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*BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY*

*WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES*

*DATE: September 19, 2023*

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The regular meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in councils chambers with an early start time for a workshop at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Absent:

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

### **Workshop 6PM**

#### **Sidewalk Ordinance Discussions**

Attorney Peterson started discussions with a history of the ordinances and stated he made some changes. Purpose of the workshop is to talk and work through so everyone is on same page to decide on how to go.

Issues that were discussed were how far back from store front and if length of facade would be the permitted area. Keeping the downtown clean and clutter free.

Discussions ensued regarding sidewalks and what should be in place and limiting to what is placed on the sidewalks and what regulations should be implemented.

The next workshop to carry this discussion forward will be at 6pm on October 3<sup>rd</sup> .

Motion made by Cox to close the workshop, motioned seconded by Gorshkov, all were in favor.

**7PM Regular Meeting:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion to open public portion made by Cox and seconded by Gorshkov, all were in favor.

Mel Thiel, BID Executive Director

Thanked everyone involved and everyone that came out for the Festival in the Borough-it was the biggest in the 19 years. No issues. There was also two grand openings on Saturday as well.

Thanked DPW for all the help in the planning process as well as the Fire Company and Police Department.

Next event is Day of the Dead on Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> .

Hometown Halloween is on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Thiel gave some input regarding the sidewalk ordinances . Spoke with businesses all want to remain anonymous in which Mrs. Thiel stated she will respect that. Few businesses would like to see more restrictions on what is out. Brings attention to downtown whatever is outside.

Feels the whole length of facade should be acceptable and 6 feet out as long as ADA compliant.

Discussed issues with code enforcement.

Mrs. Thiel voice her objection to a separate license and explained that all businesses already have a business license as it is.

Discussed issues with the abandoned buildings that still have their signs on the buildings.

Debra Schlieff (sp) 189 W Washington Avenue- spoke highly of Get-A-Grip store in downtown citing its uniqueness and beauty specially during holidays. Asked why borough would fight something like that-makes town warm and friendly.

Marco Matteo-7 Railroad Avenue-spoke about the recent court case involving the theatre management and code violations. Demanded council to take some sort of immediate action of the condition of the building.

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

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the following minutes made by Cox and seconded by Musick , all were in favor with the exception of Mayor Conry abstaining from the August 29, 2023, minutes.

August 29, 2023

September 5, 2023

## **REPORTS**

### Committee Reports

Sewer-Councilman Infinito reported that they are going through processes with regards to the scope of work.

Green Team-Councilwoman Musick recapped the recent meeting that was held. They are looking for volunteers for September 23<sup>rd</sup> for trail development along the Shabbecong. On Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 10am-11:30 am a hike at Shabbecong will take place and, anyone interested in going meet up at end of Nunn Avenue. Need more people to come out to the meetings for the Green Team, and volunteer your time for Sustainable Jersey, need more points. Meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month.

Recreation-Councilman France stated he has been emailing new people who have been recruited. Advocate anyone who serves on this committee. Stated that it would be very helpful to meet with prior chairman of recreation committee. Had some meetings and walked to the site of the baseball field and basketball court, upset with conditions. Encourage anyone who can offer guidance. Working to enhance with people who will show up to meetings.

Ordinance-Councilwoman Gorshkov brought up an example in the boroughs code book that should be taken out such as in Chapter 49 Peddling and Soliciting, unlawful for blowing a horn.

Cannabis-Councilman Brown reported that construction is in final stages for Dank Poet.

Land Use Board-Mayor Conry gave a brief report regarding applications that are moving forward. A building on Route 31-large complex that's going through and stated a company purchased it. They are seeking variance to move ahead with construction on building.

## **VOUCHERS-Approval of Claims**

Motion made by Brown and seconded by Cox to approve the vouchers and claims.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Accepting the letter of retirement of the Accounting Clerk effective January 1, 2024.  
Motion made by Brown and seconded by Gorshkov.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

2. Authorize the posting and advertising the position of Accounting Clerk with a salary range as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion made by Brown and seconded by Cox.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

3. Authorize the Manager and CFO to secure a procurement card for Borough use.  
Motion made by Brown and seconded by Cox.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

### **Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Musick to approve on first reading Ordinance 2023-13

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**ORDINANCE 2023-13**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A GENERAL**  
**IMPROVEMENT THE LEASE OF THE DPW VEHICLES FROM THE ENTERPRISE**  
**SOLUTIONS BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON AND APPROPRIATING \$40,000 THEREFOR**  
**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. The lease of the DPW vehicles

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 \$40,000.00 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 \$40,000.00, the estimated cost for the projects having been noted in Section 1 above.

Section 4. The sum of \$40,000.00 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.

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Musick to approve on first reading Ordinance 2023-17

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**ORDINANCE 2023-17**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A GENERAL**  
**IMPROVEMENT TO THE WEBSITE FOR THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON AND**  
**APPROPRIATING \$30,297.00 THEREFOR 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 Web Site.

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 \$30,297.00 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 \$30,297.00, the estimated cost for the projects having been noted in Section 1 above.

Section 4. The sum of \$30,297.00 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.

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Musick to approve on first reading Ordinance 2023-18

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

### **ORDINANCE 2023-18**

#### **Ordinance Amending Chapter 85 of the Code of the Borough of Washington, entitled “Municipal Parking Lots”**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington Chapter 85 of the Code which provides the regulations governing the use of the municipal parking lots;

**WHEREAS**, with the increase in the number of electric vehicles the Mayor and Borough Council have determined that having electrical vehicle stations in municipal parking lots will benefit the residents of Washington Borough.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor Borough Council desires to amend its ordinances to ensure that those parking stalls in municipal parking lots shall be available to only individuals with electric vehicles.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council desires to further amend its ordinances to provide ticketing and towing for violating the electrical vehicle parking ordinance and;

**Section 1.** Chapter 85 of the Code of the Borough of Washington, entitled “Municipal Park Lots” shall be amended as follows (deletions noted with strikethrough ~~thus~~ and additions noted in bold italic *thus*):

§85.66

- A. No person shall stop, stand or park any non-electric vehicle in a space designated through signage as an electric vehicle charging station.
- B. No electric vehicle shall park in a space designated, through signage, as an electric vehicle charging station when either (1) the electric vehicle is not electrically charging or (2) is parked in the parking space for more than two (2) hours. For purposes of this subsection, “charging” means an electric vehicle is parked at an electric vehicle charging station and is connected to the charging station equipment.
- C. Vehicles parked in violation of these regulations will be subject to ticketing and/or towing in accordance with §§ 85-63 and 85-64 of the Code of the Borough of Washington.

**Section 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

**Section 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Musick to adopt Resolution 2023-117 through 122

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

### **RESOLUTION 2023-117**

**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 PAPP, LOUIS as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 30 BEETHOVEN AVE, Block 79 Lot 9, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00041 and

**WHEREAS,** the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 8/25/2023 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 \$2,037.91 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00041.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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 **\$4,337.91** (This consists of \$2,037.91 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,300.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this

**RESOLUTION 2023-118**

**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 \$642.86 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2021 in the name of WALTON, ROGER as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 25 WASHINGTON SQUARE CIR, Block 73.01 Lot 31, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00039 and

**WHEREAS,** the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 8/25/2023 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 \$1,368.24 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00039.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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 **\$3,568.24** (This consists of \$1,368.24 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,200.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 73.01 Lot 31 from the tax office records.

**RESOLUTION 2023-119**

**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 \$486.45 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2021 in the name of ROBERTSON, MICHAEL & MELINDA A as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 100 TAFT TERRACE, Block 71.01 Lot 8, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00036 and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 8/25/2023 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 \$1,688.52 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00036.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September. 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 **\$3,888.52** (This consists of \$1,688.52 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,200.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 71.01 Lot 8 from the tax office records.

**RESOLUTION 2023-120**

**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 \$253.25 for taxes or other

municipal liens assessed for the year 2021 in the name of JACOME, JARROD M & JENNY as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 76 ALVIN SLOAN AVE, Block 2.12 Lot 13, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00006 and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 8/28/2023 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, PENNYMAC 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 \$1,533.08 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00006.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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 **\$3,433.08** (This consists of \$1,533.08 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,900.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 2.12 Lot 13 from the tax office records.

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-121**

#### **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 \$980.50 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2021 in the name of BURD, GUY & MELISSA J as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 46 STATE ST, Block 13 Lot 6, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00009, and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 9/11/2023 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 \$2,303.63 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00009.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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 **\$4,803.63** (This consists of \$2,303.63 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,500.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 13 Lot

6 from the tax office records.

**RESOLUTION 2023-122**

**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 \$980.50 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2021 in the name of TAYLOR, THOMAS E as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 184 W WASHINGTON AVE, Block 10.03 Lot 3, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00008 and

**WHEREAS,** the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 9/11/2023 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 \$2,303.63 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00008.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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 **\$4,803.63** (This consists of \$2,303.63 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,500.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 10.03 Lot 3 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Musick to adopt Resolution 2023-123

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**Resolution # 2023-123**

**Resolution Authorizing The Tax Collector To Hold An Electronic Tax Sale For Unpaid 2022 Taxes And Other Municipal Charges Through NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for electronic sales; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct electronic tax sales; and

**WHEREAS**, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington wishes to hold an electronic tax sale for unpaid 2022 taxes and other municipal charges.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey authorizing the Tax Collector to hold an electronic tax sale for unpaid 2022 taxes and other municipal charges through NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com on November 9, 2023.

## **RECAP**

Borough Manager Bond recapped the following:

Working on Safe Routes to School grant to replace the ADA ramps, sidewalks and curbing and added that the whole borough would qualify.

## **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilman Brown gave the following remarks:

- Thanked Mel Thiel for great job on festival.
- Festival really represents the borough. No trouble just awesomeness all day long.
- Ordinance encompassing some of these things. Fine tune our brand and what we represent.
- Got on Shade Tree committee because of the downtown trees; they are the wrong species that were placed there.
- Will bring up at next Shade Tree meeting and stated that the Shade tree would like their own page on the new website.
- Mentioned branding and what it means to Washington Borough.

Councilwoman Cox gave the following remarks:

- Festival was very nice.
- Nice to attend the Habitat building with the dance. Hopefully get them in as an act with BID for next year.
- Hope to come to agreement with sidewalk (ordinance) Outburst of some things that happened here have to be addressed, have to have a decorum.
- DPW- they do everything as far as garbage; put cans back etc., the problem is this, me standing in my doorway watching or looking out to see what vehicle is coming to pass, it is only the responsibility of DPW to pick up my trash, leaves, and garbage and to not pay attention to me at my doorway making faces or hand gestures or calling someone else on council a name .

Councilman France gave the following remarks:

- Inquired about sidewalks grant, Manager Bond explained in further detail the aspects of what it covers and it being a federal grant.
- Mentioned Marco and stated that he is a very passionate person about this town hope no one misinterprets his passion. He wants things addressed. Don't judge him harshly he's an asset to town. A \$100 fine is silly for the theatre. They don't take it seriously. The owner of building was promised in past but holding back until that gets done.
- Mentioned that on South Lincoln there's no street sign near Main near the Taco Bell.
- Everyone is working together, each week he gets a better understanding on how things work.

Councilman Infinito gave the following remarks:

- Thanked Mel and added he had a fantastic time at festival.
- Echoing everything Mel says what town needs to be doing with businesses.
- Regarding Ordinance 117 for the website, he is glad it was budgeted with the proper money to have in the capital fund balance to do the new website.
- Excited for second workshop at next meeting.

Councilwoman Gorshkov gave the following statements:

- Thanked everyone who came tonight especially for the 6pm workshop.
- Thanked Mel.
- Thanked Council and also thanked the Mayor, Clerk, Attorney and Manager .

Councilwoman Musick gave the following remarks:

- Thanked Mel for coming out and what an awesome job she did with festival.
- Thanked everyone for coming out tonight and sticking it out all night.

Mayor Conry gave the following remarks:

- Festival was fantastic Mel did good job.
- All entertainment was good.
- Youth was good they had something at Habitat for them.
- We have great police department we were safe and thanked the DPW for putting out the barriers.

- All of our employees do a fantastic job for all of us.
- Was with the Deputy Mayor with the youth at festival and had a fantastic time. Would like to see something for our youth within the borough, it was a fantastic thing to have.
- Thanked everyone who came out to the borough and to this meeting tonight as well.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - contract negotiations with 1 West Washington Redevelopment Project PILOT Agreement.

Motion made by Cox and seconded by Gorsh to approve executive session resolution for the above stated purposes, all were in favor.

**RESOLUTION**  
**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to discuss Contract Negotiations. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

**Motion**

Motion made by Brown and seconded by Musick to return to regular session, all were in favor.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Cox and seconded by Musick to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM, all were in favor.

Laurie A. Courter, RMC  
Borough Clerk