

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

February 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 7:36 p.m. by Council President Peter Calamari with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steve Cascio, Dave Frank, Thomas Sears and Peter Calamari. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator.

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 Mr. Beckmeyer, to approve the January 5, 2015 Reorganization Minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Sears, Calamari.

Abstain: Councilman Frank.

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears, to approve the January 19, 2015 Public & Conference Minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz stated on Tuesday, January 20th, the library sponsored a Meet & Greet with the new children's librarian, Marie Joyce. She was glad to see so many children and parents come to meet the new librarian, and the new librarian has already been planning new programs. On February 8th the library also hosted a Mardi Gras Concert featuring New Orleans Jazz Music by Dr. Dubious and the Agnostics. She had seen them once before when they were on WCTV and as usual they were excellent, 127 attended. The new Kindles at the library are circulating very well. On Sunday, March 8, the library is having a Saint Patty's Party at 12:00 pm; they will have Irish step dancers and a band. On January 24th the Fire Department honored 50 Year Active Service Fireman Bill Maul that is making it number 5 for the Township of Washington. She states she has been fortunate and very proud to have known and worked with Jim Kuder and John Hoover, who have passed away, and current 50 year members, Bobby Thompson, Joe Orocchi and Bill Maul, all of whom have served this community to the fullest extent possible. Congressman Garret attended the event and was very impressed that he could speak three 50 Year Firemen in one room. Chief Bilias and she estimated that Bill Maul answered at least 5,000 calls during his 50 years. The Planning Board reorganized on January 28th, with Leonard Sabino being reappointed, Gus Calamari elected as Chairperson, Thomas Sears as council representative and Bob Werlik the attorney. On January 30th the Ambulance Corps held its installation of new officers, new members and awards certificates were given to members to recognize them for the years of service and number of calls. She would like the audience to join her in congratulating all of the new officers and members, when you see them give them a hearty "Thank You" for their commitment to our community all year. The Ambulance Corps responded to 746 calls last year. Westwood Regional High School athletics is making sports news. Boys

bowling is ranked in the top 10, they came in number 5 in the Bergen County Tournament. Girl's bowling is ranked in the top 5 and the Girls Basketball made it into the Bergen County Tournament. On Saturday, March 21 we will be having our Shredding and E-Recycling from 9:00 pm to 12:00 pm at the DMF. On that day you can shred paper, recycle electronics and bring any old medication you do not need to the police department. For January 2015 we recycled 1.64 tons, which gave us an income of \$4,137.00, last January 2014 we recycled 1.08 tons with roughly the same amount of revenue. In our efforts to provide reliable notification to the Township residents, she signed a contract several weeks ago with Swiftreach 911, which will enable the Township to send out mass telephone calls, text messages, and/or emails to specific people or specific areas of the Township in the event of an emergency or important notification. Currently, we had Swiftreach, the county version which is free, but they don't consider snow and ice as an emergency and usually it is a garbled messaged, so it was decided to go out and buy this better part of Swiftreach. We are going to be asking the residents to sign up; you can use traditional phone, cell phone, text messaging or email. The system works much like the Honeywell System in the schools, where you if receive a notification, you can choose 2, 3 or 4 avenues of notification and they will go to each one until they receive a response. The Township will maintain a confidential listing of every phone number supplied through the State of New Jersey's 911 network, however we do not have the means of obtaining listings of ever changing cell phone numbers and emails, which is one of the things we will be able to do with Swiftreach. Within the next few weeks, a portal will be linked from our website to the residents to help us in building and maintaining current information about residents and locations in the Township. Please be on the lookout for information on our website, our email blast, the WCTV bulletin board and our e-sign, so that residents receive notice to sign up for this. She thanks our Administrator, Police Chief, and Deputy OEM officer for their quick response, she mentions this because she saw a lot of calls from senior citizens on the CAD, and this is a good way to check on them when they sign up. There have been a rash of burglaries and some of the surrounding towns have been hit. She asks the residents to please be vigilante. The Police Department has recently received an upgrade to the 911 computer system, which is ten years old and was experiencing malfunction and expensive repairs. This upgrade is in compliance with the new 911 standard for the State of New Jersey. On Monday, January 26th, all the emergency leaders were called into a meeting so they can outline the measures that they would take to provide protection for us during the storm. Everyone was ready as usual. By late that afternoon, early evening, we realized we would not get as much snow as predicted, we were very lucky and she was very happy to do the great job that we did during that storm. On February 1 and 2 we did have a storm that was a little bit difficult for us to handle, since it was snow, sleet and rain, back to sleet and rain, it was more difficult since it kept refreezing each night. We did have workers out almost 24/7, specifically to push back corners and keep the school areas and hills open. Our DMF department did a great job with the three storms, with the roads, municipal lots and the sidewalks. She thanks all the emergency services in helping out where needed. Please remember not to park on the street during snow since the plows do have to go around and it is a lot more difficult to get it clear. Also, if you have a fire hydrant on your property, it would be helpful if the resident can clear a path to it. The new superintendent of the DMF, Dan Kiely, he is started on January 19th, and he has been working on cleaning up the garage. She does not know how many residents have stopped by there, and hopes the council members have, but Dan has cleared out four bays, so now four vehicles can actually be stored in the DMF. Dan has done an excellent job in cleaning up the office, and she does give him a lot of credit for that. He also has done a lot of shift changes; he is really working on trying to make things better at the DMF. He is getting a lot of cooperation and she thanks him for it. Administrator Cavallo prepared an RFP for a needs study of the DMF and the Township actually received 5 proposals in and they are being reviewed at this time and they will be

forwarded to council. Our Safety Committee met last Wednesday, and reviewed procedures, suggested improvements and planned training sessions. She would like to remind council that our JIF Seminars are coming up and for every council member that attends we save \$250 off of our annual cost. Our road conditions survey is just about completed and we are reviewing it at this point, and are in discussion with the engineer. That will be given to council during the budget meeting. Dog & Cat Licenses should have been renewed by January 31st. The late fee is \$5.00 for the month of February and in March it is \$25.00. National Wear Red Day and Heart Healthy Month is February, and as noted on the e-sign, February 6th was Go Red for Women to help save women's lives and increase awareness in reducing heart attacks. One in three women die of heart disease and stroke each year, so hopefully people will be more aware of this and exercise and reduce stress. Administrator Matt, our CFO and I are working on the budget. The auditors were at town hall today, trying to complete some information that we need, such as surplus, revenue, and that sort of thing. It is very important how much is put in the budget. It is very difficult these years, especially with different costs. The governor has a 2% CAP for the Township, but a lot of the expenses increase, for instance the family medical coverage just went up, it is basically a 10% increase over last year. We can only raise the budget 2%, we can put the difference of the increase outside the cap, but then the budget is more than 2%. Her philosophy is she would like to keep things that go outside the CAP inside the CAP, so it is a true under 2% budget. These are things we are dealing with at this time. The revenue for the cable franchise increased a few thousand dollars for 2014. It is always a balancing act and before the budget is given there are still some cuts to make, and other figures need to be gotten. Hopefully by next Tuesday or Thursday we will get the new figures. Quarterly taxes are due, February 2, the grace period ends Tuesday, February 10th and the office will be open until 6:00 pm. At Pascack Valley Mayors meeting last month one of the concerns was the road paving cooperative that we had last year which worked out very well. Bob Hoffman from Westwood took the lead role last year and he is not with Westwood any longer, but Westwood has agreed that the acting administrator will play the same role next year so that program will continue on. On Wednesday, we will be meeting with the new County Executive James Tedesco, so hopefully we will be getting some updated information. Memorial Field fencing is mostly done, as soon as the weather clears up it will be completed.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – No report this evening.

Mr. Beckmeyer – Thanked everyone for coming out tonight in this cold weather.

Mr. Sears – Mr. Sears stated he had a conference call with County Executive Tedesco with regard to the intersection of Pascack and Washington Avenue. He spoke of the discussion that he had with County Executive Tedesco with regard to the intersection and Exit 171. He stated County Executive Tedesco appointed Deputy Chief of Staff Mark to set up a meeting with both the County engineers and the Township engineers with regard to that intersection. He stated he has known County Executive Tedesco for some time and did speak with him at length with regard to this issue and explained to him the situation with regard to traffic at that intersection, and traffic light concerns at the intersection. He stated that area is a hazard and has been for a while and hopefully there will be some movement on that. He also attended the Ambulance Corps officers swearing in ceremony, it was a very lovely evening. The members of the Ambulance Corps mentioned a machine called a chest compressor. Mr. Sears stated he did some investigation on his own and called a local company which has a machine that he can present. Mr. Sears attended a demonstration on how the machine works, and under 30 seconds it was set up doing heart compressions. Mr. Sears spoke at length with regard to this particular machine and it would be an asset to our Ambulance Corps and Police Department. Mr. Sears states the price is between \$13,000 and \$16,000.

Mr. Sears would like to get a fundraiser going in the Township to get this going for our Ambulance Corps. Mr. Sears stated that one gentleman indicated if the Township reaches the \$13,000 mark he will contribute the other \$3,000. Mr. Sears believes that we should go ahead with this type of machine for our ambulance Corps. Mr. Sears would like to speak with Bea Napier and asks Mrs. Ozment to please reach out to her on his behalf. Mr. Sears stated the machine is well worth the investment for the Township emergency services and this machine will save lives, which is the most important thing.

Mr. Frank – Nothing to report.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated he was honored to be invited to the Fire and Ambulance Corps re-organization dinners. He is happy to say volunteerism is alive and well. New members are always needed, so if you can think of anyone please put them in touch with those organizations.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder distributed copies of an article to council. He spoke of the condition of the intersection of Pascack and Washington, what is needed at that intersection, such as lights with cameras, which he believes are also needed outside Town Hall. He also spoke of the need of “Stop for Pedestrians” signs at crosswalks and the locations where they are needed. He then read from an article, with regard to the Borough of Emerson televising meetings. He also spoke of the situation in the Township with regard to televising meetings in the past, and moving forward with this item at this time since there is an amicable and council/mayor situation. He believes the televising of meetings needs to be done. He spoke of the listings in the Township, and this Township is getting a bad reputation.

Fred Goetz, 587 Washington Avenue – Mr. Goetz spoke of the past ordinance for televising council and public meetings, which was vetoed by Mayor Sobkowicz. He thanked Mr. Sears for reaching out to the County, and he also spoke of the circumstances of this being done four or five years ago. He stated the Township had a contract with the county, in which the county was going to invest 2 million dollars into the Township of Washington infrastructure, and Mayor Sobkowicz refused to sign that contract. He would like to be provided with the maintenance numbers for the current maintenance of the field. He also spoke of conducting a cost benefit analysis with regard to the maintenance numbers and what it would cost to install a turf field. Mr. Calamari stated it was spoken about at a Conference Session a few meetings back. He also asks if Men’s Softball, soccer or baseball been contacted with regard to the turf field. Mr. Calamari states we have spoken to the Recreation Director, who is our point person, Mr. Eamonn Twomey. He asks if the auditor has been contacted with regard to the financial or budget impact this kind of project might have over the next few years. Mr. Calamari states council received a report this past week outlining numbers. He asks if the Traffic Safety Officer has been spoken to with regard to the reorganization of the field and the parking situation. Mr. Calamari states council has not, but he will reach out to him.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment thanked Mr. Sears for his hard work with regard to the corner of Pascack and Washington Avenue and spoke at length with regard to the situation in the past with that particular area. There was a discussion with regard to information she requested on Judy Curran, Mr. Calamari advised Mrs. Ozment to file an OPRA Request for that information. There was also a discussion on whether or not an OPRA Request needs to be in writing or can be oral. There was conversation with regard to council discussing ordinances prior to them being presented. She also asked if there is a Director of Finance at this time and Administrator Cavallo indicated no. She spoke of the towing ordinance, the fact that it is very long, detailed and requires the Police Department to check in. She also spoke

of the budget meeting dates and when the budget is to be introduced, the timetable of three weeks and the past budgets. She also suggested that the Township have a 13 month calendar. She asked if a Planning Board Secretary has been hired and Administrator Cavallo states that applications have been received. She also spoke of meeting dates of the Planning Board which are now once a month.

Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road – Mr. Bruno thanked Mr. Sears for his work on the intersection and to please continue. He also spoke of doing something about Washington Avenue, which becomes a three lane road from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. He also spoke of Ordinance No. 15-03 and the signatures required. Administrator Cavallo explained the Ordinance and what the current Ordinance states. He stated this current ordinance does not require the CFO. Administrator Cavallo states the CFO has never been in the Ordinance as a signor, it has always been the Township Treasurer. The Township Treasurer does not have to be the CFO, in our case the CFO and the Treasurer is the same person, the CFO and the Treasurer was the same person when Mrs. Do was the Township Treasurer. Mrs. Do held the title of Township Treasurer, CFO, and Director of Finance. Administrator Cavallo stated the township did appoint a CFO, Ms. Judy Curran and as per our ordinance the Mayor appointed Judy as the treasurer. He spoke of the Township Website and the Business Directory which Administrator Cavallo stated his office did update. He also spoke of the field, and if there is going to be a referendum. Mr. Calamari states no. He also spoke at length with regard to the budget and if the numbers are in for the fiscal year 2014. Administrator Cavallo states the numbers are in and the audit should be done by Wednesday. Administrator Cavallo stated the appropriations are complete; we are waiting for the revenues. He also spoke at length with regard to having a finance person sitting at a meeting answering questions and the need for a financial person. Mr. Calamari states any resident who requires information should go through the clerk or administrator who will then get you the information from the appropriate department.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson plays on the Men's Softball league and the field is a mess, especially after a rainy condition. He also spoke of going to the turf field at Westwood. He also spoke of parking and how it can improve in the area. He stated making the field better it would benefit the children, the seniors and being ADA Compliance. He states people are throwing out numbers, such as 3.2 million and trying to scare people with that large of a number. He also spoke of the intersection which is considered a gateway to the Township and would benefit the County. He thanked the Mayor for not signing up for the meeting to be televised, since it is nerve wracking as it is. He believes that in televising meetings there would be less participation not more, and he prefers not being on television.

Eamonn Twomey, 187 Devon Road – Mr. Twomey stated the is the Recreation Director of the Township and on behalf of the rest of the Recreation Committee, they have all spoken and talked about the field for the past 10 years. He spoke of the Soccer Program who chose Westwood as their destination for soccer due to the conditions of the field. He also spoke of the parking, which was addressed four years ago with Lieutenant Hackbarth and the recommendations which have been presented before. He asked Mr. Sears with regard to Exit 171, if that was discussed with the County Executive Mr. Tedesco. Mr. Sears indicated that Mr. Tedesco was not familiar with it. Mayor Sobkowicz states she does have a meeting with County Executive Tedesco Wednesday night. Mayor Sobkowicz states the original engineer the Township worked last year in trying to get the no right hand turn restriction retired last year, so now we have to meet with the new people since he was our point person.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Mrs. Lipnick asked Mr. Calamari if he had received an answer with regard to the shopping carts at the A&P. There was a conversation with regard to the location of the shopping carts. She would like to see a canopy for the carts. Mr. Calamari will look into it. She would like to know if Judy Curran receives benefits in addition to the \$50.00 per hour.

Mayor Sobkowicz states Ms. Curran does not receive any benefits, last year Ms. Curran made \$6,385.00. Ms. Lipnick spoke of Ms. Curran's past employment history with the Township and the current employees who are making \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour. She would like the salary scales to be revisited and be balanced. Mayor Sobkowicz states most of the CFO's in the area make much more and we are very fortunate to have someone who makes \$50.00 per hour. Ms. Lipnick states \$50.00 is steep and other full time employees only make \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour and it is unfair.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso thanked Mr. Sears for his work with regard to the intersection, what occurred with the corner back in 2011 and it is a gateway to the Township that needs to be improved. He would like to know what the status is at this time. Administrator Cavallo explained the County has given us the property owner a conditional okay on the property to do work not in the county right of way. Administrator Cavallo states that our engineer, the building department is giving the permits to move ahead now that we have received a conditional okay from the county to construct the gas station at this point, not the building on the property. Mr. D'Urso spoke of the past, 2006 or 2007, the light that is currently in the area and that there is too much traffic going on at the corner. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the past plans that were spoken about in 2008, and that Plan B was favored. She then went on to explain Plan B, which was not a grandiose plan, but would help with the traffic. She was then approached by the County in 2010, was told those plans were off the table, and this a new plan due to the CVS which they heard was coming. She then spoke of the new plan, which was disturbing to her and done to accommodate this big development and this plan also included no pricing on anything. At that time she felt it was not good for the Township of Washington since no one knew what the County was going to spend or what the Township was going to spend. She stated we cannot enter into contracts without knowing what we are going to spend and it is a county road. Mr. D'Urso spoke at length with regard to the intersection, priorities and being proactive. He also spoke of the other fields in the Township, how they are maintained. He spoke of Emerson just doing audio of the meetings, so there is no camera, Ordinance 15-03, which he believes is confusing, and the signatures on checks. He then spoke of the CFO, who is not full time and gets paid \$50.00 per hour, and will attend one meeting a month. He feels this ordinance is giving the Mayor all the power to sign everything. Mr. Poller explained the Ordinance which gives the Deputy Treasurer the ability to sign checks, there is nothing new from what is already in the Code. Mr. Poller stated this is the reason why a Codification needs to be done, since there are things in the Code that are wrong. Mr. Poller spoke at length with regard to Ordinance 15-03, which allows the Deputy Treasurer to sign checks, and the need for Codification. Mr. Poller also indicated that the CFO Law goes back to 1991 and the Township Code goes back to 1950. Mr. Poller stated the State of New Jersey Division of Local Government Services was contacted to clarify the issue of CFO, and Dan Kaminski who is in charge of the Certification Program for the entire State of New Jersey did reply, and Mr. Poller then read from Mr. Kaminski's reply. Mr. Poller stated just as JIF replaced the Insurance Committee, everything does need to be cleaned up in the codification process. Mr. D'Urso asked if council still receives bill paid on a monthly basis and if any council members have any questions on those bills. Mr. Calamari stated yes, they do receive the list of bills, and he does not have any questions on them. Mr. D'Urso asked if the Township is renting a salt spreader. Mayor Sobkowicz stated yes we are, since she did try to get a new truck, now we have to rent one.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asked who is the engineer who approved the plans. Administrator Cavallo stated the application was filed with Mr. Azzolina's office, he was the Township engineer at the time the application was received and no engineer has been appointed this year. There was a discussion of how application was submitted as a gas station and a building, or one plan. Mr. Ullman spoke of vouchers for the CFO, whose signatures are required on vouchers and are the same people signing the

checks. Administrator Cavallo explained the how the voucher is submitted, the signatures required. Mr. Ullman asked with regard to a scenario of an administrator not signing vouchers, could he forward those to Mr. Calamari. Mr. Calamari states he could. There was a lengthy discussion with regard to Mr. Calamari's concern of Ms. Plantamura speaking during the Conference Session, and Mr. Twomey speaking on behalf of the Recreation Department during Public Session. Mr. Ullman asked if there were dollar amounts for the road program, firehouse building, DMF and Memorial Field. Mr. Calamari stated this will be discussed during the budget. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the CAP Budget is pretty much set. With regard Habitat for Humanity, the ball is in their court at this time.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance No. 15-01

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-01 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FEE SCHEUDULE

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-01 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-131 was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-01 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FEE SCHEDULE was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 9h day of February, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 23rd day of February, 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.

Introduction Ordinance No. 15-02

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-02 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CREATING TOWING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Frank, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-02 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-132 was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-02 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CREATING TOWING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES was introduced and passed at first

reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 9h day of February, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 23rd day of February, 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.

Introduction Ordinance No. 15-03

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-03 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Frank, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-02 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-133 was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Frank.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-03 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 9h day of February, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 23rd day of February, 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 Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 15-134

BP Products/Petro-Mechanics, Inc.

WHEREAS, Petro-Mechanics, Inc. ("Petro-Mechanics") posted a bond to guaranty the performance under a Major Soil Movement Permit issued by the Township of Washington (the "Township"), relating to the construction and facility upgrades located at 615 Washington Avenue, Washington Township, NJ 07676 (the "BP Gas Station"); and

WHEREAS, Petro-Mechanics has notified the Township Engineer of the completion of performance under the Major Soil Movement Permit relating to the BP Gas Station, and the desire to have the bond posted by Petro-Mechanics

cancelled and any unused escrow released; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has inspected all work performed by Petro-Mechanics and has determined that all such work has been satisfactorily completed, and has made a recommendation to the Township for the cancellation of the bond and release of any unused portion of the posted escrow by letter dated January 28, 2015, a copy of which is annexed hereto (the "Township Engineer's Report and Recommendation"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has considered the Township Engineer's Report and Recommendation, and is of the opinion that action should be taken in accordance with such Report and Recommendation;

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

1. The Township Engineer's Report and Recommendation is hereby approved and adopted subject to the conditions set forth hereafter.

2. The Township Engineer and Township Attorney shall submit all vouchers for professional services to the Department of Finance within 15 days of the date of this Resolution. The Department of Finance shall, within 10 days of expiration of said 15 day period, confirm with the Township Engineer and Township Attorney that there are sufficient funds on deposit with the Township from Petro-Mechanics to pay all outstanding vouchers.

3. Upon verification by the Department of Finance that there are sufficient funds on deposit to pay all outstanding vouchers for professional services, the bond may be cancelled and any unused escrow released, and a letter from the Department of Finance may be issued to Petro-Mechanics confirming to the bonding company that the bond may be cancelled.

4. A copy of this Resolution, with a copy of the Township Engineer's Report and Recommendation annexed hereto, shall be forwarded to Petro-Mechanics, Inc.

Resolution No. 15-135

Recreation 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:

Albert Medina
473 Bergen Avenue
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Refund for Men's Basketball
Refund Amount: \$35.00

Ricardo Ferreira
9 Spice Drive
Westwood, NJ 07675

Refund for Men's Basketball
Refund Amount: \$35.00

Christopher Kelley
651 Lincoln Blvd.
Westwood, NJ 07675

Refund for Basketball - Instructional
Refund Amount: \$45.00

Jessica Troy
80 Wheeler Avenue
Westwood, NJ 07675

Refund for Basketball - Instructional
Refund Amount: \$45.00

Resolution No. 15-136

Municipal Alliance

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Municipal Alliance of Washington Township grant for the 2014-2015 grant year in the amount of \$9,876.00; Cash Match of \$2,469 and In-Kind of \$7,407.
2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Resolution No. 15-137

Appointment of Director of Engineering

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that it does hereby consent to the Mayor's appointment of Vladimir Wojno-Oranski, 436 Howard Street, Township of Washington, NJ as Director of Engineering for a term expiring December 31, 2017.

Resolution No. 15-138

Hunterdon County Cooperative

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), desires to become a member of the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an Agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission to join the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution and the fully executed Agreement is forwarded to the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, after passage of this Resolution by the governing body.

Resolution No. 15-139

Budget Transfer

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides if it should become necessary during the first three (3) months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in an appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose setting forth 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 Appropriations:

<u>Account</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Fire O/E Gasoline/Diesel 4-01-31-460-002	\$ 565.00	
Fire O/E Gas (Natural) 4-01-31-446-001		\$ 565.00
DMF O/E Gasoline/Diesel 4-01-31-460-003	\$ 440.00	
DMF O/E Gas (Natural) 4-01-31-446-002		\$ 440.00
Police O/E Gasoline/Diesel 4-01-31-460-001	\$ 800.00	
MT OF BLDG GAS (Natural) 4-01-31-446-003		\$ 800.00
TOTAL	\$1,805.00	\$1, 805.00

Resolution No. 15-140

Grant Application National Network of Libraries

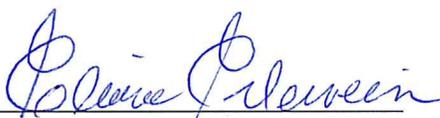
WHEREAS, the National Network of Libraries in Medicine provides funding to the support of projects that increase awareness of health information services offered by community organizations and other groups providing health information services.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington desires to file an application for a grant for the reimbursement of the purchase of Automated External Defibrillator's in an amount up to \$3,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the Administrator is hereby authorized to file an application for funding from the National Network of Libraries in Medicine, for the reimbursement of the purchase of Automated External Defibrillator's, in an amount up to \$3,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the Township is awarded any portion of the funding for which it is applying, the Township accepts the funds and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents that may be necessary to receive the funds from the National Network of Libraries in Medicine.

Time noted: 9:08 pm



Elaine Erlewein
Acting Township Clerk



Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: February 23, 2015

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

February 9, 2015

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

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Budget – There was a discussion if there would be meetings on Saturdays. Administrator Cavallo stated that once the budget is presented to Mr. Calamari, it is usually the Council President that schedules the budget hearings. There was a discussion of how long in advance council will be told if there is a Saturday meeting and notice to the public.

Codification of Ordinances – Mr. Calamari put this on the agenda to make sure that monies will be put into the budget for codification.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Road Program – Administrator Cavallo stated the budget packet will also include the road survey completed by Christopher Statile. Mr. Calamari spoke of the Mayor's Meeting he attended and that this subject was discussed and what was discussed. Mayor Sobkowicz a little more than last year was put in and we are fortunate that Westwood did agreed to take the lead so we can get it underway. Administrator Cavallo stated we are waiting on who is going to take over for Westwood. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke of the DOT Road Paving Project and the fuel and gas adjustment line item. Administrator Cavallo stated there are 7 towns in the Pascack region that are looking to participate in the COOP Program again, and they are looking to get it out earlier that last year.

Firehouse Building – Mr. Sears stated that the downstairs bathroom at the firehouse building is in need of repair, such as painting, new fixtures and tile work. The fire department will supply all the labor, but are asking for \$2000 to buy materials, donations have already been made. There was a discussion if this item was put in the budget and the Pancake Breakfast. Mayor Sobkowicz asks Mr. Sears to have Bill Biliias contact her.

DMF Building – Administrator Cavallo has not had a chance to review the bids, we have received 7, which range from \$13,000 to \$75,000. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the clean-up that went on at the DMF building, which freed up four parking spots for the vehicles and the painting that has been done, the reconfiguration of desks and computers, making it a much better environment.

Memorial Field Improvements – Mr. Calamari stated he did send out an email to council outlining the rough cost, the payback on the bond for different years and amounts. Mr. Calamari stated at this point our next step would be to allocate some money for engineering costs. Administrator Cavallo stated that would give us a true estimate of what the project would cost since we don't have an engineer's estimate. Mr. Calamari asked if council needs any more information either on the field itself or the numbers to be able to take a preliminary vote. Mr. Sears stated he does have the numbers, but has more questions. Mr. Calamari would like to take an informal poll. Administrator Cavallo states, he doesn't want to go out and have a bond ordinance prepared if council is not going to introduce it. There was a discussion if a vote should be taken. Mr. Frank stated he votes yes. The Acting Clerk was asked to take a roll call.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Calamari.

Nays: Councilmen Cascio, Sears.

Mr. Sears stated he was caught off guard and there are still other things he would like to look at. Mr. Calamari stated it was just an informal vote, would Mr. Sears like more time. Mr. Sears replied yes.

VFW Property – Habitat for Humanity – Administrator Cavallo spoke of the draft of the developer's agreement that he did receive, he should also be receiving a revised copy. Administrator Cavallo gave a brief overview of what would be built there, and the property would have to be subdivided into two lots prior to the Township selling it to Habitat for Humanity since Habitat cannot work on the property due to prevailing wage. There was a discussion with regard to companies that would have to be hired, and the use of prevailing wage. Administrator Cavallo stated there would be four living units, with one of those units being for Veterans and the income level. Administrator Cavallo stated that Jaycee Raimondo of Habitat is more than willing to attend public meetings to assist us in moving forward with the project. The closing would be handled between our attorney and the Habitat attorney. Senior Citizen Housing as defined by the state is 55 or older. Once a revised developer's agreement is reached, it will be given to council for review and the timeline on the project, once it starts moving is one year. The maximum would be two bedroom units, or a two bedroom with a small office. The Township income would be on property taxes, the Township will not be landlords. Habitat is selling a zero percent mortgage for 30 years, so there will be no landlord/tenant issue. Ray Damiano will be asked what the fair market value would be. There was also a discussion with regard to COAH.

Intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue – Mr. Calamari stated it was spoken at length during the Public Portion. Dr. Cascio stated we did have some numbers on the intersection at one time, they were never firm, ballpark numbers. Administrator Cavallo stated in what he has looked at there were ballpark numbers, never a firm number.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 9:33 pm



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Acting Township Clerk



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Council President

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