

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – June 17, 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, McDonald, Conry, Higgins, Torres, Gleba

Absent: Thompson

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

**PROCLAMATION:**

Judith Kopen, Esq. Municipal Attorney

***PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF JUDITH  
KOPEN, ESQ. MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY***

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington Governing Body would like to recognize Judith Kopen for her honorable service to the Borough of Washington as Municipal Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, Judith Kopen has demonstrated excellence in the field of public sector law and has contributed time and effort to advance the interests of municipal law; and

**WHEREAS**, Judith Kopen will be remembered by the Borough of Washington for her willingness to help others, commitment to local government and dedication to Washington Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Washington, desire to express the appreciation of the Governing Body to Judith Kopen for her years of service to the Borough

of Washington.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by Scott McDonald, Mayor of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the appreciation of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington are hereby expressed for the years of service performed by Judith Kopen.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that this Proclamation be duly embossed, signed by the Mayor, publicly presented to Judith Kopen on June 17, 2014, and recorded in the official records of the Borough of Washington, as a tribute to Judith Kopen by an appreciative and thankful Governing Body.

**MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting, April 1, 2014

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Jones to approve the Regular Meeting minutes April 1, 2014.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**COUNCIL APPEARANCE:**

Rolling Thunder Inc. NJ Chapter 3

Diane Molenga, Chapter Secretary of Rolling Thunder Inc. NJ Chapter 3

Ms. Molenga informed Council that the Rolling Thunder organization has a new program. In this program, they would like to honor hometown heroes who have been killed in action or held prisoner of war. Ms. Molenga submitted a letter to council, which requests to honor fallen soldiers and prisoners of war with a campaign on name streets where they were raised, established residence or went to school. Ms. Molenga, on behalf of the Rolling Thunder Inc. NJ Chapter 3 asked for permission from council to locate soldiers within the Borough of Washington and name the streets in their honor. Ms. Molenga explained that the Rolling Thunder Inc. NJ Chapter 3 would create the street signs at no cost to the Borough. Ms. Molenga explained that the street sign would either be above the street name, or as a freestanding pole. Ms. Molenga explained that these signs do not change the 911 systems at all because they are honorary street signs. Ms. Molenga explained that a Borough resolution would have to be passed for the naming of the streets. Ms. Molenga further explained that the signs are Department of Transportation approved, and are reflective and eight millimeters thick. She then provided council with a sample sign and a packet of the information she discussed.

Council Discussion:

Councilman Torres stated he believed it was a wonderful idea, and asked if there was a list assembled of the servicemen and women that would be receiving this honor. Ms. Molenga responded that she has a list of soldiers. She then explained that there was a ceremony for the naming of the street.

Councilwoman Conry asked who determined which streets were named. Ms. Molenga explained that the families of the soldiers chose.

Council asked several questions regarding the logistics of process. Ms. Molenga explained that if two soldiers were named for one road, there could be two different street signs.

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Gleba to approve the honorary street signs.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0  
Abstain: (1) Higgins  
Motion Carried

Andrew Ward, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Ward gave a brief introduction of himself and discussed his past experience. He stated he is excited to work with Washington Borough as the new Parks and Recreation Director.

Hometown Heroes - Luke Gleba

Mr. Gleba explained his proposal for hometown heroes. He provided Council with a packet of information. Mr. Gleba explained that Hometown Heroes would be a way to show the Borough's gratitude for the sacrifices made by current members of the military. Mr. Gleba explained that the Borough could designate wall space in Borough Hall to place pictures of current service members.

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Jones to designate wall space in Borough Hall.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0  
Abstain: (1) Gleba  
Motion Carried

Green Energy and Energy in the Bank (Financial Bakers for Washington Community Solar)

Mr. DePhillipo of Green Energy Partners (GRP) provided Council of an amendment the Power Purchase Agreement that GRP is proposing. Mr. DePhillipo provided council with an

information packet that explains the history of GRP. Mr. DePhillipo explained this is on the same property and location and the land approvals have been granted. The biggest issue, he explained, is the size of the system. The new layout is 600 kw and is smaller, due to the fact that the delivery of output was over promised. Mr. DePhillipo explained that the size of the system output has changed.

Council questioned that in the amendment, it said GRP would have nine months to finish their permits. Councilman Torres noted that Mr. DePhillipo previously stated that GRP had half of their permits completed. Council explained that this project has been in the works for two years, and this project could be expedited. Mr. DePhillipo explained that GRP has land use permits, not building permits. He would need to apply for building permits and for construction vehicles, which he estimates would take a combined six months. He also stated weather concerns. He explained that actual construction period is not a long period of time.

Mr. DePhillipo discussed the energy savings the Borough could expect to see, which were outlined in the information packet he provided council.

Councilwoman Gleba explained that she was not in favor of deleting section B from the amendment. Mr. DePhillipo explained he would have to go back and discuss this with his bank to make sure the project is able to be financed with that section remaining in the agreement.

Mr. DePhillipo further clarified information that he provided for Council within the packet of information. Council then voiced their concerns regarding the circumstances of the project at length. They explained that they would like the project to be finished as soon as possible. Council then asked if Washington Township giving power to the Borough would give the Borough Sustainable New Jersey credits. Mr. DePhillipo stated that he would look into that for the Borough.

A motion was made by Torres, seconded by Conry to extend the amendment

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

Business Improvement District- Pocket Park

Council stated that the Agreement would need to be in an ordinance.

Council discussed several points in the agreement, including costs to rent the space and revenue. The BID explained that the park was public space so there would not be a cost to rent the area.

The BID explains that the Borough owns the park. Council voiced their concern that the BID has majority control over the park. The BID explained that their intent was to make sure those who wanted to use the park would need to contact the BID to insure the park is well maintained.

Council discussed that they would like to also have control over the park as well. The BID explained that they are trying to protect their interests in this matter. Council asked who would take care of the maintenance of the park. The BID explained that the maintenance of the park would be the Boroughs responsibility.

Council stated that if it is the Boroughs responsibility to maintain the park, they should have full responsibility and control of the park.

Council then discussed at length the matter of the BID collecting revenue from usage of the park. The BID explained that the revenues collected would be from fundraisers for the BID.

Council then discussed the matter naming the park. Council used the example of persons or companies making contributions to the park, and that affecting the naming of the park. Council agreed that the naming of the park should be the responsibility of the Borough.

The BID stated that if they cede all control to the Borough, how they would insure that the BID will have use of the park during all of the times they wish to use the park.

The BID explained that they could give the Borough a modified calendar of all the events they anticipate having at the park.

Council agreed to change the document into the form of an ordinance.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Turn the Town Teal – Request for September 2014

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

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Torres to grant permission for Turn the Town Teal in September.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

### **AUDIENCE:**

Debi Spinks, 40 State Street

Ms. Spinks requested that work be done to 33 State Street, as it seems no one is maintaining the property, though she believed Bank of America owns the property. Ms. Spinks explained she had contacted the Code Enforcement officer who suggested she appear before Council. Manager Blanchard explained that this issue falls into the same discussion about 59 abandoned properties

around the Borough. The Code Enforcement officer explained that 33 State Street had not been summoned. Manager Blanchard suggested reaching out to Bank of America, as they have a property maintenance team. Council suggested having the Borough D.P.W. trim the grass in the interest of public safety. Manager Blanchard explained that if it were an unsafe situation, she would not request the D.P.W. to enter the property and attempt to maintain it. Council suggested contacting Animal Control. Manager Blanchard informed Ms. Spinks that she would reach out to Bank of America.

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: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**ORDINANCES:**

Ordinance 2-2014 Providing Funding for Various Capital Purposes for the Borough of Washington and Appropriating \$264,000 for such purposes (public hearing/final adoption)

Motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Conry, to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2-2014.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Torres, seconded by Conry, to adopt Ordinance 2-2014 on final passage.

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

**REPORTS:**

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

1. DPW Report May 2014
2. Recreation Monthly Expense/Revenue May 2014

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Streets Committee

Councilman Higgins explained that the Streets Committee met, and went through the roads that would be posted no parking. The only issue is East Church Street, where there is no parking on the north side. However, there is a handicap parking spot on that street. The Committee would like the roads that are in the ordinance to have no parking signs.

Codebook Committee

Councilman Torres stated that the Codebook Committee also met and are waiting on the final determination from the Streets Committee before they can move forward.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Conry noted that the baseball is no longer played at Borough Park, only softball. Councilwoman Conry added that someone would really have to have a lot of power to get a softball the distance of the whole field out on to Route 31 so it shouldn't be an issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Approval of Shared Service Agreement between the County of Warren and Warren County Municipalities – Public Works Road Equipment

Council confirmed that this agreement will be used for the purpose of renting equipment.

A motion made by Torres, seconded by Gleba to approve the agreement.

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

Resolution #89-2014 Redemption of a Tax Certificate

**RESOLUTION #89-2014**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$691.75 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Castro, Consolidad. as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 10 Lenape Trail, Block 101.01 Lot 32, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00043; and

**WHEREAS,** the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6-10-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Ocwen Loan Servicing 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 \$1,587.94 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00043.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 17th day of June, 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 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of **\$2,687.94** (this amount consists of \$1,587.94 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,100.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 101.01 Lot 32 from the tax office records.

