
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 15, 2023

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

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

Also Present: Laurie A. Courter, Borough Clerk
Erik Peterson, Attorney

Absent: Musick

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 Cox and seconded by Gorshkov open public meeting, all were in favor.

Mel Thiel, BID Executive Director:

Updated on the following:

Festival is September 16th

This Saturday is the first ever vintage baseball game at Borough Park. 1-3pm Neshanic Ball Club. Playing against Warren Hills varsity players and coaches will play by 1849 rules. Classic car show will also be held.

Sheryl Alan ,Barbara (last name inaudible), Sherry Wright Frank, (Residents of Nunn Avenue)-
Residents of Nunn Avenue discussed the need to have Nunn Avenue paved properly due to the road only being half paved by water company. Councilman Brown explaining the circumstances surrounding the project.

Frank (last name inaudible) stated that he lived at Nunn since 1986 doesn't recall the street ever being properly paved no sidewalks or curbing either. Absurd that road is half paved. Manager stated that he is looking at Borough ordinances regarding sidewalks. Township Engineer needs to be involved.

Chris Bauknight-Lenape Trail-discussed the huge potholes on Lenape Trail. Would like to know when Lenape Trail could be paved.

Chris Caruso, founder of Danke Poet Dispensary along with Sonia (last name inaudible), gave an update on where they are at-buildout two weeks away from completion, they are hopeful to receive their CO. Community impact structure going on, explained the plan. There are 10 employees, six of which are brough residents. Looking forward to opening up. Look forward to working with council. Plan is to invite town leaders and first responders to an informative session once CO is issued and prior to opening. Initiated conversations with the Chief of Police underscoring the dedication for safety for all residents, working together to enrich the town and keep its character.

Arlis (last name inaudible)15 S. Lincon, inquired about the parking in Taco Bell stated that she came into office regarding permits and filled out paperwork but was told it would be put on the agenda for approval for second permit in household, doesn't see it on agenda. Manger Bond explained what the procedure will be for a second permit in same household.

Heather 72 S Lincoln, coming to town for clarification between Monroe and Willow, supposed to be 24-hour permit parking between Willow and Monro. We got a ticket, but it wasn't between certain hours. Manager Bond stated that he will take care of this issue with regards to the ticket.

William Hoffman 7 Railroad Avenue-concern for the rising bedbug epidemic going on in the building. Had to evacuate apartment because whole bedroom was covered when they came back from vacation. Everyone is giving them the runaround. Landlord is mandated to provide habitable living space. Real concern with that building. Mayor Conry referred him to Warren County Health Dept for his issue.

Gary Masenior, E Washington Ave-expressed concern of the audio from the meetings in December-it appears to not be on website, would like it placed back on website.

Marco Mateo 7 Railroad Avenue-can vouch for the conditions to the apartments and the bed bugs. Asked if there was any information on the railroad sign. Would like to see it and post it online. Discuss in near future with that location any connection with railroad company to beautify the area. Inquired about any update on Theatre window broken is owner going to fix? Discussed street names, three streets add an additional name based on historical relevance.

Mayor Conry announced that the Historical Society is disbanding. Received a letter.

Gorshkov suggested having historical pictures placed on new website.

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

REPORTS

Committee Reports

Land Use Board:

Mayor Conry stated that last night at the LUB meeting they couldn't see one of the applicants because the board is short of members. Makes a difference to put a citizen on the LUB, would like to bring back the name of Chris Vitalos to be appointed.

Motion to appoint Chris Vitalos to LUB as Alternate, made by Cox and seconded by Infinito.

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 (Gorshkov)

Motion passes.

Ordinance:

Gorshkov-stated that she is going through a physical copy of the code book, that hasn't been changed in a while. Looking at different things that need to be amended.

VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS

Motion made by Cox seconded by Infinito to pay vouchers and claims.

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

CPR Training-clerk will send email to Mayor and Council to gather dates for the training.

Redevelopment Plan Amendment Request

Jaz Arjani (sp)-Former Luke oil gas station Rt 57 and 31, representative explaining what they are seeking to have and rebuild there a fueling station. They were here in September last year.

Request an amendment in redevelopment plan to build the refueling station.

Looking at eight fueling stations, eliminating car wash but expanding convenience store.

3000 sq foot convenience store. More like 7-11 type but not a 7-11 brand. VP Fuels from Texas.

Motion made by Cox to move forward with amendment to go through process to amend Redevelop Plan , Brown seconded, all ok

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion passes

Preferred Website Discussions

Manager been looking at website providers and companies working with government entities and recommends going with Civic Plus. He is currently negotiating terms and will report back once everything is final. Right now, contract is looking to be \$30,300 down from original quote of \$37,000. We have over 1000 documents to get transferred over . A new feature will be online services to pay and fill out forms for various services. Borough will have the control to update, and the borough would own the website. This will take approximately six months to complete.

Mayor Conry discussed going back to paperless agendas and having council utilize the laptops once again. Manager is tech savvy and can update the computers and re-issue to new council to come to council meetings. Manager Bond stated that if any computer is moving slowly he can clean it up and have it run faster. He will re-issue the ones he has so we can go back to paperless.

Manager Bond gave an update on the audio and video research he has been doing for the council meetings. Streaming the council meetings is an option and having a tripod where podium is which gives a 360-degree view on the screen. This can be put on Facebook and our website. We need to go with WebEx all of our meetings will be live streamed and also on Facebook. People can, during public comment, will be able to type a question. It won't be as interactive as in person. Great opportunity for more people to see what's going on in their town and participate. Mr. Bond will manage the input from the live stream.

EPIC Letter of Intent- for wastewater collection system.

Manager Bond explained the letter and its intent. Helps municipalities with grant funding. Funding to improve what we are going to need at our wastewater plant, some issues are coming up. Start work with Veolia and Pennoni to be our wastewater engineer with this. This is to help us find funding. Manager Bond recommended moving forward with that tonight.

VEOLIA WWTP Letter

Manager Bond explained the issues regarding the upgrade with new permit. Collections system is very old. This gives us a lot of the I&I. Upgrading collection system, so we don't have the I&I and do smoke testing. Sub pumps are another form of I&I sending additional water that we wouldn't have to treat to the plant to treat, which adds to cost. Eventually connecting our stormwater discharge being treated instead of sending to creek. The storms we are having these days are much larger, we seem to get the 100-year storms annually. Upgrade stormwater conveyance. Great opportunity for us to work with and all they do is find grant opportunities with municipalities, we qualify for a lot of stuff with the low-income households. Manager Bond requested a motion to approve letter of intent with Epic.

Motion

Motion to authorize the manager to be borough representative to sign letter of intent with Epic, made by Cox seconded by Infinito.

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion passes

CP Engineers MS4 proposal

Manager Bond explained the DEP tiers we used to be Tier B moved to Tier. Will receive a grant for \$75,000. A lot of things are required to comply. There are three phases. First a long list of things we need to do, mapping, change stormwater ordinance etc. Working to get proposal lower. Manager Bond will come back at next meeting to try and get a better price. This is only for phase 1.

ORDINANCE 1st Reading

Discussions of Ordinances 14 & 15 ensued. A Council workshop will be held September 19th at 6PM. Attorney Peterson stated he will give copy to council tonight if any questions email him then discuss at the September 19th work session.

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Infinito to approve on first reading Ordinance 2023-16. Public hearing set for September 5th, 2023.

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion passes

ORDINANCE 2023-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT THE TAX MAPS FOR THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON AND APPROPRIATING \$20,000.00 THEREFORE FROM THE “CAPITAL FUND BALANCE” OF SAID BOROUGH

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington in Warren County,

New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Washington in Warren County (hereinafter referred to as “Municipality”) is hereby authorized the following Capital Improvements for the Borough of Washington:

1. Updates to the Borough of Washington Tax Maps.

Section 2. The work and acquisitions, authorized by Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be undertaken as

a general improvement, the entire cost of which shall be contributed and borne by the municipality as a general

expense, and no part of said cost shall be specially assessed against any property. The estimated cost noted

of such project shall not exceed \$20,000.00 unless this Ordinance is amended.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the undertaking of the aforesaid projects (hereinafter

referred to as “purpose”) is not a current expense of the municipality; and that the total estimated cost of said

purpose is \$20,000.00, the estimated cost for the projects having been noted in Section 1 above.

Section 4. The sum of \$20,000.00 is hereby appropriated for said purpose from the “Capital Fund Balance” of the municipality for said purpose as required by law and now available therefore under a budget or budgets of the municipality previously adopted.

Section 5. The Capital budget of the municipality is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

ORDINANCES 2nd Reading

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Brown to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2023-12, all were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, motion made by Cox and seconded by Infinito to close the public hearing; all were in favor.

Motion made by Infinito and seconded by Cox to adopt Ordinance 2023-12

Roll call: Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, and Conry.
 Ayes: 4 Nays: 2 (Cox and Gorshkov)
 Motion passes.

<u>ORDINANCE 2023-12</u>							
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							
<u>SCHEDULE A – FULL-TIME CLASSIFIED</u>							
<u>POSITION TITLE</u>					<u>SALARY OR WAGE RANGE</u>		
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
SCHEDULE B – PART-TIME CLASSIFIED							
POSITION TITLE				SALARY OR WAGE RANGE			
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.
SCHEDULE C – UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE							
POSITION TITLE				SALARY OR WAGE RANGE			
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
Municipal Department Head				\$5,000	-	\$120,000	AN
Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator				\$2,000	-	\$15,000	AN
Municipal Manager				\$80,000	-	\$160,000	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		
SCHEDULE D – UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE							
(TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL)							
POSITION TITLE				SALARY OR WAGE RANGE			

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 EMAA funds are reduced and/or eliminated, stipend will be reduced in an amount commensurate with the reduction in grant funds.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Gorshkov to adopt Resolution 2023-102

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2023-102

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING A PERSON-TO-PERSON PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NUMBER #2121-33-003-004 PPS LIQUORS LLC TO BROTHERS RESTAURANT & PIZZA LLC

WHEREAS, application has been made to the Borough Clerk, Laurie A. Courter, for the transfer of Liquor License #2121-33-003-006 in which license holder was held by PPS Liquors LLC; and

WHEREAS, PPS Liquors LLC, has submitted their consent to the transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License ##2121-33-003-006 (*by proof of Bill of Sale*) to Brothers Restaurant Pizza & Bar LLC; and

WHEREAS, the necessary background investigations have been done by the Washington Township Police Department, and are in order to proceed with the transfer of this Retail Consumption License; and

WHEREAS, the application for transfer is in order and the required newspaper publications have been submitted as further proof of compliance with Local Alcoholic Beverages Laws; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey do hereby consent and approve of this transfer of liquor license for a Plenary Retail Consumption License #2121-33-003-006 which license holder was held by PPS Liquors LLC to Brothers Restaurant & Pizza LLC .

Motion to table Resolution 2023-103 made by Cox, and seconded by Brown , all were in favor.

Motion made by Brown and seconded by Cox to adopt Resolution 2023-104

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2023-104

**RESOLUTION-APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM MUNICIPAL COURT
ADMINSTRATOR ORCHID SANTANA APRIL 17, 2023-APRIL 17, 2024**

WHEREAS, Orchid Santana was hired on April 17, 2023 as the Mansfield Interim Municipal Court Administrator as established in the shared services agreement with the Borough of Washington., and

WHEREAS, Orchid Santana is currently considered an interim Municipal Court Administrator pursuant to N.J.S.A.2B:12-11(e) since she was hired after May 25, 2011 and does not hold a municipal court administrator certificate, and;

WHEREAS, The statue allows the governing body to appoint a person as a Municipal Court Administrator that is not certified Municipal Court Administrator, on an interim basis, for a period not to exceed one year commencing on the date of the appointment April 17, 2023, and;

WHEREAS, the statute further states, “Any person so appointed may, in consultation with the judge of the municipal court, be reappointed as municipal court administrator, on an Interim basis, for two years subsequent one-year terms. The municipal court administrator appointed on a interim basis may be reappointed for a fourth, and if necessary, a fifth additional one-year term, provided the municipal court administrator is currently enrolled in the certification program and needs additional time to complete that program”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Orchid Santana as Interim Municipal Court Administrator for one-year term commencing April 17, 2023 ending April 17, 2024.

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Gorsh to adopt Resolution 2023-105, 106, 107

Roll call: Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, and Conry.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0
Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2023-105
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 BALA PARTNERS LLC, P.O. Box 303, Pottersville, NJ 07979, in the amount of \$734.25 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2021 in the name of NUCUM, HERMES & MARIA as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 31 ALVIN SLOAN AVE, Block 2.09 Lot 17, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00003 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 8/8/2023 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, MARIA NUCUM 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 \$1,492.89 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00003.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 15th day of August, 2023 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 **\$3,792.89** (This consists of \$1,492.89 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 2.09 Lot 17 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2023-106
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 BALA PARTNERS LLC, P.O. Box 303, Pottersville, NJ 07979, in the amount of \$661.97 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2021 in the name of SUDOL, KRISTIN M as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 69 LENAPE TRAIL, Block 101 Lot 13.38, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00058 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 8/8/2023 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 BALA PARTNERS LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$1,141.38 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00058.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 15th day of August, 2023 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 **\$3,341.38** (This consists of \$1,141.38 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,200.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 101 Lot 13.38 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2023-107
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 \$1,620.56 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2021 in the name of GIOVANNONE, PASQUALE & TIESHA as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 98 YOUMANS AVE, Block 82 Lot 15, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00046 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 7/18/2023 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 \$3,919.34 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00046.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 15th day of August, 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 **\$6,919.34** (This consists of \$3,919.34 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$3,000.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 82 Lot 15 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Gorshkov to adopt Resolution 2023-108

Roll call: Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, and Conry.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0
Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2023-108
A RESOLUTION TO VOID CHECK

WHEREAS, check #15138 was written July 19, 2023 on the Washington Borough's Operating Account in the amount of \$200.00; and

WHEREAS, check was made payable to International Institute of Municipal Clerks 8331 Utica Ave #200 Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's office was made aware that the above-mentioned check was issued for the wrong amount and that a replacement check should be in the amount of \$185.00; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned check be voided, and a replacement check should be issued; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Treasurer to void and replace the aforementioned check.

RECAP

Manager Bond stated that things are moving along very well in the borough. A lot of good things are coming up and moving forward. Old Time ball game coming up and the Police and Fire Department game at park is coming up. Happy to see everyone working together.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Brown gave the following remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming out. Like efficiency and order. Don't like waste.
- Went well tonight accomplished a lot of things tonight.

Councilwoman Cox gave the following remarks:

- Stated that she would like a motion during meeting tonight to have Mr. Bond put out an ad for our Zoning position. Advertise and pick an interim.

Motion

Motion made by Cox and seconded by France to advertise for zoning position.

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

- Councilwoman Cox thanked Mr. Bond for moving ahead on these things that remained stagnant for so many years. Thanked Council and Mayor for giving us some info on Land Use Board. Thanked Attorney Peterson for things we give him to do on a daily basis. Thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilman France gave the following remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming out appreciate patience with paving roads it's a slow process. Not trying to make excuses. Manager shows up and answers calls and returns calls.

Councilman Infinito gave the following remarks:

- Meeting went well good solid communications.
- Thanked the borough professionals along with the Manager and Clerk, had good long conversations. There are a lot of different things coming from different places.
- Voting on the Epic letter was very important to do today. A lot of grants will be huge to help. Climate has been very impactful on our infrastructure. What happened last month in Warren County, is to keep in mind and build our infrastructure.
- Audio and visual system we discussed. Love it as an idea; speakers are very needed. Not sure about video and a WebEx system, seen other municipalities with similar systems, they don't get a lot of views out of them. We should think more before spending the money on this. Look at the roads and make sure for next year to have it in budget next year to fix the roads.

Councilwoman Gorshkov gave the following statements:

- Thanked everyone for coming out. Thanked Council, Mayor, Manager and Clerk. Good to see we are working together.
- Make the most of what is left of summer.

Mayor Conry gave the following remarks:

- Mayor Conry concurs with statement of Infinito with video. We do have elderly that can't come out we have disabled that cannot come out. Thanked everyone for coming out good to see a crowd. We hope you come back again.
- Mayor Conry requested the Attorney look into Ray Rice.

Attorney Peterson reported that Ray Rice had to make some changes because of a time period lapse. COAH changed and they put three-bedroom apartments and changed parking. They need to approach LUB attorney to view their changes. Once resolved they are all ready to go.

Manager Bond-Taco Bell parking has 10 spaces one space per household. Seven households that would be affected. Proposed to give 45 days from initial application from Monday which will allow on a first come first serve basis for a second permit. Whoever gets on list first, 45 days from this past Monday can put name on list.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Cox and seconded by Gorshkov to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM, all were in favor.

Laurie A. Courter, RMC
Borough Clerk