

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – February 7, 2017

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 Higgins read the following statement into the record:

“The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and Express-Times and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

Mayor Higgins led everyone in the flag salute.

Roll Call: Heinrich, Higgins, Jones, Klimko, Valle

Absent: Noone, Thompson

Also Present: Ann Kilduff, Borough Clerk; Matthew Hall, Borough Manager; and Lieutenant Teter

MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2017

A motion was made by Heinrich, seconded by Klimko, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 17, 2017.

Ayes: 4; Nays: 0; Abstain: 1 (Jones)

Motion Carried

Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2017 (Proofed for Content Only)

A motion was made by Heinrich, seconded by Klimko, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 17, 2017.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Jones)

Motion Carried

AUDIENCE

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

Lester Suggs, Executive Director of Just One Big Happy Family in Bloomfield, NJ

L. Suggs spoke to Council requesting a letter of support in opening a home for veterans which includes a ninety day treatment and counseling program. He gave a brief history of Just One Big Happy Family which offers help to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance abuse. After a brief discussion, Mayor Higgins requested a model for a home and M. Hall will schedule a meeting with L. Suggs. Mayor Higgins thanked L. Suggs for the work he does.

J. Monteverde, BID Director

J. Monteverde provided Council with information regarding a meeting with Senator Doherty and upcoming 2017 events.

Reverend Bauknight – Library Board of Trustees President

Reverend Bauknight requested a copy of the new contract for library employees which M. Hall will provide.

Mike Franks, 43 Nunn Avenue

M. Franks spoke in favor of assistance to veterans as discussed by Lester Suggs. He read a letter of support regarding the upcoming public hearing of the Shabbecong Mountain Preserve grant application and provided M. Hall with a copy.

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

REPORTS

A motion was made by Heinrich, seconded by Jones, to receive and file the following reports:

1. Washington Township Police Department – Press Release – January 12, 2017
2. Washington Township Police Department – Press Release – January 21, 2017
3. Washington Township Police Department – Monthly Report for December
4. Manager’s Personnel Report for January
5. Fire Official – Monthly Report for January
6. Zoning Officer – Monthly Report for January
7. Road Department – Monthly Report for January

Councilwoman Klimko asked for clarification on the Fire Official’s report regarding the alarm at Veola. M. Hall explained it is being addressed. Per Councilwoman Klimko’s request, Rudy Bescherer explained numerous violations at 3 Hahn Terrace as mentioned in his Zoning Officer report. Councilwoman Klimko and Rudy Bescherer discussed the EDU’s at the Shammy Shine carwash.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee reports at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 4-2014 entitled “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 85 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Washington” was tabled pending further review.

ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Heinrich, seconded by Valle, to introduce Ordinance 2017-01 entitled “Ordinance of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Creating Chapter _____ of the Code of the Borough of Washington Entitled “Unified Electronic Reporting System for Dealers in Precious Metals and Other Secondhand Goods”.

ROLL CALL: Heinrich, Valle, Jones, Klimko, Higgins
Ayes: 5; Nays: 0
Motion Carried

The Clerk read Ordinance 2017-01 by title only. A motion was made by Heinrich, seconded by Jones, to approve Ordinance 2017-01 on first reading.

Council Discussion

Mayor Higgins stated he has heard concerns regarding the number of businesses affected. Lt. Teter explained this ordinance would benefit the residents as it allows for the Police Department to recover items and prosecute at a later date if stolen items are brought into stores. Lt. Teter discussed the process, annual fees, required equipment, and the benefits to the residents with Council. Mayor Higgins requested a history and more information on the company involved. Lt. Teter will ask Detective Koch to provide more information.

Greg Fliegau of Fliegau Jewelers stated he is concerned with the annual fee. Deputy Mayor Heinrich feels the fee should come out of the police budget.

John Monteverde, BID Director, asked if a photo station would need to set up in the stores. Lt. Teter stated a small camera could be used.

Dan Rossi of Get a Grip stated the fourteen day hold timeline would be a burden to him. Deputy Mayor Heinrich suggested a dollar threshold. D. Rossi discussed the process with Council and Lt. Teter.

Deputy Mayor Heinrich and Councilman Jones withdrew their motions and tabled the introduction on first reading until the March 7, 2017 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2017-31 – Resolution of the Borough of Washington Appointing Richard D. Mupo to the Washington Borough Fire Department

**RESOLUTION 2017-31
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON
APPOINTING RICHARD D. MUPO TO THE
WASHINGTON BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the Washington Borough Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager of the Borough of Washington has been presented with the application of Richard D. Mupo; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Richard D. Mupo is qualified for the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Richard D. Mupo is hereby appointed to the position of Firefighter in the Borough of Washington, effective February 7, 2017.

Resolution 2017-31 was moved on a motion by Jones, seconded by Klimko, and approved.

Ayes: 4; Nays: 0; Abstain: 1 (Higgins)

Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-32 – A Resolution for Redemption of Tax Certificate as per NJSA 54:5 – Block 13.02, Lot 6

RESOLUTION #32-2017
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 21, 2016 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$654.69 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2015 in the name of Sands, John S. & Elizabeth J. as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 81 West Stewart Street, Block 13.02 Lot 6, which sale was evidenced by certificate #16-00019; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-25-17 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Elizabeth Sands 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 \$1,189.96 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #16-00019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of February, 2017 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 **\$2,489.96** (This consists of \$1,189.96 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 13.02 Lot 6 from the tax office records.

Resolution 2017-32 was moved on a motion by Jones, seconded by Heinrich, and approved.

ROLL CALL: Jones, Heinrich, Klimko, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5; Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-33 – A Resolution for Redemption of Tax Certificate as per NJSA 54:5 – Block 46, lot 9

RESOLUTION #33-2017
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 21, 2016 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$655.20 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2015 in the name of Drake, Elaine Susan & Frederick J II supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 16 McKinley Avenue, Block 46 Lot 9, which sale was evidenced by certificate #16-00044; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-25-17 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Deutsche Bank on behalf of Ocwen 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 \$1,190.48 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #16-00044.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of February, 2017 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 **\$2,490.48** (This consists of \$1,190.48 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 46 Lot 9 from the tax office records.

Resolution 2017-33 was moved on a motion by Jones, seconded by Heinrich, and approved.

ROLL CALL: Jones, Heinrich, Klimko, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5; Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-34 – A Resolution for Redemption of a Tax Certificate as per NJSA 54:5 – Block 101.01, Lot 32

RESOLUTION #34-2017
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 21, 2016 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$654.19 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2015 in the name of Castro, Consolidad supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 10 Lenape Trail, Block 101.01 Lot 32, which sale was evidenced by certificate #16-00088; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-25-17 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Deutsche Bank on behalf of Ocwen 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 \$1,189.45 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #16-00088.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of February, 2017 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 **\$2,489.45** (This consists of \$1,189.45 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

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

Resolution 2017-34 was moved on a motion by Jones, seconded by Heinrich, and approved.

ROLL CALL: Jones, Heinrich, Klimko, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5; Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-35 – A Resolution for Redemption of a Tax Certificate as per NJSA 54:5 – Block 82, Lot 18

RESOLUTION #35-2017
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 21, 2016 to US Bank Cust for Pro Capital 5 Sterling National, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$653.98 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2015 in the name of Neuls, Paul as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 106 Youmans Avenue, Block 82 Lot 18 , which sale was evidenced by Certificate #16-00057; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-25-17 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Deutsche Bank on behalf of Ocwen Loan Servicing claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by US Bank

Cust for Pro Capital 5 by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$1,189.19 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #16-00057.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of February, 2017 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 5 Sterling National, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of **\$1,989.19** (This amount consists of \$1,189.19 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$800.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 82 Lot 18 from the tax office records.

Resolution 2017-35 was moved on a motion by Jones, seconded by Heinrich, and approved.

ROLL CALL: Jones, Heinrich, Klimko, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 5; Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-36 – A Resolution for Redemption of a Tax Certificate as per NJSA 54:5 – Block 35, Lot 13

RESOLUTION #36-2017
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 21, 2016 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$653.73 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2015 in the name of Turner, Andrew & Susan C. supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 300 Belvidere Avenue, Block 35 Lot 13, which sale was evidenced by certificate #16-00035; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-25-17 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Deutsche Bank on behalf of Ocwen 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 \$1,188.98 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #16-00035.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of February, 2017 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 **\$2,488.98** (This consists of \$1,188.98 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 35 Lot 13 from the tax office records.

Resolution 2017-36 was moved on a motion by Jones, seconded by Heinrich, and approved.

ROLL CALL: Jones, Heinrich, Klimko, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 5; Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-37 – A Resolution for Redemption of a Tax Certificate as per NJSA 54:5 – Block 82, Lot 20.01

RESOLUTION #37-2017
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 21, 2016 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$501.09 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2015 in the name of Ron, Sonia 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 #16-00058; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-25-17 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Deutsche Bank on behalf of Ocwen 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 \$1,033.29 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #16-00058.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of February, 2017 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 **\$2,533.29** (This consists of \$1,033.29 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,500.00 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 2017-37 was moved on a motion by Jones, seconded by Heinrich, and approved.

ROLL CALL: Jones, Heinrich, Klimko, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 5; Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-38 – A Resolution for Redemption of a Tax Certificate as per NJSA 54:5 – Block 81.01, Lot 4

RESOLUTION #38-2017
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 21, 2016 to US Bank Cust for Pro Capital 5 Sterling National, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$991.62 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2015 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 #16-00056; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-25-17 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Deutsche Bank on behalf of Ocwen Loan Servicing claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by US Bank Cust for Pro Capital 5 by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$2,012.42 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #16-00056.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of February, 2017 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 5 Sterling National, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of **\$2,412.42** (This amount consists of \$2,012.42 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$400.00 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 2017-38 was moved on a motion by Jones, seconded by Heinrich, and approved.

ROLL CALL: Jones, Heinrich, Klimko, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5; Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-39 – A Resolution for Redemption of a Tax Certificate as per NJSA 54:5 – Block 2.11, Lot 29

RESOLUTION #39-2017
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 21, 2016 to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, in the amount of \$655.71 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2015 in the name of Elkashef, Akram & Ilham as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 41 Lambert St., Block 2.11 Lot 29, which sale was evidenced by

Certificate #16-00004; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-19-17 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, 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 \$1,190.95 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #16-00004.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of February, 2017 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 \$2,990.95** (This amount consists of \$1,190.95 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,800.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 2.11 Lot 29 from the tax office records.

Resolution 2017-39 was moved on a motion by Jones, seconded by Heinrich, and approved.

ROLL CALL: Jones, Heinrich, Klimko, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 5; Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-40 – Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014 – July 2019.

**Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019**

**RESOLUTION 2017-40
FORM 1B**

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 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 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 Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren;

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

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Franklin/Mansfield/Washington Borough Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2018 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 6,497.00
Cash Match	\$ 1,949.00
In-Kind	\$ 4,873.00

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

Resolution 2017-40 was moved on a motion by Heinrich, seconded by Klimko, and approved.

ROLL CALL: Heinrich, Klimko, Jones, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5; Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-41 – A Resolution for Redemption of a Tax Certificate as per NJSA 54:5 – Block 44, Lot 35

RESOLUTION #41-2017
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 21, 2016 to FWDSL & Associates LP, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$335.06 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2015 in the name of Christiana Trst as Trustee Stanwich supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 6 Myrtle Avenue, Block 44 Lot 35, which sale was evidenced by certificate #16-00042; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-27-17 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 \$5,363.14 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #16-00042.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of February, 2017 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 **\$6,863.14** (This consists of \$5,363.14 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,500.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 44 Lot 35 from the tax office records.

Resolution 2017-41 was moved on a motion by Jones, seconded by Heinrich, and approved.

ROLL CALL: Jones, Heinrich, Klimko, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 5; Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-42 – A Resolution for Redemption of a Tax Certificate as per NJSA 54:5 – Block 6, Lot 28

RESOLUTION #42-2017
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 21, 2016 to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, in the amount of \$665.50 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2015 in the name of Colasurdo, Christopher & Jennifer L. supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 42 Carlton Ave., Block 6 Lot 28, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #16-00010; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-30-17 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, 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 \$1,200.94 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #16-00010.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of February, 2017 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 \$1,500.94** (This amount consists of \$1,200.94 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 6 Lot 28 from the tax office records.

Resolution 2017-42 was moved on a motion by Jones, seconded by Heinrich, and approved.

ROLL CALL: Jones, Heinrich, Klimko, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 5; Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Resolution 2017-43, A Resolution to Adjust Sewer Billings in Accordance with Chapter 70, Section 28B of the Code of the Borough of Washington was moved on a motion by Jones and seconded by Heinrich. After a brief discussion, the motions were withdrawn and Resolution 2017-43 was tabled pending additional information be included in the resolution.

A motion was made by Heinrich, seconded by Klimko, to approve the 50/50 Raffle and Theme Basket Raffle for St. Joseph's Annual Irish Night.

Ayes: 5; Nays: 0
Motion Carried

VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Heinrich, seconded by Jones, to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$1,436,774.84. M. Hall will check the dates of the Midblock Crossing invoices and dates of the elevator inspections. Mayor Higgins would like the invoice dates listed list of vouchers. The Finelli Consulting Engineer invoices as identified by Councilwoman Klimko were tabled.

ROLL CALL: Heinrich, Jones, Klimko, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5; Nays 0
Motion Carried

RECAP

M. Hall will look into the approvals needed for 12 Jackson Avenue, speak to the Library Director regarding her Council Appearance, adjust the resolution regarding the EDU calculations as discussed, and look into the copier contract and Finelli Consulting Engineer bills.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Jones reported the DPW is looking to purchase a machine for crimping hydraulic hoses.

Deputy Mayor Heinrich reminded everyone not to park on the street during the upcoming snowstorm.

Mayor Higgins stated he will be reviewing the Citizen Involvement Forms for the Open Space Advisory Committee with M. Hall and reminded Council of the Special Meeting scheduled for February 14th. Mayor Higgins stated he received a letter from a resident regarding the safety in town and requested the Committees meet and report at upcoming Council meetings. Catalogs will provided to M. Hall so supplies can be purchased in bulk. The JCP&L meters for the solar system at the garage are in. M. Hall explained the process. Mayor Higgins reminded Council bids are needed for the Midblock Crosswalk.

Council entered into Executive Session after a short recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Klimko, to approve Resolution 2017-44 - Authorizing Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a pending litigation matter, contract negotiations and a personnel matter at 9:00 pm.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 2017-44
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: ___ 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 Jones, seconded by Heinrich, to come out of Executive Session at 10:05 pm.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Heinrich to update the Borough's Open Space Plan at an amount not to exceed \$8,000.

ROLL CALL: Jones, Heinrich, Klimko, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Mayor Higgins reminded Council to schedule Committee meetings and be prepared to discuss the top five things to be worked on as a Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by Heinrich, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 pm.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Mayor David Higgins

Ann Kilduff, RMC Borough Clerk