DRAFT-SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AGENDA

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NJ

February 16, 2021 7:00 PM -Updated 02/15/2021

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Express-Times (Warren County Edition) and posted on the Boroughs website stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.

<u>ROLL CALL</u> Conry, Cox, Duchemin, Heinrich, Noone, Norris, Higgins.

AUDIENCE/COUNCIL APPEARANCE

Remarks, petitions, statements and testimony from guests

MINUTES

01/28/2021-Special 02/02/2021 Regular 02/09/2021 Special

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

877-853-5247 Zoom ID: 871 7180 0413

Zoom Info: Phone: Agenda-Continued

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2021-34- RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 2021-35-DECLARING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

VOUCHERS

<u>REPORTS</u>

RECAP

COUNCIL REMARKS

Remarks, Reports, Discussions

Cannabis Regulations-Discussion-setting a committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION-if needed

ADJOURNMENT _____ P.M.

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RESOLUTION 2021-34

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

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 22, 2020 to Bala Partners LLC, P.O. Box 303, Pottersville, NJ 07979, in the amount of \$1,242.63 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2019 in the name of Hartrum, Mildred as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 179 East Washington Ave., Block 80 Lot 7, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #20-00033 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 2-3-21 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, PNC Bank 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 \$6,235.83 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #20-00033.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 16th day of February, 2021 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, P.O. Box 303, Pottersville, NJ 07979 in the amount of **\$16,635.83** (This consists of \$6,235.83 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$10,400.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 80 Lot 7 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2021-35 DECLARING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

February 16, 2021

WHEREAS, Black History Month, celebrated during the month of February, originated

in 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, noted scholar and son of former slaves, who founded the

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, set aside a special period in

February to recognize the heritage and achievements of Black people in the United States;

WHEREAS, President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected"; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, every President has adopted the month of February as Black History Month, an annual celebration of African American achievements and roles in U.S. History; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to reflect on the burdens of racial prejudice and explore, understand, and appreciate the identities and cultures across and within the African diaspora; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington recognizes the injustices that African Americans have endured and commends the African American community for the continuous pursuit of overcoming those injustices and changing the course and nature of history; and

WHEREAS, we honor the prominent leaders and activists who have paved the way for equality and justice, calling our attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build an equitable society.

THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Washington, declares February 2021 as Black History Month, and honors the contributions and sacrifices made in building pride in black history and educating all Americans, as well as many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join other organizations throughout the state of New Jersey and this country to use this occasion to raise awareness of the hardships African Americans have endured, celebrate the milestones that have been achieved, and continue the unrelenting pursuit of equality and justice for all.