonial Boulevard and the Firehouse. There is a resolution for Colonial Boulevard only and one for Colonial Boulevard and the Firehouse. Mayor Sobkowicz states Colonial Boulevard is very much what we predicted, we receive \$149,000 back from the state of New Jersey and we have to put out basically is \$65,440.95, and this is not for all of Colonial Boulevard. Mayor Sobkowicz states the firehouse quote on the asphalt was a little higher than the roadway of Colonial Boulevard due to the additional work it requires in preparing the parking lot due to the slope. The striping is less on the Firehouse, so money was saved in that area. The price on firehouse is close to \$70,000. Mr. Beckmeyer asks why do we have two resolutions. Mayor Sobkowicz states some people indicated they were not going to vote for the Firehouse parking lot, so Administrator Cavallo prepared two resolutions, we hope that we can do both.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to approve the dual projects, of Colonial Boulevard plus the additional alternate 1 for the Firehouse/Commuter Parking Lot Repaving the total amount being \$280,148.95.

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Mr. Sears asks is the drainage in the project. Mayor Sobkowicz states the drainage is in the project, that number includes the drainage. Mr. Calamari states that all of this work will stay intact, if something is decided to be done with the firehouse in the near future, it will not disrupt this. Mayor Sobkowicz states no.

Ayes: Councilman Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

UPDATES

Ecology Permits – Mr. Sears states Mr. Hrbek is not here and Mr. Sears did not receive an update. Dr. Cascio states he understands Mr. Hrbek is not here and does not have an update, but looking through the ordinance, there is no fee we are required to pay as a resident of the Township for Ecology Permits, at all unless you have a commercial vehicle. Dr. Cascio whatever happened through the paper and the incident down at the garage, somehow the administration required people to get the new stickers and get charged \$10.00, which is not the ordinance. Dr. Cascio believes that is inappropriate, it is almost extortion for the residents to pay for a permit which by ordinance you don't have to pay for. Dr. Cascio is going to ask the Mayor and the Administration to refund those fees back to the people that paid that. Dr. Cascio states if there are to be charges, it has to be done by ordinance. Dr. Cascio would also like to mention that the public should not even take garbage to the recycle center any longer, leave it out and it should be picked up by the DPW on collection day instead of going to the center. Dr. Cascio states you are charging them Madam Mayor, \$10.00 apiece. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is a replacement sticker, not an original sticker. Dr. Cascio states there is nothing in the ordinance about a replacement sticker whatsoever. Mayor Sobkowicz states that has what has been charged for years. Dr. Cascio takes it has been done wrong for years. Mr. Sears states that will be looked into. Mayor Sobkowicz states Administrator Cavallo worked on a whole thing to introduce to council, he gave all the information, nobody wanted to deal with it. Mayor Sobkowicz states Administrator Cavallo wanted to deal with this before this whole thing started, then he met with Councilman Hrbek and they got together, discussed things and presented it to council, council didn't deal with it. Mayor Sobkowicz states then Administrator Cavallo actually prepared a sample ordinance for council to look at before this whole thing started so if council wanted to write a whole new ordinance, it could be done. Mayor Sobkowicz state all this time has gone by and things are pretty quiet now. Mayor Sobkowicz also went out to the flyer that was sent out, and every one of these flyers states you have to have a decal to go to the Township dump, it states this right at the bottom. Mayor Sobkowicz states to try and refund now, forget it. Dr. Cascio states the administration collected monies that they weren't allowed to collect, how can you do that. Mayor Sobkowicz states she did not collect any money. Dr. Cascio asks who told the Clerk, who we have control over, to collect the \$10.00 for replacement fees. Dr. Cascio didn't do it and he does not believe Mr. Sears did, Mr. Calamari didn't do it and Mr. Beckmeyer didn't do it. Mr. Sears if that is not in the ordinance, then Mr. Sears agrees with Dr. Cascio the citizens need to be reimbursed. Mayor Sobkowicz states for years that is what was done. Mr. Sears asks Ms. Erlewein if she has a copy of everyone that paid. Dr. Cascio states you are extorting the citizens who are paying a fine dollar to get rid of their garbage. Mayor Sobkowicz states it costs a lot of money to have a person there on Saturday. Dr. Cascio and they also pay a lot of money in taxes already. Mr. Sears states he will look into this for Dr. Cascio.

Habitat for Humanity/VFW – Mr. Sears did speak with Administrator Cavallo today. Mayor Sobkowicz states we have another meeting. Mr. Sears

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states Administrator Cavallo has another meeting, once this meeting occurs, Mr. Sears will have a meeting with the council so everyone understands the process, if we want to go forward with this, what the alternative would be, selling the property or releasing the property. Mayor Sobkowicz states the administrator is going to schedule a meeting.

Roads – Mr. Sears would like to know when Phase 2 is going to be planned. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is already being done. Mr. Sears states does the Mayor have a list of the roads that are projected to be done in 2015. Mayor Sobkowicz states it is being compiled. Mr. Calamari asks how is it being compiled. Mayor Sobkowicz states right now we really would like to hire an engineer to actually go and look at every single road, make notes and give us a spreadsheet. Mayor Sobkowicz states right now we are getting roads that the road department is telling us or anyone is bringing to our attention. Also the engineer Mr. Statile who worked on this also gave us some names that he feels should be in the next program, we are probably going to look to hire Mr. Statile to do an actual spreadsheet, if that is okay that is the route Mayor Sobkowicz would like to go with. Mr. Calamari states he does agree with that. Mayor Sobkowicz states she would like it done right the first time and if council agrees that is the way it will be done.

Firehouse – Mr. Sears states the Firehouse paving was already spoken about.

DPW – Mr. Sears states he read through Mr. Statile's comments, and hopes everyone had a chance to read it. Mayor Sobkowicz states Mr. Statile is just giving just an answer as to what it would cost. Mayor Sobkowicz states that the firehouse will be paved on a Saturday, when the commuters are not there so there is little disruption to that, plus the firehouse can use one side.

Intersection of Washington Avenue and Pascack Road – Mr. Sears states that Mr. Hrbek wanted to speak of the intersection of Washington and Pascack Road. Mr. Sears states are we doing anything with regard to that and have we reached out the county that is basically what Mr. Sears knows that Mr. Hrbek wanted to speak about. Dr. Cascio states he wanted this put on and Dr. Cascio recalls there was a resolution a couple of years ago to work with county, and Dr. Cascio was wondering if the county was contacted recently. Dr. Cascio spoke of the red plates that are on the sidewalk for the handicap, that the county put them in incorrectly somehow, and the state would like them redrawn, those being all the ones on the county road. Dr. Cascio would like to know if Mr. Beckmeyer is aware of this. Mr. Beckmeyer states that have been over 90 put in in East Rutherford over the last year and there was a new program this time around when the county was doing their resurfacing program, that they pave for the ramps being installed, they hired a contractor and the borough engineer did the design, and there is reimbursement on a percentage of the design. Mr. Beckmeyer states there was an issue that began a couple of years ago with the Federal Government, and DOT Grants, they came in and stated some of the ramps throughout the county were not in compliance with ADA Law, they made them replace them. This time around the county actually assigned an engineer to oversee the ramps. Every ramp that was done, sketches were drawn and approval was needed. Mr. Beckmeyer does not know if in the Township they comply or not. Dr. Cascio states his understanding they didn't have a drawing, they might not be in compliance and an engineer needs to be hired to make them compliant, then the county would come in and if they wanted to pave the county roads, if the plates weren't done yet, they can't pave the road. Mr. Beckmeyer states if the plates are not done in compliance with the ADA Law, the county will not pave the roads. Dr. Cascio who do we get to look at them to see if they are in compliance. Mr. Beckmeyer states the county will let you know if they are not in compliance, there are also organizations that go around to see if they are in compliance for the ADA Law. There was a lengthy discussion of areas that are in disrepair, with the county fixing those and that can't be done until some of

the curbing is done. Mr. Beckmeyer if the plates are not in existence, the county will contact the Township when they are going to be paving it, and tell the Township the company that will do the curbs, and then everything sets in motion with our engineer and pass a resolution that our engineer will work with the county, pay them and get reimbursed. Mr. Beckmeyer states at that time they will go and check which ones are compliant or not and if they are not in compliance, they will have to be redesigned, if not there at all a company will come in two or three months before the paving. Dr. Cascio does not want the ramps, if they are not in compliance, to hold up the paving project. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of his experience of the county coming to him two years before a paving project was started. Dr. Cascio thanks Mr. Beckmeyer. Mr. Sears states there is no closed session tonight.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Calamari, Cascio, Sears.

Nays: None.

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Council President