BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 6,2020

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held via ZOOM live stream at 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Matthew Hall, Manager

Laurie A. Barton, Borough Clerk

Tara St. Angelo, Attorney

Mayor Higgins led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor Higgins read the following statement into 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 Express Times-Warren County Edition and posted on bulletin board, borough website and Facebook stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law."

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mel Thiel, BID Executive Director, gave the following report:

- Planters downtown will be switched over to hardy mums.
- Hometown Halloween flyers are done, flyer will be posted on Facebook and sent to school for distribution. Time is 3-5 pm on October 31st.
- Pumpkin carving contest with businesses is also being done.
- Businesses can set up tables on the pocket park during Hometown Halloween to hand out candy or flyers.
- A commercial shoot was done downtown with ESPN show host Chris Burman.

Councilwoman Noone gave a report on this year's Farmers Market:

- Best season ever, a large turnout.
- Many of the vendor were local
- Most of the shops downtown got a lot of foot traffic due to the Farmers Market.

Hearing no further public comment, motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to close the public portion, all were in favor.

MINUTES

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to approve the following minutes;

Regular: September 15, 2020 Executive: January 7, 2020 March 3, 2020 July 21, 2020 August 20, 220 September 15, 2020

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Higgins)

Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Firemen's Application-Eric Brown

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Noone to approve Eric Browns application; all were in favor.

ORDINANCES

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Noone to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-13, all were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to close the public portion, all were in favor.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Valle to adopt Ordinance 2020-13.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes.

ORDINANCE 2020-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington will be assuming the duties of collection and disposal of solid waste beginning January 1, 2021 utilizing the Department of Public Works personnel

and equipment; and

WHEREAS, these changes necessitate the amendment of Chapter 47 of the Code of the Borough of Washington in order to promulgate rules and regulations for the collection and disposal of solid waste;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 47 be repealed and replaced in its entirety by the following ordinance:

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington 11-24-1970 by Ord. No. 13-70. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Food-handling establishments — See Ch. **45**, Part 1. Public health nuisances — See Ch. **59**.

Soil removal — See Ch. 73.

Streets and sidewalks — See Ch. 75.

Weeds and obnoxious growths — See Ch. 91.

§ 47-1 **Short title.**

[Amended 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

This chapter shall be known as the "Rubbish and Recycling Ordinance of Washington Borough."

§ 47-2 **Definitions.**

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

ALUMINUM CANS

All aluminum containers used for soda, beer and other beverages.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

ANTIFREEZE

All automotive engine coolant consisting of a mixture of ethylene glycol and water or propylene glycol and water.

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

ASPHALT ROOFING MATERIAL

Shingles and tar paper made of asphalt and used for roofing.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES

Wet-cell lead-acid batteries from automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, tractors and lawn mowers.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES

The by-products of building contractors or demolition contractors engaged in the business of the repair and construction of homes or other buildings or structures; by-products or waste or any manufacturing plant; all items traded in as merchandise from commercial retailers and repair services; automobiles and vehicles or parts thereof.

COMMERCIAL USE

An activity involving the sale of goods or services carried out for profit.

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

CO-MINGLED RECYCLABLES

Glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, bimetal cans, tin cans and plastic bottles.

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Cardboard of the type used to make boxes and cartons, with two outer layers and a waffle inner layer, and brown-paper (kraft) paper bags.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

DEMOLITION WASTE

Untreated wood, bricks, concrete, tree stumps, asphalt, pallets and land-clearing debris.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

DESIGNATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Those materials designated within the current Warren County District Solid Waste Management Plan to be source-separated for the purpose of recycling. These materials include:

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

Designated Traditional Materials

Designated Nontraditional Materials

Aluminum cans Antifreeze

Computer paper Asphalt and concrete pavement, concrete bricks

Glass bottles and jars — three colors

(clear, green and brown)

Automotive batteries (lead acid)

Corrugated cardboard Carpet

High-grade office paper — white Computers

Magazines and mixed paper Florescent tubes

Newsprint Laser and inkjet cartridges

Plastic bottles: PETE - clear and green

(type 1); HDPE - clear and colored (type 2)

Household batteries as identified in the County Plan

Steel cans/tin cans Latex paint

Leaves and yard waste (brush, tree parts)

Nontreated wood

Oil filters

Propane tanks

Scrap metals (including junked autos)

Source-separated metal

Stumps

Textiles/clothing

Tires

Used motor oil

Designated Traditional Materials

Designated Nontraditional Materials

White goods (large appliances)

ELECTRONIC WASTE

A computer central processing unit and associated hardware, including keyboards, modems, printers, scanners and fax machines; a cathode ray tube, a cathode ray tube device, a flat panel display or similar video display device with a screen that is greater than four inches measured diagonally and that contains one or more circuit boards, including a television, and cell phones.

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

GARBAGE

All refuse, entrails and waste of animals and fish and all vegetable matter which has been or was intended to be used as food; all clam, oyster, crab and lobster shells; and all other material so specified by the State of New Jersey.

GLASS CONTAINER

All bottles and jars made from silica or sand, soda ash and limestone, the product being transparent or semitransparent, with or without color, excluding, however, blue and flat glass, window glass, mirror glass, plate glass, crystal, stemware and light bulbs.

[Amended 1-8-1985 by Ord. No. 24-84; 12-6-1988 by Ord. No. 24-88]

HIGH-GRADE OFFICE PAPER

White bond, copier, computer or ledger paper made from wood fibers. Excluded from this category are envelopes, colored paper, carbon paper, magazines, newspapers, cardboard, glossy papers.

[Added 12-6-1988 by Ord. No. 24-88]

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Any chargeable or nonchargeable dry-cell batteries.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

LATEX PAINT

Paint with a water base.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

MAGAZINE AND MIXED PAPER

All paper periodicals and catalogs and colored paper, envelopes and junk mail, excluding plastic, cardboard, telephone books and carbon paper.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

MISCELLANEOUS RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Includes materials which would otherwise be classified as solid waste, are not otherwise defined in this chapter, and are documented as being recycled. It currently is limited to: carpet, propane tanks, laser and inkjet printer cartridges and florescent light tubes.

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

MULTIFAMILY DWELLING

Any building or structure or complex of buildings in which three or more dwelling units are owner-occupied or rented or leased, or offered for rental or lease, for residential purposes (see N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.13a) and shall include hotels, motels or other guest houses serving transient or seasonal guests as those terms are defined under subsection (j) of section 3 of the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law," P.L. 1967, c. 76 (N.J.S.A. 55:13A-1 et seq.).

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATOR

The person or persons appointed by the municipal governing body and who shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter and any rules and regulations promulgated hereunder.

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE (MSW) STREAM

All solid waste generated at residential, commercial and institutional establishments within the boundaries of the municipality of the Borough of Washington which is not bulky waste or construction and demolition debris.

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

NEWSPAPERS

Includes a cheap paper of the type commonly referred to as "newsprint" and distributed at stated intervals, usually daily or weekly, and having printed thereon news and opinions and containing advertisements and other matters of public interest. Magazines, periodicals, newsletters, hard-covered books and catalogs, as well as other paper products of any nature, are not considered newspapers.

[Added 1-8-1985 by Ord. No. 24-84]

OIL FILTERS

A detachable device in a motor vehicle which is part of the lubrication system of an internal combustion engine used to decontaminate oil that contains suspended impurities.

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

PERSON

Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Polyethylene terephthalate containers (PET), high-density polyethylene containers (HDPE), polyvinyl chloride containers (PBC) and polypropylene containers (PP).

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Those materials which would otherwise become solid waste and which may be collected, separated or processed and returned to the economic mainstream in the form of raw materials or products.

[Amended 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

REFUSE or RUBBISH

All solid wastes, exclusive of vegetative wastes and recyclable materials, consisting of both combustibles and noncombustibles, such as paper, wrappings, cardboard, tin cans, rags, glass and other solid waste of a nonvolatile or explosive nature, except commercial and industrial wastes.

[Amended 1-8-1985 by Ord. No. 24-84]

SCRAP METALS

Ferrous and nonferrous metals, including junked automobiles.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

SOURCE-SEPARATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Recyclable materials which are separated at the point of generation by the generator thereof from solid waste for the purposes of recycling.

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

SOURCE SEPARATION

The process by which recyclable materials are separated at the point of generation by the generator thereof from solid waste for the purposes of recycling.

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

STEEL CANS

All disposal cans made of tin, steel or a combination of ferrous metals, including but not limited to containers commonly used for the storage of food products.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

TEXTILES

Used clothing, bedding materials, curtains and draperies and other items made from cloth or cloth-like fabric.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

TIRES

Tires from automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, tractors and bicycles.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

VEGETATIVE WASTES

Includes all leaves, grass and hedge clippings, straw, thatch, tree branches not greater than four inches in diameter, plant stems and roots, tree stumps not greater than 50 pounds in weight, shrubbery and other similar material not meant for human consumption.

[Added 1-8-1985 by Ord. No. 24-84]

WASTE OIL

Oil drained from vehicle crankcases.

[Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]

WHITE GOODS

Appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, air conditioners, trash compactors, water softeners and water heaters.

[Added 12-6-1988 by Ord. No. 24-88]

§ 47-3 Establishment of Utility and Collection and Fees.

Establishment of Utility.

A. A municipal solid waste utility is hereby established within the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, for the collection and disposal of solid waste, to fix the amount and charges for the use therefore and to provide rules and regulations therefore. The municipal solid waste collection and disposal operation, including any appurtenant structures, works, fixtures and equipment relating thereto and all extensions and improvements thereof situated in, constructed or acquired at public expense by the Borough of Washington (the operation), shall hereafter be operated under the direction and control of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington as a publicly owned municipal solid waste utility and shall, for accounting purposes, be a separate entity having its own borrowing capacity, its own separate accounts and its own separate

property, whether real, personal or mixed, within the meaning of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:4-33 and <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:26A-1 et seq., amendments thereof and supplements thereto, and all other provisions of other applicable laws.

- B. Garbage and refuse consisting of Type 10 and/or Type 13 Municipal Wastes, except commercial and industrial wastes as defined herein and except in excess of the amounts described/defined in herein, accumulated in the Borough shall be collected, conveyed and disposed of by the Borough or its duly authorized contractor for such purposes (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "collector") in strict compliance with the provisions of this chapter and any other applicable law, rule, regulations, contract or ordinance.
- C. Each Refuse Generating Unit, hereinafter "RGU" shall pay to the Borough a quarterly fee to be established not less than annually by resolution of the governing body for removal of garbage and refuse as defined herein. Any commercial or industrial RGU or any multifamily residential RGU consisting of FIVE (5) units or more wishing to opt out of garbage and refuse collection shall be permitted to do so by providing proof of service in the form of a current and valid contract with a solid waste hauler holding a current and valid solid waste license issued by the State of New Jersey. Further, the proof of service must indicate garbage and refuse pickup of more than NINETY-FIVE (95) GALLONS or ONE HALF (½) CUBIC YARD of Type 10 Municipal Waste per week.
- D. Past due amounts as lien. Garbage fees as provided herein shall be a first lien or charge against the property billed for the services rendered. Any part of the amount due and payable interest shall accrue at a rate of interest equivalent of that established for delinquent garbage fees pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:48-2.14 Liens levied in accordance with this section shall be enforceable in the manner provided for real property tax liens in Section 5 of Title 54 of the Revised Statutes.

§ 47-4 Collection by producers or owners.

This chapter shall not prohibit the actual producers of refuse or the owners of premises upon which refuse has accumulated from personally collecting, conveying and disposing of such refuse or from contracting with rubbish contractors, provided such producers or owners comply with the provisions of this chapter and with any other applicable law, rule, regulation or ordinance.

§ 47-5 Residential dwelling and commercial establishment compliance requirements. [Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

- A. Residential dwelling compliance requirements.
- (1) The owners/occupants of single-family and two-family dwellings shall be responsible for compliance with this chapter.
- (2) For multifamily units, the management or owner is responsible for setting up and

maintaining the recycling system, including the designation of a building/complex recycling coordinator who will oversee the recycling system which includes the collection of recyclable materials.

(3) Delinquent payments and suspended service.

At any such time where quarterly payment(s) become(s) past due, collection/pickup will be suspended immediately and without further notice. Owners/occupants of residential dwellings and/or commercial establishments without collection service will be required to remove or otherwise dispose of any and all refuse, rubbish or solid waste from the premises within 72 hours after the receipt of written notice to that effect.

In the event the Borough finds it necessary to provide services for the removal or destruction of the solid waste when the owner or tenant refuses or neglects to remove or destroy the solid waste in the manner and within the time required by this Ordinance §47-4 and §47-5(3), service fees will continue to accrue and past due amounts shall be a first lien or charge against the property billed for the services rendered as set forth in this Ordinance §47-3.

- (4) Violations and penalties notices will be directed to the owner, occupant or management in those instances where the violator is not easily identifiable. The management shall issue notification and collection rules to new tenants when they arrive and every six months during their occupancy.
- B. Commercial establishment compliance requirements.
- (1) All commercial, business or industrial facilities shall be required to comply with the provisions of this chapter.
- (2) The arrangement for collection of designated recyclables hereunder shall be the responsibility of the commercial, institutional or industrial property owner or his designee, unless the municipality provides for the collection of designated recyclable materials. All commercial, institutional or industrial properties which provide outdoors litter receptacles and disposal service for their contents shall also provide receptacles for designated recyclable materials, for those materials commonly deposited, in the location of the litter receptacle, and shall provide for separate recycling service for their contents.
- (3) Annually, every business, institution or industrial facility shall report to the Municipal Recycling Coordinator the recycling activities undertaken at its premises, including the amount of recycled material, by material type, collected and recycled and the vendor or vendors providing recycling service. The forms to be used will be provided by the Municipal Recycling Coordinator.
- (4) All food service establishments, as defined in the Health Code, shall, in addition to compliance with all other recycling requirements, be required to recycle grease and/or cooking oil created in the processing of food or food products, and maintain such records as may be prescribed for inspection by any code enforcement officer.

§ 47-6 Supervision by Manager; authority to regulate collection and disposal. [Amended 1-8-1985 by Ord. No. 24-84]

Garbage and refuse accumulated in the Borough shall be collected, conveyed and disposed of by the collector under the supervision of the Borough Manager. The Mayor and Common Council shall have the authority to make necessary and reasonable rules and regulations concerning the days and times of collections, type and location of waste containers and such other matter pertaining to the collection, conveyance and disposal of refuse and other materials as the Mayor and Council find necessary in the public interest. The Borough Manager shall be responsible for implementing any rules and regulations as adopted.

§ 47-7 Borough provided garbage and recycling carts; preparation of Type 10 and Type 13 garbage, recyclables and vegetative wastes for collection; separation of recyclable materials.

[Amended 12-6-1988 by Ord. No. 24-88]

Garbage, recyclables and refuse shall be prepared for collection in accordance with the provisions hereof.

- A. Borough shall provide the use ONE (1) NINETY-FIVE (95) GALLON black garbage cart and ONE (1) NINETY-FIVE GALLON green recycling cart to each RGU. Carts are the property of the Borough and shall remain with the real property to which they are assigned. Upon sale of the real property the cart shall be conveyed with the real property in the same manner as any improvements upon the property. Each RGU existing at the establishment of this ordinance shall be issued one garbage cart and one recycling cart at the Borough's expense as will any RGU created after the passage of this ordinance. Replacement of any garbage or recycling cart thereafter shall be at the expense of the RGU. The fee for replacement of any garbage or recycling cart shall be established not less than annually by resolution of the governing body.
- B. Excluding bulk items as defined herein with properly affixed stickers, all garbage and refuse must be placed and contained within the Borough issued garbage cart. Non-bulk items placed outside of the Borough issued garbage cart will not be collected and shall be subject to enforcement actions as provided herein.
- C. All garbage, before being placed in the container for collection, shall have drained from it all free liquids or must be securely bagged.
- D. All rubbish shall be drained of excessive liquid before being deposited in the container for collection.
- C. All recyclables as defined herein shall be deposited into container provided by Borough in a manner consistent with single-stream or fully-commingled recycling.
- D. Metal, glass, and plastic containers shall be cleaned and have all paper or plastic labels removed.
- E. All glass shall have metal rings and caps removed and must be cleaned.

- F. Any single-stream recyclables in excess of the capacity of the allotted 95 gallon container issued by the Borough shall be placed in heavy duty plastic or galvanized metal containers provided by the RGU which shall not exceed THIRTY-TWO (32) GALLONS in capacity and shall not exceed FIFTY (50) POUNDS in weight. Single-stream recyclables placed curbside without a container shall not be picked up.
- G. Grass clippings, hedge clippings, leaves, straw, thatch, plant stems and roots and similar material shall be placed in kraft-type bags or heavy-duty plastic or galvanized metal containers provided by the RGU whose overall capacity shall not exceed THIRTY-TWO (32) GALLONS in capacity and further shall not exceed FIFTY (50) POUNDS in weight. All items in this section must be separated from all other garbage, refuse and recyclable materials.
- H. Tree branches not in excess of FOUR (4) INCHES in diameter and not more than FOUR (4) FEET in length may be placed in heavy-duty plastic or galvanized metal containers provided by the RGU whose overall capacity shall not exceed THIRTY-TWO (32) GALLONS in capacity and further shall not exceed FIFTY (50) POUNDS in weight. Alternatively, tree branches not in excess of FOUR (4) INCHES in diameter and FOUR (4) FEET in length may be securely tied with twine consisting of natural fibers only in bundles which shall not exceed FIFTY (50) POUNDS in weight.
- J. All white goods shall be considered bulk or Type 13 waste and separated from all other garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and vegetative wastes. Refrigerators and freezers shall have doors or latches removed prior to placement outside of any building. Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers are not eligible for collection unless written documentation of the removal of coolant by a certified refrigeration technician has been prominently affixed to the unit when placed curbside for collection in addition to a bulk waste sticker as described herein.
- O. Batteries of the dry-cell type shall be placed in sealed plastic bags and brought to an authorized dropoff center for disposal and may not be placed out at curbside for collection. Wet-cell automotive batteries must be brought to an authorized recycling center and may not be placed out at curbside for collection. [Added 2-18-1992 by Ord. No. 2-92; amended 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96]
- P. Loose asphalt roofing material and loose demolition waste including, but not limited to broken drywall, plywood, or wallboard, loose insulation, concrete, blacktop, or other masonry rubble must be brought to an authorized solid waste facility authorized to recycle or process such waste for use, and this waste may not be placed out at curbside for collection. Large intact items such as fixtures (tubs, toilets, sinks, cabinets, doors, windows, etc...) shall be disposed of as bulk or Type 13 waste with a sticker properly affixed as described herein.
- Q. Latex paint may be dried by adding sand or soil to cans such that no liquid remains inside. Completely dried cans of latex paint only may be disposed of as Type 10 waste in the Borough provided garbage container only.

R. Scrap metal shall be free from all contamination from nonmetallic sources such as ceramic material, glass, plastic, cloth or other such material. Small quantities of scrap metal not in excess of 60 pounds in weight and no greater than six feet in height may be placed out at curbside for collection. Junk automobiles or automobile parts, heavy iron, scrap metal from construction or demolition projects and oversize or overweight scrap metal must be brought to a licensed scrap metal dealer or auto salvage facility and may not be placed at curbside for collection. [Added 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96; amended 4-4-2006 by Ord. No. 5-2006]

§ 47-9 Preparation of Bulk Type 13 waste for collection.

- A. Bulk or Type 13 waste is defined herein as large items of waste material, such as appliances, mattresses, children's toys and furniture or other single item which, due to their size, cannot be placed inside the 95 gallon garbage container provided by the Borough.
- B. Bulk or Type 13 waste items shall be placed adjacent to the 95 gallon garbage container issued by the Borough with a "Bulk Waste Sticker" as defined herein affixed to said item and prominently displayed facing out toward the curb in full view of the collection personnel.
- C. Bulk Waste Stickers shall be issued by the Borough for a fee to be established by resolution not less than annually by resolution of the Governing Body. Each bulk waste sticker shall be valid for ONE (1) ITEM and shall be valid on any day designated as a bulk waste collection day by the Borough. Bulk Waste Stickers shall not expire and shall not be refundable.
- D. Bulk or Type 13 waste shall NOT be permitted to be containerized or grouped in a manner so as to allow for the disposal of multiple items with one bulk waste sticker.
- E. No person shall bring garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish or other waste into the Borough of Washington for the purpose of disposing of the same in the Borough of Washington, nor shall any person place garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish or other waste generated outside of the Borough of Washington in any public waste receptacle of the Borough of Washington or in any private receptacle subject to collection and disposal by the Borough of Washington or its duly authorized contractor for such purposes, except that it shall not be illegal to deposit small amounts of garbage, trash, rubbish or litter generated locally or in the course of travel, such as newspaper, food, retail beverage and food containers and wrappings, and other similar items, in public waste receptacles. [Added 5-21-1991 by Ord. No. 12-91]

§ 47-9 Accumulation in proper containers; unlawful deposit.

- A. No person shall place any garbage or industrial wastes in any street, alley or other public place or upon any private property, whether owned by such person or not, except in proper containers for collection; neither shall any person throw or deposit any garbage, refuse or industrial waste in any stream or storm drain.
- B. Any accumulation of refuse on any premises except in the manner herein provided is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited. Failure to remove any existing accumulation of

- refuse within 30 days after the effective date of this chapter shall be deemed a violation of this chapter.
- C. No person shall cast, place, sweep or deposit any grass clippings, brush, sod or other refuse in such a manner that it may be carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk, alley, sewer, parkway or other public place within the Borough hereafter.
- D. No person shall bring garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish or other waste into the Borough of Washington for the purpose of disposing of the same in the Borough of Washington, nor shall any person place garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish or other waste generated outside of the Borough of Washington in any public waste receptacle of the Borough of Washington or in any private receptacle subject to collection and disposal by the Borough of Washington or its duly authorized contractor for such purposes, except that it shall not be illegal to deposit small amounts of garbage, trash, rubbish or litter generated locally or in the course of travel, such as newspaper, food, retail beverage and food containers and wrappings, and other similar items, in public waste receptacles. [Added 5-21-1991 by Ord. No. 12-91]
- E. No person shall deposit household or commercial garbage in the public waste receptacles of the Borough of Washington, except as otherwise provided by law. [Added 5-21-1991 by Ord. No. 12-91]
- F. No person who has his or her garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish or other waste collected by the Borough of Washington shall accept for disposal garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish or other waste generated outside the Borough for the purpose of having it collected and/or disposed of by the Borough of Washington or its duly authorized contractor. [Added 5-21-1991 by Ord. No. 12-91]

§ 47-9.1 Limitation on amounts per household. [Added 2-5-1991 by Ord. No. 4-91]

- A. The Borough shall collect and dispose of not more than ONE (1) NINETY-FIVE (95) GALLON container of Type 10 waste, per RGU, per week.
- B. Each RGU shall be permitted to dispose of an unlimited amount of Type 13 or bulky waste as defined herein per designated collection day provided that the Type 13 waste has bulk waste stickers properly affixed thereon.
- C. Type 13 or bulky waste stickers shall NOT be utilized to dispose of Type 10 or regular municipal waste in excess of the NINETY-FIVE (95) GALLONS allotted per week.

§ 47-10 Placement of containers for collection. [Amended 1-8-1985 by Ord. No. 24-84; 4-4-2006 by Ord. No. 5-2006]

Each RGU desiring to have garbage, refuse, recyclable materials and/or vegetative wastes collected by the Borough or its agents shall prepare the same for collection as prescribed herein at the roadside no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the night before or prior to 5:00 a.m. on the day designated for the collection area. All container MUST be placed at the roadside not later than

6:00 a.m. on the day of collection. Containers may not be left at the roadside after collection. The owner or occupier of the premises is responsible to make sure containers are accessible for collection purposes and that the containers are properly stored away from the roadside when not placed for collection.

§ 47-11 Disposition of other materials.

- A. Highly flammable, corrosive or explosive materials shall not be placed in containers for collection but shall be disposed of by the owner at the expense of the owner or possessor thereof.
- B. The Manager is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate rules and regulations for the disposal of household furnishings and waste material not included within the definition of "refuse," where such waste material originates within Washington Borough. Any person desiring to dispose of such waste shall do so in strict accordance with such rules and regulations and in accordance with the statutes of New Jersey.
- C. The actual producers of refuse or the owners of premises upon which refuse is accumulated who desire personally to collect and dispose of such refuse, persons who desire to dispose of waste material not included in the definition of "refuse," and collectors of refuse from outside of the Borough who desire to haul over the streets of the Borough shall use a watertight vehicle provided with a tight cover and so operated as to prevent offensive odors escaping therefrom and refuse or waste material from being blown, dropped or spilled therefrom.

§ 47-12 Certain items responsibility of producer or owner.

Disposal of items such as and similar to automobiles, vehicles, parts of vehicles, tires, building materials, sod, soil, concrete, large tree limbs, tree stumps, tree trunks, commercial and industrial wastes shall be the responsibility of the producers or owners thereof.

§ 47-13 Frequency of collections.

[Amended 1-8-1985 by Ord. No. 24-84; 4-23-1985 by Ord. No. 4-85; 12-6-1988 by Ord. No. 24-88; 5-21-1991 by Ord. No. 12-91; 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96; 5-7-2002 by Ord. No. 7-2002; 5-4-2004 by Ord. No. 8-2004; 4-4-2006 by Ord. No. 5-2006]

- A. Curbside collection of Type 10 waste in all areas of the Borough shall be conducted once per week.
- B. Curbside collection of Type 13 waste in all areas of the Borough shall be conducted once per week coinciding with curbside collection of Type 10 waste. Type 10 waste shall not be collected at any other time.
- C. Curbside collection of single-stream recyclables in all areas of the Borough shall be conducted once per week.
- D. Curbside collection of grass, leaves, branches, brush and other vegetative waste in all areas of the Borough shall be conducted once per week seasonally with the exact dates of collection to be determined annually by the Borough Manager in consultation with the

- Borough Council and Department of Public Works Supervisor.
- E. The Borough of Washington shall publish, at least annually, a comprehensive schedule and regulation set for all recycling, garbage and bulk trash collections within the Borough.
- § 47-14 Mandatory source separation; exemption from source-separation requirements. [Added 1-8-1985 by Ord. No. 24-84; amended 12-6-1988 by Ord. No. 24-88; 2-5-1991 by Ord. No. 3-1991; 5-21-1991 by Ord. No. 12-91; 7-16-1991 by Ord. No. 15-91; 2-18-1992 by Ord. No. 2-92; 4-16-1996 by Ord. No. 4-96; 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]
- A. Mandatory source separation. It shall be mandatory for all persons who are owners, tenants or occupants of residential and nonresidential premises, which shall include but not be limited to retail and other commercial locations, as well as government, schools and other institutional locations within the municipality of the Borough of Washington, to separate designated recyclable materials from all solid waste. Designated recyclable materials shall be deposited separate and apart from other solid waste generated by the owners, tenants or occupants of such premises. Designated recyclable materials shall be taken to an authorized recycling center or, for recyclable materials for which curbside pickup is provided, placed separately at the curb in a manner and on such days and times as may be hereinafter established by regulations promulgated by the Borough of Washington.
- Exemptions. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.16(d), the governing body of a municipality may exempt persons occupying commercial or institutional premises within its municipal boundaries from the source-separation requirements of the ordinance which requires persons generating municipal solid waste within its municipal boundaries to source-separate from the municipal solid waste stream the specified recyclable materials, if those persons have otherwise provided for the recycling of all designated recyclable materials. To be eligible for an exemption pursuant to this section, a commercial or institutional generator of solid waste shall file an application for exemption with the Municipal Recycling Coordinator on forms to be provided for this purpose. The form shall include, at a minimum, the following information: the name of the commercial or institutional entity; the street address location and lot and block designation; the name, official title and phone number of the person making application on behalf of the commercial or institutional entity; the name, address, official contact person and telephone number of the facility which provides the service of recycling those designated recyclable materials; and a certification that the designated recyclable materials will be recycled and that, at least on an annual basis, said recycling service provider or commercial/institutional generator shall provide written documentation to the Municipal Recycling Coordinator of the total number of tons collected and recycled for each designated material.

§ 47-15 Prohibition of the collection of waste mixed with recyclable materials; collection by unauthorized parties prohibited.

[Added 1-8-1985 by Ord. No. 24-84; amended 4-23-1985 by Ord. No. 4-85; 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

- A. It shall be unlawful for solid waste collectors to collect solid waste that is mixed with or contains visible signs of designated recyclable materials. It is also unlawful for solid waste collectors to remove for disposal those bags or containers of solid waste which visibly display a warning notice sticker or some other device indicating that the load of solid waste contains designated recyclable materials.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the resident or occupant to properly segregate the uncollected waste for proper disposal or recycling. Allowing such unseparated solid waste and recyclables to accumulate will be considered a violation of this article and the local sanitary code.
- C. Once placed in the location identified by this chapter or any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter, no person, other than those authorized by the municipality, shall tamper with, collect, remove or otherwise handle designated recyclable materials. Each such instance of tampering, collection, removal or handling of designated recyclable materials in violation hereof shall constitute a separate and distinct violation of this chapter.

§ 47-16 New developments of multifamily residential units or commercial, institutional or industrial properties.

[Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

- A. Any application to the Planning Board of the Borough of Washington for subdivision or site plan approval for the construction of multifamily dwellings of three or more units, single-family developments of 50 or more units, or any commercial, institutional or industrial development for the utilization of 1,000 square feet or more of land must include a recycling plan. This plan must contain, at a minimum, the following:
- (1) A detailed analysis of the expected composition and amounts of solid waste and recyclables generated at the proposed development.
- (2) Locations documented on the application's site plan that provide for convenient recycling opportunities for all owners, tenants and occupants. The recycling area shall be of sufficient size, convenient location and contain other attributes (signage, lighting, fencing, etc.) as may be determined by the Municipal Recycling Coordinator.
- (3) Provisions shall be made for the indoor, or enclosed outdoor, storage and pickup of solid waste, to be approved by the Municipal Engineer.
- B. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the Borough of Washington, the owner of any new multifamily housing or commercial, institutional or industrial development must supply a copy of a duly executed contract with a hauling company for the purposes of collection and recycling of source-separated recyclable materials, in those instances where the municipality does not otherwise provide this service.

§ 47-17 Enforcement. [Added 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

The Municipal Board of Health, the Recycling Coordinator, the Zoning Officer, the Building Inspector, the Housing Officer, or other code enforcement officer, the Police Department serving the Borough of Washington, and the Warren County Department of Health are hereby individually and severally empowered to enforce the provisions of this chapter. An inspection may consist of sorting through containers and opening of solid waste bags to detect, by sound or sight, the presence of any recyclable material or any material otherwise prohibited for disposal by this ordinance, or in a manner prohibited by this ordinance.

§ 47-18 Violations and penalties. [Amended 1-8-1985 by Ord. No. 24-85; 9-7-2004 by Ord. No. 14-2004; 5-19-2009 by Ord. No. 4-2009]

- A. Any person, corporation, occupant or entity that violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished for each offense by a fine not to exceed \$2,000, by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days in the county jail, or by a period of community service not exceeding 90 days.
- B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A, any person who violates § **47-9D** of the Code of the Borough of Washington shall, upon conviction, be punished for each such offense by a minimum fine of \$100 and a maximum fine of \$5,000.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted on 04-07-2020 at the regular meeting held at the Washington Borough Municipal Building; 100 Belvidere Avenue; Washington, New Jersey.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Valle and seconded by Conry to adopt Resolution 2020-138.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2020-138

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on December 6, 2019 to US Bank Cust Pro Cap 8, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$2,039.17 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2018 in the name of Moscetti, Margaret L. as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 33 East Church St., Block 29 Lot 9, which sale was evidenced by

Certificate #19-00015; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 9-22-20 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Comerica Bank on behalf of Newrez LLC, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by US Bank Cust Pro Cap 8 by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$6,295.34 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #19-00015.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of October 2020 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to US Bank Cust Pro Cap 8, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of **\$6,295.34** (This amount consists of \$6,295.34 Certificate Amount redeemed).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 29 Lot 9 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Valle to adopt Resolution 2020-139.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2020-139

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP. FOR THE PURCHASE OF SCHAEFER 95 GALLON CARTS, WISTAR ONE TRUCK AND HANDHELD EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington wishes to purchase Schaefer 95 Gallon Carts, Wistar One Truck and Handheld Equipment and Software pursuant to the authorized Sourcwell Contract agreement authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 et seq; and

WHEREAS, Sanitation Equipment Corp., 80 Furler Street Totowa, New Jersey 07512 has been awarded the Sourcewell Contract Number **04127-SFR**; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent and the Borough Manager recommend the utilization of this contract; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certificate of Availability of Funds for the purchase from account # **04-2019-1926-0-4-0**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Sanitation Equipment Corp. be awarded the contract for the aforementioned equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Qualified Purchasing Agent issue the appropriate purchase order in the amount of \$337,580.00 to Sanitation Equipment Corp.

Motion made by Valle and seconded by Duchemin to adopt Resolution 2020-140.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2020-140

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$1,098,097.38 TO \$916,851.31, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR GRAND AVE. RECONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington, and Top Line Construction, Corp. entered into a contract for Grand Avenue Reconstruction improvement project; and

WHEREAS, there was a decrease in the contract price from \$1,098,097.38 to \$916,851.31 (\$181,246.07) decrease of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid modification necessitates a change order to reflect the actual contract amount, which change order is permissible under the Local Public Contracts Law and the Local Government Services regulations with respect to the same; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager recommends authorizing the Change Order, Accepting the Project, Releasing the Performance Guarantee and accepting the Maintenance Bond and;

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

- 1. It hereby acknowledges that the project has been satisfactorily completed, accepts same and, accordingly, releases Performance and Payment Great American Insurance Company in amount of \$91,686.00.
- 2. It authorizes the appropriate municipal officials to pay the balance due on the final contract which is hereby accepts, and which has resulted in an adjusted contract amount of \$916.851.31.
- 3. It hereby directs the Borough Clerk to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Borough Purchasing Agent, and the Finance Department.

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to adopt Resolutions 2020-141.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2020-141

AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON BOROUGH TO UTLIZE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HUNTERDON COUNTY AND WASTE MANGEMENT FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE HUNTERDON COUNTY SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon entered into a five-year contract by Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders with Waste Management for the operation of the Hunterdon County Solid Waste Transfer Station for a five-year term ending on December 12, 2023: and

WHEREAS, a copy of the aforesaid resolution is made a part hereof and attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Waste Management's proposal for the operation of The Hunterdon County Transfer Station was be set at \$84.00 per ton for the contracted service; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington will begin solid waste, recycling and bulk trash services in 2021 and has a need to utilize Waste Management's disposal facility pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Washington authorizes the Borough Manager to utilize this agreement with the County of Hunterdon with Waste Management for Solid Waste deposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Washington is authorized to utilize this contract if necessary for the term of the contract ending December 12, 2023;

Motion made by Duchemin and seconded by Conry to adopt Resolution 2020-142

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Valle)

Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2020-142_

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 19, 2018 to Bala Partners LLC, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$6,210.22 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2017 in the name of Masenior, Gary & Anna Marie as supposed owners, and in said

assessment and sale were described as 282 E. Washington Ave., Block 72 Lot 24.02, which sale was evidenced by certificate #18-00019 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 9-28-20 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Gary Masenior claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Bala Partners LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$27,360.11 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #18-00019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of October, 2020 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Bala Partners, LLC, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876 in the amount of **\$27,360.11** (This consists of \$27,360.11 Certificate Amount redeemed).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 72 Lot 24.02 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Valle to adopt Resolution 2020-143

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2020-143

A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT ON 2020 REAL ESTATE TAXES

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$2,197.58 on 2020 3rd Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 10 S. Pickle Ave. also known as Block 44 Lot 39, and in the name of Welsh, Thomas M. & Lisa A.; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Lisa Welsh and Corelogic Tax Service had both paid the 3rd Quarter 2020 property taxes, resulting in the overpayment; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and the property owner submitted a written request to receive a refund for the overpayment which caused the overage Block 44 Lot 39.

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 \$2,197.58 payable to:

Lisa Welsh 10 S. Pickle Ave. Washington, NJ 07882

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to adopt Resolution 2020-144

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2020-144

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DETCON FOR THE PURPOSES OF RETROFITTING HYDRAULICALLY ACTUATED TIPPERS TO AUXIALLIARY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TRUCK

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington has entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Oxford, Warren County, New Jersey, for the purpose of sharing the use of an auxiliary solid waste disposal truck to be utilized as a backup as needed to the Borough's three active duty solid waste trucks should a truck become disabled due to a traffic accident, mechanical breakdown or other unforeseen problem; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the agreement, specifically Section I. Item B. the Borough of Washington shall be responsible for operational costs associated with the use of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington utilizes Schaefer 95 gallon carts exclusively for solid waste disposal which require the use of hydraulically actuated rear tipping devices permanently fitted to the solid waste disposal truck; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Oxford consents to this modification in accordance with the agreement; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certificate of Availability of Funds for the purchase from account # **04-2019-1926-0-4-0**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Detcon be awarded the contract for the aforementioned equipment and associated labor and installation costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Qualified Purchasing Agent issue the appropriate purchase order in the amount of \$12,593.55.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Noone reported her meeting with the Oxford Youth Association and former members from the Washington Borough recreation. The possibility of creating a joint commission was discussed. Councilman Norris expressed his interest in being part of the meetings.

VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS

Motion made by Conry seconded by Duchemin to pay vouchers and claims. Discussion: Councilwoman Cox inquired about the following bills:

- Advertisement for DPW employee
- Internet for Park
- Shared Service Stipends
- Salary for ACO
- Service for garbage truck
- Truck number for garbage truck

Roll Call: Conry, Cox, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle and Higgins. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
Motion passes.

RECAP

Manager Hall recapped the following:

• Follow up with Me Thiel with regards to guidelines for Trick or Treating.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Conry gave the following remarks:

- Thanked all the employees for doing a great job.
- Thanked the Manager for doing a terrific job managing everything.
- Thanked Clerk, Laurie Barton for her help with the Diversity meeting.
- A survey will be going out soon to the community from the Diversity committee.

Councilwoman Cox gave the following remarks:

- Commented on the static during this meeting and stated it was hard to hear.
- Stated for everyone to remain safe and wear the masks.

Councilwoman Valle gave the following remarks:

- Inquired about political signs being placed on borough public right of way.
- Stated that downtown is supposed to be a neutral zone.
- Inquired about borough hall reopening.

Councilman Norris gave the following remarks:

• Glad to see CVS and Taco Bell coming along.

- Thanked the Mayor and Manager for all the hard work they do.
- Thanked Mel Thiel and Councilwoman Noone for the good job with the Farmers Market
- Police and Fire departments doing a good job.

Councilwoman Duchemin gave the following remarks:

- Excited about the solid waste ordinance, that gives increased services to residents.
- Happy to see the development going on downtown.

Councilwoman Noone gave the following remarks:

- Thanked all of the businesses and volunteers for participating in the Farmers Market.
- Glad to hear the borough is having Halloween.

Mayor Higgins gave the following remarks:

- Brush pick up starts on Monday
- Received an email from a resident concerning benches at the pocket park.
- Everyone received the audit, there was only one recommendation.
- Recapped his meeting with Katy Curry, who organized the commercial that was shot in downtown, adding that she was impressed on how inviting and open the borough is. There was a crew of about 30-45 people who all ate in the downtown for lunch, in which they had a great time.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Conry seconded by Valle to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Ayes: 7: Nays: 0 Motion Carried.	
Mayor David Higgins	Laurie A. Barton, Borough Clerk