

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – March 04, 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 (Arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Also Present: Kristine Blanchard, Borough Manager/Clerk

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – January 27, 2014 and February 18, 2014

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 27, 2014 and February 18, 2014.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0
Abstain: (1) Gleba (February 18, 2014 only)
Motion Carried

COUNCIL APPEARANCE:

Dorothy Repsher, 2 Lambert Street – Municipal Alliance Coordinator

Mrs. Repsher thanked Council for having her here this evening. Mrs. Repsher informed Council that after fourteen years as the Municipal Alliance Coordinator, her and her family are moving to South Carolina in June. Mrs. Repsher thanked Council for all their support over the years. Mrs. Repsher added that the alliance just merged with Mansfield Township which solidifies a good portion of funding which the alliance was struggling with prior. The alliance had a needs assessment done this year regarding students and their needs which she provided to Council. The Municipal Alliance’s goal is basically to create a long term sustained and supervised drug and alcohol prevention program. Mrs.

Repsher stated that heroin is running rampant through Warren County and the issue needs to be addressed. Mrs. Repsher introduced Hope Hollenbeck as hopefully the newly appointed Municipal Alliance Coordinator. Mrs. Hollenbeck is the Student Assistance Counselor at the Warren Hills Regional Middle School.

Council thanked Mrs. Repsher for all that she has done for the community and wished her the best of luck in her retirement.

Hope Hollenbeck – Warren Hills Regional Middle School

Mrs. Hollenbeck stated that she works at the Warren Hills Regional Middle School with seventh and eighth graders, incoming sixth graders, along with transitioning eighth graders to the Warren Hills Regional High School. Mrs. Hollenbeck stated that she is the Student Assistance Counselor as well as a Guidance Counselor so she gets to see a lot of what goes on with the students and what the trends are in the community. Mrs. Hollenbeck also added that Mrs. Repsher had her involved last year with the Summer Recreation Program doing some prevention work and she really enjoyed it. Mrs. Hollenbeck stated that she is excited to grab the reigns and see if she can get some additional programs started throughout the year in addition to the summer program.

Mayor McDonald asked Mrs. Hollenbeck where she lived. Mrs. Hollenbeck replied that she lives in Ewing, NJ. Mrs. Hollenbeck added that she grew up in Washington, attended Washington Borough Schools, and graduated from Warren Hills Regional High School. Mrs. Hollenbeck also added that her parents still live in Washington so she has deep roots in the community but unfortunately has an hour commute from Ewing.

A motion was made by Higgins to accept the report from the Municipal Alliance, seconded by Gleba.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

AUDIENCE:

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

Dick Langone – 25 Hahn Street

Mr. Langone reported a littering problem caused by the Warren Reporter. Mr. Langone stated that he noticed a number of properties throughout the Borough that have numerous newspapers thrown on their lawns and sidewalks. Mr. Langone added that the worst case of littering that he saw was at 147 West Washington Avenue with about twenty copies of the newspaper on the property. Mr. Langone also added that in most cases, these are vacant properties but in some cases there are occupied properties as well. Mr. Langone

asked Council if the Code Enforcement Officer could issue a summons. Mayor McDonald asked Manager Blanchard to see if there is anything the Borough's Code Enforcement Officer can do. Mayor McDonald added that litter on a person's property is the responsibility of the property owner unless the owner witnessed the litter being dumped and called the police for action. Councilman Torres added that this is a good example of how important it is that the Borough's Nuisance Ordinance target vacant buildings and homes.

Robin Klimko – 35 West Marble Street

Mrs. Klimko added that there was a problem years ago on West Marble Street where the newspaper carriers were not throwing the newspapers on the property, they were thrown in the road. Mrs. Klimko stated that the Borough Manager contacted the newspaper and told them that there are vacant properties and if the paper is still there from the week before, do not leave another one. Mrs. Klimko believes that previous Borough Manager, Alan Fisher sent the newspaper a letter stating that if they continued to leave newspapers on vacant properties they would be charged to clean it up. Mayor McDonald asked Manager Blanchard to try to find the letter that Alan Fisher used or duplicate the effort with a new letter.

Hearing no further comments from the audience a motion was made by Higgins, 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 Gleba to receive and file the following reports:

1. CFO – Cash Receipts Report – January 2014
2. Department of Public Works Report – January 2014
3. Code Enforcement Report – February 2014

Council Discussion:

Councilman Thompson asked for a breakdown of the cost of salt, the usage and the manpower needed for budget purposes. Mayor McDonald replied that the Borough has a snow trust account which has probably been depleted this year. Manager Blanchard added that the snow trust account was down to approximately twenty thousand dollars at the end of January. However, whatever the D.P.W. has left over at the end of the previous year gets moved right into the snow trust for next year. Councilman Thompson also asked Manager Blanchard for an update on the Super Storm Sandy reimbursements.

Manager Blanchard replied that the Borough gets fully reimbursed by F.E.M.A. and the last reimbursement was ten thousand dollars and that goes right into the snow trust as well. Councilman Higgins asked if the D.P.W. planned on picking up the rest of the Christmas trees that were placed curbside. Manager Blanchard replied yes, but the D.P.W. may have to wait until the snow melts a little more.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sewer Committee

Councilman Higgins stated that he received an email on February 24th from Chris Jepson with an updated version of the design discussed in January. Councilman Higgins added that the Borough needs to get permission from the property owner of the strip mall on the corner of South Prospect and Route 57 in order to put an easement in the parking lot so the Borough can hook up to an existing manhole. This updated version will provide a more direct route for the flow. Councilman Higgins asked that Manager Blanchard contact the owner of that property and added that the property owner should not incur any of the costs involved in this process including refilling the deed.

Councilman Thompson asked for an update in regards to Quick Check hooking into the Borough's sewer system. Manager Blanchard replied that she included that in her Manager's Report. Manager Blanchard added that Quick Check is still interested in hooking in the sewer system however, the original contribution that was discussed two years ago is off the table. Manager Blanchard, the Borough's engineer and Council are in agreement that a monetary contribution should be made.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance #1-2014 – Establish a CAP Bank

CALENDAR YEAR 2014
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any

increase in said budget up to 0.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$83,855.10 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Washington Borough, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Washington shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$97,830.95, and that the CY 2014 municipal budget for the Borough of Washington be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Ordinance #1-2014 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Torres and approved.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #31-2014 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #31-2014

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 15, 2011 to Zhaou Yu, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, in the amount of \$183.97 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2010 in the name of Saible, Steven A./Spinapolice, Ronald as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 9 Cherry Street, Block 22.04 Lot 8, which sale was evidenced by Certificate#11-00007; and

WHEREAS, the Lien Holder, Zhaou Yu transferred Certificate #11-00007 to Chenming Li, PO Box 295, Pluckemin, NJ 07978. An Assignment of Tax Lien Certificate dated February 6, 2014 was received in the Tax Office to document the transfer of Certificate #11-00007 to Chenming Li; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 2-20-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Steven Saible, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Zhaou Yu by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$19,658.20, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #11-00007.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 4th day of March, 2014 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Chenming Li, PO Box 295, Pluckemin, NJ 07978 in the **amount of \$19,658.20.**

Resolution #32-2014 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #32-2014

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 15, 2011 to Zhaou Yu, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, in the amount of \$658.12 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2010 in the name of Portillo, Jancis Y/ Knudsen, Anita J as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 33 Nunn Avenue, Block 97.03 Lot 4, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #11-00020; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 2-25-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, JP Morgan Chase Bank, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Zhaou Yu by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$3,205.45, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #11-00020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 4th day of March, 2014 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Zhaou Yu, 42 Hunting Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 08865 in the **amount of \$3,205.45**.

Resolutions #31-2014 and #32-2014 were moved on a motion made by Gleba, seconded by Conry and approved.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Resolution #34-2014 – Transfer of Reserve Appropriations

RESOLUTION #34-2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made by not less the 2/3 vote of the full membership of the governing body from unexpended balances which are expected to be sufficient to accounts with insufficient appropriation balances during the first three months of the succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager and the Chief Financial Officer have determined that excess appropriations do exist in some accounts and there is a need for supplemental appropriations in other accounts.

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 following appropriation transfers are hereby approved:

<u>Transfer From:</u> <u>Amount:</u>	<u>Transfer To:</u>	
COLLECTION OF TAXES	Fire Safety	300.00
Salary & Wages	Other Expenses	
COLLECTION OF TAXES	Water	350.00
Salary & Wages	Other Expenses	
COLLECTION OF TAXES	Natural Gas	400.00
Salary & Wages	Other Expenses	
COLLECTION OF TAXES	Gasoline	1,800.00
Salary & Wages	Other Expenses	
COLLECTION OF TAXES	Municipal Court	7,500.00
Salary & Wages	Other Expenses	
TOTALS OF ALL TRANSFERS		\$10,350.00

Resolution #34-2014 was moved on a motion made by Gleba, seconded by Conry and approved.

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba asked what the additional expenses for the Municipal Court are. Manager Blanchard replied that last year the other expenses line item was mistakenly left out from the total court numbers in the Municipal Budget, which now have to be paid.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Renewal of United Methodist Church Parking Lot – Lease Agreement

A motion was made by Torres, seconded by Conry to approve the Renewal of the United Methodist Church Parking Lot Lease Agreement.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

VOUCHERS:

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$1,560,736.74

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

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba stated that she met with Manager Blanchard prior to the meeting and had a question on the utilities. Manager Blanchard replied that the utilities in question were placed in the wrong account and had since been moved. Councilwoman Gleba stated that on page fourteen the voucher list says that the GFMS system did not reflect a \$150,000 void but where are the details within the voucher list. Manager Blanchard replied that it was voided on page nine, but unfortunately the amount did not void out of the total. Councilman Higgins stated that there was a ninety six dollar water bill for Vara Field for the period of January 9th thru February 13th which indicates a possible leak somewhere. Manager Blanchard will have the bill paid but also investigate the possibility of a leak.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Abstain: (1) Thompson – Fire Department & EMS

Motion Carried.

2014 MUNICIPAL DATA SHEET:

Mayor McDonald stated that the 2014 Municipal Data Sheet needs to be introduced prior to March 14, 2014. Mayor McDonald added that there needs to be a brief meeting to introduce before that date. Manager Blanchard added that all the changes discussed at the last budget meeting have been made. Manager Blanchard asked that Council review the 2014 Municipal Data Sheet over the next few days. Manager Blanchard also reminded Council that changes can be made after introduction. The introduction meeting will be held next Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Gleba noted that the

actual tax rate is down to 1.4657 and it is a decrease from last year. Councilwoman Gleba also noted that on worksheet 3B-3, the 2014 rate has a decrease of .008 which is good news. Manger Blanchard added that this is after Tom Ferry, Municipal Auditor has reviewed the budget. There were some items that had to be accounted for that were not in the previous budget. Councilwoman Gleba asked Council to review the amount of \$50,000 in the Chemicals account under Streets and Roads, which she believes can be reduced if needed. Councilwoman Gleba also asked when the Borough will be provided the Police budget numbers from Washington Township. Manager Blanchard replied that she has reached out a few times and should have the numbers soon.

RECAP:

Manager Blanchard asked Council if they would like to appoint Hope Hollenbeck as the Municipal Alliance Coordinator. Mayor McDonald asked if anyone on Council had any issues with Mrs. Hollenbeck living in Ewing. Council had no issue with her residing in Ewing. Manager Blanchard will find out the Borough's salt usage for this winter and also remind D.P.W. about picking up Christmas trees. Manager Blanchard will also reach out to the owner of the Quick Mart building on South Prospect Street about the possible easement through the parking lot and will also discuss it with Attorney Kopen. Manager Blanchard will reach out to the Warren Reporter in regards to newspapers being delivered to abandoned homes in the Borough. Ms. Blanchard will look for the original letter sent to the Warren Reporter from previous Borough Manager, Alan Fisher.

Manager Blanchard updated Council on two additional items. First, Dawson Bloom will meet with the D.P.W. supervisor on Monday or Tuesday in regards to the Millpond Dam issues. They will take a look at what needs to be done maintenance wise and come up with a cost analysis for Council. Manager Blanchard also contacted D.P.W. and the engineer about possible dangerous curve signs for Park Avenue and that issue will be investigated at wall. Manager Blanchard will also look into the Vara Field water usage and prepare for the Budget Meeting next Thursday at 7:00p.m.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman Higgins wanted to make sure that Council was aware that there are new Washington Township Police Department employees called Resource Officers. These officers are dressed in uniform, use a police vehicle and are placed at all the schools. Manager Blanchard added that the schools are paying for their services out of their own budget. Councilman Higgins asked Manager Blanchard to check the Washington Township Police agreement and see when the Borough is supposed to be provided with the budget numbers. Councilman Higgins also asked about the status of time clocks. Manager Blanchard replied that she has not made a decision yet. Councilman Higgins suggested the Borough prepare a resolution thanking Dorothy Repsher for her years of service with the Municipal Alliance. Lastly, in regards to the Shared Services

Maintenance Agreement, Councilman Higgins asked if the trailer has been fixed and the cost of the repairs. Manager Blanchard replied that it has not been repaired yet.

Councilman Jones asked if the Borough is going to remove the handicapped signs that are not being used. Councilman Higgins added that the Streets Committee has to meet to discuss those spaces. Councilman Jones added that at the last meeting there were residents in attendance that had their vehicles ticketed during bad weather. Councilman Jones noted that the residents had claimed that they were told by the Washington Township Police that the police were not in favor of the Borough's snow ordinance. Councilman Jones asked Manager Blanchard if she inquired about those comments. Manager Blanchard replied that she has not inquired but she will have a discussion with Chief McDonald. Councilman Jones also added that there is a vacant house on Harding Street that the sidewalk is not shoveled which forces the kids walking to school to walk in the street. Manager Blanchard will try to get someone from D.P.W. out there.

Councilman Thompson noted that between the potholes and the streets not being plowed wide enough, it is very difficult to get around town.

Councilwoman Gleba asked that the Streets Committee look into the unnecessary handicapped signs and also amending the snow ordinance so there's no parking at all or at least on one side of the street so the roads can be cleared properly. Councilwoman Gleba noted that it's out of control and vehicles are having a hard time maneuvering through the streets. Councilman Higgins added that the Streets Committee will meet on Thursday, the 13th of March at 7:30 pm and will have recommendations after that meeting. Councilwoman Gleba also inquired about the possibility of a letter being written to the Prosecutor or Chief of Police regarding the property maintenance issues on Vannatta Street. Manager Blanchard replied that she did follow up with the Code Enforcement Officer and the judge requested additional time to review all of the evidence. Manager Blanchard added that the trial is being held on Monday, March 10th in the afternoon.

Gleba made a motion instructing Manager Blanchard to work with the Attorneys to draft a proper letter seeking resolution, seconded by Conry.

Ayes: 6, Nays: (1) Torres
Motion Carried

Councilman Torres asked if there was any progress from the Borough's Municipal Land Use Attorney on the title searches. Manager Blanchard replied that yes, there was progress. Mayor McDonald added that this discussion should take place in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 58-2014
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;

 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 _____ 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 Thompson, to go out of Executive Session.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Mayor Scott McDonald

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk