

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – June 4, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 8:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Higgins, Turner, Cioni, Woykowski, Van Deursen
5 – Present
Housel – arrived at 8:45 p.m.
Oakley - Absent

Also Present: John Corica, Interim Borough Manager
Susan Flynn, Esq. Attorney
Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk

Mayor Van Deursen led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor Van Deursen read the following Statement into the Record:

“The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231 have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.

COUNCIL APPEARANCE:

None

PRESENTATION

At this time Mayor Van Deursen deviated from the agenda for the presentation of the signed agreements and contribution from Mr. Jack Van Cleef.

Mr. Van Cleef presented the Borough of Washington with a check for \$760,000.00 as a contribution for the Midtown parking lots.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Van Deursen entertained a motion to go into executive session. Resolution 158-2007 Resolution to enter Executive Session was moved by Turner, seconded by Higgins and adopted.

Roll Call: Cioni, Woykowski, Turner, Higgins, and Van Deursen.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 158-2007

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The public shall be excluded from the remaining portion of this meeting.**
- 2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:**

Negotiations

MINUTES:

Hearing no corrections it was moved by Higgins, seconded by Turner that the minutes of February 20, 2007, March 6, 2007, May 1, 2007, May 15, 2007 – Executive Session, the Regular Meetings of May 1, 2007 and May 15, 2007, and the Budget Workshop Meeting of May 8, 2007 be adopted.

Councilman Cioni noted one error on the minutes of May 15, 2007.

Roll Call: Van Deursen, Higgins, Turner, Housel, Cioni and Woykowski -Yes
(Councilman Turner abstained from the May 8, 2007 minutes)

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The following communications were entered into the Record:

1. NJLM Re: Sales Tax Exemption
2. NJLM Re: Zoning Mandate, Funding Dedication, Revised Revenue Estimates

3. NJLM Re: Cable Television Developments
4. NJLM Re: New Information from the Division of Local Government Services
5. NJLM Re: House Passes Funding Increase for COPS Program
6. NJLM Re: Influenza Pandemic Update
7. NJLM Re: Proposed Identity Theft Rules
8. NJLM Re: Paid Family Leave
9. NJLM Re: State Budget Dialogue
10. Monroe Township (Gloucester County) Council Re: Abbott-Burke Reform
11. Warren County Housing Authority Re: Letter of Support Small Cities Housing (in packets)

Mayor Van Deursen entertained a motion to acknowledge, receive and file the communications.

It was moved by Higgins, seconded by Turner that the communications be acknowledged, received and filed.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Mayor Van Deursen stated that she would like to see the Borough of Washington send a Resolution in support of Abbott-Burke reform. Motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Turner that a Resolution be prepared and placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting for consideration.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE:

Mayor Van Deursen entertained remarks from the audience on items that were not on the agenda.

Grace MaGinnis – 57 Grand Avenue

Ms. MaGinnis commented that the construction crew working on Grand Avenue is doing a very nice job for the Borough. Mayor Van Deursen thanked Ms. MaGinnis for the positive comments. She believes it is the water company that is working on Grand Avenue.

Hearing no further comments, it was moved by Higgins, seconded by Turner to close the audience portion of the meeting.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

None

REPORTS:

It was moved by Higgins, seconded by Turner that the Council acknowledge, receive and file the Complaint Tracking, Managers Report, Zoning/Code Enforcement Report, and General Ledger Report.

Discussion:

Councilman Cioni stated that on the Managers Report item number 5 grants for street programs; the manager should refer to the existing street survey that has the streets ranked in priority. Manager Corica stated that the state will be concentrating on sidewalks with this round of grants. Councilman Housel suggested Washington Avenue from South Lincoln westward would be an excellent place to consider. Mayor Van Deursen stated that another area would be the curb and sidewalk at the corner of McDonald Street and West Stewart by Memorial School. She stated that the sidewalk is sinking in and it does need to be addressed.

Councilman Turner suggested having the road supervisor take a look at the trouble spots in the Borough relating to streets and sidewalks.

Mayor Van Deursen stated that the curbs and sidewalks by the schools and Washington Avenue from South Lincoln westward should be the priorities. Council concurred.

Councilman Housel also suggested it would be a good idea to include Grand Avenue in the grant application. It would help reduce the costs for sidewalks and curbing since the Borough is planning on doing that street in the near future.

Councilman Cioni asked Manager Corica if the risk manager had a status of the punch list items concerning recreation. Manager Corica stated he has asked recreation for a report on those items as soon as possible. Councilman Housel requested a completion date for those items as well. He stated he is concerned because some of the items are very serious.

Councilman Turner asked Manager Corica for an explanation for the extra day for the crane rental at the Borough Garage for the water meter pit. Councilman Turner does not see a reason to have the crane for an extra day. Councilman Housel asked why they can not do this all in one day. Manager Corica explained that the company is not sure they can accomplish this all in one day. If they are unable to, the resolution will provide for the crane rental for an extra day.

Councilman Higgins asked for an update on the options for Mr. Racz and his drainage issues with the sidewalk. Manager Corica explained that there is some concern on Mr. Racz's part that if the Borough just brings the dirt away from the foundation and try to grade it; it won't fully alleviate the problem with water in the basement. Mr. Racz asked for the sidewalk to be raised. The dirt could than be brought in and angled out; making the water move away from the foundation.

Councilman Housel made a motion to spend up to \$1000.00 to correct the problem; and that the Borough back-charge Hatch Mott McDonald, seconded by Higgins.

Roll Call: Van Deursen, Cioni, Housel, Higgins, Turner, and Woykowski.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Redevelopment Committee: The next meeting is scheduled for next week.

DPW Garage: Sewer Committee: No report.

Sewer Committee – Councilman Higgins stated that the sewer committee met briefly this evening and has scheduled another meeting for Sunday, June 10th. He asked if this topic could be added to the agenda for the June 19th meeting. He also asked if Mr. Gonzales could have a copy of the report from H2M. Mayor Van Deursen reminded Council that H2M will be at the next meeting

Streets Committee: No report.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee is meeting with the manager on Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Shared Services Committee: Councilwoman Woykowski stated that the Council of Governments is making progress. We have started to analyze the rather extensive report. Brian Valentino will be attending the August meeting for a Q & A session. Councilman Turner stated that a representative from the DCA will be attending a meeting to discuss grants.

Senior Services: The senior services committee did not meet. Councilman Turner stated that they have reached out to the local youth groups.

Website Committee: Mayor Van Deursen stated that she and Councilman Cioni are waiting for the weather to improve before taking pictures for the website. Councilman Cioni stated that Mr. Sheldon was able to talk to a local photographer who is will to take the pictures for free.

Curfew Committee: Councilwoman Oakley was unable to attend the Council meeting this evening.

Pedophile Committee: No report.

Bid – No report.

Councilman Higgins asked if the engineer has provided a cost estimate for the new DPW garage. He stated that he is concerned about the bids coming in too high as they have in the past. He would like to see a cost estimate from the engineer before the garage goes out to bid. We need to know what the building will cost if it is a wood frame or a steel frame. Mayor Van Deursen agreed and stated that the engineer should have an estimate at the next meeting.

Councilman Housel moved to accept the committee reports, seconded by Turner and adopted.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

VOUCHERS & CLAIMS:

Mayor Van Deursen entertained questions or additions to the vouchers and claims for payment that were not previously addressed before the meeting.

Councilman Higgins asked what the rental of the bulldozer was for. Councilman Housel informed Council that the DPW re-graded the dump site.

Councilman Cioni asked about the Recreation Commissions payment for Karate. Mayor Van Deursen explained that those charges are a wash. The Recreation Commission charges a fee to sign up for Karate.

Councilman Turner questioned the engineering bills for “streets – general.” Manager Corica stated that he has reviewed the bills from the engineer and feels the supporting documentation is sufficient and that the bills should be paid. Mayor Van Deursen reminded Council that the manager is available an hour prior to Council meetings so that anyone who wishes may review the supporting documentation for a bill.

Councilman Turner stated he has observed over the years a lot of small tool purchases. He asked if the Borough’s tools are inventoried.

Councilman Turner also asked for some clarification on the payments for Belvidere Avenue Phase I. Manager Corica stated he will double check with finance but he believes the second payment listed is to encumber the contract.

Hearing no further comments or questions the vouchers and claims were approved for payment in the amount of \$849,595.53.

Roll Call: Van Deursen, Higgins, Woykowski, Turner, Cioni, and Housel.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Manager Corica informed Council that the response from Clarke, Caton, and Hintz in regards to the payments being held was included in the Council packets. Manager Corica stated he is fine with the summary of expenses as provided by Clarke, Caton, and Hintz. If Council agrees Manager Corica would like permission to pay the bills.

Councilman Cioni made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Councilwoman Woykowski.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Van Deursen – Yes
Turner, Higgins, Cioni – No
Motion Failed.

Councilwoman Woykowski stated she voted yes because she is satisfied with Manager Corica's explanation. As far as this particular area, she has voiced her dissatisfaction several times with redevelopment portion of the professional's bills. Councilwoman Woykowski stated that if the Municipal Clerk has no objection she would like to make a motion to have her be part of the Redevelopment Committee meetings. This motion was seconded by Councilman Housel.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Councilman Higgins re-introduced the motion to pay the bills for Clark, Caton, Hintz, seconded by Councilman Cioni.

Councilman Cioni stated that he does have a lot of respect for Manager Corica and if he feels the bills should be paid than Council should consider that. It should be a lesson for moving forward though.

Councilman Higgins stated that he has some concerns over the details of the bills, phone calls, etc. Councilwoman Woykowski stated that is exactly why she wants more control over the professional's bills and a more stringent policy for professionals employed by the Borough.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Higgins, Housel, Turner, Cioni, Van Deursen – Yes

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Presentation of signed agreements and contribution from Jack Van Cleef.

This item was addressed at the beginning of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Welcome Packets for New Homeowners

Councilman Cioni informed Council that he would like to put together welcome packets for new homeowners in the Borough. These packets would include coupons and menus from restaurants and municipal information. This will also help the business owners.

Mayor Van Deursen asked if we are going to exclude the renters. Councilman Cioni stated that in the beginning yes, because it would be too big of an initiative to include them right away. Mayor Van Deursen stated that she does not want to exclude renters. She also asked who would be compiling the information and stuffing all of the envelopes.

Councilman Cioni stated that he is not sure who would be actually stuffing the envelopes but merely proposing to Council that this is something we should be doing.

BID Director, Jim Sheldon will be surveying the local businesses to see who would be interested in participating. Councilman Higgins stated that once Mr. Sheldon comes back to Council with that information; Council can make a decision then.

Councilwoman Woykowski recommended that this be done by a volunteer group. Several years ago there was a Welcome Wagon in the Borough. Mayor Van Deursen suggested a committee from the community to oversee this effort.

2007 Meetings

Mayor Van Deursen inquired as to whether Council was comfortable with the remainder of the Council meetings scheduled for 2007. Council concurred that they were.

Resolution 147-2007 Refund of Tax Overpayment Block 14 Lot 10

Resolution 147-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Turner and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 147-2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF CURRENT YEAR TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector's records show an overpayment of \$1,163.43 on the 1st quarter 2007 taxes on Block 014 Lot 010 , 62 West Stewart Street, previously owned by Robert Evans. On May 7th we received payment in this amount from FIS Tax Services on behalf of Robert Evans; that payment duplicated an earlier payment made on April 18th, in the same amount, from Attorney Bruce Jones on behalf of the new homeowners, Joseph and Michaelene Piccione. FIS Tax Services has subsequently requested that the overpayment be refunded to them.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector's office has received a written request that the above amount should be refunded to FIS Tax Services, and mailed to:

FIS Tax Service
3100 New York Drive, Suite 100
Pasadena, CA 91107

Attn: National Refunds/Jennifer Martinez

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer is authorized to refund the above payment amount as directed.

Roll Call: Housel, Cioni, Van Deursen, Higgins, Turner, and Woykowski.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution 148-2007 Refund of Sewer Service Charge

Resolution 148-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Turner and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 148-2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF THE BOROUGH'S SEWERSERVICE CHARGE

WHEREAS, according to the Treasurer's records, there is an overpayment showing on the following property; and

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY OWNER/ PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED</u>
94/51	Vincent Newell 30 Broad Street	\$ 45.00

The former owner made an overpayment during the closing procedures on the above property location. A refund of \$45.00 should be mailed to:

Vincent Newell
18 East Price St., Apt. #10
Linden, NJ 07036

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer's office has received a written request that the above amount be refunded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New

Roll Call: Woykowski, Higgins, Housel, Turner, Van Deursen and Cioni.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution 149-2007 Refund of Street Opening Escrow

Resolution 149-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Turner and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 149-2007

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM
STREET OPENING ESCROW ACCOUNT HELD IN
TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, Jack Kriebel has posted review and/or inspection fees in the amount of \$1000.00 with the Borough of Washington prior to a street opening; and

WHEREAS, these funds were posted in the Street Opening Account to cover the cost of review and/or inspection services; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Engineer Robert Miller, C.M.E., P.E. has determined that all outstanding bills have been paid for review and inspection services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to Jack Kriebel, 19 W. Johnston Street, Washington, NJ 07882, in the amount of \$1000.00 from the Street Opening Account.

Roll Call: Housel, Cioni, Turner, Van Deursen, Higgins and Woykowski.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 10
Motion Carried.

Resolution 150-2007 Return of Developers Escrow

This Resolution was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Turner and adopted.

RESOLUTION 150-2007

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM
DEVELOPER'S ESCROW ACCOUNT HELD IN TRUST BY THE
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey has posted review and/or inspection fees with the Borough of Washington prior to work beginning on this project; and

WHEREAS, these funds were posted in the Developer's Escrow account to cover the cost of review and/or inspection services; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Engineer Robert Miller, C.M.E., P.E. has determined that all outstanding bills have been paid for inspection and review services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey, c/o Paul May, PO Box 2, Washington, NJ, 07882 for the actual account balance in the review/inspection account.

Roll Call: Housel, Woykowski, Turner, Cioni, Van Deursen, and Higgins.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

At this time Councilman Cioni excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Resolution 151 – 2007 Appointment of Wastewater Management Consultant

This Resolution was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Turner and adopted.

RESOLUTION 151-2007
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WASTE WATER
CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional engineering services in the area of wastewater collection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et. seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Hatch Mott MacDonald of Millburn, New Jersey has agreed to perform professional engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided by, Hatch Mott MacDonald of Millburn New Jersey constitutes professional services that need not be bid pursuant to the Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et. seq.).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Hatch Mott MacDonald is hereby appointed Wastewater Consultant for the Borough of Washington for a six month period – July through December 2007.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Higgins, Van Deursen and Turner.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Resolution 152-2007 Return of Police Services Escrow

Resolution was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Higgins and adopted.

RESOLUTION 152-2007

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM
SPECIAL POLICE SERVICES ESCROW ACCOUNT HELD IN TRUST BY
THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Washington Business Improvement District has posted fees to cover anticipated costs of special police services with the Borough of Washington prior to specific planned events; and

WHEREAS, these funds were posted in the Washington Business Improvement District escrow account to cover these anticipated costs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer has determined that all outstanding bills have been paid for special police services,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to: Washington Business Improvement District, PO Box 32, 21 Belvidere Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882, for the actual account balance in the Special Police Services Escrow account.

Roll Call: Housel, Higgins, Woykowski, Van Deursen, and Turner

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Resolution 106-2007 Authorizing an Agreement Between the DOT and the Borough of Washington

Resolution 106-2007 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Turner and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 106-2007

**RESOLUTION AUTHRIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
WASHINGTON BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey intends to construct Route 57 Washington Borough Culvert Replacement within Washington Borough and;

WHEREAS, the project proposed by the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation may require the use of municipal police work zone safety operations supplementing the traffic control plan established under the contract for construction of the project and;

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation has requested that the Borough of Washington enter into a Police Agreement and Statement of Costs for Traffic Directors. The costs incurred by the Borough of Washington Police in connection with the project shall be paid directly to Washington Borough by the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation pursuant to an agreement attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Borough of Washington to provide for the direct payment to Washington Borough of costs incurred on the Route 57 Washington Borough Culvert Replacement construction project for municipal police service in the form attached hereto.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Van Deursen, Turner, Housel, and Higgins

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Resolution 153-2007 Redemption of Lien

Resolution 153-2007 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Housel and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 153-2007

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on December 27, 2006 to Arthur Frustaci, 1178 Fifth Avenue, Alpha, NJ 08865, in the amount of \$57.17 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2005 in the name of Stratton, Samuel and Silmara, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 18 Gibson Place, Block 053 Lot 001, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #417-06; and

WHEREAS, I, Kay F. Stasyshan, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 05-25-07 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law,

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Arthur Frustaci by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$113.66, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #417-06.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 4th day of June 2007 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Arthur Frustaci, 1178 Fifth Avenue, Alpha, NJ 08865 in the amount of \$113.66.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 053 Lot 001 from the tax office records.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Higgins, Turner, and Van Deursen.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Resolution 154-2007 Redemption of Lien

Resolution 154-2007 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Housel and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 154-2007
A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on December 27, 2006 to Park Finance LLC, PO Box 109, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927, in the amount of \$1,044.16 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2005 in the name of Devoe, Deborah M, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 63 N Jackson Avenue, Block 037 Lot 016, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #414-06; and

WHEREAS, I, Kay F. Stasyshan, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 05-24-07 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Deborah M Devoe, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Park Finance, LLC, by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$8,316.82, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #414-06.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 4th day of June, 2007 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Park Finance, LLC, PO Box 109, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 in the amount of \$8,316.82.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 037 Lot 016 from the tax office records.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Higgins, Turner, and Van Deursen.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Resolution 155 – 2007 Amend Award of Contract to Jensen and Koerner Crane Service Inc.

Resolution 155-2007 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Housel and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 155-2007

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION # 108 – 2007
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO JENSEN & KOERNER
CRANE SERVICE INC**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council awarded a contract to Jensen & Koerner to provide crane services in the amount of \$1461.30 under Resolution # 108-2007; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has indicated that crane services may be needed for two days instead of one day; and

WHEREAS, a certification of funds is attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Resolution #108-2007 be and hereby is amended to award a contract to Jensen and Koerner Crane Service, Inc in the amount of \$2,922.60.

Roll Call: Housel, Higgins, Woykowski, Turner, and Van Deursen.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution 156-2007

Resolution 156-2007 was moved on a motion made by Housel, seconded by Higgins and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 156-2007

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING
CHANGE ORDER #3-MARVEC CONSTRUCTION
FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington is providing a new streetscape project in the downtown business district; and

WHEREAS, from time to time during the construction process, various field changes and adjustments are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the project engineers, Hatch Mott MacDonald have recommended the following Change Order:

Reconstruction of inlet	Increase	\$3,000
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WHEREAS, previous change orders and this change order total \$74,154.40, which is less than 10% of the total contract price of \$1,178,763;and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington wishes to accept the change order for this work as it is in the best interest of the Borough of Washington. A Certification of Available Funds is attached and made part of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey approve Change Order #3 and authorize the Borough Manager and Project Engineer to prepare the necessary documents as soon as possible and for the Borough Manager to execute the change order on behalf of Washington Borough.

Roll Call: Housel, Higgins, Turner, Woykowski, and Van Deursen.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

MEETING RE-CAP

Manager Corica will follow up on the following items: A letter of support will be prepared in support of Abbot-Burke reform. A list of sidewalks discussed this evening will be included in the grant submission. The Borough will move forward in regards to fixing Mr. Racz's sidewalk. Council would like cost estimates in regards to both alternatives for the Public Works garage. He will also contact Department of Community Affairs in regards to the engineering appointment. Letters of commendation will be sent to the Fire Department, Police Department, and EMT. He will also put on the calendar RFP's to be sent out in September for Borough professionals.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Higgins – Councilman Higgins stated that Washington Borough Fire Department did a great job with the fire last week. A letter should be sent to the Fire Department, Police, and EMT. Councilman Higgins also noted that in the original grant application for redevelopment the

Borough committed to appropriate a certain amount of money to cover PNC Bank to Wachovia. Manager Corica explained that the original bond ordinance incorporates \$120,000 from the Federal Government, a State Grant, and a municipal portion. Councilman Higgins stated that the Borough's anticipated contribution is \$282,320.00. Councilman Higgins stated that BID Director Jim Sheldon has the grant application in his office and recommends that Council take a look at it. Councilman Higgins asked if we could find the ordinance that supports the municipal contribution. Manager Corica stated that there are only two ordinances that address the downtown area.

Councilman Turner – Councilman Turner stated that he agrees that a letter should be sent to the Fire Department, EMT, and Police Departments. He also stated he wants to know what the Borough's sewer capacity is and will not let that go.

Councilwoman Woykowski – Councilwoman Woykowski stated she would like to hear from everyone on Council about their preferences of preferred shared services.

Councilman Housel – Councilman Housel asked for a letter to go to the Police Department for a job well done. He also stated that the topic of Executive Session should have been emailed to Council. Councilman Housel also reminded Council to send their ratings of the résumé's to Jersey Professional.

Mayor Van Deursen – Mayor Van Deursen stated that she concurs with Council in regards to what has been said tonight.

Hearing no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Housel, seconded by Turner that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Marianne Van Deursen, Mayor

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk