

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – April 16, 2019**

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.

Roll Call: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins.

Also, Present: Matthew Hall, Manager
Laurie A. Barton Borough Clerk
Leslie Parikh, Attorney

Absent: Parichuk

Mayor Higgins led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor Higgins 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.”

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Higgins administered the following Proclamation to officers with the Washington Township Police Department:

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING THE MERITORIOUS ACTIONS OF
DETECTIVE SERGEANT SHANE ZARO, DETECTIVE KYLE HAYES,
DETECTIVE JOHN CASELLA, AND CORPORAL DAVID BURDGE**

WHEREAS, Washington Township Police Officers Detective Sergeant Shane Zaro, Detective Kyle Hayes, Detective John Casella and Corporal Dave Burdge have distinguished themselves through various meritorious actions; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Washington wishes to recognize and commend such actions from time to time; and

WHEREAS, Detective Sergeant Shane Zaro, Detective Kyle Hayes, and Detective John Casella’s efficient response to, and extremely thorough investigation of a tragic overdose death in Washington Borough resulted in the arrest of a drug dealer who was ultimately determined to be responsible for the victim’s death, and further resulted in

the conviction of said dealer under the “Strict Liability” statute, the first of its kind in Northwestern NJ; and

WHEREAS, Corporal David Burdge responded to a residence in Washington Borough to a report of a male uncontrollably bleeding and losing consciousness, applied a “CAT” tourniquet, ultimately saving the resident’s life, who was transported to a local hospital; and

WHEREAS, these four officers are an inspiration, a model of professionalism, teamwork, and service for all citizens of the Borough of Washington;

NOW THEREFORE, I, David Higgins, Mayor, on behalf of the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey do hereby recognize with deepest respect and gratitude, Washington Township Police Officers Detective Sergeant Shane Zaro, Detective Kyle Hayes, Detective John Casella and Corporal Dave Burdge for meritorious actions and for their courage, service and steadfast commitment to public safety.

COUNCIL APPEARANCE

Mark Garrison, Youmans Ave. member of the Recreation Commission came before Council inquiring about the Township sports program taking over the recreation of the borough.

Lengthy discussions ensued regarding misperception and the future of the Recreation Commission.

Ana Maria Wallaby, ARC of Warren County, detailed the radiothon the ARC is holding to celebrate 56 years of the chapter.

Melanie Thiel, BID Executive Director, reminded everyone of former Director John Montverde’s retirement as of April 30th. Ms. Thiel gave an update on the upcoming festival of the Sweets and Crafts Fest.

Rick Feldman, Recreation Chairman, stated he went to the Washington Township meeting last week which the Borough’s recreation commission came up in topic. Mr. Feldman stated he was asked by the Township members why they didn’t know about the Boroughs intentions regarding the Recreation Commission possibly being taken over by the Township.

Rudy Bucherer, Broad Street, inquired once more about his letter dated January 27, 2019 asking three questions that he never received an answer for.

James Sawyer, Beethoven Ave., thanked Gary and Susan from the recreation commission for help in cleaning up the parks. Mr. Sawyer stated that borough parks look much better now. Mr. Sawyer discussed representatives from Metro Trails interested extending a trail at the railroad park.

Ken Chambers, Grand Ave. stated he hasn't heard any updates regarding the Grand Avenue project.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to close the audience portion.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

MINUTES

Motion made by Valle and seconded by Noone to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 19th and April 2nd of 2019.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to approve Resolution 2019-75.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-75 **A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT** **ON 2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$1,935.18 on 2018 4th Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 82 McKinley Avenue, also known as Block 69 Lot 9, and in the name of Poppe, Sean M.; and

WHEREAS, All Ahead Title, and Corelogic Tax Service had both paid the 4th Quarter 2018 property taxes, resulting in the overpayment; and

WHEREAS, the property has changed ownership and the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has notified Corelogic Tax Service that their 4th quarter payment caused an overage on Block 69 Lot 9.

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 \$1,935.18 payable to:

Corelogic
Centralized Refunds
P.O. Box 9202
Coppell, TX 75019-9760

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Valle to approve Resolution 2019-76.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2019-76
A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2017 REAL ESTATE TAXES

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$2,206.34 on 2017 1st Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 128 Sunrise Terrace also known as Block 66.02 Lot 6, and in the name of Hackett, Thomas S. & Lynn M.; and

WHEREAS, World Wide Land Transfer and Lereta Tax Service had both paid the 2017 1st Quarter Regular Taxes when the owners refinanced, resulting in the overpayment; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has notified Lereta Tax Service that their 2017 1st quarter tax payment caused an overage on Block 66.02 Lot 6.

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 \$2,206.34 payable to:

Lereta
1123 Park View Drive
Covina, CA 91724
Attn: Central Refunds

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Valle to approve Resolution 2019-77.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-77
INTEREST RATES- TAXES
N.J.S.A. 54:4-67:39

WHEREAS, municipal charges; namely taxes are payable in quarterly installments on **February 1st, May 1st, August 1st and November 1st** in each year, and installments become delinquent if not paid on or before those dates.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Council does hereby authorize an interest charge not to exceed eight (8%) percent per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and eighteen (18%) percent per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 upon all delinquent installments; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that Council does hereby authorize a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year. The penalty so fixed shall not exceed six (6) percent of the amount of the delinquency; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector authorized to cancel any balance under \$10; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any installments received after the expiration of the grace period, and such grace period shall be the period starting with the second day and ending on the ten (10th) day of the month in which taxes are due, shall bear interest at the applicable interest rate from the original due date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector of the Borough of Washington is hereby authorized to conduct the annual sale of delinquent municipal charges; namely taxes for the Calendar Year of 2019.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to approve Resolution 2019-78.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-78
A RESOLUTION TO VOID AND REPLACE A CHECK**

WHEREAS, check # 7219 was written 3/21/18 on Washington Borough's Recreation Account #8103008888 in the amount of \$105.00 and made payable to Jim Rosa 5 Plaza Place, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865 and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's office was made aware that this check was not received.

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 authorizes the Treasurer to void and replace aforementioned check. Replacement check in the amount of \$105.00 should be made payable to Jim Rosa 5 Plaza Place, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865

Motion made by Duchemin and seconded by Conry to approve Resolution 2019-79.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-79
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM THE
JOSEPH CAMPESI ESCROW ACCOUNT HELD IN TRUST
BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, Joseph Campesi has requested the return of any remaining inspection fees from escrow account #7760883517 for Land Use Board application for a division of property at 44 Mc Kinley Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Smith, Municipal Engineer, has reviewed the file and has no objection to the closing of the escrow account for this application and approves the return of these funds.

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 Municipal

Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to Joseph Campesi, 100 Rymon Road, Washington, NJ 07882 in the amount of \$775.25 to refund the remaining inspection escrow funds in Account #7760883517.

ORDINANCES

Motion made by Noone to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-05 motion seconded by Valle.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Hearing no public comment, motion made by Noone and seconded by Valle to close the public hearing.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to adopt Ordinance 2019-05.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Ordinance 2019-05
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON ADDING CHAPTER 54 GENERAL LICENSING OF BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO BINGO AND RAFFLE LICENSES

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Washington after reviewing the existing regulations and pursuant to the recommendation of the Borough Solicitor, finds that there is a need to modify and add a section to the Washington Borough Code provisions under Chapter ___ with respect to Bingo and Raffle Licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to add Article V of the Borough Code to provide for the Borough Clerk to be the issuing authority responsible for approving bingo and raffle licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Washington Borough Council that Washington Borough Code Chapter 54, Article V, entitled “Bingo and Raffles” is added with the Article V as follows:

Article V

- **BINGO AND RAFFLES.**

§ 54-44. STATUTORY AUTHORITY; COMPLIANCE AND PROVISIONS.

Subject to all provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:8-24, et seq.” Bingo Licensing Law,” N.J.S.A. 5:8-50, et seq. “Raffles Licensing Law,” and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13-47 et seq.” Rules of Legalized Games of Chance” issued by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, games of chance shall be permitted in the Borough of Washington.

§ 54-45. ISSUING AUTHORITY

The issuing authority, as defined in N.J.S.A. 5:8-24, et seq. and N.J.S.A. 5:58-50, et seq. responsible for approving bingo and raffle licenses shall be the Municipal Borough Clerk.

§ 54-46. SUNDAY GAMES

Any applicant authorized by law to conduct any games of chance, including raffles and bingo, shall be permitted to conduct the same on any day of the week, including Sunday as provided by N.J.S.A. 5:8-31 and N.J.S.A. 5:8-58.

§ 54-47. LICENSE APPLICATION

Subject to all provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:8-26 and N.J.S.A. 5:8-52 each applicant for a license to hold and operate games of bingo or raffle shall file with the Borough Clerk written application with required fees. The issuing authority shall approve or deny all applications for bingo or raffle licenses.

§ 54-48. LICENSE FEES

A. Licensing fees payable to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission shall be as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:47-4.9.

B. The Borough shall waive fee equal to that levied by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:47-4.10.

§ 54-49. ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSE

No license to conduct a game of chance as authorized by law shall be issued to any organization not having a bona fide situs established in good faith within the State of New Jersey and actively engaged in serving one or more of the authorized purposes as defined by the rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

§ 54-50. UNLICENSED GAMES UNLAWFUL; VIOLATION OF LAW

A. No person, organization, club, company or squad shall conduct, operate, run or sponsor any unlicensed bingo or raffle within the municipality;

B. No person, organization, club, company or squad shall violate any of the terms or provisions of any one (1) or more of the following:

- (1) Bingo Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-24 et seq.
- (2) Raffle Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-50 et seq.
- (3) Bingo and Raffles, N.J.A.C. 13:47 et seq.
- (4) Any provisions of this section.

§ 54-51. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE

The governing body, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:8-30 and N.J.S.A. 5:8-57, may suspend and revoke any issued bingo or raffle license, after a hearing, for any violation of this chapter or applicable state law.

The governing body may suspend the operation of a bingo or raffle license pending a hearing, in which case a hearing must be held within five (5) days after such action. Notice of hearing shall be served personally upon an officer of the licensee or the member in charge of the bingo or raffle or sent by registered mail or certified mail to the licensee at the address shown on the license. All decisions and findings by the governing body regarding suspension or revocation of a bingo or raffle license shall be in writing.

§ 54-52. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Any person, organization, club, company or squad who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to the following penalties:

- A. Suspension and revocation of any outstanding license;
- B. Suspension from obtaining a bingo or raffle license in the municipality for a period of one (1) year from the date of violation;
- C. If a person, not more than ninety (90) days imprisonment and/or fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars;
- D. If an organization, club company or squad, a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars; or
- E. As provided in the New Jersey Administrative Code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other provisions of the Borough Code currently in effect, are hereby saved from repeal, and shall remain in full force and effect;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this chapter shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

Motion made by Conry to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-06 motion seconded by Duchemin.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Hearing no public comment, motion made by Norris and seconded by Duchemin to close the public hearing.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Valle to adopt Ordinance 2019-06.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Motion Carried

ORDINANCE 2019-06

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE COMMAND VEHICLE BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$38,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$16,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$38,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$22,000 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

For the financing of said improvement or purpose and to meet the part of said \$38,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$16,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$16,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the acquisition, by purchase, of new and additional firefighting equipment for use by the Volunteer Fire Company of the Borough, including one (1) fire command vehicle, together with all equipment, apparatus and accessories necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved.

The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$16,000.

The estimated cost of said purpose is \$38,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of the said \$22,000 down payment for said purpose.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Borough may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is five (5) years.

The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$16,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

An aggregate amount not exceeding \$1,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale at not less than par and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Borough Clerk and are available for public inspection.

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

Motion made by Conry to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-07 motion seconded by Duchemin.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Hearing no public comment, motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to close the public hearing.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to adopt Ordinance 2019-07.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

ORDINANCE 2019-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 ‘FIRE PREVENTION CODE” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, certain amendments to the Fire Prevention Code of Washington Borough are needed pursuant to the recommendations of the Borough Code Book Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined to make such amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington that Chapter 42 of the Code of the Borough of Washington is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced by the following:

Article 1. Enforcement of Fire Prevention Code of the Code of the Borough of Washington

42-1. Local Enforcement.

Pursuant to Section II of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, c.383) the International Fire Code New Jersey Edition shall be locally enforced in the Borough of Washington. All applicable definitions contained in the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the International Fire Code New Jersey Edition are applicable to the Borough of Washington.

42-2. Designation of enforcing agency.

Under the powers and authority granted to the Borough Council by N.J.A.C. 5:71-2.3 et seq., the Borough Council is authorized to enter into and execute a shared services agreement with Washington Township, Morris County, for fire prevention services. The salaries of the fire prevention staff and the other costs of operating the department shall be allocated as provided for in such agreement(s).

42-3. Powers and duties of enforcing agency.

The local enforcement agency shall enforce the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the codes and regulations adopted under it in all buildings, structures and premises within the establishment boundaries of the municipality, other than owner-occupied one and two family dwellings, used exclusively for dwelling purposes and building structures and premises owned by the federal government, interstate agencies or the State of New Jersey, and shall faithfully comply with the requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the International Fire Code, New Jersey Edition.

42-4. Organization

The local enforcing agency established by Section 42-2 of this ordinance shall be under the direct supervision of the Fire Official, who shall report to the Washington Township Administrator.

42-5. Appointments, Term of Office, or Removal.- Reserved

42-6. Board of Appeals.

Pursuant to Section 15 and 17 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act, any person aggrieved by any order of the local enforcement agency shall have the right to appeal to the Construction Board of Appeals of Warren County in accordance with the Uniform Fire Safety Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-206, and Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.19, entitled "Appeals."

42-7. Inspections of Life Hazard Uses.

The local enforcing agency established by Section 42-2 of this ordinance shall carry out the periodic inspections of life hazard uses required by the Uniform Fire Code on behalf of the Commissioner of Community Affairs. The fee for permits and registrations of Life hazard uses shall be as set forth in the Uniform Fire Safety Act.

42-8. Non-Life Hazard Inspection Required.

A. Before a certificate of Inspection is issued, the Fire Official or the Fire Official's designated representative shall make or cause to be made an inspection to assure that the buildings, premises, structures, or uses comply with the provisions of the Fire Code. These inspections shall be on a one year inspection cycle. No certificate shall be issued until designated fees have been paid.

Use

A — Assembly Use Group

A-1 Eating establishment under 50	\$50.00
A-2 Take-out food service (no seating)	\$50.00
A-3 House of worship not exclusively used for religious purposes	\$50.00
A-4 Recreation centers, multipurpose, etc. (fewer than 50)	\$75.00
A-5 Court rooms, library, fraternal organizations, condominium centers (fewer than 50)	\$75.00
A-6 Senior centers (fewer than 50)	\$75.00

B — Business Use Group

B-1 Professional use one- and two-story (up to 1,000 square feet)	\$42.00
B-2 One- and two-story (1,001 to 2,500 square feet)	\$50.00
B-4 Three-to-five story (Less than 5,000 square feet)	\$100.00
(5,001 to 10,000 square feet)	\$150.00
B-5 Three-to-five story (10,001 square feet or greater)	\$190.00

C — Retail/Mercantile Use Group

M-1 One- and two-story (less than 5,000 square feet)	\$125.00
M-2 One- and two-story (more than 5,000 square feet and less than 12,000 square feet)	\$150.00
M-4 Three- to five-story (less than 5,000 square feet)	\$200.00
M-5 Three- to five-story (more than 5,000 square feet and less than 12,000 square feet)	\$225.00

D — Manufacturing/Factory Group

F-1 One- and two-story (less than 5,000 square feet)	\$100.00
F-2 One- and two-story (more than 5,000 square feet and less than 12,000 square feet)	\$125.00
F-4 Three- to five-story (less than 5,000 square feet)	\$175.00
F-5 Three- to five-story (more than 5,000 square feet and less than 12,000 square feet)	\$200.00

S — Storage Use Group

S-1 One- and two-story (less than 5,000 square feet)	\$75.00
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S-2 One- and two-story (more than 5,000 square feet and less than 12,000 square feet)	\$125.00
S-4 Three- to five-story (less than 5,000 square feet)	\$175.00
S-5 Three- to five-story (more than 5,000 square feet and less than 12,000 square feet)	\$200.00

R — Residential Use Group

R-1 As defined in Uniform Fire Code	\$75
R-2 As defined in Uniform Fire Code	See 87-11E
R-3 As defined in Uniform Fire Code	See 87-11E
R-4 As defined in Uniform Fire Code	See 87-11E
R-5 As defined in Uniform Fire Code	See 87-11E

U — Utilities Use Group

U-1 Under 2,500 square feet	\$100.00
U-2 2,500 and over square feet	\$125.00

E — Common Areas Use Group

E-1 One- and two-story (less than 5,000 square feet)	\$7
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5.00

E-2 One- and two-story (more than 5,000 square feet and less than 12,000 square feet)	\$100.00
E-3 One- and two-story (more than 12,000 square feet)	\$125.00
E-4 Three- to five-story (less than 5,000 square feet)	\$125.00
E-5 Three- to five-story (more than 5,000 square feet and less than 12,000 square feet)	\$150.00
E-6 Three- to five-story (more than 12,000 square feet)	\$200.00

F- Agricultural Use Group

Initial Registration	\$75.00
Subsequent Annual Registration	\$30.00

B.

Uses not classified above that are subject to the Uniform Fire Code shall be classified as business uses.

C.

Uses required to register with the state as life-hazard uses shall not be required to register under this section.

D.

Borough owned buildings, buildings owned and occupied by municipal fire companies and/or rescue squads, buildings owned and occupied by nonprofit religious organizations that are used solely for religious purposes and buildings owned and occupied by nonprofit organizations used solely for nonprofit purposes shall be exempt from inspection fees.

E.

All residential uses except R-1 Uses shall be inspected in the common areas only and the fees established for the Common Areas Use Group shall apply.

42-9. Application for Permit.

A. Application for a permit required by this ordinance shall be made in such form and detail as the Fire Official shall require. Fee schedules shall be given to the applicant at the time of application depending on the type of permit required. The fee schedule shall be as follows per N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9 C. No Permit shall be issued until designated fees have been paid.

42-10. Penalties for Violations.

Each day any violation of this ordinance shall continue, will constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

A. Failure to comply with section 42-11 shall be punished by a fine of \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding ninety days (90).

B. Failure to pay application fee for permit shall result in a penalty of double the application fee, in addition to the initial application fee.

C. Failure to pay registration fee shall result in a penalty of double the outstanding registration fee, in addition to initial registration fee.

Article 2. Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm and Portable Fire Extinguisher Compliance (CSDCMAPFEC)

42-11. Existing Structures.

Before any existing single family, two family or multifamily dwelling, on or after the effective date of this ordinance, is sold, leased or otherwise made subject to a change of occupancy for residential purposes, the owner shall obtain a certificate of smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm compliance. No dwelling unit shall change occupancy until one or more smoke detectors (or other approved fire alarm system) are installed for each dwelling unit subject to changing of occupancy in accordance with all the requirements of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code and the Uniform Fire Code.

A.

Certificate of smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm compliance (CSDCMAC) certificates:

(1)

Requests for a CSDCMAC received more than 10 business days prior to the change of occupant: \$40;

(2)

Requests for a CSDCMAC received four to 10 business days prior to the change of occupant: \$70;

(3)

Requests for a CSDCMAC received fewer than four business days prior to the change of occupant: \$125.

42-12. False Alarms.

1. **Investigations:** In the case of false alarms which summon the police or fire department to investigate, the Fire Official or Fire Chief shall cause an investigation to be made for the purposes of ascertaining the cause of the false alarm and shall keep a record of such false alarms on file.
2. **Penalties for False Alarms:** In any calendar year period of the following penalties shall apply:
 1. For the first to third false alarm by one person or entity a written warning shall be issued.
 2. For the fourth to twelfth false alarm a fine of \$250.00 shall be imposed for each such false alarm.
 3. For any violation in excess of twelve alarms a fine of \$500.00 shall be imposed for each such violation.
3. **Penalties for Intentional False Alarms:** Any individual intentionally, willfully, or maliciously destroying or injuring any of the posts, alarm boxes or other alarm apparatus owned by the Borough of Washington or intentionally, willfully or maliciously interfering with the operation of same or any part thereof or who hinders or impedes any of the operations intended to be accomplished thereby or who intentionally causes or assists in causing a false alarm shall, upon conviction thereof, be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days or shall forfeit and pay a fine not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$1,000.00.
4. All fines and fees collected for the above are to be deposited in a separate dedicated penalty account to serve for training and education for the Washington Borough Fire Department and the Washington Township Fire Prevention.

Article 3. Fire Zone Established

42-13. Fire Lanes & Drafting Sites and Parking Regulations.

A. Designation: The Fire Official may require and designate public or private fire lanes as deemed necessary for the efficient and effective use of fire apparatus.

B. Delineation: Each fire lane shall be striped along the perimeter with a yellow stripe not less than four (4) inches wide.

C. Marking: Each fire lane shall be clearly marked on the surface of the pavement "FIRE LANE NO PARKING" in yellow letters no less than twenty-four (24) inches high. This wording shall be located horizontally and between the perimeter lines and shall be repeated throughout the fire lane or fire zone.

D. Signage: Each fire lane shall be clearly marked with a metal sign every fifty (50) feet with a minimum of two (2) signs. The metal signs shall be no less than eighteen (18) inches by twenty-four (24) inches with three (3) inch red letters, shall contain a white reflective background and shall read as follows:

FIRE LANE
NO PARKING

42-14. Parking Regulations.

A. Except in compliance with the directions of a police officer or posted traffic signal, no operator of a motor vehicle, moped, motorized bicycle or bicycle shall stop or stand or park in any of the following places:

1. Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant or fire department connection or stand pipe system
2. In any area marked by yellow or signs indicating the location of a fire zone or fire lane

42-15. Maintenance and Obstruction of Fire Lane and Drafting Sites.

A. The owner of the property where the fire lane is located shall properly maintain any such markings, striping, curbing, and signage in the designated areas at all times. Defacing, tampering with, or damaging any such markings, striping, curbing, or signage or allowing them to deteriorate so as to reduce their effectiveness shall constitute a violation of the chapter.

B. Designated fire lanes shall be maintained and free of obstructions and vehicles at all times. They shall also be appropriately marked as per The Uniform Fire Code.

42-16. Penalties.

A. Any vehicle owner or person who shall violate any of the provisions of section 42-13 through 42-15 or who fails to comply herewith shall for each and every violation and non-compliance respectively upon conviction, be subject to a fine not in excess of \$500.00 and is subject to removal by the Washington Township Police Department or Fire Official at the sole expense of the owner or operator therefore. Fire Lane Fees

B. Penalty for non-compliance with Section 42-25B parking in a fire lane, as determined by the Fire Official, shall be \$50.00.

42-17. Snow Removal from Fire Hydrants, Fire Department Connections and Standpipes.

Snow removal from all fire hydrants, fire department connections and stand pipe systems that are located on public or private streets and access lanes or on private property by the property owner shall be completed within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of each snow storm is required

Article 4. Key Box

42-18. Installation.

When a property is protected by a fire protection system, and access to or within a structure or an area on that property is impeded by secured openings, and where immediate access might become necessary for lifesaving or fire-fighting purposes, the Fire Official may require a key box to be installed in an approved location. In addition unoccupied or vacant commercial units or structures may be required to install a key box at the discretion of the fire official or fire chief. The key box shall be a type approved by the Fire Official and shall be installed at the expense of the property owner.

42-19. Contents.

The key box shall contain:

1. Keys to locked points of ingress whether on the interior or exterior of such buildings.
2. Keys to locked mechanical equipment rooms.
3. Keys to locked electrical rooms.
4. Keys to elevator controls.
5. Keys to other areas as directed by the Fire Official.
6. Other material as directed by the Fire Official.

All keys shall be clearly labeled or marked to identify the doors they open or the devices they operate.

42-20. Application.

This subsection applies to both existing and future structures, but shall not apply to any owner occupied residential units, with the exception of common areas within multi-dwelling residential units.

42-21. Approvals.

1. The Fire Official shall, within 90 days of the effective date of this subsection, develop and submit to the Washington Fire Chief a list of specifications for key boxes. Following approval of the specifications by resolution of the Borough Council, any box complying with those specifications shall be deemed to be approved. Until such specifications are developed and at any time thereafter, any property owner may request the Fire Official to render a determination as to whether a particular key box, which does not comply with the specifications, can be approved for installation.
2. Prior to installing any key box required by this subsection, the property owner shall make written request to the Fire Official to designate or approve the proposed location.

42-22. Fees.

Fire Prevention may recoup the fees incurred by it in connection with the procurement and installation of any necessary key boxes.

42-23. Enforcement.

Fire Prevention shall be the enforcing agency of this ordinance section. Any person who owns or operates a structure subject to this section shall be subject to penalties set forth in this code for any violation of this section, and the minimum fine for a conviction or a violation of this section shall be \$100.00 for the first offense, \$200.00 for the second offense, and \$300.00 for the third or further offense for failure to comply.

Article 5. Fire Watch & Fire Safety Standby

42-24. Intent and Purpose.

Fire safety compliance has always been and continues to be a high priority for the Borough of Washington. Officials frequently assess what can be done to assure the safety of all township residents, and to that end, the Borough of Washington deems it necessary to implement fire watch procedures when there exists substantial risks to life, safety and property, including when all or part of the required fire protection systems in Borough structures are intentionally interrupted for repairs and maintenance, not functioning properly, not functioning at all, or when they are damaged or destroyed by fire or other disaster. In certain circumstances detailed herein, the Fire Official, Fire Chief or his designee, is hereby authorized to order a fire watch for the affected structure in order to ensure continued safety of residents during this period.

42-25. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FIRE WATCH—A temporary measure intended to ensure continuous and systematic surveillance of a building or portion(s) thereof by one or more qualified individuals for the purpose of identifying and controlling fire hazards, detecting early signs of an unwanted fire, raising an alarm of fire to the occupants and notifying the fire department.

42-26. Fire Watch; When Required.

1. A fire watch may be ordered by the Fire Official or The Fire Officer in charge in public and privately owned buildings and or properties within the Borough of Washington under the following circumstances:
 1. Where required fire protection systems are out of service due to system failure, repair, scheduled maintenance, vandalism, etc.; the Fire Official shall be notified immediately and where the Fire Official determines that an imminent hazard exists pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.16 an approved fire watch may provide for all occupants left unprotected by the shut down until the fire protection system has been returned to service. Upon restoration of the fire protection system as supported by proper documentation, the Fire Official shall then sign off on the ability to remove such fire watch.
 2. When in the opinion of the Fire Official or Fire Officer in Charge it is essential for public safety in a place of assembly or any other place where people congregate, because of the number of persons, or the nature of the performance, exhibition, display, contest or activity, the owner, agent or lessee shall provide one or more fire watch personnel, as required and approved, to remain on duty during the times such places are open to the public, or when such activity is being conducted.

3. When required by the Fire Official for building demolition that is hazardous in nature, qualified personnel shall be provided to serve as an on-site fire watch. Fire watch personnel shall be provided with at least one approved means of notification of the fire department and their sole duty shall be to perform constant patrols and watch for the occurrence of fire.
4. A fire watch shall be posted by the Fire Official or the Fire Official in Charge at the following type of events: hot work welding or cutting, fireworks displays, fumigation in gas tight tank or vault, tent, canopy or membrane structures used as places of assembly
2. A fire watch may include the maintaining of posted fire lanes, means of egress, posted occupancy loads, building surveillance for signs of smoke or fire, checking for proper permits, inspecting for proper safety precautions of cooking equipment, and other functions as required by the Fire Official or his assigned designee.
3. Should a fire watch be posted by the Fire Official or the Fire Official in Charge, the party performing the fire watch is then responsible to contact and maintain open communications the Fire Official in Charge actions with such on the status of the fire watch and conditions of the property in question. Proper fire watch procedure forms will be supplied to the Fire Chief. The Department of Fire Prevention shall take responsibility of all posted fire watches and report back to the Fire Chief on the status of the property and fire protection systems.
4. Should the building owner, agent, lessee be unable to post their own fire watch, a fire watch shall be performed by the Washington Borough Department of Fire Prevention. In the event no one of the above agency is available, other qualified individuals may be utilized at the discretion of the Fire Official or the assigned designee. Any qualified individuals used for the purposes of a fire watch shall report directly to the Fire Official or his assigned designee, who will report to the Administrator of Washington Township.

42-27. Fees and Payments.

1. A fire watch shall be paid for by the building owner, tenant, lessee, or organization for which the fire watch is requested or required, as appropriate.
2. All fire watch services not incurred and paid by the Borough of Washington, but performed by the Borough Fire Department and billed through the Borough, shall be billed at the rate of \$35 per hour per person with a minimum of 3 hours per person. Individuals conducting said fire watch shall receive hourly payment after payment is made by the owner.
3. There shall be a \$100.00 per hour fee for the use of each Borough vehicle utilized, plus a 15% administration fee.
4. All payments for fire watch services provided by the Borough Fire Department shall be made within 10 days after service is provided.
5. Payments shall be made payable to the Borough of Washington.

42-28. Violations and Penalties.

Any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity that violates the provisions of this article shall be subject to the penalties as set forth in the Uniform Fire Code New Jersey Edition by Fire Prevention.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent necessary.

If any article, section, subsection, term or condition of this Ordinance is declared invalid or illegal for any reason, the balance of the Ordinance shall be deemed severable and shall remain in full force and effect.

In accordance with Chapter 3, Article II, Section 15, Subsection E of the Code of the Borough of Washington, this Ordinance shall become effective 20 days after final passage unless the Council, by an

affirmative vote of five (5) Council Members, shall adopt a resolution declaring the Ordinance to be an emergency upon which said Ordinance will take effect upon final passage.

Motion made by Conry to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-08 motion seconded by Duchemin.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Hearing no public comment, motion made by Norris and seconded by Conry to close the public hearing.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to adopt Ordinance 2019-08.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

ORDINANCE 2019-08
ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ACCESS EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON IDENTIFIED AS
BLOCK 26, LOT 10

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington (the “Borough”) is the owner of certain property identified as Block 26, Lot 10 on the Borough of Washington Tax Maps; and

WHEREAS, Block 26, Lot 10 is a vacant strip of land along Route 31 that is not needed for any public purposes; and

WHEREAS, Washington 31, LLC is under contract to purchase adjacent properties identified as Block 26, Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 on the Borough of Washington Tax Maps; and

WHEREAS, Washington 31, LLC intends to merge and redevelop the aforementioned lots as a CVS Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, the afore-mentioned lots do not have frontage on Route 31, which Washington 31, LLC has advised is essential for the success of the proposed redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Washington 31, LLC has requested that the Borough sell an access easement to it over Block 26, Lot 10 for the purposes of ingress and egress from the proposed CVS Pharmacy on the afore-mentioned lots; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the proposed CVS redevelopment (Block 26, Lots 7 and 8) are in the Route 31 Gateway District pursuant to the Borough’s Downtown Redevelopment Plan, which contemplates commercial redevelopment at the intersection of Routes 31 and 57; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 permits the conveyance of an interest in land note needed for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the public's interest in Block 26, Lot 10 is not affected by the granting of an access easement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes it is in the best interest of its residents to grant such an access easement because it furthers the purposes of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and increases the value of Block 26, Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, resulting in an increased tax assessment and tax revenue; and

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

SECTION 1. The Borough of Washington is hereby authorized to enter into an access easement over a portion of Block 26, Lot 10, owned by the Borough, in a form to be drafted by the Borough Attorney and subsequently approved by the Borough Council.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary for the conveyance of such easement.

SECTION 3. The land subject to the proposed easement is not needed for public purpose and it is determined to be in the best interests of the Borough of Washington to permit such easement.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 6: This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by Law.

Motion made by Conry to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-09 motion seconded by Duchemin.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Hearing no public comment, motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to close the public hearing.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to adopt Ordinance 2019-09.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

ORDINANCE 2019-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 59 LOT 2 (LOCATED IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP) TO SOLE CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNER MR. DALE COLEMAN

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the Municipal Property located at Block 59 Lot 2 as shown on the annexed tax map, is not necessary for public use; and

WHEREAS, said parcel is not suitable for development, is undersized, and lies within the municipal boundary of Washington Township, and has no assessed value;

WHEREAS, the sole contiguous land owner within the Borough, Dale Coleman, has expressed an interest in acquiring the land for a nominal value; and

WHEREAS a sale of this nature is expressly authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the municipal attorney is hereby authorized to prepare, and the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement of sale with said contiguous lot owner so as to permit the sale of the said parcel to said contiguous lot owner for the sum of \$1.00, subject to the following conditions:

- A. The deed tendered shall be a Quit Claim deed without representation as to the Borough's ownership in said property or as to the quality of title of same.
- B. The terms of the sale shall be "As Is" and the Borough shall not perform any work, improvements or repairs on the subject Property.
- C. The Buyer shall pay all costs associated with the sale of the Property.
- D. The Buyer shall also file a separate deed of consolidation to merge the Property with an existing lot owned by Buyer.

Motion made by Conry to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-12 motion seconded by Duchemin.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Hearing no public comment, motion made by Duchemin and seconded by Noone to close the public hearing.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to adopt Ordinance 2019-12.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE 2019-12
CALENDAR YEAR 2019
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2019 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington hereby determines that a 1 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$33,094.12 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Borough of Washington hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Washington Borough shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$ 115,829.42, and that the CY 2019 municipal budget for the Washington Borough be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS

Motion made by Conry seconded by Duchemin to pay the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$583,703.81 from the current fund and \$ 93,208.76 from sewer.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to receive and file the following reports:

1. Managers' Report-March
2. Police

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilwoman Noone thanked the senior advisory committee for the recent minutes. Councilwoman Noone reminded those present regarding the new voting machine demonstration scheduled for May 3rd & 4th. Councilwoman Noone thanked those from the recreation Committee for their hours spent volunteering and that the Council appreciates them.

Councilman Norris stated the following:

- Congratulated Ms. Thiel for her new position as the Director of the BID.
- Thanked the DPW
- Stated that Councilwoman Conry is doing a great job with Senior Advisory
- Will be more involved with the Recreation Commission

Councilwoman Valle also congratulated Ms. Thiel on her new position and thanked the Recreation Commission for staying for the entire meeting tonight. Congratulated the police officers named in tonight's proclamation. Ms. Valle expressed her excitement for upcoming festivals in the borough.

Councilwoman Duchemin expressed the same sentiments for the new BID Director and Recreation. Ms. Duchemin congratulated Manager Hall on the arrival of his new baby girl.

Deputy Mayor Conry expressed congratulations to Ms. Thiel and the police officers that were recognized tonight. Ms. Conry addressed the recreation commission members that were still present. Ms. Conry thanked Gary for attending the council meetings. Ms. Conry also congratulated Manager Hall on his new baby girl.

Ms. Conry thanked Mayor Higgins for his generous donation to the NAACP.

Mayor Higgins spoke on his love for Washington and how the council is here to serve everyone in the borough. Mayor Higgins added that he will do everything he can to prevent personal attacks on the professionals and the employees working here in the Borough and apologized for his attitude that was shown tonight.

Mayor Higgins reviewed correspondences that were received through his office.

Mayor Higgins reminded Council on public comments on social media regarding the town and attaching their title of councilperson, which can result in a liability for the town.

Mayor Higgins and rest of Council and audience congratulated Manager Hall on his new baby girl.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Conry seconded by Duchemin to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Ayes: 6; Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Mayor David Higgins

Laurie A. Barton, Borough Clerk

