

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – November 05, 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, Higgins, Gleba, Conry, Thompson,
Torres (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)

Also Present: Kristine Blanchard, Borough Manager/Municipal Clerk

MINUTES:

Regular Meetings – October 21, 2014

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Jones to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 21, 2014.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

AUDIENCE:

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

Mrs. Susan Sloan – 89 Grand Avenue

Mrs. Sloan requested that Council move the Halloween trick-or-treat time back to 7:00 p.m. because it is too dark after 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Sloan added that while she did see more of a police presence, it is just too dark and the kids have a hard time seeing with their masks, etc. Mayor McDonald added that he noticed a number of people walking in the

streets dressed in dark clothing with no light sticks, flashlights or reflective tape. Councilman Thompson added that he saw the Washington Township Police Department handing out glow sticks which helped a little.

Ms. Lois Bauknight – 95 Lenape Trail

Ms. Bauknight asked about the status of the Warren Hills Regional Middle School paving and how that would affect the paving project on North Lincoln Avenue. Manager Blanchard replied that topic would be discussed under Old Business at tonight's meeting. Ms. Bauknight asked if a formal petition would be needed for the no right turn out of the middle school parking lot. Manager Blanchard replied that would be referred to the Streets Committee or a formal petition can be brought before the governing body, which needs to be provided on the Friday morning before the next Council meeting. Ms. Bauknight added that the Washington Township Police were patrolling on Lenape Trail on Halloween night.

Edna Detlef – Fisher Avenue

Mrs. Detlaf wished the winners of the recent election all good luck.

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

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance #3-2014 An Ordinance of the Borough of Washington County of Warren State of New Jersey Creating a Chapter of the Borough Code of the Borough of Washington Entitled Registration of Properties Pending Foreclosure (Introduction).

Motion made by Higgins seconded by Gleba to introduce Ordinance #3–2014 and have the Clerk read by title.

Council Discussion:

Councilman Jones asked if a minimum fine was decided on. Manager Blanchard replied that a minimum was not decided but it can be discussed and added tonight.

Councilwoman Gleba stated that Councilman Higgins persuaded her that it was better to not have a minimum fine in the ordinance based on the attorney's recommendation.

Mayor McDonald added that with no minimum stated, it is up to the judge's discretion.

Roll Call: Gleba, Jones, McDonald, Conry, Higgins, Thompson
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

The Clerk read Ordinance #3-2014 An Ordinance of the Borough of Washington County of Warren State of New Jersey Creating a Chapter of the Borough Code of the Borough of Washington Entitled Registration of Properties Pending Foreclosure.

ORDINANCE #3-2014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A CHAPTER OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, ENTITLED REGISTRATION OF PROPERTIES PENDING FORECLOSURE.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington contains certain structures that are vacant and or abandoned: and

WHEREAS, in many cases, the structures are pending foreclosure and the parties responsible to maintain the structures are not maintaining or securing them to an adequate standard: and

WHEREAS, it has been established that vacant and abandoned structures cause severe harm to the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, including diminution of neighboring property values, increased risk of fire and other public health risks: and

WHEREAS, the Borough incurs disproportionate costs in order to deal with the problem, including but not limited to, identifying the responsible parties, excessive police calls and property inspections and maintenance: and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Borough to establish minimum standards of accountability on the creditors or other responsible parties of vacant and abandoned structures pending or in foreclosure for the safety and general welfare of the residents of the Borough: and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Borough to impose a fee in conjunction with registration of vacant and abandoned structures and to require creditors to be responsible for the maintenance of abandoned residential structures under certain circumstances in light of the disproportionate costs imposed upon the Borough by the presence of these structures

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Borough Code of the Borough of Washington is hereby amended and

Supplemented so as to add Chapter _____, entitled “Registration of Property Pending Foreclosures,” which shall read as follows:

*** _____-1. Purpose.**

In conformity with N.J.S.A.46:10B-51, the intent of this ordinance is to provide for the enforcement of Borough Property Maintenance Standards and State Housing Code against vacant properties pending foreclosure.

*** _____-2. Service of Notice, contents.**

- A. A creditor serving a summons and complaint in an action to foreclose on a mortgage on residential property located within the Borough of Washington shall serve the Municipal Clerk with a notice indicating that a summons and complaint in an action to foreclose on a mortgage has been filed against the subject property. The Notice may contain information about more than one property and shall be provided by mail or electronic communication at the discretion of the municipal clerk.
- B. The Notice shall be served within 10 days of service of a summons and complaint in an action to foreclose on a mortgage against the subject property
- C. Within 60 days of the adoption of this ordinance, any creditor that has initiated a foreclosure proceeding on any residential property which is pending in Superior Court shall provide to the municipal clerk a notice as described below for all residential properties in the Borough for which the creditor has pending foreclosure actions.
- D. Pursuant to N.J.S.A.46:10B-51(a)(1), the notice shall contain:
 - a. The name and contact information for the representative of the creditor who is responsible for receiving complaints of property maintenance and code violations;
 - b. Whether the property being foreclosed on is and affordable unit pursuant to the “Fair Housing Act;”
 - c. The street address, lot and block number of the property; and
 - d. The full name and contact information of an individual located within the state authorized to accept service on behalf of the creditor.

*** _____-3 Violation of State or Local Law at Property on List: responsibility of creditor.**

- A. If the owner of a residential property vacates or abandons any property on which a foreclosure proceeding has been initiated or if a property is otherwise vacated subsequent to the filing of the summons and the complaint, but prior to the vesting of title in any third party; and
- B. If the property is found to be nuisance or in violation of any applicable state or local code, the local public officer shall notify the creditor.
- C. The creditor shall have the responsibility to abate the nuisance or correct the violation in the same manner and to the same extent as the title owner of the property, to such standard or specification as may be required by State Law or municipal ordinance.

*** _____-4 Notification of Violation.**

In the event of a violation of state or local ordinance, the municipality shall serve the creditor with a notice the shall include a description of the condition(s) that gave rise to the violation with the notice and shall provide a period of not less then 30 days from the creditor's receipt of the notice for the creditor to remedy the violation or within the(10) days of receipt of the notice if the violation presents an imminent threat to public health and safety.

*** _____-5 Repair by Borough.**

If the Borough expands public funds in order to abate a nuisance or correct a violation on a residential property in which the creditor was given notice pursuant to the provisions of subsection _____-4 but failed to abate the nuisance or correct the violation as directed, the municipality shall have the same recourse against the creditor as it would have had against the title owner of the property including but not limited to the recourse provided at N.J.S.A. 55:19-100.

*** _____-6 Violations and Penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who or which violates _____-2 of this Chapter shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Any person, firm or corporation who or which violates _____-3 and fails to remedy said violation once notified by the Borough pursuant to _____-4 of this Chapter shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,500.00 per day per violation.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

A motion was made by Gleba, seconded by Jones to approve Ordinance #3-2014 on first reading.

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

Public Hearing of Ordinance #3-2014 An Ordinance of the Borough of Washington County of Warren State of New Jersey Creating a Chapter of the Borough Code of the Borough of Washington Entitled Registration of Properties Pending Foreclosure will be on December 02, 2014 and advertisement of the Public Hearing will be in the Star Gazette on November 21, 2014.

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Conry to approve advertisement of the Public Hearing of Ordinance #3-2014.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Warren Hills Regional Middle School Request

Council Discussion:

Manager Blanchard stated that in her research through the minutes there was nothing found that was discussed publicly as well as no resolution granting permission to the Warren Hills Regional Middle School to do the paving of the alley. However, an email has surfaced from the Borough of Washington granting permission to the middle school

to pave the alley. After discussion with the attorney and the engineer, it is Manager Blanchard's recommendation to the governing body to move forward with helping the Warren Hills Regional Middle School as it would prevent the Borough from being liable for any other further damage to the properties in the area. The total cost of the project is approximately \$19,000 leaving the Borough paying for half. Mayor McDonald asked if there is money in the budget for this project in 2014. Manager Blanchard replied that there is money in the budget, there will need to be some transfers to make this happen.

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Conry to approve for the Borough to pay half the cost of paving the alley located at the Warren Hills Regional Middle School.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Draft Ordinance Amending Chapter 85 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Washington – Discussion

Council Discussion:

Councilman Higgins noted that this is an ordinance that is going to amend the parking in the Borough of Washington.

Councilman Higgins stated that he would like to have the spaces remain as no parking in front of 15-17 Broad Street which is on the west side. Councilman Torres added that those used to be parking spaces and he believes there is plenty of room for those driveways nearby. Councilman Higgins feels those parking spaces present a visual problem for those residents coming out of the nearby driveways and recommends to leave the spaces out of the ordinance.

Councilman Higgins stated that the Streets Committee met at the end of last month and talked about adding parking spaces on North Prospect Street near the field. Councilman Higgins added that the committee is waiting on the weight of a school bus in order to prevent school buses from parking in those spaces by putting a weight limit on the three newly added spaces on the east side between the field and the entrance to the Washington Arms Apartments.

Councilwoman Gleba stated that Councilman Thompson investigated and there were sixteen handicapped parking spaces throughout town and seven of them were recommended to be deleted. Councilwoman Gleba added that there are more than seven on the list to be deleted and does not agree with removing the handicapped space in front of the Warren County Pharmacy. Councilman Higgins added that there are two

handicapped spaces there and believes only one is needed. Councilman Torres would like to see that extra handicapped space removed to add more parking down town to support the small businesses. Councilwoman Gleba would like both handicapped spaces to remain in front of the Warren County Pharmacy. Councilwoman Gleba added that there were a few items referred to the Streets Committee, including the removal of the handicapped space in front of 40 Carlton Avenue. Councilwoman Gleba expressed that she still has enforcement concerns in regards to parked cars during snow removal times. Councilman Higgins replied that unfortunately the Code Enforcement Officer by state statute can not enforce Title 39 regulations, which can only be enforced by the police. Councilwoman Gleba asked if the police can provide a breakout on their reports for the number of parking violations per month. Manager Blanchard replied that she will make that request of the Washington Township Police Department.

Councilman Higgins added that the handicapped parking space on the north side of East Church Street should be moved across the street because in the ordinance there is no parking allowed on the north side of East Church Street. Councilwoman Gleba added that there was also a request for a handicapped parking space across from Gibson's Gym. Manager Blanchard replied that request had previously been approved and will be added.

Councilwoman Conry asked if it was possible to put a No Thru Traffic sign near the rear of the parking lot of the Dollar Store. Councilman Higgins replied that the sign can not be placed on private property. Councilwoman Conry added that something needs to be done to prevent drivers from driving fast out of the rear parking lot into the residential neighborhood. Manager Blanchard suggested trying to obtain permission from the property owner for the placement of a sign.

Mrs. Sloan stated that the car permanently parked on Route 57 which blocks the view from Grand Avenue is still there and it has been months. Councilman Higgins suggested the Borough write a letter to the N.J.D.O.T. and request that the line be moved back to increase the line of sight when entering on to Route 57 from Grand Avenue. Mr. Bloom added that the D.O.T. may approve that request if the Borough can prove that there is a sight issue at the intersection. Councilwoman Gleba asked if Mr. Bloom could also look at the sight issue at the intersection of Oakwood Terrace and Sunrise Terrace. Manager Blanchard replied that she took a ride to Sunrise Terrace and didn't notice an issue but she will investigate further with Mr. Bloom.

Ordinance #4-2014 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 85 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Washington (Introduction).

Motion made by Gleba, seconded by Higgins to introduce Ordinance #4-2014 and have the Clerk read by title.

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

Torres
Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

The Clerk read Ordinance #4-2014 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 85 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Washington.

ORDINANCE #4-2014

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 85 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF
THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS; the Mayor and Council believe it necessary to amend certain portions of Chapter 85 of the Code of the Borough of Washington; and,

WHEREAS, there is found to be a need to add and remove certain handicap parking spaces; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to accommodate changes to various street parking designations; and,

WHEREAS, there are other needed changes to the rules for parking trailers and heavy trucks on Borough Streets; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Washington that Chapter 85 Vehicles and Traffic be amended as follows,

Article 1: 85-2 – Definitions

Recreational Vehicle – A vehicle which is designed primarily to transport persons for recreational purposes instead of transportation purposes, or a vehicle that serves as a temporary dwelling. This may include a vehicle that is self-propelled towed or carried by another vehicle but shall not include camper caps that fit over and atop pickup trucks. This term shall include watercraft motor homes travel trailers all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles.

Transportation trailer – non self-propelled utility trailer used primarily for transportation purposes instead of recreational purposes. This may include landscaping trailers, boat trailers, or any other trailer requiring a NJ Motor Vehicle Commission registration plate, whether such plates are considered private or commercial.

Construction Vehicle Trailer – a vehicle which is primarily used for commercial or residential construction, which is utilized for transportation of building

materials and tools of the trade; and bearing the Business Name and address of the commercial business displayed on the vehicle.

Article II: 85-11: Truck and Trailer Prohibitions and Exclusions: Amend to read as follows:

No person shall park a truck of 12,500 or trailer in any of the off street municipal parking areas without obtaining a permit for the overnight lot parking.

Article III – 85-12: Truck Exclusions Amend title as follows:

1. No Trucks over 12,500 lbs. gross weight shall park on any public street within the Borough of Washington for longer than 2 hours.
2. Trucks over four tons gross weight are hereby excluded from all streets within the Borough of Washington except for the pickup and delivery of materials on such streets; except on so designated Truck Routs in Schedule VI of this chapter.
3. No recreation Vehicles shall park on any public street within the Borough of Washington for more than 2 hours.
4. No trailers shall park on any public street within the Borough of Washington for more than 2 hours.
5. Construction vehicle trailers are hereby exempted from no parking on any street prohibition provided a permit for overnight parking is obtained. At no time shall such a permit be issued for longer than one week.
6. Tractor Trailers are prohibited from parking in municipal lots unless permit is obtained from the Borough Clerk's Office.

Article VIII: Schedules

85-23 Schedule 1: No parking: Amend as follows:

Change – Allegar Street both sides from Broad Street to Gibson's Gym Free Parking Lot.

Change – Cornish Street from South Wandling both sides no parking to South Lincoln Ave.

Add: Fillmore Street South Side from McKinley to Prosper Way.

Change: Flower Avenue to both sides from Rt. 57 to a point 210 feet northerly there from.

Add: No Parking South Prospect either side From Rt. 57 to Gardners Court.

Add: Hann Street Both sides entire length.

Change Jackson Avenue east side street parking.

Add: North Jackson Avenue Ave East Side.

Add: Jefferson Both sides entire length

Change Lower Park Drive South side only from Park Entrance Road to Route 31.

Add: Pohatcong Avenue both sides entire length.

Add: Vanatta Street both sides entire length – W. Washington to Youmans Avenue

Parking Allowed:

Add: The addition of 3 parking spaces East Side of North Prospect Street between the Washington Arms Apartments and the Emergency Exit at the Warren Hills Middle School

Article VIII: 85-26, Schedule IV: Time Limit parking Certain Hours – Amend as follows;

Change: East Church Street from 10 to 60 minutes.

Add: North Prospect No Parking Vehicle weighing more than 10,000 lbs. vehicles.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 85, Article II, Subsection II, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than two hours in any off street and Municipal Parking lots unless an overnight parking permit has been obtained from the Municipal Clerk's Office.

In addition to all other fines and penalties, a vehicle parked in violation of this section shall be subject to towing cost of which shall be paid for by the owner or the operator of the vehicle before such vehicle shall be released.

All persons parking pursuant to parking permit shall comply with all applicable parking and traffic rules and regulations.

It shall be in violation of this section to photocopy otherwise reproduce or in any way create a facsimile or counterfeit permit. It shall be a violation hereof to display or otherwise use a permit known to be counterfeit. It shall be a violation hereof to furnish false information or fraudulent documents in connection with an application for a permit.

Any person violating the provisions hereof shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 and or imprisonment for not more than 10 days.

Article VIII 85-29 Schedule VII One Way Streets

Amend as follows:

Delete – North Jackson Ave

Delete unnamed alley off North Lincoln Avenue South of Warren Hills Middle School

Article IX. Snow Emergencies

85-40 Parking restrictions during snow removal periods.

Amend as follows:

Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the street or highway where the Road Department has to plow, a snow emergency can be called by the Borough Manager, Chief of Police, or the Emergency Management Coordinator. In the event a snow emergency is called or even if the accumulation is such that it covers the street or highway, no parking will be allowed on any street, road, alley, or thoroughfare within the Borough of Washington until such time as said street, road, or alley or thoroughfare has been cleared and snow has stopped falling.

84-41 Removal and Impoundment of Vehicles.

Amend as follows:

The Police Department serving the Borough of Washington and the Code Enforcement Officer (replaces the Borough of Washington Police Department)

Article X Speed Limits 85-43

Add Lenape Trail Speed Limit 15mph (entire length)

Article XIV 85-59 Municipal Parking Lots

C other lots (1) (a): Delete

(c). Delete

(d). Change from East Church Plaza to Star Plaza

(f) Change from North Central Plaza to Pocket Park Plaza

D. Change from Theater Plaza to Theater/Methodist Church Plaza

Add: Church parking on Sunday between 7am and 2pm

Article XIV: 85- 68 Enforcing Agency:

Change to Police Department serving the Borough of Washington

Add: and by the Code Enforcement Officer

Article XVI: On Street Parking for Handicapped

85-81 Amend as follows:

Add: Allegar Street: South side beginning at a point 95 feet from the corner of Broad Street and extending 22 feet easterly.

Delete Belvidere Avenue West side in front of #187 (?)

Delete Belvidere Avenue West side in front of #189

Delete: Belvidere Avenue West side in front of #120 (?)

Delete: Belvidere Avenue West side in front of Church (need number of church)

Delete: Belvidere Avenue (Across from Squad Building)

Delete: Vanatta Street

Delete: Railroad Avenue

Delete: 40 Carlton Avenue

Delete: 62 East Church Street

Delete: 21 East Johnston Street

Delete: 12 Youman's Avenue

Delete: Washington Avenue – in front of Day Care (need building number)

Delete: Washington Avenue – in front of Warren County Pharmacy (need building number)

Delete: North side East Church Street

Add: South side East Church Street

Delete: Entire Article XVII: 85- 90-101 (Repealed)

A motion was made by Conry, seconded by Jones to approve Ordinance #4-2014 on first reading.

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

Torres
Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Public Hearing of Ordinance #4-2014 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 85 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Washington will be on December 02, 2014 and advertisement of the Public Hearing will be in the Star Gazette on November 21, 2014.

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Torres to approve advertisement of the Public Hearing of Ordinance #4-2014.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #139-2014 Recreation Commission Appointment – Thomas Iadevaia

RESOLUTION #139-2014

RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey is governed by Plan “E” of Municipal Charter Law; and

WHEREAS, under this plan the Mayor of the Borough is to appoint the members of the Recreation Commission with the consent of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, The Council does approve of this transfer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following named person is appointed as Recreation Commissioner.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Thomas Iadevaia	12/31/18

Resolution #139-2014 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #140-2014 Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate

RESOLUTION #140-2014

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 \$734.04 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Jacobs, Elizabeth M., as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 147 West Washington Ave., Block 100 Lot 34, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00039; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 10-27-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Deutsche Bank on behalf of Ocwen Financial Corporation 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 \$1,822.47 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00039.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of November, 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 **\$3,122.47** (This amount consists of \$1,822.47 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 100 Lot 34 from the tax office records.

Resolution #140-2014 was moved on a motion made by Jones, seconded by Torres and approved.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

VOUCHERS:

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$1,513,522.79

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

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba asked about the charge for legal services on page two. Manager Blanchard replied that those charges are in regards to the issue on Vanatta Street, which is going to trial in Belvidere. Councilman Jones asked about the sewer contractual services charges on page one. Manager Blanchard replied that those charges are related to the sewer project on South Prospect Street.

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

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

RECAP:

Manager Blanchard will see if Code Enforcement Officer Bescherer and herself can reach out to the prosecutor in regards to the fines. Manager Blanchard will contact the Washington Township Police Department to see if they can add parking violations to their reports. Manager Blanchard will also reach out to the owner of the Dollar Store in regards to the installation of a no thru traffic street sign. Manager Blanchard will check into the site distance on the corner of Sunrise Terrace and Oakwood Terrace. Manager Blanchard will also look into the site issue on Grand Avenue as well as make the changes to the parking ordinance and advertise it in the Star Gazette.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman Thompson expressed congratulations to the winners of the election and good luck.

Councilman Higgins stated that last year there was a tremendous amount of snow which made plowing more difficult. Councilman Higgins asked Manager Blanchard to look into the cost of renting the snow blowing machine that other municipalities in the area have used. Councilman Higgins also expressed congratulations to the newly elect Council Members.

Councilwoman Conry also expressed congratulations to the newly elected.

Councilman Torres expressed congratulations to all of the winners.

Councilwoman Gleba also congratulated the new Council Members and wished everyone all the best. Councilwoman Gleba stressed to the public how important it is that everyone gets out and votes, it was a very close race. Mayor McDonald added that approximately 1,100 residents voted. Councilwoman Gleba asked that the Streets Committee take a look at the corner of Davis Street and Green Street. Councilwoman Gleba noted that the curb was accidentally replaced with black tar which is not compliant with the Borough's zoning ordinance, it needs to be concrete. Councilwoman Gleba asked Council to keep this in mind during budget time. Councilwoman Gleba also asked if some type of mailing could go out to the residents informing them of the changes in the streets ordinance which were approved at tonight's meeting especially in regards to the snow emergency policies. Manager Blanchard replied that the Borough may have to do a special mailing because there is no mailing scheduled as of this time. Lastly, Councilwoman Gleba asked Council to keep in mind streets signs that are needed during 2015 budget time.

Mayor McDonald also offered congratulations to the Council people elect. Also, Mayor McDonald stated that he attended the 275th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church. Mayor McDonald read a proclamation for them as well as Freeholder Gardner, Assemblymen Dimaio and Peterson.

Councilman Torres asked if anyone was able to attend the BASF meeting. Mrs. Detlaf replied that she was able to attend and that they are going to continue normal production through June, 2015 and move out of the property by September, 2015.

Councilwoman Gleba commented that Council will not have the executive session to discuss the professional evaluations tonight and please bring them to the next meeting which is Monday, November 17, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, a motion made by Conry, seconded by Torres to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Mayor Scott McDonald

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk