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*BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY*

*WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES*

*July 18, 2023*

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

Roll Call: Brown, Conry, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito and Musick.

Also Present: Connie Dean, Deputy Clerk

Absent: Laurie Courter, Borough Clerk

Mayor Conry led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor Conry 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 Gorshkov and seconded by Musick to open the public comment portion of agenda, all were in favor.

Melanie Thiel, BID Executive Director, gave the following updates:

Festival in Borough being finalized.

Country Line Dancing was held last week at the pavilion.

Chirs Caruso, Danke Poet Dispensary, gave update:

Hit a roadblock with State with regards to approving dispensaries. Inability to receive answers from the CRC for answers on application for final approval. This is difficult and time consuming to start a new business. Asking if the council draft a letter to the CRC inquiring about Danke Poets license. Reached out to local Assemblymen and others all with very little luck. Asking if a letter can inquire about where in the process the state it is.

Marco Matteo, Railroad Ave, requested to know about maintenance of the deterioration of the Washington Theatre -there is currently a piece of glass hanging which is a clear and negligent danger to all of the public. Inquired about an update on the traction mats (red cross mats). Asked

about the Warren Heritage Scenic byway sign., the Historic Society is trying to have a sign that's already made about the railroad with a dedication before the year end.

Dan Rossi, Get A Grip, owner, asked what the rule is when council members gather-how many are allowed to gather. The glass (at theatre) is literally about to fall and potentially hurt someone and feels it needs to be addressed immediately. Stated that he feels he is being targeted with the proposed new sidewalk ordinance, stating it is extreme and inappropriate.

Martha (last name inaudible,) 127 Railroad Ave, commented on that there are no real ordinances that prevent those who own commercial properties to sit indefinitely and asked if there is anything to change that. There are a lot of storefront properties sitting empty.

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

## **MINUTES**

Motion made by Brown and seconded by Musick to approve the minutes of June 20, 2023 with edits.

Roll call: Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Musick and Conry.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

## **REPORTS**

**Sewer-**Councilman Infinito reported that he met with Veolia along with the borough manager and Councilman France in where NJ Future and Epic had a presentation. NJ Future is a nonprofit organization in New Jersey that works with municipalities to help plan and fund wastewater and sewer needs. Presentation went very well. A good way to lessen the direct burden on tax payers. Reason why the borough will be able to receive funding, in NJ there is more funding for this kind of projects based on median income, which is \$63,000 for the borough, which falls under the statewide threshold.

**Green Team-**Councilwoman Musick reported that the Green Team did not have a meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>, but they did go out to the pocket park and mulched. Approval of their minutes for May's meeting was done. They voted to have Josephine come to council next month and speak about wildlife habitat.

**Cannabis-**Councilman Brown reported there are some hold ups at the state level. Sent everyone an email this afternoon. The CRC website is something that is a little disturbing, the other application could be bumped to the front of the line. Attended an online symposium about the philosophy of how the law was composed.

**Sewer**-Councilman France commented that the NJ Future organization, as it was pointed out by Infinito, stated that it's not just about spending money its upgrading, its an opportunity. Washington is in a unique situation to qualify potentially. The borough can save a lot of money and have the manager to aggressively look into this.

**LUB**-Mayor Conry reported that the American Water application will take place in August. Two seats are still open for the LUB. If a citizen would like to put in their application, to do so. One is a permanent appointment and the other is an alternate appointment.

**Managers Report**-Manager Bond reported that he has been meeting with a bunch of different website companies. Narrowed down to two companies and will have one more meeting with the two and have demos. Will have them in to see the differences and what they have to offer.

Reports such as budget and revenue were sent out on Friday. List of bills were sent out Friday. Manager Bond asked that if anyone has questions, comments or concerns to bring it to him right away and to have it monitored right away such as potholes, trash or anything like that to keep the town looking better and moving forward.

Recapped sewer meeting with Engineer. Grants available dealing with forever chemicals. Getting caught up on things and looking at personnel, big concern with the trash collection that takes up a lot of time with constraints on the DPW. Discussion of hiring new personnel for the department, possibly hiring part time to just help with the trucks. This will help the department to work on the stormwater basins. The next meeting a report will be with the agenda packet giving a breakdown of the DPW department on each week on how many hours spent such as anything to do with Shade Tree, storm clean up, over-time, vacation, this report will break down how many hours are spent.

Councilman France asked for an update on the vacant house on South Lincoln. Manager Bond stated that he's not sure if owner is out of the country. There are two liens on the property. A title search will need to be done and move forward from there.

## **VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS**

Motion made by Cox seconded by Musick to pay vouchers and claims.  
Discussions of bills ensued.

Roll Call: Brown, Conry, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito and Musick.  
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0  
Motion passes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Appointment of Warren Heritage Scenic Byway Committee member- Gary Pohorely**

Gary Pohorely came before council and gave an overview of the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway committee. The scenic byway goes through Route 57 runs from Lopatcong Township to Hackettstown. Recently included Route 519 into Alpha and Phillipsburg. There is a Waterloo Road that goes into Sussex County. Most of the work is done through the Warren County Planning office. The idea is to get people throughout the state to come to Warren County and for us to ultimately come to Washington Borough to spend money. Each municipality has two representatives. Washington Borough has no members. Mr. Pohorely requested to be picked to be one of the representatives. Infinito recommended that the other person be either the Mayor or Manager.

Motion made by Cox to appoint Garley Pohorely, motion seconded by Musick.

Roll Call: Brown, Conry, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito and Musick.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

Motion made by France and seconded by Musick to appoint Brian Bond as second member to the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway Committee for the Borough.

Roll Call: Brown, Conry, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito and Musick.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

### **Discussion of video broadcasting of Borough Council meetings.**

Manager Bond discussed video broadcasting of the council meetings. Had some requests from some residents that are either handicapped or old or can't get around too well. Asked if it could be considered for video broadcast where they can interact. Manager Bond stated it will be roughly around \$1200.00 and discussed some of the details and specifics of the video broadcasting of the meetings. Questions can be input from Facebook during public comment and through the Webex, they will be able to speak.

It was the consensus of council to have the manager get pricing and come back to council with a report.

**Discussion to set date for habitability hearing on garage for 181 Belvidere Ave.**

Attorney Peterson explained the process of the notice to have a public hearing. Attorney Peterson stated he will email out a date for early August. A special meeting will be held for it, which is a hearing. Need to speak to Joe Rossi, Construction Official for Washington Township to get a date that works for him because he needs to come and testify.

Attorney Peterson stated he looked at the ordinance the borough has and would like to update the ordinance, current ordinance is fine its kind of a generic one. Phillipsburg has done a lot of these types of hearing which has more detail on how they have it set up which is a little bit better. We would be better served with a better ordinance. Designates a public officer who is actually the hearing officer. The public officer would be the Zoning officer. Believe based on his understanding since there is a significant amount of money for the council to make the decision to have a property that is going to be deemed uninhabitable then taken down. Have the governing body do it rather than the Zoning officer. Pass a resolution making the council the public officer for hearings. The ordinance provides you can do that (by resolution) but will go and change the ordinance so this doesn't need to be done every time.

Motion made by Brown to put together a resolution to allow the council to be the public officer for the hearing, motion second by Gorshkov.

Roll Call: Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito and Musick.

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

Motion passes.

**Letter of appreciation from the Warren Hills Regional school to the Department of Public Works**

Manager Bond read a correspondence received from the Warren Hills Regional School District Athletics Department thanking the Department of Public Works.

**ORDINANCE 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion made by Infinito to approve on first reading Ordinance 2023-12, motion seconded by Cox.

Discussion:

Manager Bond noted the only change to this ordinance from last year is the increase for the Mayor and Council pay. The ordinance just sets the pay ranges.

Councilwoman Gorshkov requested to get actual salaries for the employees due to the range being so wide. Manager Bond stated that once this is passed a salary resolution will be made that shows what each individual is paid for the year. Councilwoman Cox inquired about the difference between the contractual raises and non-contractual getting raises. Manager Bond explained that statutory employees get paid the same per state law. Further discussions ensued regarding employee pay and good faith bargaining.

<b><u>ORDINANCE 2023-12</u></b>							
<b>AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY AND WAGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, AND STIPENDS APPLICABLE THERETO AND REPEALING PORTIONS OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023</b>							
<b><u>SCHEDULE A – FULL-TIME CLASSIFIED</u></b>							
<b><u>POSITION TITLE</u></b>				<b><u>SALARY OR WAGE RANGE</u></b>			
Account Clerk				\$41,458	-	\$63,861	AN
Animal Control Officer				\$12,500	-	\$80,000	AN
Keyboarding Clerk 2				\$41,458	-	\$63,861	AN
Administrative Clerk				\$57,370	-	\$89,095	AN
Assistant Municipal Tax Collector				\$49,610	-	\$76,475	AN
Building Maintenance Worker				\$51,269	-	\$66,679	AN
Clerk 1 (NC)				\$24,099	-	\$36,129	AN
Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer				\$56,947	-	\$78,849	AN
Equipment Operator				\$61,506	-	\$79,998	AN
Keyboarding Clerk 3				\$61,506	-	\$79,998	AN
Laborer 1 (NC)				\$46,478	-	\$61,923	AN
Library Assistant				\$36,595	-	\$55,694	AN
Keyboarding Clerk 1				\$36,595	-	\$55,694	AN
Library Director				\$58,462	-	\$78,382	AN
Road Repairer 3				\$68,627	-	\$87,609	AN
Road Repairer Supervisor				\$74,414	-	\$91,410	AN
Senior Account Clerk				\$59,759	-	\$81,009	AN
Supervising Library Assistant				\$44,240	-	\$66,409	AN
Truck Driver (NC)				\$55,168	-	\$73,941	AN

Housing and Zoning Inspector Trainee (NC)					\$32,832	-	\$50,499	AN
Housing and Zoning Inspector					\$21,621	-	\$57,904	AN
Code Enforcement Officer					\$21,621	-	\$57,904	AN
Zoning Officer					\$21,621	-	\$57,904	AN
Fire Official					\$21,621	-	\$57,904	AN
<b>SCHEDULE B – PART-TIME CLASSIFIED</b>								
<b>POSITION TITLE</b>				<b>SALARY OR WAGE RANGE</b>				
Account Clerk					\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Animal Control Officer					\$8,000	-	\$80,000	AN
Assistant Animal Control Officer					\$2,000	-	\$5,000	AN
Building Service Worker					\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Clerk 1 (NC)					\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Code Enforcement Officer (Title Code #01285)					\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer (Title Code #05897)					\$13.00	-	\$50.00	Hr.
Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator					\$2,000	-	\$10,000	AN
Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator (Combined with Manager-Stipend)					\$6,500*			AN
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics					\$1,500	-	\$3,000	AN
Engineering Aide					\$30.00	-	\$50.00	Hr.
Fire Official					\$20.00	-	\$50.00	Hr.
Fire Prevention Specialist					\$15.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Keyboarding Clerk					\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Librarian 1 (Title Code #07569)					\$18.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Library Director					\$36.00	-	\$65.00	Hr.
Library Assistant (NC-Title Code #07467)					\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Senior Library Assistant (C-Title Code #03416)					\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Zoning Officer (Title Code #04338)					\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Housing and Zoning Inspector Trainee (NC)					\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Housing and Zoning Inspector					\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
<b>SCHEDULE C – UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE</b>								
<b>POSITION TITLE</b>				<b>SALARY OR WAGE RANGE</b>				
Chief Financial Officer					\$15,500	-	\$68,688	AN
Council Member					\$2,500	-	\$4,500	AN
Confidential Assistant (to C.F.O.)					\$51,471	-	\$80,945	AN
Qualified Purchasing Agent					\$5,000	-	\$10,000	AN
Deputy Municipal Clerk					\$30,000	-	\$60,000	AN
Deputy Municipal Clerk Shared Service Stipend					\$14,250			AN

Deputy Municipal Clerk Per Meeting					\$50.00/meeting stipend	
Mayor					\$3,000 - \$5,500	AN
Municipal Clerk					\$45,000 - \$110,000	AN
						AN
Municipal Department Head					\$5,000 - \$120,000	AN
Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator					\$2,000 - \$15,000	AN
Municipal Manager					\$80,000 - \$160,000	AN
						AN
Secretary, Board/ Commission (Salary)					\$500 - \$5,500	AN
Secretary, Board/ Commission (Hourly)					\$13.00 - \$35.00	Hr.
Tax Assessor					\$25,500 - \$52,300	AN
Tax Collector (F.T.)					\$51,471 - \$80,945	AN
Tax Collector (P.T.)					\$24,099 - \$36,129	AN
NJDCA Mandated Wastewater Contract Administrator Stipend					\$8,000 AN	
CPWM Combined with Road Supervisor Stipend					\$6,000 AN	
Machine, Equipment and Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Stipend					\$7,000 AN	
Deputy Municipal Recycling Coordinator Stipend					\$500 AN	
Deputy Clean Communities Coordinator Stipend					\$500 AN	
Animal Licensing and Animal Control Administration Stipend					\$1,000 AN	
Animal Control Shared Service Stipend (Per Municipality)					\$7,000 AN	
Municipal Emergency Management Stipend					\$8,755* AN	
Zoning Officer Stipend					\$15,000 AN	
Zoning Secretary Stipend					\$1,000 AN	
<b>SCHEDULE D – UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE</b>						
<b>(TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL)</b>						
<b>POSITION TITLE</b>					<b>SALARY OR WAGE RANGE</b>	
Acting or Interim Department Head or Executive Management					\$13.00 - \$85.00	Hr.
Assistant Recreation Supervisor (Swim Team)					\$13.00 - \$35.00	Hr.
Cashier					\$13.00 - \$35.00	Hr.
Equipment Operator					\$13.00 - \$35.00	Hr.
Food Service Manager					\$13.00 - \$35.00	Hr.
Food Service Worker					\$13.00 - \$35.00	Hr.
Interim Municipal Manager Stipend					\$30,000 - \$48,000	AN
Laborer I (NC)					\$13.00 - \$35.00	Hr.
Life Guard					\$13.00 - \$35.00	Hr.
Maintenance Worker 1, Grounds					\$13.00 - \$35.00	Hr.
Municipal Department Head					\$17.00 - \$85.00	Hr.
Recreation Supervisor Swimming (Swim Lessons)					\$13.00 - \$35.00	Hr.



Recreation Supervisor Swimming (Swim Team)				\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Supervisor Baths & Pools				\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.
Truck Driver (NC)				\$13.00	-	\$35.00	Hr.

**SECTION 1.** Salaries herein shall be payable at the rate fixed in equal installments twice a month. Wages shall be payable twice a month. Any annual salary may be re-calculated to an hourly wage for any positions unless restricted by collective bargaining agreement. Any and all fees received by officials and employees of the Borough of Washington shall be paid unto the municipality.

**SECTION 2.** Any salary and wage ordinance adopted prior to the adoption of this ordinance with provisions inconsistent with the provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance shall, to the extent of any inconsistency, and only to the extent of the inconsistency, be repealed.

**SECTION 3.** In the event the position becomes vacant or no figure is listed, then the figures noted in the column with the heading "salary or wage range" shall be utilized by the appointing authority and any salary or wage paid within this range shall be deemed appropriate and valid.

**SECTION 4.** \*Dependent upon availability of Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) grant funds. In the event that EMMA funds are reduced and/or eliminated, stipend will be reduced in an amount commensurate with the reduction in grant funds.

**Ordinances 2023-13 , 2023-14 and 2023-15 were tabled.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion made by and seconded by to approve Resolution 2023-97.

Roll Call: Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito and Musick.  
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 (Gorshkov)  
 Motion passes.

**RESOLUTION 2023-97**

**AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT WITH ARAE NETWORK SOLUTIONS LLC OF P.O. BOX 5648, HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY 08844 FOR VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COMPANY INCLUDING BUT NO LIMITED TO VOIP SERVICES, EMAIL MAINTANANCE, NETWORK SUPPORT AND EQUIPMENT PURHCASES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough entered into a contract with ARAE Network Solution LLC for the phone services, network services, email services and computer purchases; and

**WHEREAS**, a contract was awarded in the amount of \$38,057.16; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law and;

**WHEREAS**, this change order to increase the amount of the contract by \$35,000 to ARAE Network Solution LLC needed and;

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of \$35,000 in extra funds from various accounts 01-2023-31-440.2-0 and 01-2023-20-100-2-29 and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent add the increase sum of not to exceed \$35,000.00.

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Infinito to approve Resolution 2023-98.

Roll Call: Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito and Musick.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**RESOLUTION 2023-98**  
**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND**  
**APPROPRIATIONS NJSA 40A: 4-87**

**CLEAN COMMUNITIES \$18,136.76**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Washington in the County of Warren State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$18,136.76 which is now available from the State of New Jersey

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$18,136.76 is hereby appropriated under the caption of Other Expenses – Clean Communities

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Gorshkov to approve Resolution 2023-99 & 2023-100.

Roll Call: Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito and Musick.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**RESOLUTION 2023-99**  
**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 7, 2021 to FIG CUST FIGNJ19LLC & SEC PTY, PO BOX 669507, DALLAS, TX 75266-9507, in the amount of \$667.22 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2020 in the name of LAUER, DAVID & MARITES as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 5 ALVIN SLOAN AVE, Block 2.09 Lot 30, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #21-00005 and

**WHEREAS,** the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6/28/2023 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, EAST COAST TITLE AGENCY claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by FIG CUST FIGNJ19LLC & SEC PTY by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$3,026.66 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #21-00005.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to FIG CUST FIGNJ19LLC & SEC PTY, PO BOX 669507, DALLAS, TX 75266-9507 in the amount of **\$5,526.66** (This consists of \$3,026.66 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,500.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 2.09 Lot 30 from the tax office records.

**RESOLUTION 2023-100**  
**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 7, 2022 to FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY, PO BOX 12225, NEWARK, NJ 07101, in the amount of \$1,779.33 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2021 in the name of READ, AMANDA as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 8-10 YOUMANS AVE, Block 92 Lot 2, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00047 and

**WHEREAS,** the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 6/28/23 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, CORELOGIC claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$3,515.66 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00047.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY, PO BOX 12225, NEWARK, NJ 07101 in the amount of **\$6,515.66** (This consists of \$3,515.66 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$3,000.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 92 Lot 2 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Musick to approve Resolution 2023-101.

Roll Call: Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito and Musick.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**RESOLUTION 2023-101**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AT THE ANNUAL WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC AUCTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington has determined that the personal property described below and incorporated herein is no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington intends to auction said items at the Warren County Annual Public Auction, located at 165 County Road, 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey 07832; and

**WHEREAS**, the sales are being conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36; and

**WHEREAS**, the public property no longer needed for public use is as follows:

2003 Dodge Durango VIN 1D4HS38NX3F562054

**WHEREAS**, the public auction will take place at the Warren County Garage, 185 County Road 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey 07832; and

**WHEREAS**, Minimum Starting bid is set at \$500.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Borough is hereby authorized to sell the surplus personal property as indicated above at the Warren County Annual Public Auction on Saturday, September 16, 2023.

## **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilman Infinito gave the following remarks:

- Thanked Melanie Thiel and the BID for doing a great job.
- Last week had the opportunity to visit Vault organization run by Faith Discovery Church. It's fantastic and gives a lot of teens in the borough a place to go. Had the opportunity to talk to the teens. Goes back to the stigma free he spoke about months ago. A lot of teens in town dealing with a lot of things. Very crucial the borough keeps an eye on the teens.
- Had the chance to go to Allamuchy for a tour with their Green Team. The information received from the Allamuchy Green Team that is very exciting and looking forward to Josephine speaking at next meeting.
- Asked if the borough can look into the idea of not picking up recycling every week if not then look into not picking up the brush every week.

Councilman Brown gave the following remarks:

- Stated that this year was one of the best Fourth of July's ever.
- Spoke about a social media post regarding volunteers.

Deputy Mayor Cox gave the following remarks:

- The Fourth of July parade was fantastic and the turnout was amazing, received a lot of shout outs as we walked through the parade. Was nice to see that many people out.
- The ordinance for the sidewalks really does need to be in effect and done as soon as possible.
- Being at the Vault with Infinito and Gorshkov. Brian is amazing at what he does. Met the Pastor of the church does an amazing job. Brian and some parents do have an issue with the people drinking outside of Scotty's when the Vault is open, we should look into as well. They are trying to keep kids away from alcohol and drugs as such. It is a really nice place. Brian and Pastor Jay do a fantastic job.
- Buildings, Officer Pantuso is doing the very best he can with things he has to work with. Not easy to get these building owners to comply.
- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- Thanked Darryl Wright from DPW for coming out and answering some questions that were never answered.

Councilman France gave the following remarks:

- Last couple of weeks has shown that we have to pay attention to the storm drains.
- Concerned with the ordinance that was tabled pertaining to the business district with the sidewalks. One resident accused the town of having secret meetings. Misinformation gets out there and the people come up with something like that that is farfetched.
- Thanked everyone for coming tonight and work full speed on the issues.

Councilwoman Gorshkov gave the following statements:

- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- Thanked Brian and the Vault for giving the tour of the facility. A great place for the teens to hang out and all the teens were very well behaved.

Mayor Conry gave the following remarks:

- The Fourth of July parade was great. Was called some things but its ok. Stated that she is a citizen of the United States. Derogatory names were called to her. It is not who she is. We all should be all together in the parade whether you are Democrat or Republican.
- The parade had very big crowds this year it was a nice parade.
- Met with Tom Kean Jr. on Saturday asked about passing his cards out in reference in contacting his office.
- We are all going into the right direction and need to pull it together a little bit more and be on one accord. Be more transparent. Know what is happening with our fundings that involves money.
- Thanked all the citizens that came out and the workers that continue to do their jobs , our Police department and everyone else.

## **ADJOURN**

Hearing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Cox and seconded by Gorshkov to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM, all were in favor.

Laurie A. Courter, RMC  
Borough Clerk