

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

November 9, 2015

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Council President Peter Calamari with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Steve Cascio, Dave Frank, Thomas Sears and Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator; Ken Poller, Attorney. Absent: Glenn Beckmeyer, 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 Bergen Record, forwarded to the local newspapers, posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to approve the October 19, 2015 Public & Conference Minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Absent: Councilman Beckmeyer.

Nays: None.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz stated the Veteran's Day Ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Circle on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. This is our opportunity to pay tribute to the men and women who fought to preserve our freedom and she hopes to see everyone there. Our Police Department was one of only 10 departments receive the Award of Excellence from the AAA North Jersey Community Traffic Safety Ceremony, which includes Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties. This award is given to Police Department that have instituted and maintained traffic safety programs to address distracted drivers, occupancy safety, school safety, child passenger and so on. Our ordinance for the new mobile computers for the vehicles and the radar units go into effect tomorrow so those items can be ordered. On tonight's agenda is an ordinance for the Police Department server and updated computers and the necessary software. In the month of October, the Police Department had 776 calls, the Ambulance Corps had 36 calls and the Fire Department had 10. Those are calls from within our Township. Our Garden State Parkway Petition for Exit 171 calling for removal of the "No Right Hand Turn" in Woodcliff Lake has definitely been noticed. We have received calls from the New Jersey DOT and from the State Highway Authority. As of today, 1245 have signed the petition electronically, and about 56 or so have completed the paper version. She deos have the paper version at this meeting for those who do not have a computer. She stated out of the 1245 petitions that were submitted electronically, 492 were submitted from the Township, 242 from Park Ridge, 161 from Montvale, and then it goes to other towns, Hillsdale, Woodcliff Lake, River Vale, Westwood and so on. On Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> Woodcliff Lake passed a resolution reaffirming their support for the original agreement because it will cause problems for them at the intersection and they feel that we they were slighted with our petition. She would like everyone to know that we did meet with the former Mayor of Woodcliff Lake a few years ago, members of the Police Department, the County and the Highway Authority to no avail. The County

even offered a trial basis of lifting the no right hand turn, and there was no agreement. She is very open to meeting with them if they so choose, but they have to really want to talk and have a good discussion. We have recently settled our contract with the DMF and they received a 1.5% increase until 2017. She stated it was a good give and take, such as we received an extra step on the guide for employees hired after January 1, 2015, on the other hand we did put a little more money per year for safety equipment. Our Joint Insurance Fund consultant continues to hold monthly meetings, and as you all know the Township has been awarded many acclamations this past year. Our Rabies Clinic was held this past Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will be another clinic this coming Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in Emerson at their DMF facility. With regard to garbage bags, the purple bags and blue bags are now available at Kings in Hillsdale and Ridgewood and they are also available at the Foodtown. The Foodtown is open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and she hopes that everyone supports Foodtown. They have done a great job cleaning everything up, they will not renovate the store until April 2016 when they come to the Planning Board with a full renovation. The Shredding and E-recycling Event that was held on October 17<sup>th</sup> resulted in 3 tons being shredded, which is the most we have ever done on one recycling day. The Woodfield Road project was not as easy as Julia Court and there were quite a few delays with the utilities but we have been promised by the end of the week it will be completed. Standish Road was milled last Friday and will be paved this coming Thursday. With regard to the Road Program 2015 all the roads have been paved that were in that program, but some striping still needs to be done. Zone 1 for leaves began on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and completed one pass. Zone 2 began today, and November 16<sup>th</sup> we will start Zone 3. Please have your leaves curbside by the date of your zone. In the meantime the DMF has been picking up leaves two or three times a week on the streets where the schools are located. The grass at the parks was cut for the last time by the DMF, all the water is off, and hot water heaters were emptied. All of the maintenance of the vehicles was completed so we can handle the leaf season, snow season and salt season. At this time we have 350 tons of salt available. The DMF also did a nice job repairing the corner of School Street and Pascack Road and they also cleaned out 65 catch basins in October. With regard to the Curbside Recycling Program, we are about 10 tons behind from last year for this month and about \$7,000 behind in revenue. She asks everyone to focus on recycling for November and December. Our October 24<sup>th</sup> we held our Township Fall Festival and it was great. The weather was a little chilly, but we did have close to 2000 residents who really did enjoy the activities, rides, games and the camaraderie from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A lot of people worked to put that event together for months, and when you see the people enjoying themselves it is worth it. We did have close to 85 volunteers working that day. The Township Library held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Haunted House with more than 250 children and parents attending this event. Everyone agreed it was the best one they had so far. We also had the Ragamuffin Parade which was sponsored by the Fire Department. Our Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and the library will be showing Polar Express immediately before that. So parents and children can go to the library and watch Polar Express and immediately following we will have the tree lighting ceremony. The library will also have a Whoville Christmas event. The library also held a Murder Mystery Dinner which 35 people attended. On Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Valley Hospital will be doing a presentation on asthma and strategies to manage asthma. To attend this event you do have to call Valley Hospital to register. The Bethany Church sponsored a Trunk or Treat Event which she attended. She was very impressed with the organization and activities provided. The trunks of the vehicles were seasonally decorated, they had a big screen television for children to watch movies, and they served hot chocolate and soda. She stated everyone had a great time in a nice safe and friendly environment and she was very glad to see so many residents there. She would like to extend her sympathies to the family of Sister Miriam Blackwell, who was part of Our Lady of Counsel for

many many years, and also to the family of Kevin O'Halleran who was one of the founding members of Our Lady of Good Counsel. They both passed away this week and it is a sad day for our community. She extended her congratulations to the two newly elected Councilmen, Mr. Michael Ullman and Mr. Bob Bruno and our reelected Councilman Steve Cascio. She wishes them all good luck in this endeavor.

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – Stated he has no report this evening.

Mr. Sears – Congratulated Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ullman and Dr. Cascio on the election. He hopes to work with them next year.

Mr. Frank – Congratulated everyone as well and wishes them all the best of luck. He stated he also like to give Mrs. D'Ambra credit for putting herself out there, which is not an easy thing to do. With regard to GSP Exit 171, he did speak to a Councilman in Hillsdale today who plans on bringing this subject up at their meeting with regard to the Township petition and where to find it.

Mr. Calamari – Congratulated the two new councilmen and the reelected Councilman Cascio. Stated this week is "Veteran's Day" and if you see a Veteran, please thank him or her for their service. Stated he moved his office location and cannot find his notes, so if he needed to get back to anyone from the last meeting, please remind him.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Absent: Councilman Beckmeyer.

Nays: None.

Ray Bernroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Bernroth asked what is the status of the signs "State Law You Must Stop for Pedestrians." Mr. Calamari stated he apologizes, that was an item on his list and he will get back to Mr. Bernroth next week.

John Reutershan, 53 Stratford Court – Mr. Reutershan stated he would like to see the referendum on Memorial Field in the General Election 2016. He doesn't believe any of the Township money should be spent on a Special Election.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder spoke of importance of the crossing signs in the Township. He spoke of the Foodtown in the shopping center, which is a Nicholas Foodtown, and what the plans are according to a conversation he had with the general manager. He also stated the restaurant that is on the other side of the center is very good. He stated he sees the town center starting to take a good turn and he spoke of the opportunities it will bring. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she also spoke to the owner and he does own four other Foodtowns. She stated he took the pricing on A&P had and made an across the board cut, but he will have quality food and a lot more to offer. Mr. Snyder spoke at length with regard to the need of televising the meetings. He also stated he would like to see the Police Department give a warning to private landscapers that do not have the leaves covered in the back of their trucks. He commented on Exit 171 and the gas station canopy which he feels is over the size limit. Mr. Sears spoke of Mr. Snyder's comments at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with regard to the decrease in pricing of homes in the Township. Mr. Sears spoke of his findings of homes in the Township that sold above their assessed values. A lengthy conversation followed with regard to what was stated at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Sears also followed up with regard to Mr. Snyder's comments on October 5<sup>th</sup> with regard to the school system. Mr. Sears spoke of the rating of the school system and how the school system is rated. Mayor Sobkowicz stated she did have a meeting with Mayor Birkner, along with the

school superintendent and one of the items that discussed was the value of the homes based on the school system.

Agnes Smith, 646 Valley Court – Ms. Smith spoke of the condition of the staircase, which are black, and the walls in the Municipal Building. She stated in the past when the weather conditions were not favorable, a roping would be put across the stairs so they were not used. She spoke of stairs on Pascack Road, the microphone, which both need to be fixed. She stated these are not costly fixes. She stated she suggests that the people that sit here should make this building attractive to the people that live in the Township.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman thanked Mr. Frank, Mr. Beckmeyer and Mr. Hanson for their efforts putting themselves out there in this election. A discussion followed with regard to the status of the VFW. Mr. Poller stated it is now in the hands of Habitat for Humanity, we are waiting for them to move ahead. There was a discussion with regard to the status of the property in the Township's books. Administrator Cavallo stated once the property is sold it will be removed from the fixed asset ledger, and since taxes were not paid as a VFW and the Township owns the property, there will not be a loss on the tax side. Mr. Ullman commented on the canopy of the gas station and at this time the pumps being a few feet higher than the surrounding ground. He stated as a former Planning Board member he doesn't remember approving a change in the topography. Administrator Cavallo explained that the change was done at the county level having to do with the design of the intersection. Mr. Ullman spoke at length with regard to a mailer that was done by the candidates that he feels was in poor judgement since it highlighted his wife, Mr. Bruno's family and other members. Mr. Frank stated he did apologize to Mr. Ullman with regard to the mailer.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson stated no matter who won this Township needs to heal. He stated that this was a learning experience for him and his family. He stated with regard to the field, we do have a Plan A, which is out there, but we do need to have a Plan B and Plan C. He stated the Recreation Department is an extension of the schools. He thanked everyone and congratulated the candidates that will be taking over.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso asked if the administrator is leaving. Mayor Sobkowicz replied yes. Mr. D'Urso stated this is a major concern since it will be budget time soon. He feels this should be a top priority with three meetings left this year.

Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road – Mr. Bruno wished best of luck to Mr. Frank, Mr. Beckmeyer and Mr. Hanson. He stated he also did not appreciate the mailings that included his wife, sons and neighbors. He spoke at length with regard to what was written in the mailings. He congratulated and wished Administrator Cavallo the best of luck and looks forward to working with the remaining council and administration.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Ms. Lipnick stated she has asked about the shopping carts in the past in the shopping center and has seen they are not there at this time. Administrator Cavallo stated the owner has indicated the carts are no longer going to be located in the front of the store and he is also working on having the bars removed in front of the building. Administrator Cavallo stated a proposal will also be going in front of the Planning Board with regard to changing the parking lot layout and putting cart returns in the parking lot. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the store does plans for renovations for next April and she hopes residents support the store. Ms. Lipnick spoke at length with regard to a "Bruno Cascio Ullman" sign which was located on her property on voting day 100 feet from the library and beyond the 10 foot right of way which was trashed. She stated the person who did that trespassed onto her property. She stated it is time to heal in this Township and finds what was done to the sign despicable. Mr. Frank read something that was posted on Facebook and stated that healing comes from both sides.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder thanked Administrator Cavallo for being responsive to anything he asked about and is very sorry that

Administrator Cavallo is leaving. Administrator Cavallo thanked Mr. Sndye and stated he has accepted a position in Verona as the Town Manager.

Cynthia Cannon, 804 Manhattan Avenue – Ms. Cannon congratulated Dr. Cascio, Mr. Ullman and Mr. Bruno. She spoke at length with regard to the need for the pedestrian signs. She asked how long will the petition for Exit 171 be on the website. Mayor Sobkowicz replied as long as we want to. For those who do not have computers, the paper petition is also available at the library, and Town Hall. Mayor Sobkowicz stated we have been told by officials that we have been flooding the State emails and encourages everyone to fill out the paper petition. She also spoke at length with regard to making the left hand turn onto Pascack Road from Washington Avenue. She also spoke of the dangers of leaves being piled all the way to an intersection. She asked what is the next step with regard to the certified petition. Mr. Calamari replied it will be discussed during the Conference Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Absent: Councilman Beckmeyer.

Nays: None.

### ORDINANCE

#### Introduction Ordinance No. 15-19

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-19 entitled: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$35,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT TO FINANCE THE COST OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-19 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Absent: Councilman Beckmeyer.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-295 was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Absent: Councilman Beckmeyer.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-19 entitled: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$35,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT TO FINANCE THE COST OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2015, 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 Pascack Road, 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 Bergen Record, a newspaper circulated in this Township, the introduction and notice of further consideration for final passage and public hearing of this ordinance as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Absent: Councilman Beckmeyer.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 15-296

2016 Calendar Council Meeting Dates

2016

Monday, January 4, 2016 (Reorganization)	Monday, January 18, 2016
Monday, February 1, 2016	Monday, February 22, 2016
Monday, March 7, 2016	Monday, March 21, 2016
Monday, April 4, 2016	Monday, April 18, 2016
Monday, May 2, 2016	Monday, May 16, 2016
Monday, June 13, 2016	Monday, June 27, 2016
Monday, July 18, 2016	Monday, August 15, 2016
Monday, September 12, 2016	Monday, September 26, 2016
Monday, October 17, 2016	Monday, October 31, 2016
Monday, November 14, 2016	Monday, November 28, 2016
Monday, December 5, 2016	Monday, December 19, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Public Sessions, Conference Session and Combined Public/Conference Sessions of the Township Council shall be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 350 Hudson Avenue, Township of Washington, New Jersey 07676.

Resolution No. 15-297

Late Closings Dog House Saloon

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that permission is granted to extend the closing hours of the Dog House Saloon & Grill to 3:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 (Thanksgiving Eve) and on Thursday, December 31, 2014 (New Years Eve).

Resolution No. 15-298

Engineering Escrow

WHEREAS, Michael & Theresa Alesso posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 3106.02 Lot 9, 674 Colonial Blvd; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated October 29, 2015, C.O. No. 14-281; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated June 4, 2015; and

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 \$216.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-299

Engineering Escrow

WHEREAS, Gregory Pavin posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 3404.03 Lot 9, 732 Pine Lake Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated November 2, 2015, C.O. No. 15-016; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated August 21, 2015; and

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 \$412.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-300

Performance Bond

WHEREAS, Allen & Laura Bloch posted a Performance Bond on premises known as Block 2105 Lot 10, 699 Beechwood Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approvals dated 11/2/15, CO No. 14-591; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated 9/28/15; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the Performance Bond in the amount of \$7,500.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-301

Tax Refund

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey granted judgments with respect to three parcels for tax year 2015 as part of the Freeze Act N.J.S.A.. Said properties were awarded tax reductions due to resolution of applicable tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, in the event a taxpayer is entitled to a reduced assessment as reflected in a Tax Court Judgment, the taxing district shall refund any excess taxes paid within 60 days of said judgment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be and is hereby authorized to issue the below refunds to the following representative of the taxpayers:

Nathan P. Wolf, LLC  
Attorneys at Law  
673 Morris Avenue  
Springfield, NJ 07081

660 Pascack Road, Block 2110, Lot 6

2015                                 \$   4,787.43

666 Pascack Road, Block 2110, Lot 8

2015                                 \$   1,423.29

674 Pascack Road, Block 2110, Lot 9

2015                                 \$   1,155.43

Total amount of refund \$ 7,366.15

Resolution No. 15-302

Budget Transfer

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

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

Account	From	To
Fire Department – Turn Out Gear 5-01-25-267-003	\$ 3,900.00	
Fire O/E Uniforms & Safety Equip. 5-01-25-265-400		\$ 3,900.00

Resolution No. 15-303

Tax Lien

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2015, the Township of Washington (“Township”) determined that a dangerous and hazardous condition existed at the property commonly known as 62 Sussex Road, Township of Washington (Block 3407, Lot 10) in connection with a damaged tree on said property which was not addressed by the owner of said property; and

WHEREAS, Almighty Tree Experts, Inc., of Saddle Brook, New Jersey, was requested by the Township to rectify the hazardous condition by cutting and removing the damaged tree; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 173-24 of the Code of the Township of Washington, a Tax Lien Certificate dated November 9, 2015, was issued by the Township’s Business Administrator in the amount of \$1,820.12, which is attached to this resolution, for approval by the Township Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Council hereby approves the Tax Lien Certificate dated November 9, 2015 attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township Treasurer to take all appropriate action to impose on the property commonly known as 62 Sussex Road, Township of Washington (Block 3407, Lot 10), a municipal lien in the amount of the Tax Lien Certificate (\$1,820.12), whereupon such amount shall become a municipal lien on such property, and said amount shall be added to and become and form a part of the real estate taxes assessed and levied upon said property, the same to bear interest at the same rate as real estate taxes, and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as real estate taxes.

Time Noted: 8:41 p.m.

  
Elaine Erlewein  
Township Clerk

  
Peter Calamari  
Council President

Approved: November 23, 2015

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

November 9, 2015

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

Time Noted: 8:49 p.m

CURRENT BUSINESS

Intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue – Administrator Cavallo spoke of himself and Mr. Statile meeting with the County Engineer and the County Deputy Chief of Staff last month. Stated he did receive plans but they are not still updated as they should be since they don't show the current condition of the corner and the roadway, but the concept has not changed. He spoke at length with regard to the plans and the expansion of the roadway. He stated it is pretty much the same plan as the CVS. He spoke at length with regard to the responsibilities of the roadway, land acquisition, which the County will be involved in, and what the Township would be responsible for. A discussion followed with regard to the width of the roadway. He stated the County would give the Township a drawing of layout they would like and the Township to get an engineer, specializing in traffic studies, to come up with a design for the intersection. A discussion followed with regard to the previous plan that was presented, land acquisition, and the moving of utility poles and the street lighting. The only thing the County is responsible for is inside to inside to curb, they are not responsible for street lights. He stated he will reach out for an updated plan. He also spoke of the involvement of PSE&G and monitoring wells from the BP Gas Station.

Certification of Bond Petition Memorial Field – Mr. Calamari stated the petition was certified by Ms. Erlewein and he would like Ms. Erlewein to explain what the next step would be. Ms. Erlewein stated since the petition was successful, it must be made a public question. The question will be at the next General Election unless council decides they would like a special election before then. It is a 60 day window and the cost would be approximately \$11,000 for a special election. Mr. Calamari asked that council think about this and it will be decided at the next meeting. Administrator Cavallo stated the special election does require a resolution of the council. Dr. Cascio stated it is silly to spend \$11,000 and it would be easier for the question to be posed at the next General Election of 2016 which is also a presidential election.

Resolution No. 15-304

Closed Session

WHEREAS, the public is invited to attend all Meetings (whether denoted public or conference sessions) of the Township Council in accordance with its general practice and the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey declared that the public has a right to attend all meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon in any way except as set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12), which provides for

the exclusion of the public from the portion of a meeting at which certain enumerated matters are to be discussed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that, because of the nature of the subject matter to be discussed, the public should not be present at that portion of the meeting of the Township Council at which certain specific matters encompassed by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 are to be discussed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that, pursuant to the express provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the public be excluded from the meeting or portion of the meeting (denoted as an "executive" or "closed" session) in which the following matters are to be discussed:

1. Any matter which, by express provision of federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provision of subsection of a. of this section.

2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

3 Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendation, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance, and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

4 Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.

7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in subsection b. (4) herein in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

**COVEL PROPERTIES**  
**COAH**  
**TAX APEALS**

8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

9. Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is not possible as yet to fix the time when or the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Closed Session can be disclosed to the public. It is anticipated that the subject matter under discussion will be made public when finalized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice is hereby given that the Township Council may find it necessary to take action at the conclusion of the executive/closed session; that such action if taken, will occur in open session; that you are invited to stay in the Municipal Building during the executive/closed session; that the doors to the Council chambers will be opened and an announcement will be made if the Township Council will be going into open session; and you may be present during such open session.

The Township Council anticipates that an open session will be necessary.

The Township Council anticipates that an open session will not be necessary.

Motion		Seconded		Ayes	Nays	Abst.	Absent
Beckmeyer		Beckmeyer					x
Cascio	x	Cascio		x			
Frank		Frank		x			
Sears		Sears	x	x			
Calamari		Calamari		x			

Time Noted: 9: 10 p.m.

  
 Elaine Erlewein  
 Township Clerk

  
 Peter Calamari  
 Council President

Approved: November 9, 2015