Resolution #90-2014 Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

#### **RESOLUTION #90-2014**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT ON 2012 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

**WHEREAS,** according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$1,179.74 on 2012 1st Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 107 Park Avenue, also known as Block 82 Lot 20.01, and in the name of Ron, Sonia; and

**WHEREAS,** Saxon Mortgage Services and Corelogic Tax Service had both paid the 1st Quarter 2012 property taxes, resulting in the overpayment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has received a written request from Sonia Ron 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 \$1,179.74 payable to:

Sonia Ron  
107 Park Avenue  
Washington, NJ 07882



Resolution #91-2014 Authorization to Apply Overpayment to a Senior Citizen

**RESOLUTION #91-2014**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO APPLY A PORTION OF A 2014  
OVERPAYMENT TO A SENIOR CITIZEN DISALLOWANCE CHARGE**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$1,300.00 on 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 84 West Stewart Street, also known as Block 14 Lot 4, and in the name of Riddle, Virginia J.; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Riddle has been billed \$250.00 for a senior citizen disallowance for the year 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has received a written request from the owner's son, John Riddle to pay for the \$250.00 senior citizen disallowance from the overpayment that is in the 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Regular Taxes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey to hereby authorize the Tax Collector to transfer \$250.00 from the 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Regular Taxes to the senior citizen disallowance that is billed on the 2013 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter taxes.

Resolutions #89-2014, #90-2014, #91-2014 were moved on a motion made by Gleba, seconded by Conry and approved.

Roll Call: Torres, Jones, Conry, McDonald, Higgins, Jones  
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Abstain: (1) Conry – Resolution #90-2014 only  
Motion Carried

Resolution #92-2014 ABC Liquor License – Enzo's

**RESOLUTION #92-2014**

**RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been made in apparent conformity with the requirements and conditions relative to the issuance of a **Plenary Retail Consumption License** and in accord with an Act of Legislature concerning Alcoholic Beverages and the Amendments and Supplements thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the following applicant has paid a fee of **\$720.00**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of Washington, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that a **Plenary Retail Consumption License** be issued by the Borough Clerk and granted to:

VMI of Washington, Inc.  
t/a Enzo's Restaurant & Pizzeria  
328 W. Washington Ave.  
Washington, NJ 07882

From July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, provided proof of compliance with Public Law 1970, Chapter 77, has been submitted by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following conditions be imposed on the licensee:

- A. Licensee will report all incidences of fighting and brawling in the licensed premises immediately to the Washington Township Police Department for assistance.
- B. Licensee agrees to keep the doors to the premises closed at all times (regardless of the weather) so as to control patrons on premises and to discourage patrons from disturbing or accosting persons on the adjoining streets and sidewalks. The licensee shall have had an automatic door closing device installed on the main entrance door to the establishment and the same shall be kept operational at all times

Resolution #93-2014 ABC Liquor License – Felix's Tavern

**RESOLUTION #93-2014**

**RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been made in apparent conformity with the requirements and conditions relative to the issuance of a **Plenary Retail Consumption License** and in accord with an Act of Legislature concerning Alcoholic Beverages and the Amendments and Supplements thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the following applicant has paid a fee of **\$720.00**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of Washington, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that a **Plenary Retail Consumption License** be issued by the Borough Clerk and granted to:

Washington Inn, Inc.  
t/a Felix's Tavern  
101 East Washington Ave.  
Washington, NJ 07882

From July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, provided proof of compliance with Public Law 1970, Chapter 77, has been submitted by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following conditions be imposed on the licensee:

- C. Licensee will report all incidences of fighting and brawling in the licensed premises immediately to the Washington Police Department for assistance.
- D. Licensee agrees to keep the doors to the premises closed at all times (regardless of the weather) so as to control patrons on premises and to discourage patrons from disturbing or accosting persons on the adjoining streets and sidewalks. The licensee shall have had an automatic door closing device installed on the main entrance door to the establishment and the same shall be kept operational at all times

Resolution #94-2014 ABC Liquor License – Mediterranean Bistro

**RESOLUTION #94-2014**

**RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been made in apparent conformity with the requirements and conditions relative to the issuance of a **Plenary Retail Consumption License** and in accord with an Act of Legislature concerning Alcoholic Beverages and the Amendments and Supplements thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the following applicant has paid a fee of **\$720.00**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of Washington, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that a **Plenary Retail Consumption License** be issued by the Borough Clerk and granted to:

GRAMA, Inc  
t/a Mediterranean Bistro  
301 W. Washington Ave  
Washington, NJ 07882

From July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, provided proof of compliance with Public Law 1970, Chapter 77, has been submitted by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following conditions be imposed on the licensee:

- E. Licensee will report all incidences of fighting and brawling in the licensed premises immediately to the Washington Police Department for assistance.
- F. Licensee agrees to keep the doors to the premises closed at all times (regardless of the weather) so as to control patrons on premises and to discourage patrons from disturbing or accosting persons on the adjoining streets and sidewalks. The licensee shall have had an automatic door closing device installed on the main entrance door to the establishment and the same shall be kept operational at all times.

Resolution #95-2014 ABC Liquor License – Philbert’s Pub

**RESOLUTION #95-2014**

**RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been made in apparent conformity with the requirements and conditions relative to the issuance of a **Plenary Retail Consumption License** and in accord with an Act of Legislature concerning Alcoholic Beverages and the Amendments and Supplements thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the following applicant has paid a fee of **\$720.00**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of Washington, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that a **Plenary Retail Consumption License** be issued by the Borough Clerk and granted to:

Philbert’s Pub

101 West Washington Avenue  
Washington, NJ 07882

From July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, provided proof of compliance with Public Law 1970, Chapter 77, has been submitted by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following conditions be imposed on the licensee:

- G. Licensee will report all incidences of fighting and brawling in the licensed premises immediately to the Washington Police Department for assistance.
- H. Licensee agrees to keep the doors to the premises closed at all times (regardless of the weather) so as to control patrons on premises and to discourage patrons from disturbing or accosting persons on the adjoining streets and sidewalks. The licensee shall have had an automatic door closing device installed on the main entrance door to the establishment and the same shall be kept operational at all times

Resolution #96-2014 ABC Liquor License – Scotty’s Stadium

**RESOLUTION #96-2014**

**RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been made in apparent conformity with the requirements and conditions relative to the issuance of a **Plenary Retail Consumption License** and in accord with an Act of Legislature concerning Alcoholic Beverages and the Amendments and Supplements thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the following applicant has paid a fee of **\$720.00**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of Washington, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that a **Plenary Retail Consumption License** be issued by the Borough Clerk and granted to:

LINSCO, INC.;  
t/a Scotty’s Stadium Club  
15 Belvidere Ave.  
Washington NJ 07882

From July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, provided proof of compliance with Public Law 1970, Chapter 77, has been submitted by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following conditions be imposed on the licensee:

- I. Licensee will report all incidences of fighting and brawling in the licensed premises immediately to the Washington Police Department for assistance.
- J. Licensee agrees to keep the doors to the premises closed at all times (regardless of the weather) so as to control patrons on premises and to discourage patrons from disturbing or accosting persons on the adjoining streets and sidewalks. The licensee shall have had an automatic door closing device installed on the main entrance door to the establishment and the same shall be kept operational at all times

Resolution #97-2014 ABC Liquor License – Warren Liquors

**RESOLUTION 97-2014**

**RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been made in apparent conformity with the requirements and conditions relative to the issuance of a **Plenary Retail Distribution License** and in accord with an Act of Legislature concerning Alcoholic Beverages and the Amendments and Supplements thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the following applicant has paid a fee of **\$720.00**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of Washington, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that a **Plenary Retail Distribution License** be issued by the Borough Clerk and granted to:

Warren County Discount Liquor & Grocery, Inc.  
260 W. Washington Ave  
Washington, NJ 07882

From July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, provided proof of compliance with Public Law 1970, Chapter 77, has been submitted by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following conditions be imposed on the licensee:

- K. Licensee will report all incidences of fighting and brawling in the licensed premises immediately to the Washington Police Department for assistance.

- L. Licensee agrees to keep the doors to the premises closed at all times (regardless of the weather) so as to control patrons on premises and to discourage patrons from disturbing or accosting persons on the adjoining streets and sidewalks. The licensee shall have had an automatic door closing device installed on the main entrance door to the establishment and the same shall be kept operational at all times

Resolution #98-2014 ABC Liquor License – Washington Discount Liquors

**RESOLUTION #98-2014**

**RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been made in apparent conformity with the requirements and conditions relative to the issuance of a **Plenary Retail Distribution License** and in accord with an Act of Legislature concerning Alcoholic Beverages and the Amendments and Supplements thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the following applicant has paid a fee of **\$720.00**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of Washington, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that a **Plenary Retail Distribution License** be issued by the Borough Clerk and granted to:

Washington Discount Liquors L.L.C.  
66 Route 31  
Washington NJ 07882

From July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, provided proof of compliance with Public Law 1970, Chapter 77, has been submitted by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following conditions be imposed on the licensee:

- M. Licensee will report all incidences of fighting and brawling in the licensed premises immediately to the Washington Police Department for assistance.
- N. Licensee agrees to keep the doors to the premises closed at all times (regardless of the weather) so as to control patrons on premises and to discourage patrons from disturbing or accosting persons on the adjoining streets and sidewalks. The licensee shall have had an automatic door closing device installed on the main entrance door to the establishment and the same shall be kept operational at all times

Resolution #92-2014 ABC Liquor License Renewal Enzos, Resolution #93-2014 ABC Liquor License Renewal Felix's Tavern, Resolution #94-2014 ABC Liquor License Renewal Mediterranean Bistro, Resolution #95-2014 ABC Liquor License Renewal Philbert's Pub, Resolution #96-2014 ABC Liquor License Renewal Scotty's Stadium Pub, Resolution #97-2014 ABC Liquor License Renewal Warren County Discount Liquors, Resolution #98-2014 ABC Liquor License Renewal Washington Discount Liquors were moved on a motion made by Jones, seconded by Conry.

Councilman Jones asked if any of the establishments had problems with the police department. Manager Blanchard responded that she receives a police report prior to license renewal, which is every year in July.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**VOUCHERS:**

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$820,971.10

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

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba asked about the charges referencing the Pohatcong Valley groundwater contamination. Manager Blanchard replied that these charges pertain to remediation work at the Superfund Site that runs from Park Avenue to Franklin Township. Manager Blanchard added that she will not pay the municipal professionals out of Borough taxpayer money so she makes the E.P.A. reimburse the Borough first and then the professionals are paid. Councilman Higgins strongly noted that the water leaks need to be addressed.

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

**RECAP:**

Manager Blanchard will look into the Sustainable Jersey credits. Manager Blanchard will also make the changes to the BID Pocket Park Agreement. Manager Blanchard will contact the municipal engineer to go through the park, the plans and check into the environmental concerns. Manager Blanchard will also follow up with Bank of America and Code Enforcement in regards to 33 State Street.



## **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

Councilman Torres expressed congratulations to Attorney Kopen on her retirement.

Councilwoman Gleba asked Manager Blanchard to send an email blast and change the website to cancel the upcoming Senior meeting next week. Councilwoman Gleba added that she will not be able to attend the next Council meeting. Councilwoman Gleba asked Manager Blanchard to inform the BID that Paramount may be interested in selling their property.

Mayor McDonald added that the possibility of Paramount selling is still up in the air. Mayor McDonald strongly expressed his frustration with Paramount and stated that the Borough needs an abandoned property ordinance. Mayor McDonald urged Council to keep their eyes on the Paramount buildings for any violations.

Councilman Higgins stated that the Morris County co-op is coming tomorrow to measure and give the Borough an estimate on the roads that are to be paved. Councilman Higgins also noted that the resident that needs the easement on their property in regards to the South Prospect sewer project has agreed to the terms. Manager Blanchard added that she will schedule the land surveyor and has also worked with Veolia on the contract. Manager Blanchard also stated that a report is forthcoming in regards to the stream remediation. Councilman Higgins would like that report before the next Council meeting. Councilman Higgins thanked Attorney Kopen for her services to the Borough of Washington and encouraged her to enjoy retirement.

Councilman Jones asked about the abandoned properties ordinance that was repealed in the past. Mayor McDonald stated that part of the reason that the ordinance was repealed in the past was due to manpower and costs. Mayor McDonald added that if Council wishes to have the abandoned properties ordinance in effect again that money needs to be budgeted to enforce the ordinance. Councilman Jones also added that there has to be a way to get the lawns mowed on the abandoned properties in town. Manager Blanchard asked Code Enforcement Officer Bescherer to identify the properties as to which are owned by banks and which are owned by tax services. Manager Blanchard stated that she can start going after the banks on that list to get them to clean up the properties.

Mayor McDonald stated that the Borough may have a solution for Mt. Pisgah Ame Church. Mayor McDonald and Manager Blanchard met with the engineer, members of Mt. Pisgah, and a representative from JCP&L. JCP&L would put down stone first and then the Borough would use millings to pave the JCP&L driveway and at the end of North Lincoln there would be a lip in order to channel the water into the woods. This should alleviate the runoff that the church parking lot is getting. Mayor McDonald added that there is nothing finalized with this but everyone was in agreement.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further business, a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

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Mayor Scott McDonald

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Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk