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*BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY*

*WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES*

*November 1, 2022*

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

Roll Call: Brown, Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Also Present: Laurie A. Courter, Interim Manager/Borough Clerk  
Tara St. Angelo (via Zoom) Attorney

Mayor Cox led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor Cox read the following statement into record:

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Heinrich to open the public portion all were in favor.

Alison Kopsco-4 Valley View Ter. stated she is here on behalf of Jessica Caldwell also here is Bonnie Hill . They request councils support as ARC moves forward to rehab property here in Washington Borough.

DCA Small Cities Community Development Block Grant:

\$400,000 dollars

Rehab one of the 4 units that are deemed as affordable housing.

Gardner Court complex.

Mel Thiel -BID gave the following report:

- Day of Dead celebration and Hometown Halloween was this past Saturday, both were huge successes. There were three times the amount of people this year.
- A lot of participation from the businesses.

- Events coming up-
- Operation Jersey Cares-care packages for Armed Forces. Drop off boxes in every business in town and bid office.
- Tree lighting Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-8PM. DJ strolling singers and band. Open house with businesses. All free to general public sponsored by the BID and businesses and donations we get. Tree is donated by the Smith family.
- Operation Toy Train this year; Marine Corp's Toys for Tots stops at Broad Street with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Accepting Unwrapped new toys from 12-12:30 Dec 4<sup>th</sup>
- Pumpkin decorating contest winner is Lenas Chop Shop for their hand carved pumpkin free hand with their logo. Full Throttle Cycle Repair came in second. Juanito's was third.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Best Practice Inventory was briefed by Interim Manager Laurie Courter. Interim Borough Manager asked that the council sign the Audit Affidavit for the 2021 Audit report.

### **Recreation Appointments**

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Brown to appoint Lauren Sheldon and David Perricone to the Recreation Committee, all were in favor.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Ron to adopt Resolution 2022-124

Roll call: Brown, Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.  
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0  
 Motion passes.

## **RESOLUTION 2022-124**

### **APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT 2023 Fund Year**

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_ Washington Borough \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter "Local Unit") has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the "Fund"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk management Consultant; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Fund” has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position; and

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

1. Washington Borough (Local Unit) hereby appoints Skylands Risk Management, Inc. its Risk Management Consultant.
2. The Mayor (*authorized representative of the public entity*) and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant’s Agreement for the year **2023** in the form attached hereto.

Name of Entity: Borough of Washington

Motion made by Heinrich and seconded by Conry to adopt Resolution 2022-125

Roll call: Brown, Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.  
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0  
Motion passes.

### **RESOLUTION 2022-125**

### **APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND**

### **2023 Fund year**

WHEREAS, Borough of Washington  
 (hereinafter “Local Unit”) is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Fund’s Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of  
Washington (Local Unit) that Laurie A. Courter is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the **Fund Year 2023**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Natasha Turchan is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the **Fund Year 2023**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

Name of Entity: Washington Borough

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Ron to adopt Resolution 2022-126

Roll call: Brown, Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2022-126  
**SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR  
FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES BETWEEN  
THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, MORRIS COUNTY  
AND THE  
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022 by and between:

**THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, MORRIS COUNTY**,  
a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, with  
offices at the Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain  
Road, Long Valley, New Jersey 07853

(Hereinafter, "Washington Township")

and:

**THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY**,  
a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, with  
offices at the Municipal Building, 100 Belvidere Ave,  
Washington, New Jersey 07840,

(Hereinafter, "Washington Borough")

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, Washington Borough desires to contract with Washington Township for the furnishing of fire prevention services as required by the Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-1.1 et seq., and as hereafter set forth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF** the mutual promises, covenants and representations herein contained, the parties hereto, for themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns, hereby agree as follows:

#### **I. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

1. Washington Township shall provide the services of a licensed, qualified Fire Official and/or Fire Inspector for fire prevention services to Washington Borough, under the terms and conditions as hereinafter set forth.

2. The Washington Township Fire Prevention Office shall be responsible for inspections for Washington Borough required pursuant to the Uniform Fire Code as set forth in this Agreement.

3. The Fire Official and Fire Inspector shall remain the sole employees of Washington Township and Washington Township shall be responsible for the administration and payment of their salaries and benefits and for the supervision of the Fire Official and Fire Inspector.

4. The Washington Township Fire Prevention Office shall provide all the hours required to provide the following services to Washington Borough: smoke detector/carbon monoxide detector inspections, non-life hazard use and life hazard use inspections as required by the Uniform Fire Code. The fee schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof shall be the inspection fees for all non-life hazard use businesses.

5. All records produced by the Washington Township Fire Prevention Office regarding the fire prevention services of Washington Borough shall be retained in the Washington Township Municipal Building and will be provided to Washington Borough at the expiration of the agreement if it is not renewed.

## **II. TERM OF AGREEMENT**

7. Washington Township shall provide the services of the Washington Township Fire Prevention Office to Washington Borough during the term of this Agreement which shall commence on January 1, 2023 and terminate on December 31, 2027. Either party may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of each calendar year of the agreement upon 90 days' advance written notice to the other party, or in the case that the Fire Official retires, resigns, becomes disabled or otherwise is rendered incapable of performing the duties required pursuant to this Agreement, upon a minimum 60 days' advance written notice to the other party to be effective at the beginning of the following quarter.

## **III. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

8. Any and all non-life hazard use inspection fees as required by ordinance, state rebates and smoke detector/carbon monoxide fees will be remitted to Washington Township; an amount equal to two (2) percent of the prior year's smoke detector/carbon monoxide fees, life hazard and non-life hazard fees, excluding the state shares, shall be budgeted in a line item for Washington Borough Fire Department fire prevention activities from which expenses shall be paid within thirty days of submission of a voucher and in accordance with Washington Township payment procedures.

## **IV. AMENDMENT**

9. Any amendments to this Agreement must be in writing, must specify the effective date of the amendment and must be executed by the Mayor of each municipality, or his/her designated representative.

**V. INDEMNIFICATION AND DEFENSE OF PERSONNEL**

10. A. Washington Borough shall not be liable for any negligent, reckless or intentional acts or omissions of Washington Township or the employees of the Washington Township Fire Prevention Office and Washington Township shall indemnify, defend and hold Washington Borough harmless from all losses, injuries or damages caused by the negligent, reckless or intentional acts or omissions of Washington Township or any of its employees rendering the services set forth in this agreement. Such indemnification shall include payment of reasonable attorney's fees and costs in the defense of any claim made by a third person incident to such negligent, reckless or intentional act or omission.

B. It is recognized and understood that Washington Township and Washington Borough participates in joint insurance funds (JIF). Washington Township and Washington Borough shall name each other as an additional insured on its general liability insurance policy. Washington Township will provide proof of automobile liability and workers compensation policies.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be signed by their corporate officers and their proper corporate seals to be affixed hereto the day and year as indicated in the acknowledgments attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to adopt Resolution 2022-127

Roll call: Brown, Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.  
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0  
Motion passes

**RESOLUTION 2022-127**

**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 22, 2020 to US BANK CUST/PC8 FIRSTRUST BK, GLOBAL CORP TRST SVS TLSG, 50 SO. 16TH ST SUITE 2050, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102, in the amount of \$327.13 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2019 in the name of UNITED STATE OF AMERICA as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 29 KINNAMAN AVE, Block 6 Lot 1.01, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #20-00001, and

**WHEREAS,** the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 10/26/22 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, SUMMIT TITLE SERVICES, LLC claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by US BANK CUST/PC8 FIRSTRUST BK by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$17,804.88 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #20-00001.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022 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/PC8 FIRSTRUST BK, GLOBAL CORP TRST SVS TLSG, 50 SO. 16TH ST SUITE 2050, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102 in the amount of **\$18,904.88** (This consists of \$17,804.88 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,100.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 6 Lot 1.01 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to adopt Resolution 2022-128

Roll call: Brown, Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes

**RESOLUTION 2022-128  
GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2021 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Borough Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State



of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the *Governing Body* of the *Borough of Washington*, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Noone to adopt Resolution 2022-129

Roll call: Brown, Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-129**

### **APPROVAL OF GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SMALL CITIES GRANT FOR AN INNOVATED DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT TO REHABILITATE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS OF WARREN HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, INC. UNITS IN WASHINGTON BOROUGH, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington (Council) has been notified of the State Fiscal Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program Request for Proposals which includes funding toward an Innovative Development Fund category and the Warren Housing Opportunities, Inc. desire to apply for \$400,000 in funding to rehabilitate substandard housing units to occupy for use as supportive housing (supervised apartments) by developmentally disabled adults of low and moderate incomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has successfully applied for Small Cities CDBG funding in the past as a cooperative partner with the Warren Housing Opportunities, Inc. to provide improvements to the Warren Housing Opportunities, Inc. facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council desires to apply for a grant for \$400,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council recognizes that a Grant Management Plan must be adopted in order to properly identify the responsible parties for overseeing and implementing the grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has reviewed the Grant Management Plan submitted for Warren Housing Opportunities, Inc., Supportive Housing Rehabilitation Project;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Council approve of the above-referenced Grant Management Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution and the attached application shall be provided to Warren Housing Opportunities, Inc., c/o J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC, 145 Spring Street Suite E, Newton, NJ 07860; Bradley Harrington, Administrator, Small Cities CDBG Program, Division of Housing and Community Resources, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 811, Trenton, NJ, 08625-0811; and the Warren County Division of Planning.

Motion made by Ron and seconded by Conry to adopt Resolution 2022-130

Roll call: Brown, Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes

**RESOLUTION 2022 –130  
FAIR HOUSING - STATEMENT OF ACTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington has made an application for a Small Cities Innovative Fund Development Grant with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (hereafter NJDCA) for the rehabilitation of the Warren Housing Opportunities, Inc. supervised apartments to provide supportive housing for low-income individuals with developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington must make efforts to affirmatively further fair housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington has reviewed various actions that would be acceptable to the NJDCA and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereafter USHUD) and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington has made assurances that:

- (1) It will comply with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and regulations issued thereto; and
- (2) It will comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations issued thereto it; and
- (3) It will comply with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and will affirmatively further fair housing; and
- (4) It will comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, Laurie Courter, Interim Borough Manager shall be designated as the Fair Housing Officer for the County of Warren; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fair Housing Officer shall contact the USHUD Regional Office of Housing and Equal Opportunity and the NJ Division on Civil Rights, inform those agencies of his/her appointment as Fair Housing Officer and request Fair Housing Information; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fair Housing Officer shall provide fair housing advisory services and assistance and referral advice to persons requesting such assistance from the Borough of Washington; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough of Washington will publish in the local newspaper of record and post at the municipal hall a public notice announcing the appointment of the Fair Housing Officer and the availability of local fair housing advisory services.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Noone to adopt Resolution 2022-131

Roll call: Brown, Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes

### **RESOLUTION 2022-131**

#### **SMALL CITIES CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington is applying for a grant with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, that Grant Agreement requires the Borough of Washington to comply with all federal regulations with respect to citizen participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington has reviewed the Citizen Participation Plan prepared for Small Cities CDBG grantees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, State of New Jersey, that the Citizen Participation Plan developed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities CDBG Program, is adopted by the Borough of Washington; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough of Washington will follow all regulations set forth in that document throughout the term of the Grant Agreement cited above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution and the attached application shall be provided to the WHO, c/o J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC, 145 Spring Street Suite E, Newton, NJ 07860; and Bradley Harrington, Administrator, Small Cities CDBG Program, Division of Housing and Community Resources, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 811, Trenton, NJ, 08625-0811; and the Washington Borough Administrative Offices.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Ron to adopt Resolution 2022-132

Roll call: Brown, Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes

### **RESOLUTION 2022-132**

#### **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR SMALL CITIES GRANT FOR AN INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT TO REHABILITATE WARREN HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, INC. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (SUPERVISED APARTMENTS) FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS OF LOW INCOMES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington (Council) has been notified of the State Fiscal Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program Request for Proposals which includes funding toward an Innovative Development Fund category and the Warren Housing Opportunities, Inc.'s (WHO) desire to apply for \$400,000 in funding to make necessary repairs to supervised apartments that provide supportive housing for developmentally disabled adults of low incomes in Washington Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has successfully applied for Small Cities CDBG funding in the past as a cooperative partner with WHO to provide improvements to WHO facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council desires to apply for a grant for \$400,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council recognizes and accepts that the Small Cities Program may offer a lesser amount of grant funding and therefore, upon receipt of the Grant Agreement from the State Department of Community Affairs, and any amendments thereto, does further authorize the execution of any such Grant Agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed Agreement from the Small Cities Program, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the Agreement between Washington Borough and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to make application and undertake all other required elements of submission, a Resolution must be adopted by the Council authorizing the application and any amendments thereto and the authority to carry out the improvements as previously described and all other aspects of the grant administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the rehabilitation of the WHO's supervised apartments will continue to provide needed supportive housing services to low- and moderate-income persons with developmental disabilities in Washington Borough and therefore this project is deemed in the best interest of the Borough and its residents with developmental disabilities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Washington, Warren County are authorized to sign all required elements of the proposed application to rehabilitate WHO's supervised apartments and apply for a grant in the amount \$400,000 to execute the same; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the attached application is submitted to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Small Cities Program in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution and the attached application shall be provided to the WHO, c/o J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC, 145 Spring Street Suite E, Newton, NJ 07860; and Bradley Harrington, Administrator, Small Cities CDBG Program, Division of Housing and Community Resources, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs,

101 South Broad Street, PO Box 811, Trenton, NJ, 08625-0811; and the Washington Borough Administrative Offices.

### **VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS**

Motion made by Conry seconded by Norris pay vouchers and claims.

Roll Call: Brown, Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilwoman Ron gave the following comments:

- Election is next week encouraged everyone to vote -right and privilege-hope to be here it has been an honor and privilege to serve.

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Councilman Norris gave the following remarks:

- Asked if the borough can implement rent control.

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Councilwoman Noone gave the following remarks:

- Noticed that when we are paying our bills there are a lot of escrow bills, seems like we do have a bunch of projects moving forward. Very pleased to see we do have projects moving forward.
- Crepe Café moved across the street from where it was and another coffee shop opened where they were.
- Thanked Mel and Colleen and Police and volunteers for the wonderful events we had this past week.

Councilman Brown gave the following remarks:

- Had a total blast at the recent events and the borough is developing a brand for having series of events that are spread across of couple of days, it was a lot of fun everyone enjoyed it . We are the town where the fun is happening and would like to see more of and that seems to be trending that way.

Deputy Mayor Conry gave the following remarks:

- Stated sitting on this council these few months have been a job-especially for me as an African American person.
- Sitting here since 2012 for certain things being brought out said about me distraught about it. I support everyone. Nothing against anyone in this town. Will help you no matter who you are. For people to do and say certain things I will call you out. People should not say those things

On Facebook people said I got the DPW to mow the lawn to put signs there -I did not we mowed the lawn there. Just don't mess with my family. In this town we all bleed the same blood Will not tolerate no one being a racist towards me police department will know about it don't target me. Love is supposed to be for everyone not hate. Upset to know in United States in the North and still being racist towards me. Love one another. Please learn to love one another.

Councilman Heinrich gave the following remarks:

- Thanked Louann for filling in for Mayor and thanked Ethel and thanked Dave Higgins and Scott McDonald, former mayors.
- Loving everyone-I love this town, home town friendly this town different than other towns. Police do a great job. I don't care who gets in we still work together don't care if democrat or republican it doesn't matter, I will support others running.
- Thanked Interim Manager Laurie Courter for doing a job well done. Always quick with responses when council needs something.

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Mayor Cox gave the following remarks:

- Thanked everyone as this is her last meeting presiding as Mayor.

## **ADJOURN**

Hearing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Noone and seconded by Ron to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, all were in favor.

Laurie A. Courter, RMC  
Borough Clerk