AGENDA

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NJ

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, Infinito, Musick and Conry.

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RESOLUTION # 2024-64 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 November 9, 2023 to BALA PARTNERS LLC, P.O. Box 303, Pottersville, NJ 07979, in the amount of \$348.25 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2022 in the name of MARGOLIS, ANGELO as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 243 W WASHINGTON AVE, Block 101 Lot 13.40, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #23-00044 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3/22/2024 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 \$1,050.51 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #23-00044.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of April, 2024 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 **\$2,450.51** (This consists of \$1,050.51 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,400.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 101 Lot 13.40 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2024-65 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 November 9, 2023 to NJSL 301, LLC, 650 E. PALISADES AVE STE 2, #258, ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632, in the amount of \$37.19 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2022 in the name of WHITTING, JR, ROBERT & FABIANE as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 10 OAK RIDGE RD, Block 44.01 Lot 7, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #23-00024 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3/22/2024 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 NJSL 301, LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$99.19 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #23-00024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of April, 2024 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to NJSL 301, LLC, 650 E. PALISADES AVE STE 2, #258, ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632 in the amount of **\$599.19** (This consists of \$99.19 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$500.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 44.01 Lot 7 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2024-66 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 November 9, 2023 to BALA PARTNERS LLC, P.O. Box 303, Pottersville, NJ 07979, in the amount of \$334.18 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2022 in the name of 122-124 BROAD ST LLC as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 122-124 BROAD ST, Block 92 Lot 6, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #23-00033 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3/19/2024 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, 122-124 BROAD ST LLC 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 \$1,512.30 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #23-00033.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of April, 2024 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 **\$2,912.30** (This consists of \$1,512.30 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,400.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 92 Lot 6 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2024-67 A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE <u>As per N.J.S.A.54:5</u>

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 November 9, 2023 to SMYRNA GROUP, LLC, PO BOX 845, TENAFLY, NJ 07670, in the amount of \$177.70 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2022 in the name of LICATA, SAMANTHA as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 35 N LINCOLN AVE, Block 12.01 Lot 6, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #23-00011 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3/21/2024 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, SAMANTHA LICATA claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by SMYRNA GROUP, LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$658.83 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #23-00011.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of April, 2024 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to SMYRNA GROUP, LLC, PO BOX 845, TENAFLY, NJ 07670 in the amount of **\$1,258.83** (This consists of \$658.83 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$600.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 12.01 Lot 6 from the tax office records.

and

RESOLUTION 2024-68 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 TRYSTONE CAPITAL ASSETS LLC, PO BOX 1030, BRICK, NJ 08723, in the amount of \$7,611.96 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2021 in the name of TARAZONA, MATTHEW ELI as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 53 CORNISH ST, Block 100 Lot 44, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #22-00056 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3/20/24 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, TITLE TRUST, LLC claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by TRYSTONE CAPITAL ASSETS LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$21,145.19 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00056.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of April, 2024 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to TRYSTONE CAPITAL ASSETS LLC, PO BOX 1030, BRICK, NJ 08723 in the amount of **\$38,345.19** (This consists of \$21,145.19 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$17,200.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 100 Lot 44 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2024-69 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington entered into an agreement to employ the services of Brian S. Bond as Borough Manager for the Borough of Washington, Warren County, NJ, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-92; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40:82-2 provides that the Borough must reside within the Borough;

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40:82-2 also provides for a waiver of the residency requirement upon approval of the municipal governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:82-2:

- 1. Waive the requirement that the Borough Manager, Brian S. Bond, live within the Borough of Washington; and
- 2. Modify the residency requirement to require the Borough Manager, Brian Bond to live within a twenty (20) mile radius of the Borough of Washington.

RESOLUTION 2024-70 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 November 9, 2023 to BALA PARTNERS LLC, P.O. Box 303, Pottersville, NJ 07979, in the amount of \$210.64 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2022 in the name of GOOLEY, PATRICK E as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 8 CHRISTINE PLACE, Block 2.05 Lot 12, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #23-00001 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3/25/2024 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 \$993.51 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #23-00001.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of April, 2024 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 **\$2,293.51** (This consists of \$993.51 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 2.05 Lot 12 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2024-71 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 November 9, 2023 to BALA PARTNERS LLC, P.O. Box 303, Pottersville, NJ 07979, in the amount of \$255.19 for taxes or other

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municipal liens assessed for the year 2022 in the name of MAZARIEGOS, RONALDO B CHAY as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 44 WILLOW ST, Block 98 Lot 37, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #23-00039 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3/25/2024 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 \$1,038.95 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #23-00039.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of April, 2024 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 **\$2,338.95** (This consists of \$1,038.95 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 98 Lot 37 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2024-72 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 November 9, 2023 to BALA PARTNERS LLC, P.O. Box 303, Pottersville, NJ 07979, in the amount of \$255.19 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2022 in the name of BAUTISTA, ELLAINE, ROSAURO & ELMA as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 4 SUNRISE TERRACE, Block 45 Lot 14, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #23-00025 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3/26/2024 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 \$1,038.95 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #23-00025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of April, 2024 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 **\$2,338.95** (This consists of \$1,038.95 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,300.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 45 Lot 14 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2024-73

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION FEES FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager provided the Mayor and Council with a proposed fee schedule for pool and park activities; and

WHEREAS, in that fees were reviewed to determine whether they are fair to the public and fairly reflect the reasonable cost of public facilities, taking into account such municipal expenses as wages and benefits, insurance, utility costs, maintenance and repair costs and other unpredictable costs incurred by the Borough to operate the Borough's recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the attached fee schedule as proposed by the Borough Manager and wish to memorialize the approval of the 2024 fee schedule, a copy of which fee schedule is attached to this resolution and has been posted on the Borough website; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

The 2024 Recreation Fee Schedule, in the form attached to this resolution, is hereby approved.

2024 RECREATION FEE SCHEDULE

Pavilion Rental

\$30

Pool Fees	Prior to May 1	After May 1
Seasonal Membership		
Individual Resident	\$110	\$120
Individual Non-resident	\$175	\$195
Family Resident	\$220	\$235
Family Non-resident	\$305	\$315
Senior Resident	\$75	\$85
Senior Non-resident	\$95	\$105
Monthly Memberships (July or August onl	ly)	
Monthly Individual Resident	\$60	\$70
Monthly Individual Non-resident	\$95	\$105
Monthly Family Resident	\$115	\$125
Monthly Family Non-resident	\$155	\$165

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Monthly Senior Resident	\$35	\$45
Monthly Senior Non-resident	\$50	\$60
Daily (Prior to 6PM)		
Adult Resident	\$10	
Adult Non-resident	\$12	
Child Resident (4-17 years old)	\$6	
Child Non-resident (4-17 years old)	\$7	
Infant/Toddler (0 to 3 years old)	Free	
Senior Resident	\$6	
Senior Non-resident	\$7	
Twilight (After 6PM)		
Twilight (after 6 pm) Adult Resident	\$5	
Twilight Child Resident	\$3	
Twilight Adult Non-resident	\$6	
Twilight Child Non-resident	\$4	
Twilight Senior Resident	\$3	

Twilight Senior Non-resident

Family shall mean up to 5 individuals that are related and reside in the same household. Resident shall mean individuals residing more than 6 months in the previous year within the limits of the Borough of Washington.

\$4

Replacement season/monthly pass tags shall be \$10 per tag for lost or damaged tags. Failure to return tags by October 1 shall result in a \$5 fee per tag.