
AGENDA

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NJ

**March 2, 2021
7:00 PM**

ZOOM INFORMATION: Webinar ID: 836 7950 2546 Participant ID: 170148
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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.

ROLL CALL Conry, Cox, Duchemin, Heinrich, Noone, Norris, Higgins.

AUDIENCE/COUNCIL APPEARANCE

Remarks, petitions, statements and testimony from guests

MINUTES

- February 16, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment of Scenic Byway Committee member

Agenda-Continued

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES 2nd Reading

- **ORDINANCE 2021-02**-Chapter 57 Stormwater Control

RESOLUTIONS

- **RESOLUTION 2021-36** - RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
- **RESOLUTION 2021-37**-RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT ON 2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES
- **RESOLUTION 2021-38**-RESOLUTION TO ADJUST SEWER BILLINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 70, SECTION 28B OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON.
- **RESOLUTION 2021-39**- RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON REIMBURSING THE WASHINGTON BOROUGH YOUTH ASSOCIATION FOR CERTAIN STARTUP COSTS

VOUCHERS

REPORTS

- Cannabis Committee

RECAP

COUNCIL REMARKS

Remarks, Reports, Discussions

EXECUTIVE SESSION-if needed

RESOLUTION 2021-36
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 20, 2020 to US Bank Cust Pro Cap 8, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the amount of \$334.00 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2019 in the name of Butterfield, Warren as supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 21 Fisher Ave. Block 84 Lot 34, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #20-00035; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 2-9-21 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Comerica Bank on behalf of Corelogic Tax Service, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by US Bank Cust Pro Cap 8 by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$875.41 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #20-00035.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of March 2021 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 **\$1,975.41** (This amount consists of \$875.41 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,100.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 84 Lot 34 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2021-37
A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$1,646.36 on 2021 1st Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 43 ½ Carlton Avenue, also known as Block 16 Lot 8, and in the name of Whyte, Eileis; and

WHEREAS, Raritan Valley Title Examiners LLC and Corelogic Tax Service had both paid the 1st Quarter 2021 property taxes, resulting in the overpayment when the property changed ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has received a written request from Corelogic Tax Service that the overpayment be refunded to them in order to forward the funds to Eileis Whyte.

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 \$1,646.36 payable to:

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

RESOLUTION 2021-38

A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST SEWER BILLINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 70, SECTION 28B OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington commenced operations of a municipal sewer utility in January of 1999; and

WHEREAS, certain facts have come to the attention of the Borough to justify modification of sewer service charges which have been reviewed by the Borough Manager; and

WHEREAS, notice has been provided to the owner(s) of the property or properties listed below of the action proposed to be taken with the date, time and place where the Mayor and Council will meet to consider change(s) in the E.D.U.'s assigned to the property or properties listed below; and

WHEREAS, all parties affected by this resolution will be notified of the action taken, in writing, and notified of an opportunity to appear, in person, at a formal hearing of the governing body, if dissatisfied with the decisions made herein.

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 following changes in the sewer service charge(s) are approved:

BLOCK/LOT NAME/ADDRESS	REASON/ADJUSTMENT
98/8.01 Dennis Belcher 13 Cornish Street Washington, NJ 07882	Change in Use (.5) to (2) E.D.U.'s Effective: March 2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to all parties affected by this resolution and advise them of their right to protest the decision and request a formal hearing before the governing body, as provided in Chapter 70, Section 13. If no protest is filed, the decisions contained herein shall be considered final.

RESOLUTION 2021-39

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON REIMBURSING THE
WASHINGTON BOROUGH YOUTH ASSOCIATION FOR CERTAIN STARTUP
COSTS**

WHEREAS, the Washington Borough Youth Association, hereinafter “WBYA” was officially incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation as of December, 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington has agreed to reimburse the WBYA for certain startup costs associated with establishing the organization including but not limited to legal fees, accounting fees and insurance; and

WHEREAS, the WBYA has provided invoices for the aforesaid expenses totaling **FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$5,308.25)**; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington has deemed these expenses acceptable and necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Washington that the aforesaid expenses, the documentation of which is made a part hereof and attached hereto, are hereby authorized for reimbursement.

Cannabis Legislation Committee

Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (ATC's):

1. Phillipsburg-Apothecarium

[Medical & Recreational Marijuana Dispensary | The Apothecarium](#)

2/23/21-Spoke to Phillipsburg Mayor Tersigni-Spoke very highly of the medical dispensary. Said there was no negative community response, the dispensary operates within all parameters as it should, is very transparent, has been a very good community partner and neighbor.

2. Montclair-Ascend (Emailed mayor Spillman 2/23)

[Home - Ascend Cannabis Dispensaries \(letsascend.com\)](#)

3. Cranbury-Breakwater (Emailed mayor Ferrante 2/23)

[Breakwater Treatment & Wellness \(breakwateratc.com\)](#)

2/23/21-Mayor Ferrante said the ACT is a non-issue in town, much to his surprise due to the traditional nature of the municipality. It has not affected the town negatively in any way and the community response has been neutral.

Meeting Notes

- We suggest we hold a special public information session ASAP (on a second Tuesday?) prior to drafting an ordinance. We suggest that our planner and lawyer are present to help field questions.
- We would allow Alternative Treatment Centers (ATC's). We would allow growing in industrial zones. We must consider allowing recreational dispensaries only in business districts.
- We need very clear input on signage, hours of operation.
- We would not allow on premises consumption.
- Is there a limit on the number of recreational establishment licenses?
- We recommend limiting recreational dispensaries to two locations within the Borough plus one ATC. No limitations on growing/processing.
- We need to be specific in our zoning and enforcing current zoning.
- We suggest enforcing the maximum tax. 1% on processing and 2% on all other operations.
- Security? What is appropriate for retail and growing/all other operations?
- Suggested Hours (Both ATC's and Recreational):
Monday – Thursday: 9am – 8pm
Friday – Saturday: 9am – 9pm
Sunday: 9am – 6pm

Present: Councilwomen Chelsea DuChemin, Josephine Noone, Louann Cox
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM