

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

September 14, 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; Matthew Cavallo, Business Administrator. Absent: Ken Poller, Attorney.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act this meeting was listed in the Township Council Annual Meeting List which was published in The Bergen Record, forwarded to the local newspapers, posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to approve the August 4, 2015 Special Public Minutes.

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

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to approve the August 17, 2015 Public Minutes, Conference Session & Closed Session Minutes.

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

Nays: None.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Sobkowicz thanked everyone for attending the 9/11 Ceremony that was held on Friday at 5:00 p.m. She was very, very proud to see so many people there. Approximately 65-67 people attended, which is the most ever, ranging from Township residents to very young residents, emergency services, and VFW members. She also wants to thank our DMF for diligently cleaning up around our monuments. Friday, September 18th will be POW/MIA Recognition Day, please pause to remember those who were prisoners of war and those who are missing in action as well as their families. She and Councilman Sears remind everyone that Charlie Brown's is sponsoring "Donation Days" on September 15th and 16th at the Washington Township location as well as the Old Tappan location. Charlie Brown's will donate 10% of what customers spend to the "Heart Healthy Campaign" for the chest compressor for the Ambulance Corps. She appreciates whatever support you can give to this important fundraising project. When you do go to Charlie Brown's just mention it is for the "Heart Healthy Campaign." The grand opening of Bark Place at the shopping center is set for Saturday, September 19th at noon, please stop by if you have a chance. The owner has indicated that she is very pleased with the response from the community so far. Town Day will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Dina Burke, our Public Affairs Coordinator and members of the committee have been working very hard to provide the community with an outstanding event. If anyone knows a business or a person who would like to make a donation or a sponsor, please call Bernadette at Town Hall. Our main theme this year is Art & Music. The renovations to the Senior Center are complete, including new floor, cove molding and painted walls. She would like to thank Jim Joyce, President of the

Seniors, Kay Coppola, Josephine Padovano, and the Road Department. The Road Department stepped up to remove all the tiles, which was great and saved us \$7,000, and that money was used to paint the Senior Center. Administrator Cavallo worked very hard to coordinate the work between meetings. She stated the room looks great. The Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, November 7th at the DMF Garage from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The purple bags for Buldo are available at the Town Hall in the Finance Department Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and they are also available at Kings in Hillsdale. Kings also continues to have the blue bags available for Waste Management. She stated intermittently you can also purchase the blue bags at A&P. As we approach the leaf season, please make a note that grass and garbage debris will be picked up each week according to the schedule up until Friday, October 26th, and household debris will be picked up until September 18th. The DMF Needs Study that is being conducted by the Musial Group should be in this week. Our Shredding and E-Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. At that time you can drop off debris at the DMF yard, and then you can circle around to the shredding and e-recycling trucks. At that time you can also go into the Police Department to drop off any unwanted prescription drugs. Thanked everyone for their recycling efforts, there was an increase from last year during the same time period and also an increase in July. The more residents recycle the more revenue we receive to offset the cost of the program. With regard to the Road Program 2015, Hampshire Road was paved on August 24th. The remainder of the roadways for 2015 project will begin on or around October 1st, we are hoping they will get earlier. That project will include Fillmore Drive, Standish Place, Cleveland Avenue, Hoover, south of Manhattan, Julia Court, Chestnut Street, Washington to Cleveland that is, Cosman Street, Darlene Terrace, Gorga Place, Hampshire Road, Jackson Avenue, south of Ridgewood Boulevard East, Lindenwood Court and Roberts Court. With regard to the intersection, Council President Calamari, Councilman Sears, Administrator Cavallo and herself are working with our webmaster to prepare an online petition to remove the no-right hand turn restriction in Woodcliff Lake; she believes it is one of the only ways we can get people to look at the situation. If anyone is in agreement with removing that right hand turn restriction, please watch the website, it will be coming up soon. Marc Shrieks from the County Executive's Office did call Bernadette at Town Hall to indicate the Mayor would be receiving a phone call from the Acting DOT Commissioner John Case. She did speak with him today and did confirm that the DOT is supporting our project for the intersection, except for land acquisition, which falls to the Township. Mr. Case stated that he did meet with the County and everyone will meet in the future. She stated she feels with the petition we will have a little more clout. Julia Court and Woodfield Road will be undergoing repairs which are expected to begin this week. There will probably be some detours on Woodfield, signs will be posted and residents in the area were notified by letter. A reverse 911 will go out when the date gets closer. The Township received notice last week that we have been awarded a \$75,000 grant for a new generator at the Firehouse. We were notified that our Community Development application for our senior citizen activities has been approved in the amount of \$3,274. The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" crackdown was held from August 21st to September 7th, 2015. She would like to thank the 10 members of the Department who participated in these details. Although there were no drunken driving arrests made during this enforcement period, which operated from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., the Department did issue 205 summonses, including 74 moving violations, which was two more per hour above the National Federal Standard for this grant. An arrest was made recently near Washington School, which was due to the vigilance of a citizen who reported something suspicious. She stated it is very important that residents call the Department if they see something different or suspicious, it does usually end up being something. She would like to report that Sergeant A.J. Pecora and Police Officer Jason Gugger were on an intensive and specialized training mission in New Mexico from late August to early

September. It was sponsored through a grant from the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA, and all expenses were paid through the grant. The training consisted of teams of two officers from several towns in the Pascack Valley area, maximum being 12 officers attending. Chief Francaviglia, of the Hillsdale Police Department completed all the paperwork for this grant. The officers received specialized training in active shooter, barricaded subjects, hostage situations as well as training in improvised explosive devices and homemade explosive devices. She stated one of the officers indicated to her that it was totally an amazing experience. The Falcons Football program just started and it now belongs to a smaller, newly formed league called the North New Jersey Junior Football League, which should provide a more level playing field. She stated this past Saturday, all three levels won, Pee Wee, Junior and Senior. Also the high school team beat Pascack Hills. Please check the Township Library website for exciting programs. The library has mat yoga, tumble books and group meditation on Thursday s from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She has received positive feedback on those programs. The library will also be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner for adults on Saturday, October 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and tickets are \$45, dinner included. She stated she would like to thank Administrator Cavallo; he has been very busy this month with the Senior Center renovation, organizing our Master Plan review which is coming up the beginning of 2016, purchase of vehicles and equipment, road program, purchasing, property maintenance issues, personnel and also our Best Practices questionnaire, which arrived a little earlier than usual. In addition, Administrator Cavallo was elected Vice-President of the North Jersey Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing. Our application for the 2015 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant has been submitted for the refurbishment of the basketball court at Memorial Park. She stated our new zoning and code enforcement officer is Gary Mazanec, he is a quick learner and has been working diligently with the administrator, planning and zoning secretary, engineer and building department. In addition, he will be attending class this Fall at Bergen Community College. We also have a new technical assistant in the building department who will also be attending class at Bergen Community College.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Dr. Cascio – Thanked everyone coming out tonight. Also spoke of September 11th, and is glad that everyone kept it in their memory 14 years later.

Mr. Beckmeyer – Thanked everyone for coming out tonight, feels it is very important for people to come out and find out what is going on in their government. Thanked everyone that attended the 9/11 Ceremony, it was very solemn ceremony. Spoke of Steven Munson, who played TAPS at the ceremony and did a fantastic job. Thanked the administration for the work that was done at the Senior Center.

Mr. Sears – Thanked everyone for coming out for the 9/11 Ceremony. Spoke of the “Heart Machine Fundraiser.” Stated the heart machines cost \$16,000 each and we are within the grasp of purchasing two of them. Thanked Mr. Lynch from Oritani Bank, BP Gas Station, Knights of Columbus, and Charlie Browns who have all been significant donors. Also thanked Bob Stickle of Life Savers. Thanked anyone who contributed, from \$5.00 to up to thousands of dollars. Stated this will not only help the Township of Washington, but also surrounding communities. He read from a letter dated August 20, 2015 from Mr. Mrozek, the Executive Director of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, which was in response to a letter dated July 24th regarding Garden State Parkway Exit 171. Stated the last part of the letter reads this is a local issue and he feels this definitely is not a local issue. He then read from a letter he wrote in response to Mr. Mrozek’s letter. He stated he is asking everyone in the area sign a petition. He stated at the meeting with Jamie Fox down in Trenton it was discussed that one of the ways of remedying this situation is by complaints and safety records. He also spoke of an article in

Sunday's paper with regard to County Executives in Woodcliff Lake, talking about the quality of life of how roads and potholes should be repaired, but never spoke of Exit 168 and Exit 171. He stated he is looking forward to the next meeting with the County and hopes everyone signs the petition.

Mr. Frank – Stated he does have a copy of a letter with regard to Exit 171 which shows how Woodcliff Lake came into this agreement. Stated he has reached out to councilmen in neighboring towns to try to get some support and did receive some responses. Spoke of getting support from someone at a higher level such as a senator.

Mr. Calamari – Stated everything was covered by everyone else. Stated for time's sake he will forgo his report.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

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

Nays: None.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra spoke of the elevation of the gas station canopy and the elevations that are indicated on the plans. Stated she has stood across the street and the canopy is as high as Donna McGinnis's house. She believes the canopy is too high. She spoke of the past meetings, which she attended and what was said at those meetings with regard to the gas station. She asked if the canopy height was measured since the canopy is now higher than the convenience store. She also spoke with regard to a gas station located at Forest Avenue and Ridgewood Avenue. Administrator Cavallo stated the Building Official received an as-built that it is the correct height, and the building behind it once it is complete will have a roof on it and will be 22 feet tall. Mr. Beckmeyer stated this is built according to the revised plans. She stated she has the revised plans dated March 8, 2012, which states the measurement is 21 feet. She feels it doesn't look right and it is a hazard. She spoke of the bridge near the library, the sidewalk falling down and prior conversations that were had regarding that location. She then spoke of the current situation with regard to the bridge and believes it is an "attractive nuisance". Administrator Cavallo stated we are waiting for the contractor to mobilize. Mr. Beckmeyer stated it is not a bridge, it is a culvert. Mr. Beckmeyer then explained what a culvert is and the situation in that particular area.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asked who is responsible for the Memorial Park Improvement dated 8/17/15, which totals 2.5 million. Administrator Cavallo stated the engineer sent it to him based on the numbers that were revised. Mr. Ullman spoke of the numbers discussed at the last meeting, bonding and legal fees, and the extra \$50,000 Mr. Beckmeyer requested at the end of the last discussion. He spoke of the 2.2 million dollar number and the 2.45 million dollar number and the fact that firm numbers are not being provided. Administrator Cavallo spoke at length with this being a budget estimate and what would happen once we move forward and speaking with the bond council. There was also a conversation with regard to Ordinance 15-04 and the proposal. Administrator Cavallo explained the numbers are very fluid, this being a budget estimate. Mr. Ullman asked Mr. Calamari what is the rationale for moving forward in bonding something that when we don't even know what the cost is going to be. Mr. Calamari replied he does agree with Administrator Cavallo, that this is an estimate and he would not spend the money until he knows that funding is in place for the project. Mr. Ullman spoke at length with regard to previous numbers that were discussed.

Richard Skinner, 303 Mountain Avenue – Mr. Skinner stated he is a lifelong resident of the Township of Washington, growing up here and playing sports here. He now coaches football and baseball in town and his son participates in various programs within the Township. Stated he wants to

thank the Mayor and Council in going forward with this project. Stated he believes the majority of residents in the town care about our children and want our children to have a safe place to play sports. Stated he would like to address the audience sitting behind him who have never stepped on Memorial Field but want to condemn this project. He spoke at length to the field being in deplorable condition and money being spent on the field to try to fix it. His understanding is that the insurance company has deemed the field to be unsafe. He spoke at length that this is a community project and what the project would include. He stated he would like to ask the people that are so adamantly against this project to go walk the field to see the condition of the field. He stated that of all of the infrastructures in the Township, he believes the field is in the worst condition. He asked for a show of hands of the people that are behind him that are against the artificial field, how many of them have children. He stated everyone's hand isn't up. He stated people had children that did play sports in the past when the field was in fine condition, but it is no longer. He feels as a coach, a father, a person that commits 20 hours per week on youth sports, our children should have the same opportunity as those children had.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Ms. Finnerty spoke of not being against improving Memorial Field or children, but questioning turf versus grass. She spoke of her involvement in the past with regard to Memorial Field. She stated she is very concerned about the turf and feels there are more questions to be answered. A conversation followed with Administrator Cavallo regarding the shopping center and the condition behind the Post Office. She stated she is not against improving the field in any way, shape or form, and feels that is a misconception.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura spoke of coming to meetings and there being questions that still having not been answered. She spoke of her past playing on Memorial Field and playing on dirt. She stated that football and lacrosse are overusing the field. She spoke at length with regard to the past maintenance of the field. She spoke of the special interest groups, being football and lacrosse. She also spoke at length with regard to putting this subject to a referendum vote. She stated if the current mayor runs unopposed she will run against her since she is disgusted with the politics of this town. She stated that she feels The Citizen is a waste of \$7000 since this information is posted for free in The Community Life and Pascack Press. She also read from The Citizen and spoke at length with regard to what was written. She spoke at length with regard to turf field and groups that are asking for it. She spoke of the upcoming November election, and that promises were made for this field in past elections. She stated she is not against the children. She stated she is ready to go and organized to force council to put this to a referendum. She spoke of the seniors not being able to attend meetings. She stated she would like council to listen to the community, not just special interest groups.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment read from a letter written in the Pascack Press by Terence Hayes. She stated she agrees with Mr. Hayes that the mayor uses people as pawns and then doesn't invite them back. She also spoke of a letter that Mayor Sobkowicz and Council President Calamari had written to the same paper. She asked if Mr. Calamari was representing the Council in that letter and did he discuss the letter with council. Mr. Calamari stated he was representing himself, and he didn't discuss the letter with council. She stated she feels Mr. Calamari didn't write the letter. She spoke of the mayor being correct in stating that the town is not managed like a regular corporation. She also spoke of past practices with regard to LOSAP and the fact that LOSAP does not get audited. She spoke at length with regard to the history of The Citizen. She feels this is old news, and it is politically motivated since it comes out right about the time of every election.

Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road – Mr. Bruno thanked Mr. Sears on his efforts on the intersection. He then spoke of his suggestion with regard to the

area. A discussion followed with regard to the engineer estimate on Memorial Field. Administrator Cavallo explained the engineer provided an original estimate, the bleachers and the basketball court was added back in. He stated soft costs are not included in those numbers. Mr. Bruno spoke of doing a cost analysis with regard to the field. Mr. Bruno spoke with regard to a letter in the paper written by the Mayor and Mr. Calamari. He then asked Mr. Calamari explain what a qualified opinion is. Mr. Calamari replied off hand he cannot. Mr. Bruno stated Mr. Calamari accused him of saying things with regard to the audit report, but has no idea what a qualified opinion is.

John Hannon, 564 Jackson Avenue – Mr. Hannon spoke of the letter in the paper with regard to the New Jersey Municipal Audit Financial accounting system. He spoke at length with regard to the adverse opinion rendered. He also spoke of bond agencies and rating agencies looking at financial statements. He read from the financial statements, particularly with regard to number one and number two. He also spoke of the auditor's letter and the current cost of unpaid compensation. He spoke of the 3 year capital budget and the 2.2 million dollars for this project. He stated instead of talking about \$60.00 a year increase in taxes, he feels it would be \$500 per year. He feels some of the numbers mentioned are smoke and mirrors.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso spoke of Mr. Skinner's comments. He stated improvements to need to be made to Memorial Field. He spoke of his past volunteering history with the basketball program. He spoke of the lacrosse program having no plan in place and he feels the lacrosse program killed the field. He spoke of other options that could have been used, such as using the high school. He asked if the DMF supervisor is certified yet. Mayor Sobkowicz replied he did take the test, but he did not pass. There was a discussion with regard to which DMF employees have CDL licenses. He asked if the DMF has a new contract since they have been working without a contract since 12/31/13. Administrator Cavallo replied the union contract has been updated, and council will be getting it this week. Mr. D'Urso asked what the status of the police contract is. Administrator Cavallo replied we have been going back and forth but haven't had a sit down with them yet. Mr. D'Urso commented on the gas station canopy. Mr. D'Urso stated one of the first statements made by Mr. Frank with regard to supporting the turf field was made without Mr. Frank having any knowledge and believes that it is not fair. Mr. Frank replied it is not fair that Mr. D'Urso make that comment since Mr. D'Urso has no idea the research he conducted.

Jim Hanson, 11 Lindenwood Court – Mr. Hanson spoke of the positive things he heard tonight. He stated council and the Mayor have done tremendous amounts of research into what is a good investment into this town. He spoke at length as to why this would be a good investment for this town. He also spoke of the field not being in compliant with the American's with Disabilities Act and what needs to be done to the field and parking lot to make it compliant. He spoke of the lighting, playing time that is currently on the field, and the turf field increasing playing time. He spoke with regard to the cost benefit analysis of turf versus grass. He stated with the turf more kids, adults and seniors can participate. He stated this is a great investment, council did their research and this is the right thing for the community.

Vic Fadini, 698 Kennedy Drive – Mr. Fadini stated that he read comments in the paper from a resident in the Township with regard to being embarrassed by what is going on. He feels that what went on with the prior council was embarrassing. He stated he is tired of hearing from the dozen or so people that come to the meetings say that a majority of taxpayers are against it. He also spoke of reading in the paper that 33% of lacrosse players live out of town and if that means we are supposed to penalize the other 67% of the kids in town by not having the field. His recommendation is to do this project, do it now and do it right.

Kathy Corra, 362 Walnut Street – Ms. Corra stated she is opposed to artificial turf due to the hazards she has read about. She spoke of completing

the drainage, putting grass or sod down and maintaining the field. She is concerned of the injuries that are reported due to artificial turf.

Eamonn Twomey, 187 Devon Road – Mr. Twomey spoke with regard to Memorial Field. He stated the plan is to make the fields 100% artificial, being a virgin rubber product with a cork base, not crushed rubber. He spoke of the concerns that the Director of Cheerleading, who could not be here tonight, conveyed to him. He stated this field is not for special interest groups, but if you want to call kids special interest groups, that is fine with him. He spoke of coming to the meetings for the past 12 years and the resodding of the field that has been done in the past. He also spoke of the slope of the field. He stated that 1.3 million gallons of water per year are used to water that field, and with the water restrictions in place we cannot water at this time. He stated for the past 12 years we have done the same thing with the same results. He stated the field at the high school was built for the high school programs. He also spoke of the availability of the high school field. He is asking the town to put money into an infrastructure and a property the Township owns. He stated the money is being spent either way. He stated this is about paying it forward for the future kids that will be using that field. He feels it is a disservice to the kids and the taxpayers of this town to take the kids off the field.

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

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Sobkowicz spoke of the items that were put in by council for the project. She stated hopefully grants will be received for these items, such as the basketball court and the bleachers, and those costs would be subtracted out. She spoke at length with regard to the Township being in great financial shape, and the Double AA Plus bond rating the Township received due to its financial future being stable. She stated no one needs to worry about the financial shape of this Township since she does watch every dollar that goes out. She spoke at length with regard to the cost of sodding the field, the pesticides, spraying and cutting that is done to try to keep the field up. She spoke of one morning four light bulbs were changed and the cost over \$3000, between the bulbs and the renting of the lift. She spoke of costs being lessened.

ORDINANCES

2ND Reading Ordinance No. 15-13

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-13 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF GARBAGE BAGS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears seconded by Dr. Cascio, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-13 at second reading by title.

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

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-246 was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Sears, seconded by Dr. Cascio.

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

Nays: None.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 15-13 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF GARBAGE BAGS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

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

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

Nays: None.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked are only the purple bags available. Mr. Calamari replied yes, just purple bags. Administrator Cavallo replied right now it is only the purple bags; he has been trying to contact Waste Management to get the blue bags. Mrs. Ozment asked if the Township makes money on the bags. Mr. Calamari replied no. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the hours that the bags are available and the inconvenience to residents since the bags are not available on Saturdays. She stated this may be the perfect time for this council to conduct an analysis to see if garbage collection can be done privately.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asked if the prices for the bags are the same as in the stores. Administrator Cavallo replied yes.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Mrs. Lipnick stated this might be the time to look into paper bags.

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

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

Nays: None.

A motion was made Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Dr. Cascio, to pass Ordinance No. 15-13 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

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

Nays: None.

2ND Reading Ordinance No. 15-14

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-14 entitled: AN ORDINANCE UNDER CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON SETTING FORTH THE RATE OF COMPENSATION AND MANNER OF PAYMENT OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN SAID MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR 2015.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-14 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Calamari.

Mr. Sears - Mr. Sears recused himself from all votes on this issue since the Fire Department has a salary in the ordinance. He stated he is recusing himself from voting on Ordinance 15-14.

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-247 was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Councilman Sears.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 15-14 entitled: : AN ORDINANCE UNDER CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON SETTING FORTH THE RATE OF COMPENSATION AND MANNER OF PAYMENT OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN SAID MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR 2015 be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Sears.

Abstain: Councilman Sears.

Nays: None.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso stated it is correct for Mr. Sears to recuse himself, and he believes Mr. Calamari should recuse himself there are budgetary items which relate to the police department. Mr. D'Urso asked why Mr. Poller was not present. Mr. Calamari replied it is due to the Jewish Holiday. Mr. D'Urso spoke at length with regard to Mr. Poller being a salaried and contractual employee and receiving medical benefits from the

Township. Administrator Cavallo stated that as of February Mr. Poller is no longer on the Township health insurance. Mr. D'Urso asked Dr. Cascio if a ruling was ever received from the IRS with regard to Mr. Poller. Dr. Cascio replied he has called numerous times, he was told the IRS was waiting for a response from Social Security, so unfortunately we will probably never get an answer. Mr. D'Urso stated instead of receiving a 1.5 % increase, the council mayor and attorney should have salary cap, a flat rate. Mr. Calamari replied this may be addressed next year.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment spoke of the technical assistant position, stating the person is not certified and the salary. She asked who the code enforcement officer is and is he certified. Mayor Sobkowicz replied it is Gary Mazanec, he is not certified. Administrator Cavallo stated for the salary this town offers, no applications of certified candidates were received. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to the past Zoning Officers salary and the current Zoning Officers salary. A discussion followed with regard to the salaries in the Salary Ordinance being the maximum allowed or the exact salary. Mrs. Ozment stated in the past respect was shown to Mr. Poller on Jewish Holidays and meetings were not held. Mr. Calamari replied it was overlooked.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Mrs. Lipnick asked if the construction official was given any consideration for the position of Zoning Officer. Administrator Cavallo replied he was asked, but didn't want the position. A discussion followed with regard to Department Director salaries.

Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest – Mr. Bruno asked if the CFO receives a salary. Mr. Calamari replied she is paid an hourly wage. Mayor Sobkowicz replied it is \$50.00 per hour. Administrator Cavallo replied the CFO does not receive an increase. A lengthy discussion followed on the CFO's hours. Mr. Bruno asked if there is a full time finance person. Mayor Sobkowicz replied yes, it is Joi Apar. A discussion followed on who handles the books and reconciliations of the Township. Mr. Bruno stated that someone should be hired in a full time position to complete the finances of this town.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman stated this is a cost of living adjustment, not a merit based system. Administrator Cavallo replied yes. Mr. Ullman asked if the employees covered by this ordinance receive performance appraisals. Mr. Calamari replied no, they do not. A discussion followed with regard to the Summer Recreation counselors, which are paid Federal Minimum Wage. Mr. Ullman asked if the seasonal DMF are paid the Federal Minimum Wage. Administrator Cavallo replied no, they are not. Mr. Ullman stated we are speaking of the safety of the kids, he would recommend to council next year to address the line item of counselors and that they receive a decent and respectable wage. He stated the counselors have a great responsibility for the children of this Township and should be paid accordingly.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Frank to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, Frank, Calamari.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Councilman Sears.

A motion was made Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Frank, to pass Ordinance No. 15-14 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

Abstain: Councilman Sears.

2ND Reading Ordinance No. 15-15

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-15 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING FEES FOR USE OF TOWNSHIP FACILITIES.

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

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

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-248 was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Sears.

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

Nays: None.

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 15-15 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING FEES FOR USE OF TOWNSHIP FACILITIES be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

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

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

Nays: None.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra asked if the taxpayers of the Township are required to pay for use of the fields. Administrator Cavallo replied yes, if a resident group is going to apply for use of the field they would get charged as a Class 4 user. Mayor Sobkowicz explained that just because a person from the Township comes with a group that doesn't mean the whole group is from the Township, and that is what has been happening. Mrs. D'Ambra stated she feels this is not right since she is already paying for the property in the taxes. Administrator Cavallo stated they would have to pay for the use and also provide an insurance certificate.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place – Mrs. Ozment asked if Pascack Art Association would have to pay the \$300 fee on a monthly basis for meetings. Administrator Cavallo replied a determination would need to be made if they are organized within the Township. She also spoke of the Amateur Radio Group, Girl Scout Troops, Boy Scout Troops paying each time they use the community room. She also spoke of the ordinance being complicated. Administrator Cavallo explained the Recreation Department would take the money. He stated the current form would be modified to include information on this ordinance. Mrs. Ozment spoke of the use of the turf field by the Summer Recreation Program.

Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road – Mr. Bruno asked what amount of revenue was lost without having this fee program. Administrator Cavallo replied we don't know since people who used the field did not apply for a permit. A lengthy conversation followed with regard to lost revenue. Mr. Bruno stated his only comment is that this ordinance should not be passed since it doesn't make sense. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke at length with regard to people coming to the Township since we do not charge. She stated there is a lot involved, whether it is heating, air conditioning or clean up, we are providing services. Administrator Cavallo spoke at length that once the ordinance is in place we will have the data.

Julie Lipnick, 184 Finnerty Place – Ms. Lipnick stated she certainly sees charging out of towers, but she feels it is abominable to charge taxpayers the use of the facilities. She stated it is ridiculous and cannot believe how much this council wants to impact the taxpayers.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Place – Mr. Ullman asked if insurance is included within the ordinance. Administrator Cavallo replied the ordinance just sets fees, a draft of the policy was given to council two meetings ago. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to this ordinance, which it applies to an organized group of 50 or more people. Mr. Ullman stated he doesn't see basketball courts mentioned in the ordinance. Administrator Cavallo replied once it is refurbished, then it will be added. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to recreation fees associated with the programs. Administrator Cavallo spoke at length with regard to basketball being a net loss due to the amount of time needed. A discussion also followed with regard to softball and baseball, which will be charged off season since during the season they maintain the field. Administrator Cavallo stated if a baseball group wants to use the baseball field, it will be set up for baseball and that is included in the flat rate.

Joe D'Urso, 12 Viola Terrace – Mr. D'Urso spoke of basketball and the fees. He asked if this ordinance is being put in place for the turf field, and is the Dragon Organization going to come back in as a revenue stream. He spoke at length with regard to renting out the turf field, the wear and tear and the taxpayers being shut out of the high school field. He spoke of the scheduling of the field. Mayor Sobkowicz stated it is a Green Acres field and people come here all the time. There was also a discussion about surplus with regard to basketball.

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

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

Nays: None.

A motion was made Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Frank, to pass Ordinance No. 15-15 on a second and final reading, submit the same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

Introduction Ordinance No. 15-16

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-16 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MEMORIAL FIELD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,333,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Mr. Sears, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-16 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Frank, Sears, Calamari.

Nays: Councilman Cascio.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-249 was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer.

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

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-16 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MEMORIAL FIELD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,333,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 14th day of September, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 28th day of September, 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. 15-17

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15-17 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIRE HOUSE COMMUTER PARKING LOT PERMIT FEE.

A motion was made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 15-17 at first reading by title.

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

Nays: None.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 15-250 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. 15-17 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIRE HOUSE COMMUTER PARKING LOT PERMIT FEE was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township of Washington on the 14th day of September, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 28th day of September, 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.

As per Dr. Cascio's request, Administrator Cavallo explained Resolution No. 15-269.

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

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

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 15-251

Engineering Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, Matthew and Karena DePeola posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 1103, Lot 2, 34 Spice Drive; and

WHEREAS, the applicants have abandoned their project at this time and have requested that their escrow be refunded; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his email dated August 28, 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$804.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-252

Engineering Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, Thomas and Allison Iurato posted an Engineer Escrow for a new pool for their home address of 297 S. Chestnut Street; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per the email from Azzolina and Feury,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the engineer refund in the amount of \$1000.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-253

Engineering Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, Christopher Osenbruck posted engineering escrow money on premises known as Block 4420, Lot 42, 186 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 June 30, 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$510.00 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-254

Tax Appeal

WHEREAS, a Settlement Stipulation was filed with the Bergen County Board of Taxation with respect to property located at 650 Kennedy Drive and designated as Block 1302, Lot 6, owned by Robert and Barbara Giordano, for the tax year 2014, which settlement was also effective for tax year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Board of Taxation inadvertently failed to enter judgment in accordance with the Settlement Stipulation; and

WHEREAS, tax refunds are due to the taxpayer in accordance with the Settlement Stipulation as per the following schedule;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be and is hereby authorized to issue a tax refund in the amount of \$1,268.41 to:

Michael Muller, Esq.
77 Hudson Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601

(2014) Original Assessment	\$	573,300.00
Revised Assessment	\$	545,000.00
Difference	\$	28,300.00
Refund Due @ 2.212 per \$100 2014	\$	626.00
Refund Due @2.270 per \$100 2015	\$	642.41
Total Refund	\$	1,268.41

Resolution No. 15-255

In Rem Foreclosure

WHEREAS, land in the taxing district of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey, State of New Jersey described as Block 4213, Lot 14.01 is assessed on the Tax Duplicate of the Township of Washington to John E. Walsh (hereafter referred to as the "Taxpayer"); and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer was delinquent on property taxes for 2013 and on February 5, 2015 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 THEREFORE, 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.54:5104.29 to 545-104.75, and pursuant to the Rules of Civil Practice of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Certificate 14-0003

Recorded in Bergen County Clerk's office in Book 01898, Page 0836-0838 all costs listed on the In Rem Foreclosure List, plus all fees/taxes due up to time of foreclosure.

Resolution No. 15-256

Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, YJCC of 605 Pascack Road posted escrow money for the June 14, 2015 Circus being held on their ground for Police Outside Billing; and

WHEREAS, all parties have been paid and they are requesting a refund on the balance,

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 \$846.73 to the above.

Resolution No. 15-257

Tax Refund

WHEREAS, an overpayment for the 3rd quarter property taxes was paid twice by Wells Fargo and the lender has requested a refund;

WHEREAS, under the N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, tax overpayments shall be refunded to the payer:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
1 Home Campus
MACX 2302-04-D
Des Moines, IA 50328

Hernandez, Jose & Janice, Block 1301 Lot 4	\$ 3,342.61
45 Horizon Ct.	
Jackson, Kevin & Sharon, Block 3502, Lot 4	\$ 3,082.92
117 Pascack Rd	
Total:	\$ 6,425.53

Resolution No. 15-258

Cost of Mailing Tax Notices

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-26 provides that a Notice of Tax Sale shall be published in a newspaper circulating in the municipality, once in each of the four calendar weeks preceding the calendar week containing the day appointed for the sale; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-26 further permits the governing body of each municipality, in lieu of two publications, to notice the property owner and any person or entity entitled to notice of foreclosure by regular or certified mail, with the costs of same to be added to the cost of the sale in addition to those provided in N.J.S.A. 54:5-38, not to exceed \$25 for each notice for a particular property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington wishes to implement such notice provisions in accordance with said statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector of the Township of Washington is hereby authorized to notice property owners and any person or entity entitled to notice of foreclosure in connection with a Notice of Tax Sale by regular or certified mail, and to charge \$25.00 per mailing of Tax Sale Notices in lieu of advertisement.

Resolution No. 15-259

Tax Refund

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received for Block 3205, Lot 5, Clinton Avenue, homeowners Walter Renninghoff, for the 3rd quarter 2015. Said property was awarded a tax reduction due to a successful tax appeal.

WHEREAS, under the N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, in the event a taxpayer is successful in an appeal from a reduced assessment, the taxing district shall refund any excess taxes paid within 60 days of judgment, and:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be authorized to issue a refund to:

Walter Renninghoff
11031 Pine Valley Ct.
Fort Mill, SC 29707

Original Assessment:	\$ 154,000
Reduced Assessment:	47,000
Amount to be refunded:	\$ 170.16

Resolution No. 15-260

Tax Lien

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (“Township”) issued and served a notice to Themis Zampamtis on June 13, 2013 for violations under Section 173-7F of the Code of the Township of Washington occurring at property commonly known as 741 Wayne Place, Township of Washington (Block 2208, Lot 3); and

WHEREAS, Themis Zampamtis failed to comply with such notice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 173-24 of the Code of the Township of Washington, a Tax Lien Certificate dated **July 16, 2015**, was issued by the Township’s Code Enforcement Official in the amount of \$649.55, which is attached to this resolution, for approval by the Township Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Council hereby approves the Tax Lien Certificate dated July 16, 2015 attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township Treasurer to take all appropriate action to impose on the property commonly known as 741 Wayne Place, Township of Washington (Block 2208, Lot 3), a municipal lien in the amount of the Tax Lien Certificate (\$649.55), whereupon such amount shall become a municipal lien on such property, and said amount shall be added to and become and form a part of the real estate taxes assessed and levied upon said property, the same to bear interest at the same rate as real estate taxes, and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as real estate taxes.

Resolution No. 15-261

Tax Lien

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (“Township”) issued and served a notice to Themis Zampamtis on June 13, 2013 for violations under Section

173-7F of the Code of the Township of Washington occurring at property commonly known as 741 Wayne Place, Township of Washington (Block 2208, Lot 3); and

WHEREAS, Themis Zampamtis failed to comply with such notice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 173-24 of the Code of the Township of Washington, a Tax Lien Certificate dated **July 24, 2015**, was issued by the Township's Code Enforcement Official in the amount of \$649.55, which is attached to this resolution, for approval by the Township Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Council hereby approves the Tax Lien Certificate dated July 24, 2015 attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township Treasurer to take all appropriate action to impose on the property commonly known as 741 Wayne Place, Township of Washington (Block 2208, Lot 3), a municipal lien in the amount of the Tax Lien Certificate (\$649.55), whereupon such amount shall become a municipal lien on such property, and said amount shall be added to and become and form a part of the real estate taxes assessed and levied upon said property, the same to bear interest at the same rate as real estate taxes, and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as real estate taxes.

Resolution No. 15-262

Tax Lien

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington ("Township") issued and served a notice to Themis Zampamtis on June 13, 2013 for violations under Section 173-7F of the Code of the Township of Washington occurring at property commonly known as 741 Wayne Place, Township of Washington (Block 2208, Lot 3); and

WHEREAS, Themis Zampamtis failed to comply with such notice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 173-24 of the Code of the Township of Washington, a Tax Lien Certificate dated **August 14, 2015**, was issued by the Township's Code Enforcement Official in the amount of \$649.55, which is attached to this resolution, for approval by the Township Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Council hereby approves the Tax Lien Certificate dated August 14, 2015 attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township Treasurer to take all appropriate action to impose on the property commonly known as 741 Wayne Place, Township of Washington (Block 2208, Lot 3), a municipal lien in the amount of the Tax Lien Certificate (\$649.55), whereupon such amount shall become a municipal lien on such property, and said amount shall be added to and become and form a part of the real estate taxes assessed and levied upon said property, the same to bear interest at the same rate as real estate taxes, and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as real estate taxes.

Resolution No. 15-263

Tax Lien

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington ("Township") issued and served notice to Barbara Federowicz, for health code violations on September 18, 2013, under Section 2.1 (c)(a) of the Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey; and issued and served notices to Barbara Federowicz for violations on September 4, 2013, under Sections 173-7 and 173-16 of the Code of the Township of Washington occurring at property commonly known as 433 Chestnut Street, Township of Washington (Block 3310, Lot 4); and

WHEREAS, Barbara Federowicz failed to comply with such notices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 173-24 of the Code of the Township of Washington, a Tax Lien Certificate dated **July 16, 2015**, was issued by the

Township's Code Enforcement Official in the amount of \$649.55, which is attached to this resolution, for approval by the Township Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Council hereby approves the Tax Lien Certificate dated July 16, 2015 attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township Treasurer to take all appropriate action to impose on the property commonly known as 433 Chestnut Street, Township of Washington (Block 3310, Lot 4), a municipal lien in the amount of the Tax Lien Certificate (\$649.55), whereupon such amount shall become a municipal lien on such property, and said amount shall be added to and become and form a part of the real estate taxes assessed and levied upon said property, the same to bear interest at the same rate as real estate taxes, and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as real estate taxes.

Resolution No. 15-264

Tax Lien

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington ("Township") issued and served notice to Barbara Federowicz, for health code violations on September 18, 2013, under Section 2.1 (c)(a) of the Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey; and issued and served notices to Barbara Federowicz for violations on September 4, 2013, under Sections 173-7 and 173-16 of the Code of the Township of Washington occurring at property commonly known as 433 Chestnut Street, Township of Washington (Block 3310, Lot 4); and

WHEREAS, Barbara Federowicz failed to comply with such notices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 173-24 of the Code of the Township of Washington, a Tax Lien Certificate dated **July 24, 2015**, was issued by the Township's Code Enforcement Official in the amount of \$649.55, which is attached to this resolution, for approval by the Township Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Council hereby approves the Tax Lien Certificate dated July 24, 2015 attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township Treasurer to take all appropriate action to impose on the property commonly known as 433 Chestnut Street, Township of Washington (Block 3310, Lot 4), a municipal lien in the amount of the Tax Lien Certificate (\$649.55), whereupon such amount shall become a municipal lien on such property, and said amount shall be added to and become and form a part of the real estate taxes assessed and levied upon said property, the same to bear interest at the same rate as real estate taxes, and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as real estate taxes.

Resolution No. 15-265

Tax Lien

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington ("Township") issued and served notice to Barbara Federowicz, for health code violations on September 18, 2013, under Section 2.1 (c)(a) of the Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey; and issued and served notices to Barbara Federowicz for violations on September 4, 2013, under Sections 173-7 and 173-16 of the Code of the Township of Washington occurring at property commonly known as 433 Chestnut Street, Township of Washington (Block 3310, Lot 4); and

WHEREAS, Barbara Federowicz failed to comply with such notices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 173-24 of the Code of the Township of Washington, a Tax Lien Certificate dated **August 14, 2015**, was issued by the Township's Code Enforcement Official in the amount of \$649.55, which is attached to this resolution, for approval by the Township Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that the Township Council hereby approves the Tax Lien Certificate dated August 14, 2015 attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township Treasurer to take all appropriate action to impose on the property commonly known as 433 Chestnut Street, Township of Washington (Block 3310, Lot 4), a municipal lien in the amount of the Tax Lien Certificate (\$649.55), whereupon such amount shall become a municipal lien on such property, and said amount shall be added to and become and form a part of the real estate taxes assessed and levied upon said property, the same to bear interest at the same rate as real estate taxes, and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as real estate taxes.

Resolution No. 15-266

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:

Colleen Bienert
98 Pascack Road
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

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

Football Refund
Refund Amount: \$165.00

Resolution No. 15-267

Veteran's Exemption

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeffrey D. Siconolfi, who resides at 239 West Place, Block 2403, Lot 68, and;

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

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey, authorized, the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, by this resolution allows the Tax Collector to cancel the pro-rated balance of \$1,107.26 from 3rd quarter 2015 and all future tax bills to be cancelled through this resolution.

Resolution No. 15-268

Authorizing Reimbursement Village of Ridgewood/Roads

WHEREAS, both Hampshire Road and Standish Road travel between the Village of Ridgewood and the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, both the Village and the Township have a need to resurface both roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgewood solicited bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. to complete the resurfacing of both roadways in their entirety and subsequently awarded a contract to Rockborn Trucking & Excavation, Inc. ; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to enter into an agreement with the Village of Ridgewood to resurface Township portions of both roadways under its awarded contract to Rockborn Trucking & Excavation, Inc.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey hereby authorizes a reimbursement to the Village of Ridgewood for labor and materials utilized

during the resurfacing of the Township's portions of Hampshire Road and Standish Road by Rockborn Trucking & Excavation, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure shall be charged to Ordinance 15-07 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or her designee and the availability of funds shall be certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution No. 15-269

Capital Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2015 was adopted on the 18th of May, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said adopted capital budget section,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen that the following amendment(s) to the adopted capital budget section of the 2015 budget be made:

FROM
CAPITAL BUDGET (Current year Action)
2015

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>
Improvement of Memorial Field	\$2,200,000	\$110,000	\$2,090,000
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$2,200,000	\$110,000	\$2,090,000

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017
Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirement

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Budget Year 2015</u>
Improvement of Memorial Field	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017
SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>General</u>
Improvement of Memorial Field	\$110,000	\$2,090,000
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$110,000	\$2,090,000

TO
CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
2015

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>
Improvement of Memorial Field	\$2,600,000	\$124,200	\$2,475,800
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$2,600,000	\$124,200	\$2,475,800

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017
Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirement

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Budget Year 2015</u>
Improvement of Memorial Field	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2015-2017
SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNIDNG SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>General</u>
Improvement of Memorial Field	\$2,600,000	\$124,200	\$2,475,800
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$2,600,000	\$124,200	\$2,475,800

Resolution No. 15-270

Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Projects

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$5,000 has been proposed by the Township of Washington for Senior Citizen Activities within the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Service Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that we hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Resolution No. 15-271

Engineering Escrow Refund

WHEREAS, Thomas and Allison Iurato posted an Engineer Escrow for a new pool for their home address of 297 S. Chestnut Street; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per the email from Azzolina and Feury,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the engineer refund in the amount of \$1000.00 to the above.

Time Noted: 10:02 p.m.

Elaine Erlewein
Township Clerk

Peter Calamari
Council President

Approved: September 14, 2015

