

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Meeting in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President, Richard Hrbek. Members present: Steven Cascio, Joseph D'Urso, Fred Goetz, Richard Hrbek. Absent: None. Mr. Beckmeyer arrived at 8:15 p.m. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Catherine Steinel, 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 Ridgewood News, forwarded to the local newspapers, posted on Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz said that Fireman Richard Reichert passed away recently. She said that last month there were many problems involving United Water and PSE&G. This month there will be a 911 ceremony at Town Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. WCTV will be taping a show on September 28, 2012 at 8:00pm featuring the Hackensack Medical Center North new facility. Shredding Day will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon on September 29, 2012. October 6, is Town Day from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. October 27, 2012 is the Fire Department Ragamuffin Parade and September 24, 2012 is the Flu Vaccine Program at Town Hall. The Mayor reported on Planning Board applications including the Stagger Lee minor subdivision off Linwood Avenue, and also she talked about a knock down and rebuild on Pascack Road. Mayor Sobkowicz said Azarian Realty Planning Board fees have been paid to date. She spoke about many signs that are going up around the Township. She said that she swore in two members of the Junior Fire Department, others will be sworn in soon. Police overtime is running less for the same time period this year than last year. The Civilian Dispatcher has been used more hours this year than last year. Police grant program Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over was implemented from August 17 September to 3, 2012. Ambulance Corps. needs new members. The Mayor said that she attended the Knights of Columbus picnic. She wished good luck to all sports programs. She said the DMF has dealt with sewer backup issues over the past two weekends. Grass and garden debris will be picked up according to the schedule mailed out to residents until October 23, 2012. DMF is cleaning and repairing catch basins. Paul Azzolina sent out the 2013 Open Space Grant application as well as a DOT Transportation grant for a road repaving project and a bike lane. Recycling is down from last year. If the Township buys a roll off truck than recycling can be picked up in house and recyclables could then be directly delivered to the vendor, making more money for the Township. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that she is happy to see that the school district has gone up in the state rankings. The Library has set up various committees for long term strategic planning. They are setting up funds within their budget for buildings and grounds, personnel and finance. They are advertising for an Operations Manager position. The library's monthly allotment has been increased to help them implement their goals. The library will have a booth at Town Day. Town Day is October 6, 2012 and many wonderful things are planned.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Goetz – No Report
Dr. Cascio – No Report
Mr. D'Urso – No Report

Mr. Hrbek – Congratulated the Westwood Regional School District for moving up in the rankings. Said that it took quite a lot of effort. It was a great accomplishment. It is very important because the school system is the heart of a community. He asked that everyone available attend the 911 ceremony.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio seconded by Mr. D'Urso to pass the July 9, 2012 Public, Conference and Closed minutes of the Township Council.

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

Nays: None

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

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

Nays: None

Pat Puchalik, 667 Meisten Street – Mrs. Puchalik said that on Saturday September 8, 2012, a truck dumped a large quantity of asphalt onto a Meisten Street property in the backyard. She thanked the Township officials for their quick response to her phone call regarding the problem. Township Officials called Mr. Kourgelis of Season's, owner of the Meisten Street property and made sure the asphalt was immediately cleaned up. The driver of the truck that dumped the asphalt and cement debris told Mrs. Puchalik that he was dumping clean fill. Mayor Sobkowicz said that Mr. Kourgelis will be billed for the engineer's time spent at the site.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to close the Public Discussion.

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

Nays: None

ORDINANCE

The Clerk read Ordinance #12-14 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS IN THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SHOPPING CENTER.

A motion was made by Mr. Goetz seconded by Mr. D'Urso to introduce and pass Ordinance 12-14 at second reading by title.

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

Nays: None

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

Ayes: Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek

Nays: None

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 12-14 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS IN THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SHOPPING CENTER be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

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

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

Nays: None

Terry Kipriadis, Gyros and Goodies – Mrs. Kipriadis thanked the Council for passing the new sign ordinance. She asked what the procedure will be for tenants who already exist in the shopping center. Mayor Sobkowicz said that

she will speak to the Building Department and will let her know. The ordinance will take effect 20 days after the ordinance is published. Mrs. Kipriadis stated that the management company will not allow the stores to erect a new marquee. She asked the Mayor and Council to advocate on behalf of the tenants to erect a marquee.

Ada Gazillo, Vincent's Trattoria – Ms. Gazillo thanked the Council for passing the ordinance at first reading. She asked if the permit process could be expedited so she could put her sign up sooner than the ordinance allows. Mr. Hrbek said that he will speak to the Council members to declare the ordinance an emergency.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Goetz to close the public session.

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

Nays: None

Councilman D'Urso asked the tenants present where they were proposing a new marquee. Mrs. Kipriadis pointed out several locations, on either side of the property or toward the center of the property. Mr. Goetz asked if there is room on the existing sign and Mrs. Kipriadis said that a rendering was done by a sign company that would accommodate other stores. Tree trimming was suggested as a way of seeing store fronts better.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Goetz to pass Ordinance 12-14 at second and final reading, submit same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

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

Nays: None

The Clerk read Ordinance #12-15 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$280,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$266,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to introduce and pass Ordinance 12-15 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons D'Urso, Hrbek

Nays: Councilperson Cascio, Hrbek

The motion did not carry. The ordinance will not go forward.

The Clerk read Ordinance #12-16 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIREHOUSE PARKING LOT ORDINANCE.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Cascio to introduce and pass Ordinance #12-16 at first reading by title.

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

Nays: None

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

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

Nays: None

WHEREAS, Ordinance 12-16 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIREHOUSE PARKING LOT ORDINANCE was introduced and passed at first reading by title at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 10th day of September, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 24th day

of September, 2012 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road, Township of Washington, NJ 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 Ridgewood News 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.

PUBLIC HEARING/COMMENTS – OPEN SPACE GRANT

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to open the Public Hearing and there being no comments or questions was closed on a motion by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to pass the following resolution.

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

Nays: None

WHEREAS, THE Bergen County Open Space Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("County Trust Fund") provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$32,500 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project (Memorial Pavilion Rehabilitation & Upgrade); and

WHEREAS, the governing body has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program) Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body will hold a public hearing on September 10, 2012 to receive comments prior to the submission of said application; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Washington

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of August 30, 2012, established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, Township of Washington has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That Township of Washington is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and,
4. That Township of Washington agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations in its performance of the project; and,

5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

CONSENT AGENDA

#6 and #10 from the Consent Agenda were pulled and voted on separately.

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. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio.

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

Nays: None.

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 fee:

Helen Rehm
317 Walnut Street
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Cheerleading 2012 - \$130.00

WHEREAS, Zvulun Avner posted engineering and soil movement escrow on premises known as Block 4103, Lots 9-13, 15 Boulevard South; and

WHEREAS, the project falls within the guideline where a Certificate of Occupancy is not required,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated August 19, 2012,

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 \$360.00 to the above.

WHEREAS, Lauren and Glenn Jurkovich posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 4416, Lot 45, 262 Hickory Street; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official issued approval dated September 6, 2012, C.O. No. 11-361,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated August 6, 2012,

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 \$363.00 to the above.

WHEREAS, Ferenc Cserei posted planning board, engineering and soil movement escrow on premises known as Block 2407, Lot 32, 284 Coolidge Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has issued approval dated August 30, 2012, C.O. No. 11-441,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letters dated August 2, 2012 and August 14, 2012,

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 \$2135.63.

WHEREAS, Gregory and Kamilla Gnatek posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 3110, Lot 26, 724 Beech Street; and

WHEREAS, the project falls within the guideline where a Certificate of Occupancy is not required,

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated July 24, 2012,

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington will receive \$4,400.00 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety and wishes to amend the 2012 budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2012 in the sum of \$4,400.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special item of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Additional Revenues offset by appropriations.

Appropriations:

Drive Sober or Get Pulled over FY 2012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$4,400.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations excluded from 5% CAPS

Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues

N.J. Division of Highway Traffic Safety

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant FY 2012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington will receive \$1,500.00 from the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and wishes to amend the 2012 budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2012 in the sum of \$1,500.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special item of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Additional Revenues offset by appropriations.

Appropriations:

Gold Certificate Safety Award FY 2011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$1,500.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

- (a) Operations excluded from 5% CAPS
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues
BC Municipal Joint Insurance Fund FY 2011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Raffle License #868 and #869 was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington for the Pascack Valley HSO PFO.

Raffle License #870 was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington for the Woodcliff lake PFA.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act NJSA40A:8A-1 et seq. to participate in the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that one municipal representative be appointed by the governing body of the community to be part of the Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Park Improvement Program Regional Subcommittee for the term coinciding with the 2012 funding year of September 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints Catherine Navarro-Steinel as its representative to participate as a member of the Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program Regional Subcommittee.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2012 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew said membership:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Township of Washington agrees to renew its membership in the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

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 \$10,333.00 in 2012 – 2013 Community Development Block Grant funds for Handicapped Accessible Doors for Township of Washington Municipal Building, 350 Hudson Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Catherine Navarro-Steinel 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.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has the need to advertise for bids for a contract of services or supplies; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township has the need and requirement to solicit bids for towing services; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has the need to advertise for bids for a contract of services or supplies; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township solicited bids for gasoline and diesel and received no bidders on June 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Township has the need and requirement to re-solicit bids for gasoline and diesel product and supply station; and

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

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 \$3,638.00 in 2012 – 2013 Community Development Block Grant funds for Senior Citizen Activities at the Jack Woods Senior Center, 350 Hudson Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Catherine Navarro-Steinel 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.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington wishes to enter into the two agreements as referenced above with the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the township council of the township of Washington, that the two agreements with the county of Bergen referenced above, as on file with the office of the Township clerk, are hereby approved, and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute said agreements on behalf of the Township of Washington.

WHEREAS, land in the taxing district of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, described as Block 2506, Lot 7, Qualifier CPA02 and known as Parking Space is assessed on the Tax Duplicate

of the Township of Washington to Senior Housing Associates c/o J. Weinberger (hereinafter referred to as the "Taxpayer"); and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer was delinquent on property taxes for 2009/2010 and on October 18, 2011 went to Tax Sale. There were no bidders at the Tax Sale and this parcel was struck off to the municipality; and

WHEREAS,

1. The Township of Washington has the authority to institute foreclosure procedures on said property under N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.34.
2. I, Elaine Erlewein, Tax Collector, certify that six months have passed since the date of the tax sale and that some part of the general land taxes are at least twenty-one months old.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, New Jersey, the governing body of the Township of Washington, that the Tax Sale Certificate shown below now held by the Township of Washington be foreclosed by summary proceedings IN REM, and as described by N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 to 54:5-104.75, and pursuant to the Rules of Civil Practice of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Certificate #10-00003

Recorded in Bergen County Clerk's Office in Book 00928, Page 0847-0848. All costs listed on the In Rem Foreclosure List, plus all fees/taxes due up to time of foreclosure.

WHEREAS, land in the taxing district of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, described as Block 2506, Lot 7, Qualifier CPA53 and known as Parking Space is assessed on the Tax Duplicate of the Township of Washington to Senior Housing Associates c/o J. Weinberger (hereinafter referred to as the "Taxpayer"); and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer was delinquent on property taxes for 2010 and on October 18, 2011 went to Tax Sale. There were no bidders at the Tax Sale and this parcel was struck off to the municipality; and

WHEREAS,

1. The Township of Washington has the authority to institute foreclosure procedures on said property under N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.34.
2. I, Elaine Erlewein, Tax Collector, certify that six months have passed since the date of the tax sale and that some part of the general land taxes are at least twenty-one months old.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, New Jersey, the governing body of the Township of Washington, that the Tax Sale Certificate shown below now held by the Township of Washington be foreclosed by summary proceedings IN REM, and as described by N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 to 54:5-104.75, and pursuant to the Rules of Civil Practice of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Certificate #10-00005

Recorded in Bergen County Clerk's Office in Book 00928, Page 0851-0852. All costs listed on the In Rem Foreclosure List, plus all fees/taxes due up to time of foreclosure.

WHEREAS, land in the taxing district of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, described as Block 2506, Lot 7, Qualifier CPA23 and known as Parking Space is assessed on the Tax Duplicate of the Township of Washington to Senior Housing Associates c/o J. Weinberger (hereinafter referred to as the "Taxpayer"); and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer was delinquent on property taxes for 2009/2010 and on October 18, 2011 went to Tax Sale. There were no bidders at the Tax Sale and this parcel was struck off to the municipality; and

WHEREAS,

1. The Township of Washington has the authority to institute foreclosure procedures on said property under N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.34.
2. I, Elaine Erlewein, Tax Collector, certify that six months have passed since the date of the tax sale and that some part of the general land taxes are at least twenty-one months old.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, New Jersey, the governing body of the Township of Washington, that the Tax Sale Certificate shown below now held by the Township of Washington be foreclosed by summary proceedings IN REM, and as described by N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 to 54:5-104.75, and pursuant to the Rules of Civil Practice of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Certificate #10-00004

Recorded in Bergen County Clerk's Office in Book 00928, Page 0849-0850. All costs listed on the In Rem Foreclosure List, plus all fees/taxes due up to time of foreclosure.

WHEREAS, land in the taxing district of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, described as Block 2506, Lot 7, Qualifier CPB02 and known as Parking Space is assessed on the Tax Duplicate of the Township of Washington to Senior Housing Associates c/o J. Weinberger (hereinafter referred to as the "Taxpayer"); and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer was delinquent on property taxes for 2010 and on October 18, 2011 went to Tax Sale. There were no bidders at the Tax Sale and this parcel was struck off to the municipality; and

WHEREAS,

1. The Township of Washington has the authority to institute foreclosure procedures on said property under N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.34.
2. I, Elaine Erlewein, Tax Collector, certify that six months have passed since the date of the tax sale and that some part of the general land taxes are at least twenty-one months old.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, New Jersey, the governing body of the Township of Washington, that the Tax Sale Certificate shown below now held by the Township of Washington be foreclosed by summary proceedings IN REM, and as described by N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 to 54:5-104.75, and pursuant to the Rules of Civil Practice of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Certificate #10-00006

Recorded in Bergen County Clerk's Office in Book 00928, Page 0853-0854. All costs listed on the In Rem Foreclosure List, plus all fees/taxes due up to time of foreclosure.

Mr. Beckmeyer had asked that the following resolution be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Dr. Cascio to approve the following resolution.

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

Nays: Councilperson Beckmeyer

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington advertised for bids for a contract for the 2012 Memorial Field Rehabilitation Project involving the installation of sod on Memorial Field (the "Project") on June 6, 2012, and the Township received bids therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer reviewed all bids received by the Township, and determined that SCS Contracting, Inc. (the "Vendor") was the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Township requested, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-24(a)), that the Vendor extend the time for consideration of its bid beyond the initial sixty (60) day statutory period for an additional period ending on October 15, 2012, and the Vendor consented to said extension; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for awarding this Project under C04-55-878-901; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to award the base bid and alternate "B" for the Memorial Field Sodding Project as outlined in the bid specifications to SCS Contracting, Inc. of 87 Shadyside Road, Ramsey, NJ 07446 in an amount not to exceed the CMFO's certification of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that the Township of Washington hereby awards the bid for the Project to SCS Contracting, Inc., and hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract with said Vendor for the above stated purpose consistent with said bid, with a commencement date for performance under said contract of November 19, 2012.

After a short discussion, a motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to approve the following resolution.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, D'Urso, Hrbek

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilpersons Cascio, Goetz

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Legislature and governor Christie signed into law on January 17, 2012, Senate Bill 59, creating a bi-state commission to coordinate management and flood prevention of waterways flowing between Bergen County, New Jersey and Rockland County, New York; and

WHEREAS, in New York, the General Assembly passed A2206 on May 21, 2012 and S5126 was reported to the New York State Finance Committee on June 5, 2012, for consideration; and

WHEREAS, creating this bi-state commission, New Jersey and New York will work together and create long-term savings, protecting the citizens of our two states, along with achieving greater success and better outcomes during future weather events; and

WHEREAS, recent storms were devastating events for both New Jersey and New York with catastrophic effects on municipal government's budgets and resident's pocketbooks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Washington, on behalf of their residents, urge you to pass this bill in the fall upon your return to Albany so that we can find common solutions and save millions of dollars in the process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to New York State Senator John A. DeFrancisco, New Jersey Senator Bob Gordon, Assemblyman Tim Eustance, Assemblywoman Connie Wagner, Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttel and Bergen County's sixty-nine other Municipal Clerks for distribution to their Mayors and governing Bodies.

Mary Ann Ozment, Township Clerk

Richard Hrbek, Council President

