

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – January 27, 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, McDonald, Conry, Higgins, Gleba,
Torres.

Also Present: Kristine Blanchard, Borough Manager/Clerk, Judy Kopen,
Municipal Attorney

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting - December 30, 2013, Reorganization Meeting – January 7, 2014

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Thompson to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 30, 2013 and the Reorganization Meeting minutes of January 7, 2014.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
Abstain: (2) McDonald, Thompson (January 7, 2014 only)
Motion Carried

MAYOR’S YEAR END MESSAGE:

Mayor McDonald read the following year end message.

As 2014 begins, it is time to review our 2013. Changes we have made included the appointing of Finelli Engineering as our Municipal Engineer, and Van Cleef Engineering as our Sewer Engineer. Our former Councilman Justin Jewell got married and started a new chapter of his life by resigning from Council and moving on to another community. Councilman Jewell’s position has been filled by Councilman Jewell’s position has been

filled by Councilman Paul Jones who we have all welcomed previously. Some of the accomplishments that we have had for the year include the paving of some of our roads. This is the first time in about five years that we have paved any roads. That's significant not only because we paved the roads, but because we had the money to do so. That is something that we have been striving towards for a while. We re-authorized our entrance into Sustainable New Jersey and formed a Green Team which will help us reduce our energy usage and produce some other efficiencies. We were also able to bring about a two cent decrease in our tax rate this past year. We purchased a new generator that will power the entire municipal building should we have another super storm that comes through and knocks out power for weeks on end. The generator has not been installed yet but should be installed sometime this summer. We sold a parking lot on the west end of town, which will help some redevelopment down by the old St. Cloud Hotel. It's the lot behind Krauszer's and that's going to bring some new development into our town. Also, our pool turned a profit for the first time in a very long time. For 2014, we will be looking to pave more roads. We will be improving our library, continuing to lower our debt, and insuring that Washington Borough is a great place to live.

PROCLAMATION:

***PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON***

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a borderless crime against individuals that violates the most basic human rights and deprives victims of every shred of personal freedom; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of sexual or labor exploitation, involuntary servitude, and other types of mental and physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, human traffickers target impoverished and marginalized children, women and men, isolating them from society and supportive networks and exploiting them for personal and monetary gain; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world today, and is tied with arms smuggling as the second largest international criminal industry, falling only behind the illicit drug trade; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations' International Labor Organization has estimated that at least 12.3 million adults and children worldwide are currently in forced labor, bonded labor, or forced prostitution; and it is estimated that more people are now harmed by Human Trafficking worldwide than have been at any other point in human history. Approximately 80% of the victims are women and girls, and 50% are younger than age

18; and

WHEREAS, many victims trafficked into the U.S. do not speak or understand English and are unable to communicate to seek rescue. Under U.S. law, any person under 18 involved in the commercial sex industry is considered a Human Trafficking victim; and victims include U.S. citizens and documented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that New Jersey is a prime location for Human Trafficking because it is a major national and international transportation corridor and a culturally diverse state; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is modern-day slavery, a practice that is in direct opposition to the fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Once ratified, it officially outlawed slavery and involuntary servitude except as punishment for a crime; and

WHEREAS, Although the federal government and the State of New Jersey have enacted laws to prosecute human traffickers and protect the victims of human trafficking, traffickers use techniques to keep their victims enslaved that severely limit self-reporting and that require broad public awareness of human trafficking issues for enforcement and prevention to occur; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Constitution declares that all persons are by nature free and independent and have certain natural and unalienable rights; and

WHEREAS, the people and the State of New Jersey, regardless of political persuasion, creed, race, or national origin, stand together with the national and global community to protect the fundamental freedoms and rights of all persons, to fight the proliferation of human trafficking in all of its forms, and to assist survivors of modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington stands committed to protecting human rights and individual freedom by eliminating human trafficking.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington is resolved to support the goals and ideals of observing a National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness on January 11 of each year and to support all efforts by individuals, businesses, organizations, and governing bodies to raise awareness of and opposition to Human Trafficking.

WHEREAS, the Borough commends the work of the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking, (Benedictine Academy, and for its statewide efforts to end human trafficking through education, advocacy, and assistance to survivors and to increase coordination and visibility of New Jersey's commitment to end human trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Scott McDonald, do hereby proclaim January 11 of each year as: Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the Borough of Washington, to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking, to promote opposition to human trafficking in all of its forms, and to encourage support for the survivors of human trafficking throughout the State of New Jersey and across the world to put an end to this criminal activity and restore freedom and dignity to its survivors.

Presented on the twenty seventh day of January, 2014

Mark General – Member of Warren Hills Human Rights Club

Mr. General thanked Washington Borough for recognizing this serious matter regarding human trafficking. Mr. General added that most citizens don't realize that problems like this exist right outside our front doors. President O'Bama proclaimed January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Month. Furthermore, the Super Bowl which will take place in New Jersey, has historically been a magnet for human trafficking and it needs to stop. On behalf of the Warren Hills Human Rights Club, Mr. General extended his gratitude for choosing to support their mission to end these terrible acts.

Gilbert Andwati – Member of Warren Hills Human Rights Club

Mr. Andwati stated that he arrived in the United States from Kenya two months ago. He joined the Warren Hills Human Rights Club to support the cause to end human trafficking. Mr. Andwati stated that his family is a victim of human trafficking, his two sisters are stuck in the Middle East. Mr. Andwati's sisters went to the Middle East thinking it was a good opportunity. It turned out that they were separated and their passports along with all documentation was taken away from them and his sisters are being held there against their will which is a form of trafficking. They are forced to work for eighteen hours without rest. Mr. Andwati's family is unable to do anything to help them. There are a huge number of families in Kenya in the same situation and they are unable to bring their loved ones back home. Mr. Andwati added let's all stand up as a community to fight human trafficking.

Luke Gleba – Member of Warren Hills Human Rights Club

Mr. Gleba thanked Council, Mayor McDonald, Manager Blanchard and the Borough of Washington on behalf of the Warren Hills High School Human Rights Club for their support of the proclamation to make January 11th, National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

COUNCIL APPEARANCE:

Mr. Victor Cioni – Chairman, Recreation Commission

Mr. Cioni thanked Council, Mayor McDonald, Manager Blanchard, DPW and the volunteers that helped to make Recreation successful. Mr. Cioni stated that Recreation's winter programs have over 200 participants enrolled so far. The Washington Borough Pool was also very successful this year. Recreation was able to caulk and paint the pool, upgraded the snack bar, replaced unsafe fencing at the grandstand. Recreation also introduced Aqua Zumba and are hopeful it grows next year. The annual 5k race was back and was a huge success. The Washington Sharks Swim Team membership doubled and the Li'l Hoopsters basketball program was also very successful. Recreation received a new AED device thanks to New Jersey American Water which will be placed at the pool. Mr. Cioni added that Recreation is still in the process of conducting background checks for all volunteer coaches and implemented a new Recreation Director performance review to be completed each year. Mr. Cioni also stated that Recreation attempted a summer lacrosse clinic but canceled due to lack of enrollment. Field hockey was also canceled due to enrollment as long as some of the older age soccer teams. Last year Recreation had to pay approximately \$600 for two new probes for the pool which were not winterized properly by CFM. The winterization process was completed by the Recreation Department this year. Mr. Cioni wanted to publicly thank all of Recreation's Donors including: Washington Borough Kiwanis, Washington Borough Rotary, Lexis Nexis, Sherwin Williams Paint, Warren Hills Memorial Home, Warren Liquors, Washington BID, Rossi Chevrolet, New Jersey American Water, Washington One Stop, Kevin Shoudt and Veolia Water, Shop Rite of Washington, and John Dorsch Electric.

Mr. Cioni added that the current Recreation Director has resigned to take a full time position in another municipality. Mr. Cioni added that Manager Blanchard did a fantastic job managing that relationship. Mr. Cioni stated that he feels the Borough needs to make the position of Recreation Director a full time position. We are the only municipality that has a pool that doesn't have a full time Recreation Director. Mr. Cioni researched the salaries paid in other municipalities that have pools. Phillipsburg pays a salary of \$86,606, West Caldwell pays \$74,695, Verona pays \$93,488 and Hackettstown pays \$48,000 for the pool only. Mr. Cioni added that the Borough can't keep replacing Recreation Director's every year and the position should be made full time in order to keep someone in the position on a more consistent basis. Mr. Cioni asked to increase the position to a full time salary of \$45,000 plus benefits. Manager Blanchard added that the most expensive benefit package is \$20,000 per year for a family and Recreation would have to anticipate that potential cost. Manager Blanchard will check to see if the position of Recreation Director is a civil service position and report back to Council. Councilman Higgins added that Council would not be able to provide an answer until after the budget meeting. Manager Blanchard added that Council should be able to provide Mr. Cioni an answer at the second Council Meeting in February.

AUDIENCE:

Bruce Smith – 115 E. Washington Avenue

Mr. Smith stated that he is in the process of starting a taxi cab business in Washington

Borough. This business will be affordable and community related. Mr. Smith added that if there are residents that can not afford a ten dollar taxi ride, they will provide the service at a lower cost if the Washington Township Police or EMT's deem it necessary. Mr. Smith also added that the Borough needs to enforce recycling and he intends to work on that issue.

Scott Davis – 103 Lenape Trail

Mr. Davis asked what is going on with the snow removal within the Borough and why are residents starting to get parking tickets? Manager Blanchard stated that the reason for the tickets is because the ordinance states there is no parking on the streets when a snow emergency is declared. Mr. Davis stated that he had received a ticket last Saturday when there was no snow emergency. Manager Blanchard replied that there must have been a miscommunication between herself and the Washington Township Police Department and that she will have to work it out.

Harry Lake – 60 Lenape Trail

Mr. Lake stated that there is a huge pothole on Ramapo Way. Manager Blanchard replied that the DPW just ordered cold patch and as the weather warms up a little bit they will be cold patching those streets in need. Mr. Lake also stated that the Lenape Trail street sign is down. Manager Blanchard will look into the sign issue. Hearing no further comments from the audience a motion was made by Torres, seconded by Conry, to close the audience portion of the meeting.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

REPORTS:

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

1. DPW Report - December
2. Code Enforcement November/December
3. Washington Township Police Department - December
4. Warren County Health Department
5. Municipal Court Report – December
6. Recreation Monthly Report

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sewer Committee

Councilman Higgins stated that the Sewer Committee met on Friday, January 17th. The Sewer Engineer came up with another new design for the ongoing problem on South Prospect Street. Starting on Gardener’s Court, the Sewer Engineer recommends putting a new line to redirect the intake to alleviate the flow. The Sewer Engineer is checking on the elevation and drainage pipes. They may need to go through the yard of a private property to put a new manhole in. Councilman Higgins stated that Veolia can perform the work with an amendment to the contract. Councilman Higgins added that this situation must be resolved this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nuisance Ordinance

Councilman Higgins asked if there was new legislation from the State of New Jersey in regards to the Nuisance Ordinance. Mayor McDonald replied yes, but he believes it has not been passed yet. Councilman Higgins suggested that Council wait to continue with the Nuisance Ordinance after the State legislation has been passed. Councilman Torres disagrees because there are issues that need action taken now. Councilwoman Gleba suggested taking the vacant building portion out of the Nuisance Ordinance and create a separate Ordinance. Councilwoman Gleba also suggested asking our local Assembly / Senator to support the legislation in regards to the vacant buildings. Council authorized Manager Blanchard to write letters to our legislators to determine where they are in regards to Nuisance Ordinances. Councilwoman Gleba asked Manager Blanchard to reference A4031 and S2921 in her letters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #23-2014 – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate

RESOLUTION #23-2014

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 5, 2013 to Tower Fund Services as Custodian for Ebury Fund, LLC , PO

Box 37695, Baltimore, MD 21297-3695 in the amount of \$11,005.03 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of JJ Real Estate Management, LLC as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 37-39 West Washington Avenue Block 95 Lot 2, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00035; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-10-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Combined Interest Resources Inc. claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Tower Fund Services as Custodian for Ebury Fund, LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$22,576.40, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00035.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 21st day of January, 2014 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Tower Fund Services as Custodian for Ebury Fund, LLC, PO Box 37695, Baltimore, MD 21297-3695 in the amount of **\$57,076.40** (This amount consists of \$22,576.40 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$34,500.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 95 Lot 2 from the tax office records.

Resolution #24-2014 – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate

RESOLUTION #24-2014

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 \$692.86 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2011 in the name of Karslo, Joseph & Gail as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 13 Grand Avenue, Block 9.02 Lot 6, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #12-00011; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-14-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Dovenmuehle Mortgage 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 \$1,956.13 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #12-00011.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 21st day of January, 2014 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 **\$2,356.13** (this amount consists of \$1,956.13 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$400.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 9.02 Lot 6 from the tax office records.

Resolutions #23-2014 and #24-2014 were moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

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

Resolution #25-2014 – Approval for an Emergency Purchase

RESOLUTION # 25-2014

**OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN
COUNTY, NJ TO APPROVE AN EMERGENCY
PURCHASE**

WHEREAS, as per NJSA 40A:11-6 an emergency has arisen affecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the Borough of Washington citizens, and its employees; and

WHEREAS, the emergency requires the purchase of two Weil McLain Ultra 750 commercial natural gas boilers for the Municipal Building and a contract be entered into with John Inscho Plumbing and Heating for all parts and installation costs; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the emergency the Local Public Contracts Law in regards to bidding can not be followed; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Washington approves this purchase and contract in the amount of \$55,092.38 that was entered into with John Inscho Plumbing and Heating on January 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the certification of available funds has been signed by the Chief Financial Officer and is on file with the Municipal Clerk; and

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

1. An emergency purchase is hereby approved for the purchase and installation of two Weil McLain Ultra 750 commercial natural gas boilers including all parts and installation for the Washington Borough Municipal Building.

Resolution #25-2014 was moved on a motion made by Gleba, seconded by Conry and approved.

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba asked if this purchase will be taken out of the 2014 budget. Manager Blanchard replied that it is out of the 2014 budget and that she and CFO Turchan need to revise the budget. Councilman Torres asked if there is warranty. Manager Blanchard replied there is definitely a warranty, she believes it's a three year warranty but will check on that. Councilwoman Gleba added that the Borough should be available for rebates from the utility companies since it's a more efficient unit.

Roll Call: Gleba, Thompson, Torres, Jones, Conry, McDonald,
Higgins

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

VOUCHERS:

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$1,614,160.88

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Jones to approve the vouchers.

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba questioned the purchase of an emergency snow blower on page three under Public Works. Councilwoman Gleba asked why there was no resolution for the purchase of the emergency snow blower similar to that of the boiler. Manager Blanchard replied that she and CFO Turchan just haven't had time to put it together yet since the purchase of the new boiler took priority. Councilwoman Gleba also questioned the charges for the Borough Hall outside holiday lights. Councilwoman Gleba commented that it should have been paid out of Council's salary that was generously donated back to the Borough. Manager Blanchard replied that technically it's a wash,

and it's a better accounting trail for auditing purposes to record it out of Administration. Councilman Higgins noted that there is a \$260 charge for the water bill at Borough Park for November 1, 2013 to December 5, 2013 and then also another charge for \$96 from December 6, 2013 to January 6, 2014. Councilman Higgins added that there could be a leak at the park that will need to be investigated.

Roll Call: Torres, McDonald, Conry, Jones, Gleba, Higgins,
Thompson

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Abstain: (1) Thompson – Fire Department & EMS

Motion Carried.

RECAP:

Manager Blanchard will look into a possible grant opportunity through Sustainable Jersey for hand dryers at Borough Park. There is a \$2,000 grant that the Borough is eligible, Manager Blanchard is just not quite sure if it will include hand dryers. Councilwoman Gleba also suggested looking into Clean Communities for available funds. Manager Blanchard will also look into whether or not a full time Recreation Director is a civil service position. Manager Blanchard and CFO Turchan need to redo the budget including the boiler expenses. A new budget will be presented to Council on February 7, 2014. Manager Blanchard will look into the missing street sign on Lenape Trail. Manager Blanchard will also discuss the plowing issues with the DPW Supervisor and call the Chief of the Washington Township Police in regards to the snow emergencies and parking tickets. Manager Blanchard will reach out to our Assemblyman or Senator regarding their support of A4031 and S2921. Manager Blanchard will also look into the water bills at the park.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Mayor McDonald stated that he had the pleasure of attending the Fireman's Dinner honoring the retiring chief. Newly elected Chief Cammarotta presented Mayor McDonald with a brand new A.E.D. device for the municipal building.

Mayor McDonald motioned that Manager Blanchard draft a letter thanking Chief Cammarotta and the Washington Borough Fire Department for the donation, seconded by Gleba.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Councilman Higgins stated that he wanted to make sure all on Council received the letter in regards to medical benefits and if volunteer firemen are covered. Councilman Higgins asked Manager Blanchard to forward a copy of that letter to Chief Cammarotta.

Councilman Higgins also commented that New Jersey unveiled the top 30 towns in the state with the heaviest tax burden. Councilman Higgins added that the Borough of Washington is number twenty nine on the list. Mayor McDonald replied that was based on data from 2008 so it isn't very current information.

Councilman Thompson noted that the Borough has a serious parking problem since there is no room for tax payers to park at the municipal building and many times no room for employees as well. Councilman Thompson added that the teachers and parents of children attending Taylor Street School are taking up majority of the parking spaces. Mayor McDonald stated that it is a free municipal parking lot with no restrictions with the Post Office employees and residents of the area using it as well. Councilman Thompson added that there is no place for volunteer firemen to park in an emergency. Mayor McDonald added that when the Emergency Squad moves to their new building, that could open up some additional parking.

Councilwoman Conry stated that the windows that were installed at the Paramount building being renovated are different than what was presented to Council and questioned if they were within the ordinance specifications. Mayor McDonald replied that to the best of his knowledge they are within the ordinance but the engineer would be the best person the comment on that.

Councilman Torres stated he is looking forward to a great year in 2014. Councilman Torres also added that Recreation did a great job last year and would like to see even more improvements this year.

Councilwoman Gleba asked for an update on the progress at the Paramount building. Mayor McDonald replied that according to Richard Dunn, VP of Operations they are working inside on the apartments upstairs. Councilwoman Gleba also asked Manager Blanchard to reach out to Morris from City Connections to look into her email. It has now become a serious problem and Councilwoman Gleba stated that she is unable to receive emails from multiple agencies. Mayor McDonald added that he is having trouble receiving emails as well. Manager Blanchard will reach out to Morris once again and have him check into it. Councilwoman Gleba also stated that the Senior Services Committee meetings are open to the public and held on the fourth Thursday of every month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Torres, seconded by Thompson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and contract negotiation after a ten minute recess.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #33-2014
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;

_____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;

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 9:15p.m.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Mayor Scott McDonald

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk