

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – May 06, 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, Gleba
Torres

Absent: Higgins

Also Present: Kristine Blanchard, Borough Manager/Clerk

PROCLAMATION:

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it has become a tradition that the month of May is designated as Older Americans Month, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the value of injury prevention and safety awareness in helping older adults remain healthy and active; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals and old by:

- Emphasizing the need to take action to safeguard themselves from unintentional injuries where they live, work and socialize.
- Providing information on avoiding leading causes of injury for older Adults – falls, motor vehicle relating incidents, suffocation, medication overdose, and fire/burns

- Helping older adults take control of their safety and wellbeing

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington wishes to honor our older adults for their past and present contributions and encourages our older residents to remain in the mainstream of life as they continue to play a vital role in our society and particularly in our local community and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, urges every resident to take this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott McDonald, Mayor of the Borough of Washington do hereby proclaim May 2014 as **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**.

Mayor McDonald acknowledged Councilwomen Gleba and Conry for their work that they do with the Senior Citizens of the Borough. Councilwoman Gleba added that the Senior Services Committee is holding a safety presentation for Older Americans Month on May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall presented by the Washington Emergency Squad. Councilwoman Gleba thanked the Washington E.M.S. for all of their assistance and hard work.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – March 04, 2014

Motion made by Gleba, seconded by Conry to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 04, 2014.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

AUDIENCE:

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

Robin Klimko – 35 West Marble Street

Mrs. Klimko asked for an update on the South Prospect Street sewer issues. Manager Blanchard replied that she spoke with Mr. Chris Jepson, the Sewer Engineer and she forwarded the information she received to Councilman Higgins for review. Manager Blanchard added that Council was looking for a ‘not to exceed’ amount between \$120,000 and \$180,000 range until the Borough has a definitive answer on the easement. The number can fluctuate due to the length of the easement and the cost of the materials. Manager Blanchard also sent a follow up letter to the homeowner on South Prospect where the easement needs to be placed. Manager Blanchard added that a representative from Van Cleef Engineering will be there by the end of May to conduct a survey. Mrs. Klimko also added that there is a pipe that comes up the alley way of Gardener’s Court that leaks sewage and needs to be addressed as well. Mrs. Klimko also asked if there were any plans to have the D.P.W. start repainting the curbs yellow in the Borough. Manager Blanchard replied that the Borough just hired a Clean Communities worker to start on May 19th who will take care of mowing, painting, and cleaning up the parking lots.

Reverend Bauknight – Mt. Pisgah Ame Church

Reverend Bauknight stated that she did receive the manager’s correspondence in regards to North Lincoln Avenue and it stated that the Borough would be notified in June about the grant. Manager Blanchard added that it could be any time in June, she can’t get more specific than that. Mayor McDonald added that if the Borough does not receive the grant, the Borough will do their best to repair the potholes and smooth out the road.

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 Torres, seconded by Conry to receive and file the following reports:

1. D.P.W. Report – March 2014
2. Recreation Expense Report – March 2014

Council Discussion:

Councilman Thompson asked about the street sweeper repair costs. Manager Blanchard replied that the costs were in her Manager's Report and since 2008 the Borough spent \$31,798.02 on street sweeper repairs. Councilman Thompson asked Manager Blanchard for a similar report of expenses since 2008 for Truck 45.

Councilman Torres asked if there was any feedback from Franklin Township regarding their contribution toward the repairs for the paving equipment vehicles that were shared. Manager Blanchard replied no, but added that Franklin Township sent correspondence that they were going to be the lead on the Shared Service Agreement for the paving equipment. Councilwoman Gleba added that our resolution states that the Borough would be the lead moving forward. Manager Blanchard reached out to Franklin Township in regards to the Borough being the lead and is waiting to hear back.

Councilwoman Gleba asked if there is a schedule for the street sweeper because the roads are a mess. Manager Blanchard replied that the D.P.W. does three to four streets per week provided they have a sweeper that is working. The street sweeper is up and running now.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Public Hearing on Resolution #61-2014 to Amend Budget

Mayor McDonald opened up the public hearing on Resolution #61-2014, a resolution to amend the budget.

Hearing no comments from the audience a motion was made by Gleba, seconded by Thompson, to close the public hearing of Resolution #61-2014.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Final Adoption of Resolution #61-2014 to Amend Budget

Mayor McDonald asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #61-2014

RESOLUTION # 61-2014

FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2014 AMENDED MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2014 was introduced and approved on the 13th of March, 2014

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised,

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2014 be made

3. Miscellaneous Revenues-Section F: Special
Items of Revenue Anticipated With Prior

Written Consent Director Of Local
Government Services-Public and Private
Revenues:

Safe and Secure Communities Program		0.00
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	17,919.00	27,036.00
Total Section F: Special Items of Revenue Anticipated With Prior		
Written Consent Director Of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues	17,919.00	27,036.00

FROM

TO

Summary of Revenues:

1. Surplus Anticipated	0.00	0.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues		
Total Section A: Local Revenues	0.00	0.00
Total Section B: State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations	0.00	0.00
Total Section C: Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees offset with Appropriations\	0.00	0.00
Total Section D: Interlocal Agreements	0.00	0.00
Total Section F: Public and Private Revenues	22,134.00	31,251.00
Total Section G: Special Items of General Revenue	0.00	0.00

Total Miscellaneous Revenues	912,210.00	921,327.00
Subtotal General Revenues	2,162,210.00	2,171,327.00
6. Amount to Be Raised By Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	5,306,993.28	5,265,457.46
Total Amount to be Raised by Ataxes for Support of Municipal Budget	5,459,758.08	5,418,222.26
7. Total General Revenues	7,621,968.08	7,589,549.26
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
8. General Appropriations:		
a. Operations Within "CAPS":		
Mayor and Council -Salaries and Wages	14,682.00	14,500.00
Road Repairs and Maintenance - Other Expenses	125,182.00	115,182.00
Recreation and Education - Other Expenses	65,000.00	76,328.00
Total Operations (Items 8(A) Within "CAPS"	2,720,805.29	2,721,951.29
b. Contingent		
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Total Operations Including Contingent Within "CAPS"	2,720,805.29	2,721,951.29
Salaries and Wages	860,939.29	860,757.29
Other Expenses	1,859,866.00	1,861,194.00
(E) Deferred Charges and Other Statutory Expenditures:		
Public Employees' Retirement System	110,227.00	101,429.97
Total Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures-Municipal Within CAPS	195,827.00	187,029.97
Total General Appropriations For Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	2,916,632.29	2,908,981.26
(A) Operations Excluded From "CAPS"		

Shared Service Agreements:		
Shared Police Services-Washington Township	2,301,522.00	2,267,540.00
Total Shared Service Agreements	2,494,860.00	2,460,878.00
Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues		
Municipal Alliance-State Share	17,919.00	27,036.00
Municipal Alliance-Local Share	2,937.00	8,111.00
Total Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues	25,071.00	39,362.00
Total Operations - Excluded From "CAPS"	2,682,365.00	2,662,674.00
Detail:		
Salaries and Wages	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	2,682,365.00	2,662,674.00
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
(C) Capital Improvements - Excluded From "CAPS"		
Capital Improvement Fund	266,000.00	263,000.00
Computer Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Capital Improvements	266,000.00	263,000.00
(D) Municipal Debt Service - Excluded From CAPS		
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00	0.00
Improvement Authority	0.00	0.00
Total Municipal Debt Service - Excluded From CAPS	0.00	0.00
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded From "CAPS"	3,826,418.50	3,803,727.50

(O) Total General Appropriations-Excluded From "CAPS"	3,826,418.50	3,803,727.50
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations {Items (h-1) and (o)}	6,743,050.79	6,712,708.76
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	878,917.29	876,840.50
9. TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	7,621,968.08	7,589,549.26

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for her certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

A motion was made by Torres, seconded by Conry, to adopt Resolution #61-2014.

Roll Call: Jones, Torres McDonald, Gleba, Conry, Thompson
 Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
 Motion Carried

Final Adoption of 2014 Municipal Budget

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Conry, to adopt the 2014 Municipal Budget.

Roll Call: Jones, Torres McDonald, Gleba, Conry, Thompson
 Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
 Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #64-2014 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #64-2014

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 \$708.20 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Allen, James N. & Debbie as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 1 Hillcrest Avenue Block 86 Lot 2, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00034; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4-8-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Comerica on behalf of PHH Mortgage 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 \$1,439.20, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00034.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of May, 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 **\$2,739.20** (This amount consists of \$1,439.20 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 86 Lot 2 from the tax office records.

Resolution #65-2014 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #65-2014

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 \$7,797.70 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2011 in the name of Parker, Stanley D. & Hope M. as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 3 Fillmore Street, Block 48 Lot 2, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #12-00037; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4-1-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Chase Bank 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 \$27,127.86 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #12-00037.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of May, 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 **\$42,127.86** (This amount consists of \$27,127.86 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$15,000.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 48 Lot 2 from the tax office records.

Resolution #66-2014 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #66-2014

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 FWDSL & Associates LP, 5 Cold Hill Rd S Ste:11, Mendham, NJ 07945, in the amount of \$355.36 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Wolfe, Michael D. & Kristin A. as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 61 Carlton Avenue, Block 16 Lot 2, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00015; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4-1-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Comerica on behalf of PHH 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 \$1,237.58 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00015.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of May, 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 **\$2,337.58** (This amount consists of \$1,237.58 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,100.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 16 Lot 2 from the tax office records.

Resolution #67-2014 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #67-2014

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 FWDSL & Associates LP, 5 Cold Hill Rd S Ste:11, Mendham, NJ 07945, in the amount of \$693.01 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Dalrymple, Sandra as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 33 Kinnaman Avenue, Block 6 Lot 2, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00006; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4-2-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Corelogic Tax Service 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 \$1,581.98 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00006.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of May, 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 **\$2,781.98** (This amount consists of \$1,581.98 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,200.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 6 Lot 2 from the tax office records.

Resolution #68-2014 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #68-2014

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 US Bank Cust Pro Capital III, 2 Liberty Place, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$355.36 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Pluto, Michael Estate of, as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 78 McKinley Avenue, Block 69 Lot 8, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00024; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4-1-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Comerica on behalf of PHH Mortgage claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by US Bank Cust Pro Capital III by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$414.47 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of May, 2014 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 III, 2 Liberty Place, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of **\$414.47**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 69 Lot 8 from the tax office records.

Resolution #69-2014 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #69-2014

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 US Bank Cust Pro Capital III, 2 Liberty Place, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$308.69 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Pollock, Kristen as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 177 East Washington Avenue, Block 80 Lot 6, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00031; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4-1-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Corelogic Tax Service claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by US Bank Cust Pro Capital III by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$366.86 which is the amount necessary

to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00031.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of May, 2014 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 III, 2 Liberty Place, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of **\$466.86** (This amount consists of \$366.86 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$100.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 80 Lot 6 from the tax office records.

Resolution #70-2014 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #70-2014

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 US Bank Cust, ATR-NJ & CAPONE, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513, in the amount of \$526.05 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2011 in the name of Colon, Rafael , as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 6 Ramapo Way, Block 101.01 Lot 1, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #12-00065; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4-21-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Citimortgage on behalf of Corelogic, Tax Service claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by US Bank Cust ATR-NJ & CAPONE by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$2,063.40 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #12-00065.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of May, 2014 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 ATR-NJ & CAPONE, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513 in the amount of **\$2,063.40**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 101.01 Lot 1 from the tax office records.

Resolution #71-2014 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #71-2014

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 US Bank Cust Pro Capital III, 2 Liberty Place, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$355.36 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Elkashef, Akram & Ilham, as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 41 Lambert Street, Block 2.11 Lot 29, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00002; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4-21-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Corelogic Tax Service claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by US Bank Cust Pro Capital III by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$1,237.22 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00002.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of May, 2014 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 III, 2 Liberty Place, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of **\$2,337.22** (this amount consists of \$1,237.22 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,100.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 2.11 Lot 29 from the tax office records.

Resolution #72-2014 – Refund Overpayment of Taxes

RESOLUTION #72-2014

A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2014 REAL ESTATE TAXES

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$1,532.03 on 2014 1st Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 30 School Street,

also known as Block 25 Lot 5, and in the name of Thiede, Patricia N.; and

WHEREAS, a fire on March 10th 2013 destroyed the house, which resulted in a significant reduction in the tax assessment. The homeowner paid the full amount on the 1st Quarter 2014 Regular Taxes prior to the lowered assessment, causing an overpayment; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received a written request from Patricia Thiede that 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 and Treasurer to refund the amount of \$1,532.03 payable to:

Patricia N. Thiede
20 Candlewood Drive
Washington, NJ 07882

Resolution #73-2014 – Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #73-2014

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 FWDSL & Associates LP, 5 Cold Hill Rd S Ste:11, Mendham, NJ 07945, in the amount of \$644.12 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Sunmonu, Wahab A. & Ganiat A. as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 30 Lambert Street, Block 2.09 Lot 3, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00001; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4-30-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Midland 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 \$1,532.11 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00001.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of May, 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 **\$2,432.11** (This amount consists of \$1,532.11 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$900.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 2.09 Lot 3 from the tax office records.

Resolutions #64-2014 through #73-2014 were moved on a motion made by Torres, seconded by Gleba and approved.

Roll Call: Thompson, Torres, Jones, Conry, McDonald, Gleba
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

VOUCHERS:

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$1,872,354.17

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

Council Discussion:

Councilman Thompson asked about New Jersey American Water charges at Vara Field on page eight. Manager Blanchard replied that she is still investigating the leak. Councilman Thompson also asked about the phone charges at the park on page seven. Manager Blanchard replied that the Borough does pay a monthly service charge for the phone at the pool. Councilwoman Gleba asked why some charges on the vouchers list say reconciled and some say outstanding. Manager Blanchard will find out the difference and what that means in terms of the vouchers report.

Roll Call: Torres, McDonald, Conry, Jones, Thompson, Gleba
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Abstain: (1) Thompson – Fire Department & EMS
Motion Carried.

RECAP:

Manager Blanchard will look into the difference between reconciled and outstanding items on the bill list. Manager Blanchard will also provide a report to the governing body

for the repair expenses for Truck 45 from 2008 until now. Manager Blanchard will also get a more definitive schedule from the D.P.W. regarding the street sweeping, and the patching of Flower Avenue and Broad Street.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman Torres mentioned that Kathy's Kove opened an art gallery within their café which is open to the public. Councilman Torres added that he attended the re-dedication of the United Methodist Church and the Borough was presented with a plaque for attending. Councilman Torres stated that a lot of work was done to the building inside and out and it is a historic landmark for Washington Borough.

Councilwoman Gleba stated that the Senior Services Committee is holding an event on May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in Borough Hall. Also, Councilwoman Gleba gave a thank you to Rudy Bescherer for providing the hall and a thank you to the Washington E.M.S. for the safety presentation. Councilwoman Gleba added that she attended the BID's Arts Festival and it was wonderful. The next BID event will be a summer cocktail party. Tickets can be purchased through Councilwoman Gleba or the BID office.

Councilman Thompson wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

Mayor McDonald also wished a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers. Also, Mayor McDonald received an end of the month report from Paramount Properties. Mayor McDonald added that the letter states what Paramount has done since their last meeting and what they plan to do in the near future. Mayor McDonald will provide copies to Council.

Councilman Torres asked Manager Blanchard if there was an update on the title searches. Manager Blanchard replied that she did inquire on the cost of the title searches for the issues that the Borough has on Cattelle Court and North Jackson Avenue. Most of the title searches range between one hundred and one hundred fifty dollars per property, looking at an estimate of about one thousand five hundred dollars. Manager Blanchard added that if Council wants to proceed with the title search, she would need a motion and a second to hire a title search company.

A motion was made by Torres, seconded by Conry to move forward with the resolution to hire a title search company 'not to exceed' \$1,500.00

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, a motion made by Torres, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Mayor Scott McDonald

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk