BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – October 21, 2014

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.

Mayor McDonald 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."

Mayor McDonald led everyone in the flag salute.

Roll Call:	Jones, Thompson, Conry, Higgins, McDonald, Gleba,
	Torres (arrived at 8:10pm)

Also Present: Kristine Blanchard, Borough Manager / Municipal Clerk, Leslie Parikh, Municipal Attorney

PROCLAMATION:

A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON EXPRESSING CONGRALUTATIONS TO THE MT. PISGAH AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON 140 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, On October 12, 1874 dedicated men and women assembled to elect five trustees and form the African Union Protestant Church of Washington; and

WHEREAS, in time the Church moved from worshipping in a building on Church Street and Belvidere Avenue to North Lincoln Avenue, where the cornerstone was laid in 1877; and

WHEREAS, that while securing a new location, construction did not begin until 1880 and under the leadership of Rev. Carlos Green, the church, consisting of a single room with belfry and conical steeple was completed; and

WHEREAS, the church has celebrated 100 years and 120 years of service and now celebrates their 140th year of service to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, extend to the Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church congratulations on their 140 year anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Washington wish the Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church continued success in the future.

Presented on the 21st day of October, 2014.

COUNCIL APPEARANCE:

Chief McDonald – Washington Township Police Department

Chief McDonald stated that his main reason for appearing before Council this evening is to make the public aware of some scams that have been going on in the are for some time. Chief McDonald added that he held a very similar meeting in Washington Township a few weeks ago and since that time something new has arisen. Chief McDonald stated that one example of a current scam is where a resident would receive a phone call from someone representing the power or electric company saying that you owe money on a bill. The scam artist states that if you do not pay your bill immediately, your service will be interrupted. The scam artist proceeds to get you to pay the bill with a Green Dot card which is a pre-paid credit card. Once the payment is made using that card, the money will be deducted immediately from that card. Chief McDonald recommends that if a resident receives a phone call from the power or electric company take their name and number and advise them that you will call your power company. Chief McDonald added that are Internal Revenue Service scams which actually happened to someone in the Township. The resident received a call from someone stating that they are an agent of the I.R.S. who states that you owe money in back taxes and an immediate payment is necessary to avoid arrest. The scam scares some people enough that they actually have made payment to them through the purchase of a Green Dot card. Chief McDonald added that if you ever owe the I.R.S. money, they will send you something by mail, they will not contact you by telephone.

Chief McDonald added that there have been a lot of vehicle break-ins over the past few months which are actually not break ins since the vehicles were all left unlocked. Chief McDonald urged residents to lock their cars and don't leave any valuables in view. All of the cases where items were reported stolen out of vehicles were due to the cars being unlocked. Chief McDonald also added that there was a case in Phillipsburg a few years ago where the justice system failed. In this case, the perpetrator knocked on an elderly residents home asking for water. He pushed his way in, sexually assaulted and beat the elderly woman. That individual through a failure in the legal process and the psychiatric care process is not facing charges and could be among us. Chief McDonald asked residents to be wary of people knocking on your door. Councilwoman Gleba asked if its possible to provide this information to the Warren County Division of Aging and Disability Services because they have a database of all the seniors in the county. Chief McDonald replied that they would be happy to speak personally to any group to keep them informed. Chief McDonald added that his email is <u>chief@wtpd.net</u> if anyone has any questions or feel free to stop by the office.

Dawson Bloom – Finelli Engineering: Warren Hills Regional Middle School

Manager Blanchard stated that there has been an ongoing issue with flooding in the area of the Warren Hills Regional Middle School after the school had done some paving back in 2009 and 2010. Mr. Bloom added that it is in isolated issue, one or two homeowners whose garages back up to the parking lot have experienced some flooding into their garages due to runoff from the middle school. Mr. Bloom added that the Warren Hills Regional Middle School hired Suburban Consulting to try to come up with a solution for the flooding issue that has come up since the school paved the parking lot and alley way about five or six years ago. Mr. Bloom stated that Finelli Engineering got involved about a year ago, meeting representatives from the Warren Hills Regional Middle School and Suburban Consulting. They are looking for some assistance from the Borough in facilitating the repairs that they would like to make to try to alleviate the flooding. They are proposing to re-grade approximately fifty to seventy five feet of the alley as it comes in off of North Lincoln Avenue into the parking area for the school. It would be a full depth reconstruction of the pavement and repaying. Warren Hills received quotes and the lowest price received was \$20,000 which the middle school would like to have split between the Warren Hills Regional School District and the Borough. Mr. Bloom does not feel that the Borough has any liability towards this issue, this was a paving project that was undertaken by the school district. However, there was some work done on Borough property which was allowed through the previous Borough Manager but there was no work done by the Borough, nor any plans or money paid by the Borough for this paving. The runoff and grading issues that the Borough properties are having is due to the paving project done by the school. Mayor McDonald asked if there was any agreement signed years ago when the paving was done. Mr. Bloom replied that he believes it was a verbal discussion and there is nothing on record to describe what was done. Mayor McDonald added that if any conversation took place at a Council meeting in regards to the paving in 2009 or 2010 that the discussion would be in the minutes. Manager Blanchard will review the minutes as well as try to reach out to the previous Borough Manager.

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Conry to table this issue until the Council Minutes can be reviewed to see if there was some sort of agreement or involvement by the Borough.

> Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Manager Blanchard asked Mr. Bloom asked if he received approval from the D.O.T. in regards to the paving of North Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Bloom replied that the plans have been submitted and there are two handicapped ADA ramps that need to be reconstructed at the library as part of the project which will be done ahead of the paving. Mr. Bloom added that the milling and paving of the roadway should be done in one day which will probably be done in the first or second week in November. Reverend Bauknight expressed concern over the project being rushed into one day's worth of work. Mr. Bloom replied that he was told by the contractor that they could get the work done efficiently in one day because it is a fairly straight roadway with no curves.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – October 07, 2014

Motion made by Torres, seconded by Conry to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 07, 2014.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: (1) Thompson Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Gleba to receive and file the correspondence.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Board of Chosen Freeholders: RE Notice of Public Hearing Warren Haven

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba stated that there are two public hearings that the County is holding in regards to the proposed sale by public auction of the Warren Haven Nursing Home. The first public hearing is on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Warren County Court House and the second public hearing is on Thursday, December 11th at 1:00 p.m. at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building. Councilwoman Gleba will post the dates of these public hearings on the Senior bulletin board in Borough Hall as well.

Warren County Economic Development Advisory Council

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba added that the Borough of Washington as a Business Improvement District should have the BID involved with the County not Council having a committee involved. Council agreed to forward this correspondence to the BID.

AUDIENCE:

Mayor McDonald opened up the audience portion for remarks, petitions, statements, and testimony from guests.

Ms. Kathy Bryant – Mt. Pisgah AME Church

Ms. Bryant asked Council about the status of the condemned home located at 149 North Lincoln Avenue. Manager Blanchard replied that the property is owned by a homeowner and there is a large municipal lien on the property so one option is to foreclose on the lien and sell off the property or the Borough could demolish the property which would be a much more lengthy process than the foreclosure. Manager Blanchard added that an in rem foreclosure occurs when a homeowner has not paid the real estate taxes for a few years. Municipalities have the right to have a tax sale on those properties. The Borough would like to start foreclosing on these homes and selling them off in order to try to recoup some of the funds due to the Borough. Attorney Parikh added that one you have an abandoned property it becomes very difficult and there has been recent legislation that addresses these types of situations yet it is still a lengthy process. Ms. Bryant would like to see the condemned property on North Lincoln demolished. Mayor McDonald replied that the first step is to go through the in rem foreclosure process which will allow the Borough to take possession of the property.

Ms. Deborah Franklin – 145 North Lincoln Avenue

Ms. Franklin stated that she lives right across from the condemned home and there are children playing in the neighborhood and there could possibly be disease ridden animals in and around the home due to its poor conditions. Ms. Franklin added that at the time that the house was condemned years ago, someone started taking pieces of the home away such as a side deck and then stopped. Manager Blanchard replied that she would have to research who started tearing the house apart and stopped.

Reverend Terelisa Bauknight – Mt. Pisgah AME Church

Reverend Bauknight asked Council about enforcing a no left turn out of the Warren Hills Regional Middle School parking lot on to North Lincoln Avenue. Reverend Bauknight added that many buses and personal vehicles as well make a left out of the driveway never slowing down. Mayor McDonald replied that the Borough can ask the Washington Township Police to patrol the area during the peak hours to make sure vehicles are completely stopping at the stop sign. Councilwoman Gleba suggested adding the no left turn on to North Lincoln Avenue as part of the streets ordinance. Reverend Bauknight also stated that someone painted the word Satan on their church's sign and the police are aware of the incident.

Ms. Deborah Franklin - 145 North Lincoln Avenue

Ms. Franklin stated that she has a lot of children, parents and teachers of the Warren Hills Regional Middle School that cut across her yard when different events are going on. Ms. Franklin asked Council what she can do to avoid the trespassing on her property. Council suggested putting private property or no trespassing signs visible on the property.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

REPORTS:

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

- 1. D.P.W. Report September 2014
- 2. Municipal Court Report September 2014

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Registration of Properties Pending Foreclosure (sample from Independence) -Discussion

Council Discussion:

Attorney Parikh stated there have been questions regarding properties that are in foreclosure and are not maintained. A new law recently came down that requires the creditors to maintain those properties or the Borough is entitled to fine the creditors in the same way the Borough can fine property owners for lack of maintenance. However, the

Borough needs to enact an ordinance that sets forth the penalties and the Borough must give the creditors notice that penalties are going to be assessed against them if they fail to maintain the properties. Another item of action that the Borough can do is to set forth an ordinance requiring the banks to report their foreclosures to the Borough along with who the appropriate creditor is. Municipalities can fine the creditors \$2,500 for failing to report the foreclosure and up to \$1,500 per day per violation if there is a nuisance on that property. The ordinance has to be amended to include this provision and the penalties. Councilwoman Gleba asked how does the Borough proceed with finding the creditor and also notifying them of the new ordinance. Attorney Parikh replied that the Borough can call the County Courthouse and they will provide the name of the creditor and a letter with a copy of the ordinance would then need to be sent to the creditor. Attorney Parikh added that it's a lot of red tape but it can be done and will pay off in the long run.

A motion made by Gleba, seconded by Torres to introduce the ordinance at the next meeting.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Approval of Jr. Streaks Cheerleading Special ABC Liquor License – Dinner for Fundraiser

A motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry to approve the Special ABC Liquor License for the Jr. Streaks Cheerleading Dinner Fundraiser

> Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Employee Policy

A motion made by Gleba, seconded by Conry to approve the Employee Policy.

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba added that the sub-committee worked in conjunction with Attorney Parikh to develop the employee policy. Councilman Jones asked if the examples listed in the employee policy are not acceptable. Mayor McDonald replied that they are not necessarily unacceptable but they require notice.

> Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Resolution #138-2014 Authorizing Modification of the System Modification to the Borough's WWTP by Veolia Water North America Northeast LLC and Approval of the Contract Amendment

RESOLUTION#138-2014

<u>AUTHORIZING SYSTEM MODIFICATION TO THE BOROUGH'S</u> <u>WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BY VEOLIA WATER NORTH</u> <u>AMERICA – NORTHEAST, LLC</u>

WHEREAS, on June 16, 1998, U.S. Filter Operating Services, now operating through successor affiliate Veolia Water North America – Northeast, LLC, was awarded a contract for the design, operations and maintenance of the Borough's Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, according to Article VIII, Section 8.5(B) of the Agreement, the Borough may authorize modifications to the Waste Water Treatment System; and

WHEREAS, negotiations have occurred to the satisfaction of both parties in order to make certain modifications to the Borough's Waste Water Treatment System; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have decided that authorizing such modifications would be in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, authorize certain modifications to the Waste Water Treatment System in accordance with the attached Amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and Veolia Water North America – Northeast, LLC.

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba asked what the difference is between the resolution placed on Council's desks and what was in the packet. Manager Blanchard replied that the copy provided to Council this evening contains the final estimate from the contractor.

Resolution #138-2014 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Roll Call: Thompson, Torres, Jones, Conry, Higgins, McDonald, Gleba Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Request for Professional Service Proposals

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba stated that she did not have any other recommendations but would like to discuss the Professional Evaluations during Executive Session at the next meeting.

Resolution #136-2014 Resolution Authorizing the Foreclosure of Eligible Tax Sale Certificates

RESOLUTION #136-2014

<u>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORECLOSURE OF AN ELIGIBLE TAX</u> <u>SALE CERTIFICATES</u>

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-109.29 et. seq as amended, permits a municipal government to foreclosure In-Rem certain Tax Sale Certificates held by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington hold Tax Sale Certificates which are eligible for In-Rem Tax Foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the Borough of Washington to foreclose such Tax Sale Certificates; and

WHEREAS, funds have been provided for the expense of said foreclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the adoption of and the execution of this resolution shall authorize Special Counsel, Goldenberg, Mocker, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill, to foreclose Tax Sale Certificates held by the Borough of Washington, said Certificates are particularly described according to the In-Rem Tax Foreclosure List attached hereto.

Resolution #136-2014 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Roll Call: Thompson, Torres, Jones, Conry, Higgins, McDonald, Gleba Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Resolution #137-2014 Amending the Cash Management Plan

RESOLUTION #137-2014

AMENDING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NAMING OFFICIAL CASH DEPOSITORIES

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A: 5-14 mandates that a Governing body of a municipal corporation shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the full membership thereof, designate as a depository for its monies a bank or trust company having its place of business in the state and organized under the laws of the United States or this state; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A: 5-15.1 amended by Chapter 148, P.L. 1997 established new requirements for the investment of public funds and adoption of a cash management plan for counties, municipalities and authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren wish to comply with the above statutes; and

WHERAS, the Borough of Washington wished to add Unity Bank to the listing of the official depositories

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren amends 2014 adopted cash management plan for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and adds on Unity Bank to the listing of the banking institutions authored for that period of time.

Resolution #137-2014 was moved on a motion made by Torres, seconded by Jones and approved.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Best Practices Checklist 2014

Council Discussion:

Manager Blanchard stated that Council would have to approve the Best Practices Checklist 2014 for the State of New Jersey. Manager Blanchard and CFO Turchan have answered all of the questions and are providing it to Council for approval. Councilman Torres asked how the score compared to last year. Manager Blanchard replied that she believes it is either equal to last year or slightly better. Councilwoman Gleba asked Manager Blanchard to work on question number 12 which involves internal accounting control processes for next year.

A motion made by Higgins, seconded by Gleba to approve the Best Practices Checklist 2014

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

VOUCHERS:

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$159,488.59

Motion made by Gleba, seconded by Conry to approve the vouchers.

Council Discussion:

Councilman Thompson asked about a charge on page five payable to Samson Concrete & Masonry for using a jackhammer on the existing concrete at the pool and also another charge on page ten. Manager Blanchard replied that she had agreed to pay a portion out of public works and recreation paid for the rest. Councilwoman Gleba asked why a payment to the Township of Washington for property taxes is under public works under streets and roads. Manager Blanchard replied that it is under buildings and grounds where it is supposed to be. Councilman Thompson asked what the charge for holiday chaise lounge is. Manager Blanchard replied that they are new chairs for the pool purchase by recreation.

Roll Call: Torres, Conry, Jones, Higgins, Thompson, McDonald, Gleba Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Abstain: (2) Jones– DPW Clothing, Thompson – Fire & EMS Motion Carried.

RECAP:

Manager Blanchard will review the minutes from 2009 and 2010 to try to confirm any kind of an agreement that was made with the Warren Hills Regional Middle School as well as try to contact the former manager. Manager Blanchard will discuss with Finelli Engineering the issue of the berm on Rush Street. Manager Blanchard will forward the correspondence from the Warren County Economic Development Advisory Council to the BID. Manager Blanchard will also reach out to the Chief of the Washington Township Police the issue of school buses and people leaving the Warren Hills Regional Middle School not stopping at the stop signs in the area as they should. Manager Blanchard will put the registration of properties pending foreclosure ordinance for introduction on the agenda for the next meeting as well as the review of the professionals. Manager Blanchard will provide last year's Best Practices score to Council.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilwoman Gleba asked Council to review the street ordinance that was left on their desks because it will be introduced at the next Council meeting. Councilwoman Gleba wished everyone a happy Halloween and added that the BID will be holding their annual trick or treat on October 31, 2014. Councilwoman Gleba asked Manager Blanchard to email the professional evaluations to Council so everyone has them. Councilwoman Gleba added that the Senior Advisory Committee will be working with Home Instead Care on their "Be a Santa to a Senior" program. If you know a senior who otherwise might not be remembered, lives alone, or is in need of an item or two, contact Lucy Hurley from Home Instead at (908) 399-9604. The information will also be posted on the Senior Bulletin Board at Borough Hall.

Councilman Thompson wished everyone a safe Halloween.

Councilman Higgins stated that he was contacted by a resident in regards to the bus parking / idling on North Prospect Street near the apartment complex. Councilman Higgins would like to put No Parking signs in that area. Mayor McDonald also added that he would like to see a few parking spots, enough for two or three cars, added for the residents along the Warren Hills Regional Middle School field area. Councilwoman Gleba added that these are the type of amendments that need to be added to the street ordinance before it's introduced. Manager Blanchard added that her and Code Enforcement Officer Bescherer are aware of the bus and working on the situation.

Councilman Higgins also stated that he had spoken to Recreation Chairman Cioni and Veolia has agreed to supply all the water pipe for an area at the pool. Veolia will do everything at no cost but they need the Borough to trench the area and backfill it which will probably be two days of manpower for the D.P.W. when Veolia and recreation are ready. Councilman Higgins asked if this would need Council's approval. Manager Blanchard replied that it would fall under her discretion since it is day to day operations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At this time, Mayor McDonald stated that an Executive Session is needed for the purpose of negotiations and collective bargaining agreements. A motion made by Higgins, seconded by Gleba to enter into Executive Session after a ten minute recess.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 135-2014 AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act; *N.J.S.A.* 10:4-6 *et seq.*, declares it to be the public policy of the State to insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act also recognizes exceptions to the right of the public to attend portions of such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find it necessary to conduct an executive session closed to the public as permitted by the *N.J.S.A.* 40:4-12; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the executive session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that they will conduct an executive session to discuss the following topic(s) as permitted by *N.J.S.A.* 40:4-12:

_____A matter which Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court requires be kept confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon:

_____A matter where the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

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_____A matter whose disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

_____A collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions thereof (Specify contract: ______);

_____A matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed; Real Estate Acquisitions

_____Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

_____Investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

___X___Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party; (The general nature of the litigation or contract negotiations is: ___/Personnel___ The public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position in the litigation or negotiation; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.)

_____Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as a lawyer; (The general nature of the matter is:

OR ______ OR _____ the public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position with respect to the matter being discussed; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.);

_____Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective or current public officer or employee of the public body, where all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected have not requested in writing that the matter(s) be discussed at a public meeting; (The employee(s) and/or general nature of discussion is: ______ the public disclosure of such information at this time would violate the employee(s) privacy rights; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the threat to privacy rights no longer exists.;

_____Deliberation occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty or loss of a license or permit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby declare that their discussion of the subject(s) identified above may be made public at a time when the Borough Attorney advises them that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Borough or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, for the reasons set forth above, hereby declare that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place.

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Conry, to go out of Executive Session.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by Torres to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Mayor Scott McDonald

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk