

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – July 07, 2015**

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: McDonald, Higgins, Klimko, Thompson, Conry, Noone

Absent: Heinrich

Also Present: Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Manager/Clerk

**PRESENTATION OF AUDIT:**

**Tom Ferry – Auditor**

Mr. Ferry presented the Municipal Audit to the Governing Body noting that the only item the Borough could improve upon was the number of tax title liens. The Borough is holding a high amount of municipal liens. Mayor McDonald noted that the Borough is actively pursuing foreclosing on many of the municipal liens that are on the books. For first time since Mr. Ferry has been the Borough’s auditor, there are no comments or recommendations in the audit report. Mr. Ferry concluded that from an audit perspective, everything is going very well. Councilman Higgins thanked Mr. Ferry, CFO Turchan and Manager Blanchard for not having any comments and recommendations in the audit. Manager Blanchard publicly thanked all of the department-heads and staff for their hard work as well.

**MINUTES:**

**Regular Meetings – June 16, 2015**

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Noone to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of June 16, 2015

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**AUDIENCE:**

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

Mr. John Montaverde – Washington BID, Director

Mr. Montaverde provided Council with a list of volunteers participating in the Sci – Fi Fantasy Day on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> along with a list of the activities taking place and their Locations and times. Mr. Montaverde added that the BID has hired two crossing guards for the day to facilitate foot traffic.

Mr. Bob Cammarota – Washington Borough Fire Department, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Cammarota stated that the Washington Borough Fire Department was dispatched to a call regarding sewage backup into a home on South Lincoln Avenue back in January. Chief Cammarota added that the resident asked for his opinion on how to handle the situation. Chief Cammarota suggested that the residents call ServePro to help with the clean up since he had used that company for his personal home in a similar situation. Chief Cammarota added that he never said that the Borough would pay for ServePro to do the clean up.

Reverend Terrilisa Bauknight – Mt. Pisgah Ame Church, 169 N. Lincoln Avenue

Reverend Bauknight stated that the Church has checked upon their security system and the system is not working properly and she believes it has not worked properly in over two years. Reverend Bauknight added that in the past if the alarm were to go off, it would ring the police and that connection is now gone. Manager Blanchard replied that she can follow up with the Washington Township Police Department and dispatch to find out what is going on and where the call is going. Reverend Bauknight also noted that there is a utilities plate cover that has disappeared at the corner of the church parking lot and North Lincoln Avenue. Manager Blanchard replied that it sounds like since it was marked out in blue it belongs to the water company so she will contact New Jersey

American Water for resolution. Reverend Bauknight also noted that the cars and pedestrians attending the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks continues to be a problem in the North Lincoln Avenue area. Manager Blanchard replied that she plans to have better communication with Washington Celebrates America in the future and plans to attend some of their meetings to be more involved in the planning process and will address these issues at that time. Reverend Bauknight also added that there are still the ongoing issues on North Lincoln Avenue with the tractor trailer parking on the roadway and now an older car as well. Mayor McDonald replied that he can have Code Enforcement Officer Bescherer take a look at the property. Reverend Bauknight asked if North Lincoln Avenue was on the schedule for paving yet. Borough Engineer, Mr. Bloom replied that there were some issues with the contractor who completed the curbing work and those issues should be resolved next week.

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

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

### Jackson Avenue Block Party Request

#### Council Discussion:

Councilman Thompson stated that there is a lot of truck traffic on Jackson Avenue. Councilwoman Klimko replied that the road would be blocked off and there is an alternate route. Mr. Gary Taylor from 18 Jackson Avenue stated that the truck traffic is very light on Saturdays since most of the truck traffic is Monday thru Friday. Mr. Taylor also stated that the area will be well marked letting them know that the road is closed and will be proactive to let people in the area know about the road being closed for the block party ahead of time. Mayor McDonald replied that the D.P.W. will put out the barricades ahead of time.

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Klimko to allow for the residents of Jackson Avenue to move forward with their block party on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

#### Warren County Mosquito Control Commission

#### Council Discussion:

Manager Blanchard stated that the Warren County Mosquito Control Commission wishes to remove a blockage from a portion of the Shabecong Creek that runs along the Borough's property which is right near the sewer plant between Route 57 and sewer plant property directly west of Abilities. Manager Blanchard added that the Warren County Mosquito Control Commission is requesting to come in at no cost to the Borough and remove the blockage.

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry to give permission to the Warren County Mosquito Control Commission as long as if D.E.P. approval is obtained if needed.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

#### **REPORTS:**

A motion was made by Conry, seconded by Thompson to receive and file the following reports:

1. Municipal Court Report – May 2015

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Sewer Committee**

Councilman Higgins stated that Finelli Engineering videoed the siphon in the South Prospect Street area. Mr. Bloom added that the video was done to see if the two lines that make up the siphon are capable of handling a possible force main to be run through it. Mr. Bloom stated that both of the lines are cast iron and appear to be in good condition so that a force main would be able to go through the eight inch line. Councilman Higgins

added that this solution is a fix versus other alternatives and recommends that Council proceed with this solution. Mr. Bloom added that the next step would be to start the process to put the construction documents and specifications together along with starting the permitting process.

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Noone to have Mr. Bloom move forward with the process to add a force main as a fix to the South Prospect Street sewer issue and approved.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Resolution #101-2015 - Adjust Sewer Billings**

**RESOLUTION # 101-2015**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST SEWER BILLINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 70, SECTION 28B OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington commenced operations of a municipal sewer utility in January of 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, certain facts have come to the attention of the Borough to justify modification of sewer service charges which have been reviewed by the Borough Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, notice has been provided to the owner(s) of the property or properties listed below of the action proposed to be taken with the date, time and place where the Mayor and Council will meet to consider change(s) in the E.D.U.'s assigned to the property or properties listed below; and

**WHEREAS**, all parties affected by this resolution will be notified of the action taken, in writing, and notified of an opportunity to appear, in person, at a formal hearing of the governing body, if dissatisfied with the decisions made herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the following changes in the sewer service charge(s) are approved:

<b>BLOCK/LOT</b>	<b>NAME/ADDRESS</b>	<b>REASON/ADJUSTMENT</b>
73/1	A D P P Enterprises Inc. 233 E. Washington Ave. Washington, NJ 07882	Change in Use (29) to (2) E.D.U.'s Effective: July 2015

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk be directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to all parties affected by this resolution and advise them of their right to protest the decision and request a formal hearing before the governing body, as provided in Chapter 70, Section 13. If no protest is filed, the decisions contained herein shall be considered final.

Resolution #101-2015 was moved on a motion made by Noone, seconded by Conry and approved.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Amendment to Recreation By-Laws**

Manager Blanchard stated that the Recreation Commission has ratified their By-Laws to allow for their two maintenance workers to have one free pool pass which is equivalent to \$110. The second change to their By-Laws is actually changing their own purchasing policy by lowering the threshold for quotes.

The Amendment to the Recreation By-Laws was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Noone and approved.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**Resolution #106-2015 Redemption of Tax Certificate**

**RESOLUTION #106-2015**

**A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**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 JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, in the amount of \$1,406.21 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2013 in the name of Rosillo, Paul & Karina as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 160-162 Belvidere Avenue, Block 33 Lot 1, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #14-00026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6-11-15 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Comerica Bank on behalf of Corelogic Tax Service, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by JU Solo 401K Trust by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$4,383.58 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #14-00026.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 7th day of July, 2015 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 in the **amount of \$6,183.58** (This amount consists of \$4,383.58 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,800.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 33 Lot 1 from the tax office records.

**Resolution #107-2015 Redemption of Tax Certificate**

**RESOLUTION #107-2015**

**A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**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 \$1,488.78 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2013 in the name of Pollock, Kristen as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 177 E. Washington Ave., Block 80 Lot 6, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #14-00048; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6-11-15 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Comerica Bank on behalf of 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 \$1,488.78 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #14-00048.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 7th day of July, 2015 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 **\$2,788.78** (This amount consists of \$1,488.78 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 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 #108-2015 Redemption of Tax Certificate**

#### **RESOLUTION #108-2015**

#### **A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**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 \$1,574.13 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2013 in the name of Gentile, Joseph A. as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 59 Lenape Trail, Block 101 Lot 13.33, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #14-00076; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6-16-15 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Joseph A. Gentile 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 \$1,574.13 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #14-00076.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 7th day of July, 2015 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 **\$2,874.13** (This amount consists of \$1,574.13 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 101 Lot 13.33 from the tax office records.

**Resolution #109-2015 Redemption of Tax Certificate**

**RESOLUTION #109-2015**

**A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**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 \$691.51 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2013 in the name of Filippone, Jill as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 90 Grand Avenue, Block 16.01 Lot 18, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #14-00018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6-19-15 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 \$1,583.69 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #14-00018.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 7th day of July, 2015 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 **\$2,883.69** (This amount consists of \$1,583.69 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 16.01 Lot 18 from the tax office records.

**Resolution #110-2015 Redemption of Tax Certificate**

**RESOLUTION #110-2015**

**A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**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 \$684.71 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2013 in the name of France, Edward S. as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 11 Vannatta Street, Block 81.01 Lot 4, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #14-00051;

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6-23-15 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 \$2,429.24 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #14-00051.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 7th day of July, 2015 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 **\$3,729.24** (This amount consists of \$2,429.24 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 81.01 Lot 4 from the tax office records.

#### **Resolution #111-2015 Redemption of Tax Certificate**

#### **RESOLUTION #111-2015**

#### **A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**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 \$682.16 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2013 in the name of Ron, Sonia as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 107 Park Avenue, Block 82 Lot 20.01, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #14-00053; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6-23-15 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 \$1,574.15 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #14-00053.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 7th day of July, 2015 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 **\$2,874.15** (This amount consists of \$1,574.15 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 82 Lot 20.01 from the tax office records.

**Resolution #112-2015 Redemption of Tax Certificate**

**RESOLUTION #112-2015**

**A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**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, 2015 to US Bank Cust for Pro Capital 4, 50 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$1,469.67 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2013 in the name of Hale, Kenneth C. as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 51-53 Vannatta Street, Block 94 Lot 25 , which sale was evidenced by Certificate #14-00059; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6-23-15 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 US Bank Cust for Pro Capital 4 by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$3,339.20 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #14-00059.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 7th day of July, 2015 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 for Pro Capital 4, 50 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of **\$5,039.20** (This amount consists of \$3,339.20 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,700.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 94 Lot 25 from the tax office records.

**Resolution #114-2015 Redemption of Tax Certificate**

**RESOLUTION #114-2015**

**A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**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 Arthur Frustaci, 1178 Fifth Avenue, Alpha, NJ 08865, in the amount of \$181.80 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2012 in the name of Corday, Thomas, as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 70 Alvin Sloan Avenue, Block 2.12 Lot 16, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #13-00003; and

**WHEREAS**, I, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6-29-15 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, EastWest Bank on behalf of Municipal Data Services claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Arthur Frustaci by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$1,632.50, which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #13-00003.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 7th day of July, 2015 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Arthur Frustaci, 1178 Fifth Avenue, Alpha, NJ 08865 in the **amount of \$1,632.50**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 2.12 Lot 16 from the tax office records.

#### **Resolution #115-2015 Redemption of Tax Certificate**

#### **RESOLUTION #115-2015**

#### **A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**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 US Bank Cust for Pro Capital 4, 50 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$1,025.97 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2013 in the name of U.S. Bank, NA as Trustee, as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 238-242 Belvidere Avenue, Block 35 Lot 42 , which sale was evidenced by Certificate #14-00027; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6-29-15 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 US Bank Cust for Pro Capital 4 by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$3,793.68 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #14-00027.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 7th day of July, 2015 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 for Pro Capital 4, 50 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia,

PA 19102 in the amount of **\$3,793.68**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 35 Lot 42 from the tax office records.

**Resolution #116-2015 Redemption of Tax Certificate**

**RESOLUTION #116-2015**

**A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**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 \$704.32 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2013 in the name of Ordonez, Luisa & Inel, Burak as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 29 South Jackson Avenue, Block 81 Lot 6, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #14-00050; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6-30-15 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Comerica 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 \$1,596.76 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #14-00050.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 7th day of July, 2015 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 **\$2,896.76** (This amount consists of \$1,596.76 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 81 Lot 6 from the tax office records.

Resolutions #106-2015, #107-2015, #108-2015, #109-2015, #110-2015, #111-2015, #112-2015, #114-2015, #115-2015 and #116-2015 were moved on a motion made by Conry, seconded by Noone and approved.

Roll Call: Klimko, McDonald, Conry, Higgins, Thompson, Noone  
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**Resolution #113-2015 Refund of Overpayment on 2014 Real Estate Taxes**

**RESOLUTION #113-2015**

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT**

**ON 2014 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$1,824.56 on 2014 2nd Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 78 Washington Square Circle, also known as Block 73.02 Lot 39, and in the name of Schultz, Justin & Lisa; and

**WHEREAS**, Attorney Eric Wasser paid 2nd Quarter 2014 taxes for the purchaser at the closing and CoreLogic Tax Service also paid 2nd Quarter 2014 for the former property owner, Justin Schultz; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has received a written request from CoreLogic that the overpayment be refunded to them.

**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 \$1,824.56 payable to:

CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service  
Attn: Tax Refunds  
1 CoreLogic Drive  
Mail Code: DFW 1-3  
West Lake, TX 76262

Resolution #113-2015 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Roll Call: Klimko, McDonald, Conry, Higgins, Thompson, Noone  
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**Resolution #117-2015 Municipal Alliance Grant Approval – Shared Service  
Borough of Washington, Township of Franklin, Township of Mansfield**

**RESOLUTION #117-2015**

**MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT APPROVAL – SHARED SERVICE**  
**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, TOWNSHIP OF**  
**MANSFIELD**

Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2015-June  
2016

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED** by the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough of Washington does hereby authorize submission of a Strategic plan for the Franklin/Mansfield/Washington Boro Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year July 2015-June 2016 in the amount of:

DEDR	<u>\$ 6,497.00</u>
Cash Match	<u>\$ 1,949.00</u>
In-Kind	<u>\$ 4,873.00</u>

2. The Township/Borough/City Council acknowledges the terms and Conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Council Discussion:

Mayor McDonald added that this resolution breaks out the Borough's portion from the combined resolution that was approved at a previous meeting.

Resolution #117-2015 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Roll Call: Klimko, McDonald, Conry, Higgins, Thompson, Noone  
 Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
 Motion Carried

**Resolution #118-2015 North Lincoln Avenue Resurfacing**

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**  
**WARREN COUNTY/STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**RESOLUTION #118-2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF AWARDED, NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE RESURFACING**

Be it resolved, that on July 7, 2015 the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington adopted #118-2015 to award unit bid prices for individual construction items to perform the necessary construction to complete the Resurfacing of North Lincoln Avenue, a New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid funded project with a total project grant award in the amount of \$50,000

Be it further resolved, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington does hereby award unit prices for individual construction items based unit prices as awarded under the individual contracts awarded by the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council bidding process with a total cost of \$36,476.85. The award is made to the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council vendor, Tilcon New York, which included the following items and unit prices:

ITEM TOTAL NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	UNIT EXTENSION
1	2" Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) 12.5M64	362	TN	\$74.25	\$26,878.50
3	HMA Milling 0-2"	3,147	SY	\$3.05	\$9,598.35
				<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$36,476.85</u>



Be it further resolved, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington does hereby award unit prices for individual construction items based unit prices as from the proposals solicited with a total cost of \$17,500. The award is made to Tony & Son, Inc., which included the following items and unit prices:

ITEM TOTAL NO. EXTENSION	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	UNIT
2	Asphalt Driveway		20	SY	\$46.00	\$920.00
4	Concrete Sidewalk, 4" Thick		375	SF	\$20.00	\$7,500.00
5	Concrete Vertical Curb		160	LF	\$48.00	\$7,680.00
6	Detectable Warning Surface		4	UN	\$250.00	\$1,000.00
7	Asphalt Repair		80	SF	\$5.00	\$400.00
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Resolution #118-2015 was moved on a motion made by Noone, seconded by Higgins and approved.

**Council Discussion:**

Manager Blanchard commented that this is standard operating procedure which has to be done as a formality in order for the Borough to receive the funds.

Roll Call: Klimko, McDonald, Conry, Thompson, Noone, Higgins  
Ayes: 6, Nays:0  
Motion Carried

Councilman Higgins noted that he along with the Borough Engineer, Mr. Bloom took a

look at the situation on Green Street that has been going on for quite a few years. Mr. Bloom produced a cost estimate to have the work done and is in need of authorization from the Council to proceed.

Motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry to authorize Mr. Bloom to move forward and obtain quotes for the work that needs to be done on Green Street.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

### **VOUCHERS:**

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$941,176.80

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

Roll Call: Conry, Klimko, McDonald, Higgins, Thompson,  
Noone  
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Abstain: (1) Thompson (Fire & EMS only)  
Motion Carried

### **RECAP:**

Manager Blanchard will work with CFO Turchan to have a resolution prepared to remove the assessment trust balances from the audit report. Manager Blanchard also noted she will have the D.P.W. sweep and mow the area downtown before the BID's Sci-Fi Fantasy Day on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>. Manager Blanchard will assist the Mt. Pisgah AME Church with their ADT issues and also reach out to New Jersey American Water regarding the plate that is missing in the church parking lot. Manager Blanchard will also notify the Washington Township Police, Washington Borough Fire Department, the Washington Borough Emergency Squad and the D.P.W. in regards to the block party located on Jackson Avenue on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>. Manager Blanchard will discuss the truck issues on North Lincoln Avenue with Code Enforcement Officer Bescherer. Manager Blanchard will also work with the Borough Engineer, Mr. Dawson Bloom on obtaining quotes for the work on Green Street.

**COUNCIL REMARKS:**

Councilwoman Noone asked about the status of the Jake braking ordinance that had been discussed previously. Manager Blanchard replied that Council can introduce that ordinance at the next meeting separate from the nuisance ordinance which was previously tabled.

Councilman Thompson asked about the status of the scrap metal program. Manager Blanchard replied that Cinelli removed the scrap metal dumpster due to lack of movement since the dumpster was not generating enough revenue. Manager Blanchard is looking into an alternative solution with a local scrap metal dealer to place another container at the D.P.W. for collection.

Councilwoman Klimko stated that Manager Blanchard received a grant opportunity to obtain a dedicated bulletin board for the Senior Advisory Committee. Councilwoman Klimko also stated that the Senior Advisory Committee is also planning a trip to Longwood Gardens in the fall.

Councilman Higgins thanked the Borough Engineer, Mr. Dawson Bloom for all of his hard work. Councilman Higgins also commented that the Washington Celebrates America should be commended for their hard work with the Orange Crate Derby along with the parade and the fireworks. Councilman Higgin asked Manager Blanchard to contact the Washington Township Police Department and have them put up a speed sign on North Lincoln Avenue near the Mt. Pisgah AME Church. Councilman Higgins noted that he was very impressed with Manager Blanchard's report prior to the Council Meeting.

Mayor McDonald stated that the Library Board has advertised for a Library Director at 29.5 hours per week and the initial interviews are completed. Mayor McDonald is hopeful to have a Library Director around September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At this time, Mayor McDonald stated that an Executive Session is needed for the purpose of contract negotiations. A motion was made by Noone, seconded by Thompson to enter into Executive Session after a five minute recess.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION # 123-2015**  
**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act; *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, declares it to be the public policy of the State to insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act also recognizes exceptions to the right of the public to attend portions of such meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council find it necessary to conduct an executive session closed to the public as permitted by the *N.J.S.A. 40:4-12*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the executive session;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that they will conduct an executive session to discuss the following topic(s) as permitted by *N.J.S.A. 40:4-12*:

\_\_\_\_\_A matter which Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court requires be kept confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon: \_\_\_\_\_);

\_\_\_\_\_A matter where the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

\_\_\_\_\_A matter whose disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

\_\_\_\_\_A collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions thereof (Specify contract: \_\_\_\_\_);

\_\_\_\_\_A matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed; Real Estate Acquisitions

\_\_\_\_\_Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

\_\_\_\_\_Investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party; (The general nature of the litigation or contract negotiations is: \_\_\_/Personnel\_\_\_ The public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position in the litigation

or negotiation; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.)

\_\_\_\_\_Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as a lawyer; (The general nature of the matter is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ the public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position with respect to the matter being discussed; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.);

\_\_\_\_Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective or current public officer or employee of the public body, where all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected have not requested in writing that the matter(s) be discussed at a public meeting; (The employee(s) and/or general nature of discussion is: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ the public disclosure of such information at this time would violate the employee(s) privacy rights; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the threat to privacy rights no longer exists.;

\_\_\_\_\_Deliberation occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty or loss of a license or permit;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby declare that their discussion of the subject(s) identified above may be made public at a time when the Borough Attorney advises them that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Borough or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council, for the reasons set forth above, hereby declare that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place.

A motion was made by Conry, seconded by Higgins, to go out of Executive Session.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

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Mayor Scott McDonald

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Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk