

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – April 5, 2016**

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: Klimko, Heinrich, Conry, McDonald, Thompson, Higgins
Noone (arrived at 8:00p.m.)

Also Present: Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Manager/Clerk
Dawson Bloom, Municipal Engineer

COUNCIL APPEARANCE:

Ruth Grabner – Painting Donation

Mrs. Grabner stated that she is a native of Washington and a graduate of Washington High School. Mrs. Grabner added that she attended Pratt Institute in New York City and completed a detailed map of Washington, NJ as a senior year project in 1956. Mrs. Grabner last saw her painting way upstairs in a conference room at the Habitat for Humanity. Mrs. Grabner stated that she would like her painting displayed in Borough Hall and presented it to Council. Mrs. Grabner added that she is in business cutting silhouettes, which she was nominated into the Who’s Who by the Washington Women’s Club in recognition of her hard work, dedication, perseverance, and demonstrating leadership and achievement in her occupation. Mayor McDonald thanked Mrs. Grabner for the wonderful donation.

Trust for Public Land – Mr. Justin Balik

Mr. Balik appeared before Council in response to the request for technical assistance that the governing body issued to look into potential options that the Borough has for funding for open space measures. Mr. Balik stated that here in New Jersey, the Trust for Public Land has worked to pass thirty five successful open space measures since 1996 working with municipalities, counties and statewide measures as well. The benefit to

Washington Borough is a dedicated source of matching funding from the county and state programs as well for historic preservation or specific projects. Mr. Balik added that the Borough could design a referendum question that would go before the voters to deal with a specific property or designate the funds towards open space conservation and park development which is more broad and will give the Borough more flexibility. The way for local governments in New Jersey to create funding for an ongoing land conservation effort is through voter passage of a local dedicated property tax commonly referred to as the open space tax. The average estimated cost of the open space tax per household would be between \$20 and \$55 per year. Mr. Balik noted that the next step would be to conduct a survey of voters to see if the conservation of open space is something the voters would be interested in. Mayor McDonald asked Council if they would like to move forward with the survey process. Councilman Higgins asked how the survey would be conducted. Mr. Balik replied that the survey is conducted via phone calls to registered voters with straight forward questions asking their opinion on the conservation of open space. Councilman Higgins stated that he would like to see the questions that will be asked to the voters before moving forward.

A motion made by Higgins, seconded by Heinrich to propose the survey questions for Council approval

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes February 16, 2016

Motion made by Conry, seconded by Thompson to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 16, 2016.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes March 15, 2016

Motion made by Conry, seconded by Thompson to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 15, 2016.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

AUDIENCE:

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

John Montaverde – Executive Director, Washington BID

Mr. Montaverde provided Council with an update on the Farmer’s Market and other BID events from April until the end of the year. Mr. Montaverde added that the flyers have also been distributed through the local schools. Mr. Montaverde also discussed the Arts, Sweets & Craft Beer Festival which has approximately thirty five vendors participating. Mr. Montaverde stated that the BID has entered into an agreement with Comcast for an advertising discount deal for BID businesses. The BID has also applied for two grants from the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce to help pay for the new flower pots and also to help replace the banners downtown.

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

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets Committee

Manager Blanchard stated that the Streets Committee met last Monday and discussed a few items. The first being the streets that the Borough will potentially pave this year, which are McDonald Street (from Carlton Avenue through the cul-de-sac), Flower Avenue (from Harding Drive to Sunrise Terrace), West Warren Street (from Lincoln Avenue to Belvidere Avenue), and East Stewart Street (from Lincoln Avenue to Belvidere Avenue). Manager Blanchard added that the Streets Committee is also looking at potentially paving Fisher Avenue, O’Shea Avenue, and James Street as well as obtaining pricing on Grand Avenue. Municipal Engineer Bloom added that he would consider Grand Avenue a separate project based on the condition of the roadway.

Mr. Bloom stated that the mid-block crossing and status of the bump outs was also discussed at the Streets Committee meeting. Mr. Montaverde added that at the BID meeting there were a lot of concerns in regards to the mid-block crossing. The BID is opposed to removing the bump outs and also moving the clock. The BID feels the bump outs give character to the center of town and facilitate the many BID sponsored festivals. Mr. Montaverde noted that Manager Blanchard did invite members of the BID Executive Board to join in on the Streets Committee meetings to further discuss the mid-block

crossing. Mr. Bloom suggested having a structured conversation with the Streets Committee along with members from the BID Executive Board to determine the best course of action is moving forward. Mayor McDonald added that he would like to see some type of a lighting system that notifies motorists that someone is trying to cross the street. Mr. Bloom added that every option can be taken into account and all variables will be considered to determine the best course of action moving forward.

Sewer Committee

Mr. Bloom stated that the Sewer Committee had a preconstruction meeting with Veolia Water and Bartha Construction relative to the South Prospect Street sewer replacement project. The first phase of that project is the replacement of the sewer main along Gardener's Court and placement of the sewer laterals to tie into the new main. Mr. Bloom added that the contractor has the materials ordered and is just waiting for delivery. Councilman Higgins added that the second phase of the project is under review at the Department of Environment Protection and Mr. Bloom anticipates an approval soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amendment to Power Purchase Agreement – Washington Community Solar

A motion made by Conry, seconded by McDonald to approve the Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement.

Council Discussion:

Councilman Higgins expressed concern that Council was not informed that the two cent increase on the DPW garage was added to the new Power Purchase Agreement.

Roll Call: Conry, Heinrich, McDonald
Ayes: 3, Nays: (3) Thompson, Klimko, Higgins
Motion Failed

A motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry to bring the Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement up for re-discussion when Councilwoman Noone is present.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #57-2016 Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #57-2016

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 16, 2015 to US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust, 50 South 16th St. Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513, in the amount of \$684.67 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2014 in the name of Higgins, Andrew & Heidi as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 75 Railroad Ave., Block 79 Lot 24, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #15-00038; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3-14-16 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 US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust, by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$5,263.94 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #15-00038.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of April, 2016 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 BV001 Trust, 50 South 16th St. Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513, in the amount of **\$7,063.94** (This amount consists of \$5,263.94 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,800.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 79 Lot 24 from the tax office records.

Resolution #58-2016 Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #58-2016

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 16, 2015 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the

amount of \$8,137.19 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2014 in the name of Walton, Roger as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 25 Washington Square Circle, Block 73.01 Lot 31, which sale was evidenced by certificate #15-00036; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3-16-16 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Roger Walton 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 \$14,974.13 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #15-00036.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of April, 2016 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, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876 in the amount of **\$45,974.13** (This consists of \$14,974.13 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$31,000.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 73.01 Lot 31 from the tax office records.

Resolution #59-2016 Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #59-2016

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 16, 2015 to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, in the amount of \$182.41 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2014 in the name of Christian, Robert I as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 165 Broad Street, Block 96 Lot 2, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #15-00044; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3-16-16 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 \$529.29 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #15-00044.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of April, 2016 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 \$629.29** (This amount consists of \$529.29 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$100.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 96 Lot 2 from the tax office records.

Resolution #60-2016 Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #60-2016

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 16, 2015 to US Bank Cust for Actlien Holding Inc., 50 South 16th St., Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA, 19102 in the amount of \$1,645.55 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2014 in the name of Floyd, Laralyn supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 44 W. Stewart St., Block 14 Lot 16, which sale was evidenced by certificate #15-00008; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3-21-16 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, EastWest Bank claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Actlien Holding Inc. by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$2,400.92 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #15-00008.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of April, 2016 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 Actlien Holding Inc., 50 South 16th St., Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of **\$5,000.92** (This consists of \$2,400.92 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,600.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 14 Lot 16 from the tax office records.

Resolution #61-2016 Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #61-2016

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 16, 2015 to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, in the amount of \$687.00 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2014 in the name of Gunter, Marvin C. II as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 155 S. Lincoln Avenue, Block 97.03 Lot 13, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #15-00046; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3-21-16 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 \$1,381.47 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #15-00046.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of April, 2016 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 \$2,681.47** (This amount consists of \$1,381.47 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 97.03 Lot 13 from the tax office records.

Resolution #62-2016 Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #62-2016

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 16, 2015 to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, in the amount of \$580.42 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2014 in the name of Sloan, Robert W. III & Katherine M. as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 105 Sunrise Terrace, Block 44.01 Lot 15, which sale was evidenced by Certificate

#15-00029; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3-21-16 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 \$1,272.76 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #15-00029.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of April, 2016 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 \$2,772.76** (This amount consists of \$1,272.76 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,500.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 44.01 Lot 15 from the tax office records.

Resolution #64-2016 Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #64-2016

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 16, 2015 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$1,001.76 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2014 in the name of Diamond, Gary J. & Courtney as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 317 Belvidere Ave., Block 6 Lot 62, which sale was evidenced by certificate #15-00002; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3-28-16 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Comerica Bank on behalf of Bayview Loan Servicing 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 \$3,873.70 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #15-00002.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of April, 2016 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, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876 in the amount of **\$6,073.70** (This consists of \$3,873.70 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,200.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 6 Lot 62 from the tax office records.

Resolution #72-2016 Redemption of Tax Certificate

RESOLUTION #72-2016

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 MTAG/Cust for Alterna Fund LLC, P.O. Box 54817, New Orleans, LA 70154, in the amount of \$6,238.22 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2013 in the name of Sutton, Dolson III & Tina as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 64 Lenape Trail, Block 101 Lot 15.10, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #14-00078; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3-31-16 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Wells Fargo, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by MTAG/Cust for Alterna Fund LLC, by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$15,312.65 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #14-00078.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of April, 2016 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to MTAG/Cust for Alterna Fund LLC, P.O. Box 54817, New Orleans, LA 70154 in the amount of **\$33,312.65** (This amount consists of \$15,312.65 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$18,000.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 101 Lot 15.10 from the tax office records.

Resolutions #57-2016, #58-2016, #59-2016, #60-2016, #61-2016, #62-2016, #64-2016 and #72-2016 were moved on a motion made by Conry, seconded by Heinrich and approved.

Roll Call: Klimko, Conry, Heinrich, Higgins, McDonald,
Thompson

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Resolution #63-2016 Authorization for Application of the 2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant

RESOLUTION #63-2016

**OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON,
WARREN COUNTY. TO APPLY FOR A 2015
RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the **2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant** will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Borough Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Kristine Blanchard, Borough Manager, to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Resolution #63-2016 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #65-2016 Authorizing Adjustment of Borough's Sewer Service Charge due to Disconnection from Sewer System

RESOLUTION #65-2016

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF A
BOROUGH'S SEWER SERVICE CHARGE DUE TO DISCONNECTION
FROM THE SEWER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, according to the Treasurer's records, a borough property located at 310 East Washington Avenue was disconnected from the Washington Borough Sewer system on October 30, 2015 and;

WHEREAS, the quarterly sewer invoice was being billed without interruption for the 2016 billing cycle and;

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer's office has received a written notification from Sewer Plant Manager, Kevin Shoudt that the sewer line was capped off. It was confirmed that the property at 310 East Washington Avenue was disconnected from the Washington Borough Sewer system. The property is currently under construction and will be reconnected to the main sewer line later in 2016.

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 Borough Treasurer is authorized to adjust the sewer account #1565-1 with a zero balance which reflects the amount due at the time the sewer connection was capped.

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY OWNER/ PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>FINAL BAL. AFTER CAP</u>
72/26	William Scharlau 310 East Washington Avenue	\$ 0.00

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 Borough Treasurer is authorized to adjust sewer balance on the above property location.

Resolution #65-2016 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #67-2016 Temporary Appropriation Current Fund

RESOLUTION #67-2016

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY
APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT FUND**

WHEREAS, there will be a delay in the adoption of the 2016 Borough of Washington, County of Warren, New Jersey, Local Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, a temporary budget in the amount of 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2015 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance was adopted in January 2016; and

WHEREAS, if additional funds are not budgeted the public welfare will be adversely affected; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer this emergency temporary appropriation be authorized

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, New Jersey, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20, an emergency temporary appropriation be and same is hereby made for in the amount of \$1,388,932.62 and that said emergency temporary appropriation shall be provided in full in the 2016 budget.

Resolution #67-2016 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

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

Resolution #69-2016 Appointment of Fire Official Matt Lopez to the Planning Board

RESOLUTION 69-2016

PLANNING BOARD – COUNCIL MEMBER
CLASS II MEMBER

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

WHEREAS, under this plan the Mayor is directed and authorized to appoint certain members of the Planning Board.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Borough Official, **Class II Member** hereby is appointed to serve.

Matt Lopez

Term to expire on **January 1, 2017.**

The above Declaration was an appointment made by the Mayor with Council consent.

Resolution #69-2016 was moved on a motion made by Conry, seconded by Thompson and approved.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Authorizing the Master Subscription Agreement for the GovPilot Program

A motion made by Conry, seconded by McDonald to authorize the Master Subscription Agreement for the GovPilot Program.

Council Discussion:

Councilman Higgins asked about the cost of the program. Manager Blanchard replied that the cost for the first year is \$6, 250 and \$10,000 has been budgeted for the program. Manager Blanchard added that she has chosen Business and Food Handlers, Reporting & Concerns, Zoning Permits, Certificate of Occupancies and Fire Inspections to start out with.

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

Resolution #71-2016 Appointing Matt Lopez as the Fire Official at the Recommendation of the Borough Manager and the Fire Chief.

RESOLUTION #71-2016

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON APPOINTING
MATT LOPEZ AS FIRE OFFICIAL**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey requires an official Resolution of the Governing Body for the Appointment of Fire Official; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Washington Borough has been informed by the Borough Manager, Kristine Blanchard and the Fire Chief, Joe Fox Jr. of their recommendation of Matt Lopez to the position of Fire Official, pending a Civil Service Examination; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of Washington Borough in the County of Warren, and the State of New Jersey that Matt Lopez is hereby appointed by the Governing Body of Washington Borough as the Fire Official of the Borough of Washington.

Resolution #71-2016 was moved on a motion made by Conry, seconded by Higgins and approved.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution #73-2016 Approval of Grant Application for Shade Tree Commission

Council Discussion:

Mayor McDonald added that this grant application is to acquire and plant fifty five trees in accordance with the Borough of Washington's Community Forestry Management Program.

Resolution #73-2016 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$1,903,428.95

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

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

RECAP:

Manager Blanchard will get additional information together on the Trust for Public Land for Council to review. Manager Blanchard will also follow up with Attorney Parikh on the public utility insurance agreement. Manager Blanchard added that there is a Streets Committee meeting at Finelli Engineering on Monday, April 11th at 9:30.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilwoman Conry asked Councilman Higgins if he looked into the paving work on Park Avenue that the Environmental Protection Agency was supposed to take care of. Councilman Higgins replied that he did not have a chance to look into it. Municipal Engineer Bloom replied that he will look into the matter and reach out to the E.P.A.

Councilman Thompson stated that there was a fire next door to his home. He thanked the Washington Borough Fire Department, the Washington Township Fire Department and also the Hackettstown Fire Department for their quick response. Councilman Thompson also mentioned that former Mayor Don Strelecki passed away over the weekend.

Councilwoman Klimko updated Council on the Senior Advisory Committee's bus trip to the Sands Casino which is almost sold out and reminded everyone about the picnic on May 14th at Borough Park.

Mayor McDonald commented that there was a medical incident at the Washington Borough Public Library a week or two ago where someone had a seizure. Mayor McDonald stated that this incident brought his attention to the fact that there are only one or two employees in all of the Borough buildings that have any medical AED/CPR/First Aid training. Mayor McDonald discussed the lack of training with Manager Blanchard who reached out to OEM, Kurt Klausfelder who is willing to provide the CPR/First Aid training to Borough employees on a voluntary basis.

Councilwoman Noone arrived at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At this time, Mayor McDonald stated that an Executive Session is needed. A motion was made by Conry, seconded by Higgins to enter into Executive Session after a ten minute recess.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 70-2016

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;

Resolution #66-2016 Authorizing a Five Month Extension of the Police Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Washington and the Township of Washington at the Expiration of its Initial Term for an Additional Five (5) Months.

RESOLUTION # 66-2016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FIVE MONTH EXTENTION OF POLICE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AT THE EXPIRATION OF ITS INITIAL TERM FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) MONTHS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Washington to provide police services for the period from August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2016 (including all amendments thereafter); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington and the Township of Washington are currently negotiating a renewal of the Shared Services Agreement and in the event that such negotiations goes beyond July 31, 2016 then the Borough of Washington and the Township of Washington wish to extend the agreement to December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, if at any time the Borough of Washington and the Township of Washington reach an agreement to renew the Shared Services Agreement, such term of this extension shall terminate upon the commencement of the first day of the renewal date of said Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that the term of the Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Washington and the Township of Washington is extended to December 31, 2016.

Resolution #66-2016 was moved on a motion made by Higgins, seconded by Conry and approved.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Amendment to Power Purchase Agreement – Washington Community Solar – Further Council Discussion:

Mayor McDonald summarized previous discussion for Councilwoman Noone in regards to the 11 cent charge for the DPW versus the 9 cent charge for the Sewer Plant.

Councilwoman Noone replied that she remembered some discussion in regards to the DPW garage costing more because it needed to be separated however, it was quite some time ago.

A motion made by Higgins, seconded by Klimko to approve the Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement upon further discussion.

Roll Call: Conry, Heinrich, McDonald, Noone, Thompson,
Klimko, Higgins

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Heinrich, seconded by Conry to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Mayor Scott McDonald

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk