

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

September 12, 2016

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Session in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Council President Michael Ullman, with the Clerk leading a salute to the flag. Members present: Peter Calamari, Steve Cascio, Tom Sears, Michael Ullman. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Ken Poller, Attorney; Mary Anne Groh, Business Administrator. Absent: Robert Bruno.

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.

**Note: This is the first Council Meeting being broadcasted live on WCTV.**

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears to approve Resolution No. 16 - 261.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Bruno.

Resolution No. 16 - 261

Appointment of Acting Municipal Clerk

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Washington, and the Township requires an Acting Municipal Clerk to perform the duties of the Municipal (Township) Clerk of the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined to appoint Cornelia Lisa as Acting Municipal (Township) Clerk effective August 16, 2016 until September 26, 2016;

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

The Township Council hereby appoints Cornelia Lisa as Acting Municipal (Township) Clerk effective August 16, 2016 and until September 26, 2016.

Roll Call

All present: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.

Absent: Councilman Bruno.

Presentation of the Heart Association Awards

Dina Burke  
Kevin Lynch  
Laura Rifkin  
Eugene Grecco  
Tom Sears

Mr. Sears - Mr. Sears stated the Township, along with the above individuals were awarded the 2016 Heart Association Award for a fundraiser which raised over \$34,000 for 2 heart compression machines and 8 AED machines. He read from a letter on behalf of the Heart Association congratulating the Township along with the individuals on the fundraiser. He also has the Township award, which he would like displayed in the library. He stated on behalf of himself, Council President and the Mayor, this is the group that is going to save lives.

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 Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears, to approve the August 15, 2016 Public, Conference and Closed Session Minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Bruno.

#### REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowitz stated she is very pleased with the work ethic and initiative of the Road Department this month with our acting superintendent Tom Clossey and foreman Bill Lawlor. Despite the extremely hot weather there were no lazy days of summer here as the members filled potholes, cleaned catch basins, picked up household and garden debris, maintained and repaired vehicles, prepared equipment such as chain saws for the hurricane, maintained the fields including lining a smaller football field on Memorial to reduce the stress on the senior football area, coordinated plumbing repairs and street sweeping with Paramus, and worked with the administrator to obtain various quotes as necessary. They painted crosswalks and stop lines where county roads met local roads, repaired 4 catch basins, and put enzymes in sewers that are trouble spots. In addition, Tom Clossey and Bill Lawlor organized a training class for the two new staff members to learn the Sewer Jet that we share with surrounding towns. Bill Lawlor met with the town engineer, the administrator, and she to facilitate proposals for a new salt shed. Currently, the department is preparing for leaf season. After much time and effort, Attorney Poller, Administrator Groh, and I finalized vehicle repair contracts with the Bergen County facility in Paramus and with the town of Paramus. This provides us with more options for quotes and service. Actually, we were the first town to sign an interlocal with the County. We put 2 dump trucks, 1 brine truck, and a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria on GovDeals.com. Once gone, they will free up parking spaces. She also attended the Grand Opening of the Exxon Station on Saturday, August 20. She met the staff who will be operating the facility; I wish them success. Town Day will be held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, rain or shine, she hopes everyone will attend. New to the festival is the Kids Entrepreneur Corner, where children from 8-18 can sell their products or services with the monies donated to charity. They did have to apply to our committee for approval. There will also be a petting zoo, pony rides and a unique creature presentation as well as the usual rides, demonstrations, music and food. According to the weather forecast, it looks to be a good day on Saturday. The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Labor Day Crackdown (funded by a grant from the State) went from August 19 to September 5. From January to August the department answered 5,574 calls, with 712 in August alone. On Friday, August 26, the department conducted Active Shooter Training at the Westwood Regional Jr./Sr. High School. It was supervised by Sgt. Arsenio Pecora with the cooperation of the school officials. AJ is our Head Firearms and Active Shooter Instructor. This is an important and continuous type of training. Unfortunately, the police department was without air conditioning during the last two weeks of August. It was a major repair, \$24,000, with the need for a new condenser as well as dismantling of the large air handler for two smaller ones. Fortunately, it was fixed faster than originally predicted and all is now well. I thank everyone for their cooperation and help. The council passed a resolution naming the Township a Stigma Free place. I hope that you saw the show hosted by WCTV regarding the goal to build an understanding of the impact of mental illness. Just recently Oritani Bank offered the committee a \$5,000 grant to pay for an 8-hour certification program from CarePlus New Jersey which is designed to

increase knowledge, reduce stigma, and increase supportive action. I thank Tom O'Donnell and Desserie Morgan in their efforts to obtain the grant. These classes will be open to all of our emergency services. If you are interested in joining the committee, please call Bernadette at the Town Hall. Due to the Shutdown of DOT projects, the contractor D & L was available to start on July 25 instead of August 17 and completed the program by August 5. The fact that it was so hot during those two weeks worked to our advantage because "asphalt and hot weather go perfect together." In addition, we had prearranged for the contractor to repaint the lines in front of the firehouse with a Thermoplastic road marking paint with beads instead of regular white paint. When applied as road surface markings, a hot melt kettle is used to heat it to 200 °C (392 °F), after which it is sprayed on the road surface. The coating then becomes a line after cooling. This paint is thick coating, wear-resisting, bright and reflective and dries much quicker than the regular striping paint. Also, Suez Water has now agreed to pave Walnut/Washington where they replaced water mains at their cost. I thank Engineer Statile and the administrator for convincing the water company to pay for this. In addition, we are including Cross Street which would be the next street in the paving program. Shortly, residents of those streets will be receiving notification. The once a month curbside pickup for household debris will end the week of September 12-16 depending on your zone; the every week pickup of grass and garden debris will end the week of October 17-21. The next shredding and e-recycling event will be on Saturday, October 15, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Also, for the month of August, you recycled 110 tons, 10 more than August last year. Thank you, it is appreciated. We have had several meetings recently in regard to the intersection including our town committee of several citizens and Councilmen Calamari and Sears. Many ideas and strategies were discussed. In addition, Council President Ullman, Councilman Calamari and herself also met with representatives from Pascack Valley towns who are interested in this issue including Hillsdale, Park Ridge, and Woodcliff Lake. One point expressed by everyone is the importance of a traffic study to determine and/or verify directions of the travelers using GSP 168 and the intersection, since the last one was done in 2006. We will be seeking quotes as well as assistance from other agencies. Captain Gregg Hackbarth, our traffic officer, has requested updated figures of the Intersection from the County; if they don't have any since 2006, he has requested that a new traffic volume survey be performed by the County's provider. The response from Nancy Dargis is that the intersection count will be put on their traffic consultant's list to be conducted within the next few months. Capt. Hackbarth has also requested that the County repave a particularly rough section of Washington Avenue between Pascack and Colonial Blvd. and at least do temporary repairs there until the repaving can be done. The Township has filled potholes there to help. She would like to thank the committee for the fundraiser for the chest compressors, and would like to especially thank Kevin Lynch who was a major donor. A lot of you probably remember the garbage trucks that invaded our town many years ago from the Transfer Station in Hillsdale with noise, smells, and leaking garbage, causing unsafe conditions on Pascack Road and Linwood Avenue in the Township of Washington. In addition, the trucks have to pass through the Washington Avenue/Pascack Road Intersection. Two and a half years ago, Waste Management stopped operating the transfer station, and safety and quality of life improved in Hillsdale and in the Township. However, this could change drastically as Waste Management applied to renew their permit which would allow them to haul up to 900 tons of garbage a day. At the time this was coming through, they were only transporting about 300 tons. If this permit is renewed, it will jeopardize our safety, health, and quality of life as well as put an unfair burden on our roads with garbage trucks going into the facility and large tractor trailers hauling garbage out. Even if they do not plan to start up immediately, renewal of the permit will give them the opportunity to do so at any time. Mayor Frank of Hillsdale and she need our town councils need your help in assuring that this situation does not return to the Township. Please go to our website, town hall, or the library to sign the petition to protect Hillsdale

and the Township of Washington. The FAA proposed changes in flight path to Teterboro Airport from east of 17 to west of 17 are stalled at this point.

From January 1 to August 31, our ambulance corps was dispatched 322 times, 46 from August alone. The members of the Corps are always working hard to get new members to provide more service to the residents. In addition, they are conducting their annual appeal; please be as generous as you can since they are always there for us. From January 1 to August 31, the Fire Department was dispatched 120, with 17 from August alone. Their service calls include fires, rescues, accidents, utility issues, and etc. She would like to thank Jacklyn Auslander and Isabella Sabino from Troop 366 for helping to organize an Operation Goody Bag on August 23 where we filled 998 bags to be sent to soldier overseas. The football program has started with approximately 80 children registered including 7 players from Westwood due to a small enrollment on their senior team. The North Jersey Junior Football League approved this as a 1 year occurrence. The Falcons Cheerleading program has more than 50 girls participating, which is an increase over last year. Fall basketball will start the third week of September until the first week of November and includes grades 5-8 for boys and girls. The 9/11 Ceremony was held on Sunday, September 11, at 8:45 a.m. at the Senior Center with a great turnout of about 75 people, along with survivors of the 9/11 attacks. The library is hosting a San Gennaro Concert on September 25 as well as many new adult, tweens/teens, and kids programs. The library is a Pokegym and there are wild Pokémon about. If you show the librarians ones that you catch in or around the library on your phone and receive a prize. There is a new program called Gaming Fridays from 2-4 p.m. where seniors can play a wonderful selection of games while listening to music and have a great social program. The card tables were donated by the Friends of the Library. Group meditation returned this month. An Adult Coloring Club operates on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Studies show that coloring helps to relax and reduce stress. No wonder I've been coloring so much lately.

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – Dr. Cascio stated he would like to pay tribute to the men and women that lost their lives on 9/11, fifteen years went by very quickly and we will never forget that tragic day. He stated he did reach out to State Senator Booker and spoke to one his representatives who will help us and get some movement on the intersection. He stated he is going to forward some information to them and in turn they will point us to agencies that will be able to help us. He also thanked Scott Spezial and Eamonn Twomey for helping out Westwood in their dilemma with their senior football, it is much appreciated. He spoke of the Westwood Cheerleaders wanting to cheer with the Township of Washington and the Mayor was considering it at one time. He hopes she will consider it again and they can cheer together for the football program. He stated on the agenda is the subject of Ethics Board which will be discussed at the Conference Session. He would also like to thank the Mayor for the lines that were painted in the street in front of the school.

Mr. Sears – Mr. Sears stated he would like to ask everyone in the community to sign the petition to stop Waste Management from coming through our town with garbage, waste and chemicals. He spoke of meeting with a few landscapers with regard to sprucing up Clark Field and they did come up with a plan which he would also like to share with the Green Team. He explained a rough drawing that he did with regard to the plantings at Clark Field, which would include 11 cherry trees, two flowering plumb trees and 8 dwarf boxwoods, which would give the field some color and decoration. He stated he would like to take this on as a project, either by starting a fundraiser to see if someone from the community would like to purchase a tree in someone's name and hopefully by Spring of next year we will be ready to go.

Mr. Calamari – Mr. Calamari stated everything that he was going to say has already been said, in the interest of keeping things moving along he will leave it at that.

Mr. Ullman – Mr. Ullman stated he attended the 9/11 Memorial Service, which was very well done and he would like to thank the administration and the Mayor. Chief Hooper was the Master of Ceremony, there were a number of organizations that participated, such as youth from the Township singing patriotic songs as well as play TAPS. He stated over 75 people attended and it is a very important day and very real in his mind having worked in the city that day. He stated we should ensure that we do not forget that day and it was nice to see a group assembled to recognize and remember that faithful day.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilman Bruno.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of the parks in town which she feels is in deplorable condition and why Atlantic City, which is bankrupt, can keep their parks in beautiful condition. She spoke of observing residents taking their dogs to Clark Field and there being no signs No Dogs on Park Property. She stated Mr. Sears should look into getting a grant for the plantings at Clark Field. She spoke of attending the grand opening of the gas station, in which the Mayor and Ambulance Corps were present, but no one from council attended. She suggested if there is another grand opening someone from council should attend along with the Mayor. She is very happy the Township is doing shared services, but hopes it is not being put into effect since next year is an election year. She also stated she believes there should be term limits for council. Mayor Sobkowicz stated this is the first time the County offered this service with regard to repairs and the Township was the first one to sign on.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder wanted to give good cheer to Police Officer Heather Castronova, who was involved in motor vehicle accident. He stated he is very happy to see the council meetings are being broadcasted live and believes this is good for everyone. He spoke of beautification of the Township with Welcome Signs, getting the right hand turn restriction lifted at Exit 171 and crossing signs in the Township for pedestrians. He also spoke of council having a rebuttal after a resident speaks rather than say they are taking it under advisement.

William Ferrara, 2556 Cleveland Avenue – Mr. Ferrara thanked Mr. Sears for his efforts on behalf of Clark Field and hopes the Township has those monies in the budget rather than having a fundraiser. He spoke of the rate of the trees dying in the park, he believes that there is something in the soil and hopes that tests are done before new plantings are done. He spoke of what he observed with regard to deliveries at the Exxon gas station and asked if there were directions given as to when gas trucks can deliver. Mr. Ullman replied he believes there are restrictions in terms of times for deliveries. Mr. Ferrara suggested notice be given to the Exxon station with regard to that.

Agnes Smith, 646 Valley Court – Mrs. Smith spoke of markers that were purchased by residents in the 1980's for the park. She stated they were taken up and never replaced. She would like to see them replaced since they are a part of history of this Township. She spoke of an article in which the Mayor was quoted as saying part-timers are enough since this is a small town, which she feels is an illogical statement. She spoke of the high taxes the residents pay and there being no service. She stated full time employees are needed and proper compensation should be provided for both part-time and full-time employees. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the markers Ms. Smith is referring to were relocated to the other side of the building, and this was done by a group of volunteers. She stated we have full-time positions in the Township, such as the Administrator, the Township Clerk and a finance person, Ms. Joi Apar. She stated we have part-time workers who are part-time permanent who do get

vacation days and holidays off. She stated our taxes are lower or comparable to the surrounding towns and also the yard is provided.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Ms. Lipnick spoke at length of the situation at Town Hall with regard to part-timers. She also spoke of receiving a notice with regard to the Food town coming before the Planning Board, a neighbor coming in to review plans at the Planning/Zoning Department in the municipal building and there was no one on the floor except one person who indicated there are only part-timers. She spoke of the lack of service and does not understand what her taxes are paying for. She also spoke of her garbage situation with Buldo. Administrator Groh stated she does not recall that intersection and is surprised since there is always someone on the floor.

Loretta Lagana, 186 Devon Road – Ms. Lagana stated she was the resident who came to Town Hall at 2:30 and there was one person in the entire building who informed her that the matter was not going to go before the board. Administrator Groh stated that the property owner gave the wrong notice and it is the property owner's responsibility. Ms. Lagana asked what the situation with the Y. is Mayor Sobkowicz stated there is going to be an auction, which we will probably attend and we are waiting on information on that.

Pat Puchalik, 667 Meisten Street – Ms. Puchalik asked since the Exit off the Parkway at 168 was fixed, have the accidents decreased. Mayor Sobkowicz replied they have decreased almost 50%. There are 10,772 cars come off that exit every day.

Scott Spezial, 785 Washington Avenue – Mr. Spezial spoke of the Memorial Field project and the cost of the project with regard to the comments that are being made by Councilman Ullman and Councilman Bruno of their version what they think the project is going to cost, which is 3 to 4 million dollars. Mr. Ullman replied he did not offer that number. A conversation followed on the referendum of 2.45 and the ordinance for the engineer at \$150,000. A conversation followed regarding the crumb rubber fill and the request for an upgrade to that, which is an option. Mr. Spezial stated there is no problem outsourcing the program to the high school field, which is crumb rubber. Mr. Spezial also stated that Mr. Bruno indicated that soft costs are not included, yet the document prepared a professional engineering firm lists \$164,000 as soft costs. He feels the public is being misinformed.

Eamonn Twomey, 187 Devon Road – Mr. Twomey echoed what Mr. Spezial with regard to the real costs. A discussion followed on the process of getting a real cost and what it would entail to get a shovel ready cost. Mr. Twomey spoke of the other option of crumb rubber, which is in every field in Bergen County because the product lasts. A discussion followed on the line item cost of the basketball court and the grant received. Mr. Twomey spoke of the roads, which were all done at the same time 20 years ago, and the plan in place now to do the roads in increments. He stated we have a plan in place for the field. He stated he is on the field for more than 200 plus days a year and it is in terrible condition.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura read the referendum question on Ordinance No. 15-16 to better inform all of the residents of the Township since this is the first meeting that is being televised. She then interpreted ballot question number 3 and what the 2.45 million dollar number represents. She stated she believes there are hidden costs that have not been represented and this field is being done for a group of adults that are pushing the agenda for football and lacrosse. She stated Westwood already has a turf field and now we will be paying for another turf field. She stated she believes the maintenance was not properly addressed on this field for years and she believes that was done intentionally. She spoke at length of what is currently held at the field and what will not be allowed on the field once it is turf. She stated she will be coming to future meetings and reading the cons with regard to artificial turf. She believes there are additional costs not stated in this initial cost analysis. Mr. Calamari stated Ms. Plantamura spoke of hidden costs and maybe at the next meeting she could elaborate on what those hidden costs are. He also stated for the number of hours the field is being used grass is not an option.

John Birkner, 416 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Westwood (Mayor of Westwood) – Mayor Birkner stated he is representing 27 teenage cheerleaders that do not have a place to cheer. Thanked the board, the Recreation Department and the Falcons Football program for allowing our 7 or 8 young men that did not have a place to play football this season on the senior level in the Junior Football Program an opportunity to join up with the Falcon Program. He stated these young men will be playing together at Westwood High School as Cardinals. He spoke of the 27 young ladies who signed up for the Westwood Cheerleading Program at the senior level and being disheartened to find out that the Township of Washington did not want the young women or would not allow the young women to cheer at the senior football level. He stated the young ladies have their own insurance, uniforms, coaches and we have beautiful facilities to cheer and play on and would be more than happy to provide those facilities for a combined cheering program or if necessary if some of the football teams need a place to play or practice, we would be happy to share those with our sister municipality the Township of Washington. He also spoke of the indoor facility that is available. He stated he is here to formally request that the Township of Washington permit 27 young ladies, teenage girls, who would like to participate in the youth program a place to perform their cheering routines during football games. He spoke at length of shared programs between the two municipalities. He stated he is truly baffled as to why these young ladies would not be permitted to cheer. Mr. Sears replied he has not been made aware of this. Mayor Sobkowicz stated with regard to the North Jersey Football League, they okayed the boys, but as she understands the cheering was not part of the arrangement. She stated we have 23 or 26 also, so that would be 50 something girls. Mayor Birkner replied the more the better. A conversation followed with regard to uniforms. Mr. Ullman stated what he would like to do is discuss this during the Conference portion. Mayor Birkner stated he is here to formally make a case and request that the Township of Washington permit the Westwood senior level cheerleaders to cheer for the youth football program. Mr. Ullman replied the request is noted and the administrator or he will get back in touch with Mayor Birkner to give an update.

Fred Goetz, 587 Washington Avenue – Mr. Goetz spoke at length of his belief that there is no reason why as a community we cannot accommodate our sister community. Mayor Sobkowicz replied she will go back to the recreation superintendent and discuss it with her. Mr. Goetz asked what could be the issues. Mayor Sobkowicz replied there are several, but she will go back and look at it again. Mr. Ullman stated Mayor Birkner made his formal request, and Mayor Sobkowicz will work with the Administrator and the Recreation Department to respond or act accordingly.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked how will the residents be informed that the council meetings are now being filmed. Mr. Ullman replied it will be loaded onto the Township website with a link to the WCTV YouTube dedicated site. He stated the meeting will also be looped for the next 48 hours. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the condition of the municipal chambers.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilman Bruno.

## ORDINANCE

### 2<sup>ND</sup> Reading Ordinance No. 16-07

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 16-07 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$53,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT TO FINANCE THE COST OF VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF

WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AS DESCRIBED  
HEREIN.

A motion was made by Mr. Calamari, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to  
introduce and pass Ordinance No. 16-07 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Bruno.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 16 - 262 was presented and  
adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Calamari.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Bruno.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of  
Washington that Ordinance No. 16-07 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING  
FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$53,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND,  
CAPITAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT TO FINANCE THE COST OF VARIOUS  
CAPITAL PROJECTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE  
COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN be read on  
second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Bruno.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard - Mrs. D'Ambra asked why is the  
flooring of the firehouse not part of this ordinance. Mr. Ullman replied that is a  
much larger project that needs to be evaluated. He explained the ordinance is  
for emergent needs that were request, those being the wall, the Scott-Paks and  
repairs to the side of the firehouse.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place - Mrs. Ozment stated this wall has  
been falling down. Mr. Ullman replied he believes it collapsed and resulted in  
an emergent condition. Mrs. Ozment asked what is going on with the siding.  
Administrator Groh replied this is an issue with birds getting into the siding.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears, to close the  
Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Bruno.

A motion was made Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears, to pass  
Ordinance No. 16-07 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the  
Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Bruno.

#### 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. Calamari.

Ayes: Councilmen Calamari, Cascio, Sears, Ullman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Bruno.

#### Resolution No. 16 - 263

##### Recycling- Curbside Collection Rejection of Bids

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2016 the Township of Washington received bids for Recycling-Curbside Collection of aluminum, tin, glass, plastic, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, printer paper, writing paper and corrugated cardboard (Bid #16-1); and

WHEREAS, the bidders who submitted bids were Buldo Container & Disposal Inc. ("Buldo"), 234 River Vale Road, River Vale, New Jersey 07675 and Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. ("Gaeta"), 278-282 West Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey 07503, and such bids have been reviewed by the Township; and

WHEREAS, neither Buldo nor Gaeta submitted bids in conformity with the Bid and the instructions set forth therein requiring bids to be per household per month, and such Bids were non-responsive; and

WHEREAS, the Township wants to substantially revise the specifications for recycling-curbside collection in accordance with statutory authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, that the bids of Buldo and Gaeta are hereby rejected.

Resolution No. 16 - 264

Authorization to Advertise for Bids Recycling - Curbside Collection

WHEREAS, the Township has the need and requirement to advertise for bids for Recycling - Curbside Collection services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to adopt a resolution to authorize the advertisement for bids; and

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

Resolution No. 16 - 265

Honoring the Bergen Volunteer Center on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Bergen Volunteer Center was founded in 1966 to meet community needs through the power of volunteers. Its direct service programs organize volunteers to provide invaluable support to some of Bergen County's most vulnerable citizens. The Mentoring Youth Program has recruited, trained and supervised volunteer mentors for children who have been abused or neglected; since 1978 Mentoring Youth has provided a trusted mentor to more than 3,700 children. The Mentoring Mom's Program recruits, trains and supervises mentors for mothers whose children are at-risk for abuse or neglect; since 1995 more than 500 mothers have been matched with a mentor. The Chore Service provides home safety repairs for senior citizens and the disabled free of charge through the volunteer efforts of senior citizens. The Business Volunteer Council organizes corporations to help eliminate hunger and illiteracy; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen Volunteer Center ensures that Bergen County has a pipeline of committed, civic leaders through its training programs; Bergen LEADS for adults and Teen LEADS and Ready-Set-Serve for young people. They also strengthen the nonprofit community by maintaining a database of volunteer opportunities, providing volunteer manager's training and the Expert Exchange workshops and webinars; and

WHEREAS, Township of Washington has benefitted from the efforts of the Bergen Volunteer Center since 2010 in the following ways:

- 99 Residents received safety repairs from the Chore Service
- 1 Child received a mentor; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, have supported the Bergen Volunteer Center since 2010 in the following ways:

- 5 Served as Mentoring Youth mentors
- 60 Supported the Bergen Volunteer Center with their philanthropy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, hereby honors the Bergen Volunteer Center for its 50 years of turning caring into action and knowing that the Bergen Volunteer Center is not getting old, it is just getting started.

Resolution No. 16 – 266

Recreation Refund

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following recreation fees:

Patrick McDermott  
77 Kaufman Drive.  
Westwood, NJ 07675

Refund for Senior Football 2016	\$190.00
Administrative Fee Non-Refundable	<u>\$-25.00</u>
Refund for Senior Football	\$165.00

Refund Amount: \$165.00

Resolution No. 16 – 267

Engineering Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, Jaime Boccia posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 4312, Lot 35, 372 Calvin Street; and

WHEREAS, the project falls within the guideline where neither a Certificate of Occupancy nor a Certificate of Acceptance is needed; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated July 6, 2016; 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 \$154.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 16 – 268

Performance Bond Refund

] WHEREAS, LJC Holdings, LLC posted a \$20,000 Performance Bond on premises known as Block 4308, Lot 54, 410 Walnut Street; and

WHEREAS, per the Engineer's letter dated August 23, 2016 they have determined that remedial work has been completed and they recommend that the Performance Bond be reduced to \$13,500.00; and

Performance Bond Posted:	\$20,000
Reduced to:	<u>\$13,500</u>
Balance to Refund:	\$ 6,500

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund \$6500.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 16 - 269

Zoning Application Fee Refund

WHEREAS, American Chimney Service paid a Zoning Application Fee of \$50.00 for work on premises known as Block 3101, Lot 27, 16 Elf Hill Court; and

WHEREAS, according to the attached correspondence from the Zoning Official, he determined that the work did not require zoning approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the Zoning Application Fee of \$50.00.

Resolution No. 16 - 270

Engineering Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, Onofrio & Carmela Mezzina posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 2209, Lot 6.01, 572 Pascack Rd; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has abandoned the project at this time and has requested that escrow be refunded; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer per a verbal confirmation with the Engineer's office on September 8, 2016; 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 \$755.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 16 - 271

Authorizing Online Auction

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has determined that the property described below is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) authorizes the sale of surplus personal property no longer needed for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington intends to utilize the online auction services of GovDeals, Inc. located at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) in accordance with State Contract A-83453/T2581; and

WHEREAS, the sales are being conducted pursuant to the Division of Local Government Services' Local Finance Notices 2008-9 and 2008-21,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Washington in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to sell the following surplus personal property described below on the online auction website entitled [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) in "as is" condition without express or implied warranties:

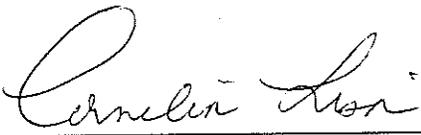
<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>VIN Number</u>
2002	GMC	Dump Truck	1GDP7H1CX2J508728
2000	GMC	Dump Truck	1GDP7H1C0YJ527572
1985	Ford	Brine Truck	1FDYK80U3FVA22466
2004	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W04X175329

; and be it further

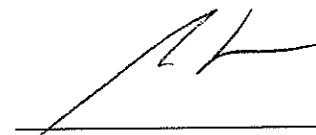
RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the State Contract require a fee be paid to GovDeals in the amount of 7.5% of the winning bid, but not less than \$5.00. The terms and conditions of the Agreement may be obtained

from the State Contract Manager at [Diana.Rellstab@treas.nj.gov](mailto:Diana.Rellstab@treas.nj.gov),  
[www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) or from the Acting Township Clerk.

Time noted: 9:06 p.m.



Cornelia Lisa  
Acting Township Clerk



Michael Ullman  
Council President

Approved: November 28, 2016

BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC SESSION

September 12, 2016

Members present: Steve Cascio, Peter Calamari, Tom Sears, Michael Ullman. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Mary Anne Groh, Administrator; Ken Poller, Attorney. Absent: Robert Bruno.

Note: This is the first Conference Meeting being broadcasted live on WCTV.

Time Noted: 9: 06 p.m.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Pascack Road/Washington Avenue Intersection – Mr. Sears spoke of the team's progress. Dr. Cascio spoke of contacting Senator Booker's office and speaking with George Helmy regarding the intersection. He stated he will be forwarding information to him. A conversation followed regarding a traffic study at the intersection.

Memorial Field – Mayor Sobkowicz stated aerating and seeding was done. There was a problem with the well and it was repaired today. Mr. Sears stated the sprinklers were tested and they are working.

Open Space – Mr. Ullman stated Mr. Statile will be joining us at the next meeting, September 26<sup>th</sup> and a Public Comment Session will be held due to a grant application the Township is making regarding Gardner Field. Mayor Sobkowicz stated an ad was also placed in the paper. Administrator Groh stated the total project cost is estimated to be \$27,000 and the grant requested is half of that amount. Mr. Sears asked if the trees for Clark Field can be included in that. Administrator Groh replied no, the application is limited to one park.

Puppy Mill Ordinance – Mr. Poller explained the samples of ordinances he supplied from the surrounding areas and State, which are pretty standard. He stated he did hear some discussion that the State may be considering a piece of legislation that may be addressing this on State-wide level, but he doesn't know where that stands at the moment. A conversation followed if the council would like to pursue this for the Township of Washington or wait for a State statute. Dr. Cascio spoke of his reservations of punishing legitimate breeders. It was agreed that council would review the samples provided by Mr. Poller, select one to use as template/baseline.

Ethics Board – Dr. Cascio stated seven communities in Bergen County that have this, as well as Bergen County with respect to their employees and elected public officials. He stated he did make copies of a section of the provision addressing what this would enforce. (Copies were distributed to council.) He stated he also forwarded the section via email and would like council to review it. He stated this would help us if there was ever an ethics question.

Solid Waste/Garbage – Mr. Ullman stated the question before council is do we remain at the status quo or change the current ordinance. A conversation followed with regard to removing the colored bags from the ordinance and having the residents negotiate with the carting companies. Mr. Sears expressed his concerns of the senior population dealing with different options that would be offered. Mayor Sobkowicz replied that the seniors could stay with the system they currently have. Mr. Poller explained that the Township does not contract out and cannot place restrictions on the haulers. A conversation followed regarding asking the haulers if they could provide side-yard/backyard pick up, ala-carte options and pricing. Mr. Sears stated he would like to know ahead of time what the options and pricing will be so it can be a smooth transition for everyone. Mr. Ullman stated the next step will be to approach Waste Management and Buldo ask them what the ala-carte menu

might look like, if we were to relax the per bag restriction, and what a resident might be looking at in terms of their options.

CFO Status – Administrator Groh spoke of the position being a four year appointment and considering the possibility of maybe offering the position in the name of the treasurer. She stated this would be to try to get a sense whether this position would work for this person. A conversation followed with regard to the Salary Ordinance which doesn't have a line item for treasurer. Mr. Poller explained the appointment process, which he believes is not a council appointment. A discussion followed on budget line item for CFO and Department of Finance. The CFO did come to the office this past Sunday.

Clerk Status – Mr. Ullman stated to date 27 applications have been received and there is a short list of 4. He asked for feedback from council, and he did reach out to a few to schedule interviews. He will send council the last resume that was forwarded to him by Administrator Groh.

Resolution No. 16-272

Closed Session, September 12, 2016

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. **PENDING LITIGATION COAH**

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.

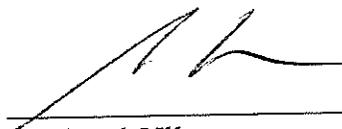
  x   The Township Council anticipates that an open session will not be necessary.

Motion		Seconded		Ayes	Nays	Abst.	Absent
Bruno		Bruno					x
Calamari		Calamari	x	x			
Cascio		Cascio		x			
Sears	x	Sears		x			
Ullman		Ullman		x			

Time noted: 9:41 p.m.



Cornelia Lisa  
Acting Township Clerk



Michael Ullman  
Council President

Approved: November 28, 2016