

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 26, 2019~7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President DeSena.

STATEMENT:

Welcome to the Special Public Meeting of August 26, 2019 of the Township of Washington Township Council. Adequate notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the Township Clerk to at least two (2) newspapers on August 21, 2019 and this notice has been posted on the Township Bulletin Board and on the Township Web Site.

Please notify the Township Clerk for any disability requirements necessary for attendance at Mayor and Council meetings. The fire exits are located through the double doors to your right and through the door on your left. Please silence all cell phones.

SALUTE TO FLAG: Council President DeSena.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman, Council President DeSena.  
Let the record reflect also in attendance: Mayor Calamari, Township Attorney Poller, CFO Curran and Township Clerk Witkowski.

Absent: Administrator Tovo.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (five-minute-time-limit)

A motion was made by Councilman Ullman, seconded by Councilman Cumming to open the Public Discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.

Nays: None.

Daniel Steinhagen, Esq., Beattie, Padavano, representing Concerned Neighbors of Washington Township – Mr. Steinhagen stated his partner Mr. Lamb, was at a Council meeting a few weeks when the Council considered Ordinance 19-16. He stated the same concerns that were applicable then are applicable now to the ordinance that is on the agenda for introduction tonight. He spoke of his concern of a Public Notice Meeting that was published on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, in The Record which does not reflect that ordinance 19-16 would be on for public consideration for introduction.

Council President DeSena asked if anyone else has any comments while the Township Clerk gets the legal ad.

Diane Grimaldi, 441 Van Emburgh Avenue – Ms. Grimaldi asked if a New Wetlands Remediation Permit been applied for on the Township parcel of land that the Viviano's need to purchase in order to make their project viable, the original application expired in July of this year. Attorney Poller replied he is not aware of anything that town has done respect to that. She stated the clean-up of the debris on the Viviano property has stalled since 2016, with just a portion of the rusty vehicles and other abandoned garbage left to continue to break down in the soil, causing further probable contamination, why hasn't the

Administration of this town allowed the Viviano's to maintain a dump for all of these years, without it being addressed even after neighbor complaints, including those in writing to the Mayor and Council members in 2016. Council President DeSena stated he did ask Administrator Tovo for a report on why the Township stopped the enforcement that was started last year, Administrator Tovo is not here tonight to address that. Ms. Grimaldi stated the Viviano's applied for and were approved Woodland Tax Exemption Status two years ago, this status requires them to be good stewards of the property with strict minimum State guidelines on what needs to be done on the property to maintain the Status, so far they have done none of the work required, why is this Township allowing them to pay almost nothing in taxes, saving the Viviano's tens of thousands of dollars a year, when in her opinion, they are cheating the hardworking taxpayers of this Township. Attorney Poller replied the issue of the exemption falls under the Assessor, he doesn't know what the status is in terms of his investigation, or what he has done, he believes we should be asking him about that. Councilman Ullman stated he would imagine the Assessor makes the determination on the Tax Status, but if that Status is granted based on a program they have to maintain, upkeep of the property, maintenance of some type, would that reside with the Tax Assessor? Attorney Poller stated he would have to check with the Assessor are in terms of meeting the continued requirements, he does make the initial determination, as far as who follow-ups on things, we would need to check with the Assessor first to find out if he has a program to follow that up or if is something that the Code Official that needs to be done. Ms. Grimaldi stated she does have a letter from the State about the approval, which states the following: "Dear Tamaron, Inc., Your tax year 2018 application for Farmland Assessment and accompanying information has been received by the New Jersey Forester and assigned to this regional office for review. Woodland Management Forest Stewardship Lands, submitted under Farmland Assessment, that prescribed activities within forested wetlands and/or flood hazard zones must be in compliance with the requirements of the New Jersey Forestry and Wetlands Best Management Practice Manual and Current Regulations. All best management practices described in the Woodlands Management Forest Stewardship Plan and in the New Jersey Forestry and Wetlands Best Practices Manual must be followed. Any deviation from the Woodlands Management Forest Stewardship Plan without prior authorization of this office will result in revoking of the Woodlands Management Forest Stewardship Plan. For your information and guidance to the New Jersey Forestry and Woodlands Best Management Practices, the Manual can be downloaded by going to this web address". Ms. Grimaldi stated the letter goes on to say that "it has been deemed sufficient and your tax assessor will make the final determination on Farmland Assessment qualification, she believes someone in the Township needs to follow-up, as of 2017 they were approved and nothing has happened, no one is doing anything and we live next to a dump that is not paying much taxes at all, it went from being a million-dollars to \$2,000. Councilman Ullman asked that he believes they have to sell \$500 worth of something? Attorney Poller replied that is the farmland, not the Woodland Program, he believes the farmland. Councilman Ullman asked if they are selling something off of the land, they have a business on that land, in order to sell something and show revenue, if they have a business do, they have a variance to sell in residential zone? Attorney Poller replied he doesn't know whether they have a business, or it is a business, cutting wood and selling \$500 worth of wood. Councilman Ullman stated his question would be if they are operating a business, have they received a variance to run that business for that land, who would that question be directed to? Attorney Poller replied the Zoning Officer. Council President DeSena stated we are still waiting for a follow-up from him for the summons that were supposed to be issued last year, which he did ask Administrator Tovo about two-weeks ago, the status of the violations

that were brought up a year ago to date, he did ask for a report. Councilman Cascio stated if a business was running there should be a Tax ID number. Councilman Ullman stated we should ensure that every lever they are using are being properly enforced. Councilman Bruno stated the trucks and buses that were back there was brought up months ago, apparently, we were not allowed to go on the property to take pictures. He stated comments were made you can go to IHA to take pictures, this has been months, we should have comments. Council President DeSena stated he did ask for a status update regarding the summonses, he hopes we can have that for the next meeting.

Daniel Steinhagen, Esq., Beattie, Padavano, representing Concerned Neighbors of Washington Township - Mr. Steinhagen stated he has provided a printout from the Press Association website which has all of the legal notices published in the State of New Jersey, and it was published in The Record on Friday. Township Clerk Witkowski stated it was published in The Bergen Record, it is the same thing, it is two ordinances and one resolution, Mr. Steinhagen may have read it as adopting a resolution for the by-laws. Mr. Steinhagen stated it does not say anything about Ordinance No. 19-20. Township Clerk Witkowski replied over the weekend that she duplicated a number, so she re-advertised, and reposted on the website. Mr. Steinhagen stated for a Special Meeting you are supposed to give the Agenda to newspaper cable of publishing at least 48-hours before the meeting, so the concern is, he understands there is a mistake, given the predecessor ordinance. Council President DeSena stated it can be delayed another week, it will be taken off the Agenda and posted for next week.

Megan Callea, 6 Katharina Place - Ms. Callea stated she is 100% for the firehouse, she understands there is concern of the cost, but we are giving away tax revenue by allowing the Viviano property to be assessed at \$2,000. Council President DeSena stated the exemption was given by the State, and the Township has to accept the findings. Ms. Callea spoke of the assessment going from a million-dollars down to \$2,000 because \$525 worth of wood was sold, firetrucks not be able to turn into the property, and keeping this developer up to the same standards as the taxpayers. Mayor Calamari stated if anyone on the Planning Board, residents feel, is talking or commenting out of turn, he would like to know that, as it is not someone he would want on the Board. He stated as far as he knows, no one on this Board or Council has said anything positive or negative, and in speaking for himself, he is neutral until all the facts are in.

Mary Ann Ozment, 960 Adams Place - Mrs. Ozment stated she watched the previous three-hour meeting, an understanding our previous CFO retired in 2012, Ms. Curran and Ms. Morrone for the next five years were part-time CFO's, they should have known the situation regarding fixed asset. She stated the fixed assets were done in the past by Mrs. Doe, the CFO, and there was never an audit comment. Mrs. Ozment stated the Planning Board was put in the Code in 1976, the Zoning Board having two alternates was put in 1982. She spoke of what was done in the past when the Zoning Board had an application for the Knights of Columbus, members did have to recuse themselves sine they had a conflict, with members of the Planning Board who did not have conflict filling in on the Zoning Board. She spoke of the situation of the Planning Board being down one member, Zoning Board members requiring a resume to be put on the Board, it being done publicly, which is not required with the Planning Board, she believes this is the beginning of getting rid of the Zoning Board. She spoke of the need of the firehouse, the gas leech in the area of the DMF building and the importance of hiring a Clerk of the Works for the upcoming projects.

Toni Plantamura, 808 Robinwood Road – Ms. Plantamura spoke of her concern that improving the intersection of Pascack and Washington would invite more traffic to flow through the area, the improvement should be done when the Parkway and DOT resolves the issue of opening up a new north exit ramp off of the Parkway. She spoke of traffic situation on Washington Avenue, the overdevelopment of Bergen County and the quality of life issue. She spoke of the firehouse being located in a horrible place, shared services with Fire Departments, Police Departments, regional school systems and the Volunteer Ambulance Corps sharing space with the Fire Department in the new location to lower the cost. She stated the Viviano property should not be developed, and adding two additional members to the Planning Board is stacking the deck.

David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle – Mr. Snyder stated regarding the traffic situation with the intersection, he does agree with Ms. Plantamura, he also feels something does need to be done with Exit 168. He asked that the Code Enforcement Officer look into the sidewalks along Pascack Road that are in disrepair. He also spoke of a home that is located around the lake that has probably 8 junk vehicles in the driveway, which are registered, but are not in use, he is asking if Council could look into that ordinance. Mayor Calamari stated he has asked the Code Enforcement Official to look at the sidewalks, starting with the schools, and branch out, giving warnings where necessary. The Code Enforcement Official will also be giving suggestions to Council regarding some ordinances that need to be adjusted.

Ms. Curran requested to address Mrs. Ozment's comments. Council President DeSena replied, no, not at this time.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming to close the Public Discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.

Nays: None.

#### ORDINANCES:

Adoption-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: none.

Introduction-1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Ordinance No. 19-19

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,714,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming, to introduce and pass Ordinance No. 19-19 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Council President DeSena.  
Nays: Councilman Ullman.

The following resolution, Resolution No. 19-260 was presented and adopted on a motion by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 19 – 260

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 19-19 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,714,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 26th day of August, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019 at 7:30pm, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Complex, 350 Hudson Avenue, 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 office of 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.

Ordinance No. 19-19

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,714,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Township of Washington, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$6,000,000, said sum, except for the sum of approximately \$550,000 available therefor pursuant to other appropriations of the Township, being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$286,000 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose and to meet the part of said \$6,000,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$5,714,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$5,714,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3 (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the construction of a new fire and emergency services facility in and by the Township on lands owned by the Township and located at 656 Washington Avenue, said building being of not less than Class B construction (as such term is defined or referred to in Section 40A:2-22 of said Local Bond Law), including installation of telephone, computer, electrical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, and improvement of the site thereof, together with all water, gas, electric and storm water management facilities and structures, sidewalks, driveways, curbing, parking facilities, lighting, paving, landscaping, structures, fixtures, furnishings, equipment, work and materials necessary, useful or convenient for said facility, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor prepared and filed or to be prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk, subject to such variation, modification, addition or alteration as may from time to time be approved by the Township Council of the Township as necessary or desirable in connection with the construction of said facility.

The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$5,714,000.

The estimated cost of said purpose is \$6,000,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of the said \$286,000 down payment for said purpose, said estimated cost being exclusive of the sum of approximately \$550,000 available therefor pursuant to other appropriations of the Township.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is thirty (30) years.

The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$5,714,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

An aggregate amount not exceeding \$750,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

Section 5. Any funds from time to time received by the Township as a grant for the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance shall be used for financing such improvement or purpose by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said improvement or purpose, or to payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized by this bond ordinance. Any such funds so received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of such

costs shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 6. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, acting chief financial officer or treasurer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale at not less than par and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 7. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 8. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

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**Ordinance No. 19-20 TABLED**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

Councilman Bruno stated he doesn't think Ordinance No. 19-20 should be tabled for the next meeting, this is not a Council issue, it is a Planning Board issue. He stated they have enough people on the Planning Board and Council is being asked to do things for the Planning Board which really has nothing to do with Council. Councilman Ullman stated he would concur with Councilman Bruno. Council President DeSena stated Mr. Lamb did ask how it was brought up, he did go back, watched the meeting, and it was brought up by the recommendation of the Planning Board Special Attorney, through Attorney Poller, which he did not recall that night. He stated the Board has asked Council to add these alternate members, in no way has he ever seen this presented as a way of getting rid of the Zoning Board, but he believes it is an important thing that we move the Viviano, or whatever application needs to be moved forward, because, and he will state this on the record tonight, 75 is better than 150, if the 75 units do not proceed, we will end up with a builders remedy lawsuit of 150

homes in that area, and that will penalize every one of us in the Township, that is the way he sees it, he wants it done the right way. Councilman Ullman stated he agrees with Council President DeSena that we are looking at a builder's remedy, he wanted to address the Planning Board sometime ago at a Public Session, it was pointed out as a sitting Councilman, we should not do anything to influence that application. The fact, that this is being requested for a specific application and is coming before the Council to take action, he equates this to Council influencing that application, he doesn't feel Council should be. He stated that is why he concurs with Councilman Bruno that we should not be adding this. Councilman Cascio stated you know his feeling regarding an emergent situation, a lot of times something has to be passed right away, every time that someone on the Council brings it up it needs to be discussed for several meetings before any action is taken, this one is going pretty swiftly through the process, which he is surprised. He understands there is an application in front of the Planning Board right now, which is a large application, and has been for 20 years. He feels we should take our time with changing any type of Board, whether it be Health, Zoning or Planning, anything of changing the statute that is going to have long-term ramifications, if we do have enough members on the Board, that presents a quorum, a quorum is a quorum whether it is made of 20 members, 10 members or 5 members, if you have a sufficient number of people that are a quorum, it should stand as is. He stated it has been done for twenty plus years, it has been functioning well for a long time, and will function in the future as is. Councilman Cumming stated he would like to echo Council President's DeSena statement, the Township will be subject to a builder's remedy if this is delayed, put-off, cancelled any further, the other statement which was very brief, but very clear, is doing it the right way, we all want to do the right thing and make sure it is done the right way, keeping the quality of life in the Township as high as possible. Councilman Bruno stated we speak of builders remedies, and then months ago, our Planner was here and he did ask a question when are we going to go in front of Courts, we were told in June we should be done, July, August, September, he doesn't know if anything was submitted, we were supposed to be done with this whole project. He stated we would not have a builder's remedy or anything hanging over our heads if it was done properly.

Ordinance No. 19-20 **TABLED**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that Chapter 553 (Planning Board) of the Code of the Township is hereby amended by adding the following Subsection "C" to Section 553-1 of the Code:

1. "§553-1

...

C. Alternate members.

(1) There shall be appointed by the Mayor two residents of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, New Jersey, to serve as alternate members of Class IV of the Planning Board and who shall be designated by the Mayor as "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2." Alternate members shall meet the qualifications of Class IV members of the Planning Board. The terms of the alternate members shall be for two years, except that the terms of the alternate members shall be such that the term of not more than one alternate member shall expire in any one year; and provided further that in no instance shall the terms of the alternate members first appointed exceed

two years. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled by the Mayor for the unexpired term only.

(2) No alternate member shall be permitted to act on any matter in which he or she has either directly or indirectly any personal or financial interest.

(3) Alternate members may participate in all matters but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member of any class. Participation of alternate members shall not be deemed to increase the size of the Planning Board established by Township ordinance. A vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member. In the event that a choice must be made as to which alternate member is to vote, Alternate No. 1 shall vote.”

2. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

3. All Ordinances or any provisions of any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies and not otherwise.

4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication and in accordance with the Charter, and subject to such emergency resolution as may be adopted pursuant to Section 17-32 thereof. [R.S. 40:69A-181 (b)].

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. 19-262 Fire Department By-Laws

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming to pass resolution No. 19-262.

Councilman Ullman stated he would like to confirm that the only change is Section E1, changing the age to 55.

Michael Agnello, 667 Meisten Street – Council President DeSena stated he was verbally told the changes to the by-laws was changing E1 from 65 to 55 as a good standing member giving active life membership, is that the one change? Mr. Agnello replied yes, and we also changed the classifications from Active Life to Inactive Life, stating the fact they no longer respond to fires. He stated he believes it was lowered from age 60 to 55, with 25 years of service. Councilman Bruno asked has this ever been reviewed by an attorney, specifically for language? Mr. Agnello stated none of the by-laws have been changed, other than this section in 25 years of service, the classifications have been changed from Active Life to Inactive Life, changing the names, so it would be a little less confusing on what a fireman is. He stated you take a fireman who has left our Department after 30 years of service, and we call him an Active Life Member, he is not an Active Life Member if he doesn't respond to fires. He stated he is an Active Life Member, he has 40 years of service, but he is still responding to fires. He stated all we changed was terminology, none of the by-laws have been changed that have been accepted by this Council in previous years. Councilman Bruno stated when you talk about an Active Member, it does state you must be a resident of Township, then it says work in the Township. Mr. Agnello stated an example is we have a Fireman in our town who is on the Road Department in Emerson, and is a fireman in Emerson, he stated if you work in this town full-time, you can become a fireman in our Department.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 19-262  
Fire Department By-Laws

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington Volunteer Fire Department proposed certain amendment to its by-laws which are incorporated in Schedule A annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the by-laws of the Fire Department and any changes therein, before becoming effective, are subject to the approval of the Township Council under the Code of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council approved the amended by-laws as reflected in Schedule A annexed hereto at its regular meeting held on August 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, this resolution confirms the approval of the Township Council of the amended by-laws pursuant to its vote on August 12, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the revised by-laws of the Township of Washington Volunteer Fire Department as set forth on Schedule A annexed hereto are hereby approved and shall become effective immediately.

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Cumming, to adjourn. *(No Conference Session)*.

Ayes: Councilmen Bruno, Cascio, Cumming, Ullman,  
Council President DeSena.

Nays: None.

Time Noted: 8:18 p.m.

  
Susan Witkowski  
Township Clerk

  
Michael DeSena  
Council President

Approved: December 9, 2019