

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – December 30, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 6:00 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: Thompson, Jones, McDonald, Higgins, Torres

Absent: Conry, Gleba

Also Present: Kristine Blanchard, Borough Manager / Municipal Clerk

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #153B-2014 Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate

RESOLUTION #153B-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 November 7, 2014 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 5 Cold Hill Rd S Ste:11, Mendham, NJ 07945, in the amount of \$594.36 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2013 in the name of Pocasangre, Evelyn as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 19 Presidential Drive, Block 72 Lot 13, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #14-00043; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 12-16-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Evelyn Pocasangre 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 \$1,148.13 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #14-00043.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 30th day of December, 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 **\$2,448.13** (This amount consists of \$1,148.13 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 72 Lot 13 from the tax office records.

Resolution #154-2014 Redemption of a Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #154-2014

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 \$692.99 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Beam, Roxann M. as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 180 West Washington Ave., Block 10 Lot 2, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00009; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 12-22-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, East West Bank on behalf of Lereta 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 \$3,547.71 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 30th day of December, 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 **\$4,547.71** (this amount consists of \$3,547.71 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,000.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 10 Lot 2 from the tax office records.

Resolution #155-2014 Redemption of a Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #155-2014

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 \$692.99 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Annese, Michael L. as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 259 West Warren St., Block 3 Lot 6, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00004; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 12-22-14 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, East West Bank on behalf of Lereta 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 \$4,465.75 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00004.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 30th day of December, 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 **\$5,465.75** (this amount consists of \$4,465.75 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,000.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 3 Lot 6 from the tax office records.

Resolutions #153B-2014, #154-2014, and #155-2014 were moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Jones and approved.

Roll Call: Thompson, Torres, Jones, McDonald, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

VOUCHERS:

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$156,423.58

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

Council Discussion:

Councilman Thompson asked about the charge for ribbon for the sewer department. Manager Blanchard replied that it is charged to the sewer operating budget but it supplies for the office located at Borough Hall in order to send out the sewer bills.

Roll Call: Torres, Jones, Thompson, McDonald, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Abstain: (1) Thompson – Fire & EMS
Motion Carried.

RECAP:

Manager Blanchard stated that she reached out to the Department of Transportation in regards to the grant for North Lincoln Avenue. Manager Blanchard verified that the D.O.T. has approved the Borough's plans. The Borough needs two quotes to do the handicapped curbing because the paving contractor will not do curb work. Manager Blanchard added that she has one quote and waiting on the other. Councilman Thompson asked about the ramp on North Lincoln Avenue that seems to go into nowhere. Manager Blanchard will take a look into the location in question and report back to Council.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Council wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Mayor Scott McDonald

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk

