

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – August 06, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Deputy Mayor Gleba 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.”

Deputy Mayor Gleba led everyone in the flag salute.

Roll Call: Thompson, Conry, Torres, Higgins, Gleba
Absent: Jewell, McDonald

Also Present: Kristine Blanchard, Manager/Borough Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE:

A motion was made by Torres, seconded by Conry to receive and file the correspondence.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Council Discussion:

Councilman Torres pointed out that the request from Norwescap for the handicapped parking space is located right next to the building that his business is in located at 16 Broad Street, so therefore Councilman Torres will abstain from voting on this topic. Councilman Torres pointed out that the space requested is in an area downtown that already has a shortage of on street parking. It will take away a vital parking space and businesses in the area would be negatively affected. Councilman Torres spoke with other business owners in the vicinity and all are against the request to designate the space as handicapped only. A few business owners wrote letters to Council stating their concerns about the potential handicapped space. One business owner suggested it would be safer to have the designated handicapped space located in the private parking lot owned by the Visiting Homemaker’s Association. The purpose of this handicapped parking space is to accommodate a Norwescap staff member who would be parked there for more than two hours at a time, which would limit the parking for potential customers.

Sandi Cerami, the WBID Executive Director agreed entirely with Councilman Torres' statements. Ms. Cerami stated that there have been times in her life that she was eligible for handicapped parking stickers so she is sympathetic and empathetic to the fight but there is very limited on street parking in the area. There are two handicapped spaces reserved in the lot across the street. Ms. Cerami also states that Norwescap knew where they moving and what the parking situation was. There is public parking available behind Gibson's Gym or possibly arrangements can be made with the Visiting Homemaker's Association.

Deputy Mayor Gleba closed discussion on this correspondence.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – June 18, 2013 & July 2, 2013

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Thompson to approve the minutes of June 18, 2013 and July 2, 2013.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

AUDIENCE:

Hearing no comments from the audience a motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Conry, to close the audience portion of the meeting.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

REPORTS:

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Torres to receive and file the following reports:

1. Manager's Report
2. DPW Report
3. Police Report
4. Recreation Commission Report
5. Municipal Court Report

Council Discussion:

Councilman Thompson noted that the Borough's numbers reflected in the Washington Township Police Report seem to be rising. Councilwoman Gleba added that she believed some of the numbers were actually lower this month.

Councilwoman Gleba had a question on the Manager's Report regarding the timing of Councilman Jewell's resignation. Councilwoman Gleba questioned why the Borough is not filling the vacancy. Councilman Higgins replied that if a Council member resigns within a certain number of days within an election, the committee places a name on the ballot. Councilman Jewell's seat will remain vacant until the election in November.

Councilman Torres asked about the Recreation Report that provides the expenses through June. Manager Blanchard replied that the Recreation reports will be provided monthly and July expenses should be reported by the second meeting in August.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Senior Committee Report:

Councilwomen Gleba and Conry are working with the County Division of Aging and Disability Services, who are funding the whole event. The first annual event for all seniors in our community will be held on Friday, August 23rd from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Boro Park Pavilion. Councilwoman Gleba invited Council to come and support the Picnic in the Park event.

Codebook Committee Report:

Councilman Torres stated that the Jake Brake ordinance will be included in the nuisance ordinance. The consolidation of these ordinances also includes littering, vandalism, and graffiti. Councilman Torres added that these ordinances should be ready for review at the next meeting.

Sewer Committee Report:

Councilman Higgins stated that there was a sewer meeting scheduled for Thursday that needs to be rescheduled. Councilman Higgins added that he had a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the erosion around the Shabecong Creek. The letter stated that the DEP does not have any property along this creek or any responsibility to the Shabecong. The nearest DEP owned property is the old Warren Railroad bed in both Washington Borough and Washington Township which is a couple of miles away. The DEP has a few other properties further away but none of them drain into the Shabecong. After Councilman Higgins' call to the DEP, a State Park's staff

member walked the entire area and most of the creek is on private residential lots. There are multiple old sewer pipes and manhole assemblies that are exposed probably due to erosion. The piping runs from the creek to a vacant lot that has remnants of a house foundation. It is unlikely that anyone maintains this vacant lot. The letter adds that it is difficult to pinpoint which party or agency is responsible but it doesn't appear to be the responsibility of the DEP. Also, the Army Corp of Engineers does not have any projects

NEW BUSINESS:

Garbage Specs.

Manager Blanchard stated that the Blue Diamond garbage contract runs out December 31, 2013 and she is preparing to go out to bid for a new contract sometime within the next two weeks. Nothing has changed from the previous bid that was sent out. Manager Blanchard is looking for a four year contract starting January 2014 and ending December 2017 with the same scheduled pick ups. The only change would be that seasonal yard trimmings will begin in April and conclude at the end of November instead of starting in May and ending mid November. There seems to be a need for earlier yard trimming pick ups over the past few years.

Councilwoman Gleba asked if it was possible to add a bulk pickup into the quote even if it was just once a year, just to see how much it costs. Manager Blanchard replied that if Council is in agreement we can add an addendum to the bid for a quote on bulky waste pick up.

A motion was moved by Gleba to add an option to the bid for a quote on once a year bulky waste pickup, seconded by Conry and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, Thompson, Conry, Higgins
Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Higgins)
Motion Carried

Manager Blanchard added that she met with the Municipal Engineer and that the Department of Transportation's grant for street reconstruction is open again with a deadline of September 12, 2013. Manager Blanchard stated that there are two options here. First, Council can reapply for Green Street since the application is already completed from last year. Second, Council can send it to the Streets Committee and that committee can come up with other streets that they may want to submit. However, keep in mind that the cost would be higher in preparing that grant application for a new street. Councilman Higgins stated he would prefer to do North Lincoln Avenue due to the fact that Green Street is not as urgent as North Lincoln and this way it would wear at the same time as South Lincoln which was recently paved. It would also take care of the issues that were presented to Council a few weeks ago. Manager Blanchard stated that Council can either proceed with Green Street, go with North Lincoln (from Carlton Avenue to the Boro Line), or perhaps submit two applications stating an order of priority. Manager

Blanchard added that because North Lincoln is part of the Warren Hills bus route, it would look favorably on the D.O.T. grant application. Councilman Higgins suggested a 'not to exceed' clause on the Municipal Engineer's fees for writing the grant application for North Lincoln Avenue.

A motion was made by Higgins to apply for the D.O.T. grant to reconstruct North Lincoln Avenue, seconded by Torres and approved.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Manager Blanchard also brought up that in 2010, Council authorized Suburban Engineers to complete phase 1 and 2 of surveying the Mill Pond Dam. Suburban Engineers also performed a hydrologic and hydraulic study of the Mill Pond Dam. This was in conjunction with a possible decommissioning of the dam. Or possibly keeping the dam and maintaining it. Manager Blanchard added that in 2012, there were some astronomical numbers from the engineer to decommission the dam so at that time, Council decided not to go that route. Manager Blanchard received a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection stating that the Borough must provide them with an Emergency Action Plan for the Mill Pond Dam. Otherwise, there is the potential for a penalty of up to \$2,500 per day. Unfortunately, one of the steps in doing that is performing what's called an Inundation Mapping Study. If there is ever a disaster on Mill Pond Road near the dam, how would that affect the surrounding properties? What impact is a failure of that dam going to have? Manager Blanchard has a quote from a company that Finelli Engineering works with for \$12,000. Manager Blanchard stated that we can either find the money within the budget to do this or we can plead our case to the D.E.P.

A motion was made by Higgins to direct Manager Blanchard and CFO Turchan to find the funds within the budget to pay for the Inundation Mapping Study, seconded by Conry.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, Thompson, Conry, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #145-2013 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #145-2013

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

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

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the

taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 25, 2012 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 5 Cold Hill Rd S Ste:11, Mendham, NJ 07945, in the amount of \$546.79 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2011 in the name of Gaston, Charles E. Jr. & Loree, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 313 Belvidere Avenue, Block 6 Lot 64, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #12-00007; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 7-22-13 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Loree Gaston claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by FWDSL & Associates LP by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$1,437.08, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #12-00007.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of August, 2013 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to FWDSL & Associates LP, 5 Cold Hill Rd S Ste: 11, Mendham, NJ 07945 in the amount of **\$1,837.08** (this amount consists of \$1,437.08 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$400.00 Premium)

Resolution #146-2013 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION # 146-2013

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

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

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on September 16, 2010 to US Bank Cust Pro Capital I LLC, TLSG, 50 S 16th Street Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$6,769.62 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2009 in the name of Mickalowski, Theodore Jr., as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 19 East Johnston Street, Block 30.01 Lot 2, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #10-00016; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 7-17-13 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, PNC Bank claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by US Bank Cust Pro Capital I LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$37,978.92, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #10-00016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of August, 2013 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer

to issue a check payable to US Bank Cust Pro Capital I LLC in the amount of **\$40,678.92** (this amount consists of \$37,978.92 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,700.00 Premium).

Resolution #145-2013 and #146-2013 were moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Torres and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, Thompson, Conry, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #147-2013 – Authorizing Closure of Calton Homes Escrow

RESOLUTION #147-2013

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF
CALTON HOMES, INC. DEVELOPERS ESCROW ACCOUNT
HELD IN TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, Thomas Iadevaia, Land Financial Analyst, from Pulton Homes of NJ, Limited Partnership, the company responsible for the Washington Meadows, Calton Homes (Centex Homes) has formally requested closure of the Calton Homes , Inc. Developer’s Escrow Account #7200020833;

WHEREAS, the account has been inactive since 2007 and has an approximate balance of \$24.22 and there are no outstanding invoices against the account at this time;

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 Municipal Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to Calton Homes, Inc. c/o Pulte Homes of N.J., L.P. for the amount remaining in the account at closure.

Resolution #147-2013 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, Thompson, Conry, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #148-2013 – Supporting and Authorizing Washington Borough to join the Warren County League of Municipalities.

Resolution #148-2013 was moved on a motion made by Torres, hearing no second. Motion fails.

Resolution #149-2013 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #149-2013

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

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

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on December 15, 2011 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 5 Cold Hill Road S., Suite 11, Mendham, NJ 07945 in the amount of \$35,155.55 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2010 in the name of NEPFUND REO, LLC as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 33-39 Willow Street, Block 100 Lot 57, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #11-00023; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 7-24-13 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, NEPCO FUND LLC, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by FWDSL & Associates by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$124,962.99, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #11-00023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of August, 2013 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to FWDSL & Associates LP, 5 Cold Hill Road S., Suite 11, Mendham, NJ 07945 in the amount of **\$124,962.99**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 100 Lot 57 from the tax office records.

Resolution #149-2013 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, Thompson, Conry, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #150-2013 – Refund Overpayment of Prior Year Taxes

RESOLUTION #150-2013

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2009 PRIOR YEAR REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector’s records, there is an overpayment of \$2,204.15 on 2009 3rd Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 41 North Lincoln Avenue, also known as Block 12.01 Lot 5, and in the name of Colon, Eric & Lori; and

WHEREAS, Glen Eagle Title and First American both paid 3rd Quarter 2009 taxes for the Colons; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has received a written notification from Eric & Lori Colon requesting the overpayment be refunded to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector to refund the amount of \$2,204.15 payable to:

Eric & Lori Colon
41 North Lincoln Avenue
Washington, NJ 07882

Resolution #151-2013 – Refund Overpayment of Current Year Taxes

RESOLUTION #151-2013

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2013 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector’s records, there is an overpayment of \$1,500.75 on 2013 2nd Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 19 McKinley Avenue, also known as Block 49 Lot 3, and in the name of Perez, John & Melissa; and

WHEREAS, Harvard Abstract and Corelogic both paid the 2nd Quarter 2013 taxes for John & Melissa Perez; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments

and has received written notification from John Perez requesting the overpayment be refunded to him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector to refund the amount of \$1,500.75 payable to:

John & Melissa Perez
19 McKinley Avenue
Washington, NJ 07882

Resolution #152-2013 – Refund Overpayment of Current Year Taxes

RESOLUTION #152-2013

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2013 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$2,517.35 on 2013 2nd Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 50 Alvin Sloan Avenue, also known as Block 2.08 Lot 2, and in the name of Chavez, Roseann M.; and

WHEREAS, LSI Title Agency and Corelogic both paid the 2nd Quarter 2013 taxes for Roseann Chavez; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has received written notification from Roseann Chavez requesting the overpayment be refunded to her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector to refund the amount of \$2,517.35 payable to:

Roseann M. Chavez
50 Alvin Sloan Avenue
Washington, NJ 07882

Resolution #153-2013 – Refund Overpayment of Prior Year Taxes

RESOLUTION #153-2013

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2012 PRIOR YEAR REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$1,793.88 on 2012 3rd Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 78 West Johnston Street, also known as Block 15 Lot 24, and in the name of Wohlgemuth, Kevin & Lori; and

WHEREAS, Bank of America and Corelogic both paid 3rd Quarter 2012 taxes for the Wohlgemuths; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has received a written notification from Kevin & Lori Wohlgemuth, requesting the overpayment be refunded to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector to refund the amount of \$1,793.88 payable to:

Kevin & Lori Wohlgemuth
78 West Johnston Street
Washington, NJ 07882

Resolutions #150-2013, #151-2013, #152-2013, and #153-2013 were moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, Thompson, Conry, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #154-2013 – Authorizing Special Grace Period for Third Quarter Taxes.

RESOLUTION # 154-2013

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL
PERIOD FOR THIRD QUARTER LOCAL PROPERTY
TAXES IN THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, the printing and mailing of tax bills has been delayed beyond the N.J.S.A. 54:4-64 date of June 14th; and

WHEREAS, according to State Statute, taxes are due and payable February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 and these dates can not be changed; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 allows the Borough Council to establish a grace period of 25 days from the date that tax bills are mailed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington has historically given its taxpayers a grace period of 10 days for each tax period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington that the third quarter installment of current year taxes shall not be subject to interest until after August 31, 2013, the additional interest-free period authorized pursuant to R.S. 54:4-67. Any payment received on September 1, 2013 will be subject to interest charged back to the statutory date of August 1, 2013.

Resolution #154-2013 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Torres and approved.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #155-2013 – Board of Adjustment Appointment

RESOLUTION #155-2013

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey is governed by Plan “E” of Municipal Charter Law; and

WHEREAS, under this plan the Borough Council is directed and authorized to appoint members of the Board of Adjustment.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has designated the following person his appointee;

WHEREAS, The Council does approve of this appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following named person is appointed to the Board of Adjustment for a term ending **December 31, 2017**.

Dan Aron

Resolution #155-2013 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #156-2013 – Board of Adjustment Appointment

Resolution #156-2013 was moved on a motion made by Conry, seconded by Gleba.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, Thompson, Conry, Higgins
Ayes: 2, Nays: 1 (Torres)
Abstain: 2 (Thompson, Higgins)
Motion Failed

VOUCHERS:

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$3,242,905.59

Council Discussion:

Councilman Higgins asked Council to take notice on page 5 at the amount of money spent for repairs on the vehicles at DPW. Councilman Higgins suggested that these costs are for outside labor which could possibly be done in house. Councilman Higgins states that the Borough can save money if more repairs are done in house. Councilman Higgins would like to review all of the maintenance records for the DPW vehicles to make sure the proper maintenance is taking place. Councilman Higgins also asked how it would work if a DPW work did perform the mechanical work since they are Civil Service. Councilman Higgins asked Manager Blanchard to check with Civil Service to see what would need to be done in regards to adding the title of mechanic to the current DPW job titles.

Motion made by Gleba, seconded by Conry and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, Higgins, Conry, Thompson
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

MEETING RE-CAP:

Manager Blanchard will give Council a copy of the garbage specs and also a copy of the letter from the Department of Environmental Protection in regards to the erosion along the Shabecong Creek. Manager Blanchard will also contact Finelli Engineering and tell them that Council wants to move forward with the North Lincoln grant application with a not to exceed amount of \$1,000 for their services. Manager Blanchard will also work with Finelli not to exceed \$15,000 for the Inundation Mapping Study for the Emergency Action Plan in regards to the Mill Pond Dam. Manager Blanchard will also get the maintenance records for the vehicles located at the DPW garage.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman Higgins asked about the status of the Paramount Property. Manager Blanchard replied that 28 East Washington Avenue has been deemed structurally sound. The front part of that building has been boarded up due to the one piece of overhang which will be fixed after 16 East Washington Avenue has been repaired. The framing work at 16 East Washington Avenue is going to start early next week to fix the façade. The façade work can not begin until Paramount goes before the Planning Board as stated in the Borough's Redevelopment Plan. The highest priority right now is the safety at 16 East Washington Avenue. Councilman Higgins would like for the owners of Paramount Properties and the Express Times to come to the next Council meeting. Councilman Higgins wants Paramount Properties to either fix the property as soon as possible or the Borough will look into taking over the property. Councilman Higgins would also like Attorney Kopen to do some research on the Redevelopment Laws and to be prepared for the meeting when Paramount is present.

Councilman Thompson would like to look into the cost of having the large tree in front of Borough Hall decorated with lights for Christmas as it has been done in the past. It was removed from the budget years ago and Councilman Thompson would like to bring it back.

A motion was made by Thompson to get estimates on the cost of decorating the tree with Christmas lights, seconded by Torres.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Higgins)
Motion Carried

Councilman Torres asked about a status on the air conditioning in Boro Hall. Manager Blanchard replied that the chiller pump failed but it is up and running now. Manager Blanchard asked Binsky & Snyder Services, LLC to hold off on the work in the fire hall until after the special election next Tuesday.

Hearing no further business, a motion made by Torres, seconded by Conry to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m.

Deputy Mayor Jeanine Gleba

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk