
AGENDA

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NJ

March 7, 2023

7:00 PM

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

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

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Music and Conry.

AUDIENCE/COUNCIL APPEARANCE

The Republican Committee names submitted for consideration of the recent vacancy on Council::

Christopher Infinito
Betti Singh
Paul Crider

Public Remarks, petitions, statements and testimony from guests

MINUTES

Regular:

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December 20, 2022

Executive:

December 20, 2023

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Ordinance 2023-08 will have a public hearing for adoption on April 4, 2023

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ORDINANCE 2023-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 84 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, ENTITLED VANDALISM, GRAFFITI AND OTHER PROPERTY OFFENSES

WHEREAS, the Chapter 84 of the Code of the Borough of Washington prohibits vandalism and graffiti; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk and Interim Manager and Borough Zoning Officer have recommended amending Chapter 84 to update penalties, require removal of graffiti, and include parents of minors as as potentially financially responsible parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 84 of the Code of the Borough of Washington, entitled “Vandalism, Graffiti, and Other Property Offenses,” is hereby amended as follows (deletions noted in strikethrough ~~thus~~ and additions noted in bold italic *thus*):

§ 84-1 ~~Prohibited Acts.~~ ***Purpose***

The purpose of this chapter is to insure the health, safety and welfare of the community by providing a mechanism by which individuals may be prosecuted for defacing public and private property with graffiti or other markings, and by requiring the removal of any graffiti from any private or public property in a timely manner.

§ 84-1.1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

DEFACE

To cover, mark, write on, paint, color or otherwise mar, disfigure or draw whatsoever on any private or public property of any nature, without the express written consent of the owner.

GRAFFITI

Any form of inscription, word, figure, marking or design that is marked, etched, scratched, draw nor painted on any building, structure, fixture, fence, gate, roadway, tree or other real or personal property either publicly or privately owned, without the written consent of the owner of the property.

INDELIBLE MARKER

Any felt-tip marker, china marker or similar device that is not water soluble and which has a flat or angled writing surface of 1/4 inch or greater

MINOR

Any person under the age of 18 years.

OWNER

The owner of record of the property as set forth in the records of the Tax Assessor for the Borough of Washington

PARENT

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Any person to whom legal custody of a minor has been given by court order or is acting in the place of the parent or is responsible for the care and welfare of the minor and shall include:

- A. Natural or adoptive parent;***
- B. Legal guardians;***
- C. A person who stands in loco parentis;***
- D. A person to whom legal custody has been given by court order.***

REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Any redevelopment plan as adopted by the Borough, together with any amendments adopted in accordance with Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

§ 84-1.2 Prohibited Acts.

No person shall damage, defoul, commit a nuisance on, or disturb public property or the property of another so as to create a hazardous condition. No person shall maliciously destroy, damage or injure any person or property, including and not limited to acts considered "vandalism," "graffiti," and/or any other malicious mischief.

§ 84-2 Graffiti prohibited.

A. It shall be unlawful for any persons to apply graffiti to any building, structure, tree, shrub, curb, vehicle, or to other personal or real property (public or private) located within the Borough. No person shall purposefully, willfully, or knowingly deface or vandalize any public or private property by painting, writing, drawing, or otherwise inscribing in any fashion thereon without the express written permission or consent of the owner.

B. It shall be unlawful aid any one in defacing or applying graffiti to any real property (public or private) located within the Borough.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a spray paint container or indelible marker on any public or private property, without the written consent of the owner of such property, with the intent to use the same to deface said public or private property.

BD. Nothing contained within this chapter shall prohibit the enforcement of any other chapter of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Washington.

§ 84-3 Exclusions.

The following shall not be prohibited under this Chapter and shall not be included in the definition of "graffiti" or deface" as used herein:

A. Easily removable markings (chalk or water-soluble) on public sidewalks and streets used in connection with traditional children's games, or Borough sponsored events, shall not be considered graffiti.

B. ***A mural painted with the consent of the owner and in compliance with applicable provisions of the Borough Code and / or Redevelopment Plan.***

C. ***Window signage or window markings placed or made with the owner's consent for decorative or advertising purposes in compliance with applicable provisions of the Borough Code.***

§ 84-4 Parental Responsibility and Liability.

- A. No parent (as defined in Section 84-1.1 of the Borough Code) of a minor shall knowingly permit or by inefficient or lack of control to allow such minor in his or her control to place graffiti on or otherwise deface any private or public property as defined in Section 84-1.1 of the Borough Code.**
- B. Any minor found by a police officer or reported by a private citizen to be in violation of this chapter shall be brought to the nearest police station, where the minor shall be released to his or her parent. The parent, as defined in § 84-1.1, shall be immediately notified and required to report to police headquarters to procure the juvenile.**
- C. When a parent immediately called has come to take charge of the juvenile and the appropriate information has been recorded, the juvenile shall be released to the custody of such parent. If a parent cannot be located or fails to take charge of the juvenile, then the juvenile shall be released to the juvenile authorities except to the extent that, in accordance with police regulations promulgated by the Chief of Police, approved in advance for juvenile authorities, the juvenile may temporarily be entrusted to an adult, relative, neighbor or other person who will, on behalf of the parent, assume responsibility for caring for the juvenile pending availability of the parent or guardian.**
- D. In the case of a first violation by the juvenile, the juvenile and parent shall receive, both in person and by certified mail, a written warning notice from the Police Department indicating the circumstances under which the minor was found to be in violation of this chapter.**
- E. If the minor has been convicted of violating this chapter on a prior occasion within one year of the date of the present violation, there shall be a presumption that the parent having care of the minor knew or should have known of the minor's present violation of this section and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in this Chapter. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-15, any parent, guardian, or other person having legal custody of a minor who fails or neglects to exercise reasonable supervision and control of the conduct of such minor shall be liable in a civil action for any destruction or damage caused by such minor offender under §84-1.2 and 84-2.**
- F. If the minor is found to be in violation of the curfew imposed by Chapter 34 of the Borough Code, the penalties imposed thereunder for parents or guardians of such minor shall apply.**

(Reserved)

§ 84-5 Violations and penalties.

Committing an act of graffiti is a violation of this chapter. Violations for committing an act of graffiti shall be charged on a per-property or per-structure basis (one offense for each violation). Violations do not reset over time. Upon conviction, each offense shall have the following penalties applied:

A. ~~Each person shall be subject to a fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, and \$150 for each subsequent offense. Adults who are not parents of offenders as defined in § 83-2 of this chapter.~~ Adult Violators. Any adult who violates any of the provisions of this chapter (excluding the parent of a minor who violates the provisions of this Chapter) shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by one or more of the following penalties:

- (1) A fine of not less than \$500 and not exceeding \$1,000.**
- (2) Imprisonment not to exceed 90 days.**
- (3) A period of community service not to exceed 90 days.**

B. Minor Violators. Any minor who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by one or more of the following penalties:

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(1) Violators of this chapter shall be required to perform community service of a period not to exceed 90 days and may be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 but no more than \$1,000.

(2) If a minor has been found to violate this chapter twice within a six-month period, the minor shall receive a summons and complaint from the police officer who apprehended the minor for the violation of this chapter.

(3) If a minor is found to be in violation of this chapter on three occasions within six months, then the juvenile as well as the parent having the care and custody of the minor shall receive a summons and complaint for the violation of this chapter.

(4) Any minor who violates any of the provisions of this chapter more than four times shall be reported by the Chief of Police to the juvenile authorities as a juvenile in need of supervision, and the Chief of Police, Borough Attorney or his or her designee may proceed to file such charges with the Superior Court of New Jersey Family Part as he or she may deem appropriate.

(5)

BC. Restitution. In addition to any fines imposed (or waived), the court shall order the offender to make restitution pursuant to this chapter. ~~C.—Restitution.~~ Offenders shall make restitution to the victim for damages or loss caused directly or indirectly by the violator's offense in the amount (or manner) determined by the court.

D. Community Service. ~~If the court shall order the offender perform community service, it in lieu~~ (or as part) of the penalties imposed by this section, it is strongly recommended that the court order community service. Community service shall be based on the following minimum requirements:

(1) Offenders shall perform community service based on their level of conviction as follows:

(a) First offense: service sufficient to remove the graffiti and restore the property to its prior condition.

(b) Second offense: service sufficient to remove the graffiti and restore the property to its prior condition plus 10 additional days of community service.

(c) Third (and subsequent) offense: service sufficient to remove the graffiti and restore the property to its prior condition plus 20 additional days of community service.

(2) Reasonable effort shall be made to assign the offender to a type of community service that is reasonably expected to have the most rehabilitative effect of the offender.

(3) The order period of service shall be performed under the supervision of a community service provider approved by the Chief of Police.

§ 84-6 Enforcement.

The provisions of this chapter may be enforced by the Zoning Officer of the Borough of Washington or any police officer serving the Borough of Washington.

§ 84-7 Removal of Graffiti.

A. Requirement to Remove. *The occupant, lessee, agent and/or landlord of any commercial premises which has any form of graffiti on any building or structure shall be required to either restore the defaced surface by removing the graffiti or repaint the defaced surface within 10 business days after notice to the occupant, lessee, agent and/or landlord by the Chief of Police (or his*

designee) to remove the same. However, the State Department of Transportation shall be afforded 120 days from the date the written notice is mailed to remove the graffiti from property owned by the Department.

B. Penalties and Remedies.

(1) Any owner that fails to remove the graffiti within 20 calendar days of receiving written notice to remove such graffiti shall be subject to a penalty of \$20 per day, starting on the 21st calendar day after receiving notice. If after 30 calendar days (including the initial 20 calendar days), the graffiti is not removed, the penalty shall increase to \$50 per day, starting on the 31st day.

(2) The penalties set forth in this section shall be imposed against the owner of the property wherein such violation occurs. Failure of the property owner to pay the penalties imposed shall result in the charges being placed as a municipal lien upon the property as permitted by statute.

(3) If said graffiti is not removed within 30 business days after written notice is issued, the Borough shall send a second written notice via certified mail to the property owner to remove said graffiti and provide a detailed itemization of the costs for the Borough to remove the graffiti.

(4) If after 30 calendar days from receiving written notice to remove such graffiti and the itemized costs of removal, the property owner fails to remove the graffiti, then pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.40:48-2.12f, or any successor statute, the Borough shall have the right to issue a summons and to enter the on to the property to remove the graffiti from the exterior of the building or structures on the property and/or repaint the exterior of such buildings or structures at the sole cost and expense of the owner. Nothing herein shall grant the Borough access to the interior of any building or structure located on the property. The property owner will thereafter be provided with a detailed itemization of the costs and expenses incurred by the Borough which shall be paid by the owner. Failure of the property owner to pay the cost and expense incurred by the Borough for the removal of the graffiti within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of such notice shall result in the charges being placed as a municipal lien upon the property as permitted by statute.

(5) The Borough retains the ability to assist the property owner when the public issubstantially affected by repeated graffiti. Further, upon a showing that the property owner is a victim of a repeated violation of this Chapter, the Borough Council retains the ability to assist the property owner in removing the graffiti and waive the ability to place a lien on the premises.

§84-8. Notification of order to remove graffiti.

The notice to remove graffiti shall contain a form to be utilized by the property owner to inform the Borough that the graffiti has been removed and shall contain a certification stating that, by affixing a signature to the form indicating that the graffiti has been removed, the owner is certifying that the facts set forth therein are true and that the certification shall be considered as if made under oath and subject to the same penalties as provided by law for perjury. The notice shall also detail the possible penalties imposed for noncompliance with the notice to remove graffiti.

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.

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON
County of Warren

RESOLUTION 2023-23

WHEREAS, as compensation for their loyal service and devotion to their duties as employees of the Borough of Washington; and

WHEREAS, to recognize their service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the following salaries and wages are established effective January 1, 2023 unless otherwise noted:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>2023 SALARY</u>
Chief Financial Officer	\$45,132.81
Tax Assessor	\$34,608.58
Tax Collector	\$74,520.00
Confidential Assistant to the CFO	\$68,310.00
Deputy Clerk	\$34,992.32
Qualified Purchasing Agent	\$ 7,825.59
Land Use Board Secretary	\$ 5,214.81

RESOLUTION 2023-54

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made by not less the 2/3 vote of the full membership of the governing body from unexpended balances which are expected to be sufficient to accounts with insufficient appropriation balances during the first three months of the succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager and the Chief Financial Officer have determined that excess appropriations do exist in some accounts and there is a need for supplemental appropriations in other accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the following appropriation transfers are hereby approved:

<u>Transfer From:</u>	<u>Transfer To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Legal Other Expenses	10,000.00	
Traffic Lights	3,000.00	
Natural Gas	5,000.00	
Tax Collector OE		7,700.00
Mayor and Council S& W		3,300.00
Mayor and Council OE		7,000.00

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RESOLUTION _____2023-55
RESOLUTION APPOINTING INTERIM MANAGER
DALE E. PARICHUK, CPM.

WHEREAS the Borough of Washington desires to employ the services Dale E. Parichuk, CPM as interim Borough Manager for the Borough of Washington, Warren County, NJ, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-92; and

WHEREAS Dale E. Parichuk, CPM has obtained Certified Public Manager's credentials while employed as an investigator at the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General through the State of New Jersey and Fairleigh Dickenson University. Dale E. Parichuk, CPM is a former Washington Borough councilman/deputy mayor and meets the requirements of Borough Manager pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-92; and shall exercise all the powers and duties of a regular appointed Borough Manager overseeing the day-to-day operations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington as follows:

Dale E. Parichuk, CPM is hereby appointed as Borough Manager effective immediately replacing the present interim Borough Manager and shall exercise all the powers and duties of Borough Manager overseeing the day-to-day operations.

RESOLUTION 2023-58

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL
MEETINGS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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WHEREAS, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, it is necessary for the Borough of Washington to post and maintain a schedule of the meetings of the Borough that will be held during the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2023-_01__ set forth, among other things, a Borough Council general meeting schedule for year 2023 for the Borough of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2023-__01__, among other things, scheduled one Borough Council meeting per month; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has since determined that one regular meeting per month will not be sufficient to conduct Borough business; and

WHEREAS, given the foregoing, Borough Council determined that Section 3-9 of the Code of the Borough of Washington, entitled “Meetings,” should not be amended and that Borough Council meetings should continue to be held twice a month except that, by resolution, the Council may dispense with one or more meetings otherwise scheduled during the months of June, July and August and November.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Washington 2023 General Meeting Schedule for the year 2023 be amended to include two meetings per month as follows:

Meetings of Borough Council for 2023 Where Formal Action May Be Taken

Tuesday January 3, 2023	7:00 Reorganization Regular
Tuesday January 17, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday February 17, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday March 7, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday March 21, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday April 4, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday April 18, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday May 2, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday May 16, 2023	7:00 Regular
*Tuesday, June 20, 2023	7:00 Regular
*Tuesday July 18, 2023	7:00 Regular
*Tuesday August 15, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday September 5, 2023	7:00 Regular

Tuesday September 19, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday October 3, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday October 17, 2023	7:00 Regular
*Tuesday November 21, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday December 5, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday December 19, 2023	7:00 Regular
Tuesday January 2, 2024	7:00 P.M. (Reorganization/Regular)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall supersede any and all Resolutions previously adopted by the Borough specifying meeting dates of the Borough Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough of Washington that the 2023 General Meeting Schedule is hereby amended and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to:

1. Post the Schedule of Meetings, as required by law
2. Post the schedule of Meetings on the Borough Website
3. Publicly Notice the current schedule of meetings in all official newspapers, as provided by law.
4. * indicates one meeting for that month.

RESOLUTION 2023-56

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 JIMENEZ, EDWIN as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 142 VAN BUREN ST, Block 58 Lot 2.02, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00031 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 2/28/2023 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Comerica Bank March 7, 2023

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 \$320.32 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00031.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of March, 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 **\$2,220.32** (This consists of \$320.32 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,900.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 58 Lot 2.02 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2023-57

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN COMMUNITY ANIMAL CONTROL LLC, AND THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

WHEREAS an Agreement between The Borough of Washington having its principal place of business at 100 Belvidere Avenue, Washington, New Jersey 07882 and hereinafter referred to as the “**Borough**”; and Community Animal Control, LLC having its principal place of business at 36 Millbrook Rd., Washington, NJ 07882 hereinafter referred to as the “**Contractor**” was previously made between the parties with an effective date of January 1, 2022 (hereinafter “Initial Agreement”). The Agreement was authorized via Resolution 2021-135 a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Initial Agreement was to set forth the terms and conditions of the Contractor’s Animal Control Services under a Shared Services Agreement (SSA) pursuant to which the Borough acts as the host/lead municipality for such services; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2022, two additional municipalities joined the SSA, which necessitated an adjustment to the overall fees charged by the Contractor and payments required of each municipality for the Contractor’s services under the SSA; and

WHEREAS, via Resolution 2022-142 the Borough amended the Initial Agreement with the Contractor in order to reflect the additional members of the SSA and the payments required for the services provided by the Contractor under the SSA beginning March 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022 (hereinafter “First Amended Agreement”). See Resolution 2022-142 attached hereto as **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, the Parties were desirous to extend the Amended Agreement between the Parties through December 31, 2023. As such, on January 3, 2023, the Borough passed Resolution 2023-21, which effectively extended the Amended Agreement for a period of up to sixty (60) days, in order to allow the Parties time to negotiate favorable terms for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year. See Resolution 2023-21 attached hereto as **Exhibit C**; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have met and agreed to terms deemed favorable and now seek to enter into a second amended agreement for the period of March 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the “Second Amended Agreement.”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington that the Mayor and Clerk/Interim Manager are hereby authorized to execute the

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Second Amended Agreement to the January 1, 2022 Shared Services Agreement for Animal Control Services between the Borough of Washington and the Contractor in substantially the form set forth below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough's Chief Financial Officer, and Clerk and a copy of same will be made available to the public through the Office of the Clerk.

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RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIK PETERSON OF
THE LAW OFFICES OF ERIK C. PETERSON, LLC MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, Borough of Washington Council terminated Leslie A. Parikh and Tara St. Angelo of Gebhardt & Kiefer as Municipal Attorneys for the Borough of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington has determined to appoint Erik Peterson of the Law Offices of Erik C. Peterson, LLC as Municipal Attorney; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of the date of this Resolution, Erik Peterson of the Law Offices of Erik C. Peterson, LLC is appointed Municipal Attorney for the Borough of Washington.

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