

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Meeting  
August 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held on this date at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 211 Route 31 North, Washington, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Klingel.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE – Mayor Klingel noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975 in as much as a notice had been published in the Star-Gazette and transmitted to the Express-Times, posted at the Municipal Building and a copy is on file in the Clerk’s office. This agenda is subject to change by order of the Washington Township Committee before and/or during the scheduled meeting.

ROLL CALL

Fiore, present; Kovacs, present; Rossi, present; Willan, present; Klingel, present

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Kilduff, Township Clerk; Attorney Michael Lavery; Peter deBoer, Township Administrator; Chief Thomas Cicerelle; Andrew Hart, Superintendent of Public Works; Kevin Smith, Township Engineer; Eileen Parks, Acting CFO; Joseph Rossi, Construction Official

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Fiore, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 16, 2019.

**ROLL CALL:** Rossi, yes; Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Willan, yes; Klingel, yes

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Willan, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the regular meeting of July 16, 2019.

**ROLL CALL:** Fiore, yes; Willan, yes; Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes; Klingel, yes

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Fiore, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 6, 2019.

**ROLL CALL:** Kovacs, yes; Fiore, yes; Rossi, abstain; Willan, yes; Klingel, abstain

ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to introduce to the public Ordinance 19-07, An Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to Amend and Supplement Chapter 30, Police Department, of the Code of the Township of Washington - Introduction (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption at the September 17, 2019 Meeting)

**ROLL CALL:** Willan, yes; Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes; Klingel, yes

**ORDINANCE 2019-07**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 30, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New

Jersey, desires to supplement and amend Chapter 30 of the Code of the Township of Washington in order to bring up-to-date the government and efficient working of the entire Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Chapter 30 of the Code of the Township of Washington be supplemented and amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 1**

§30-2 shall be amended as follows:

**§30-2. Composition; probationary appointments.**

Said Police Department shall consist of a Chief of Police, not more than two (2) Lieutenants, not more than six (6) Sergeants, not more than four (4) Corporals, not more than four (4) Detectives and such other regular full-time or part-time police officers as may be appointed by the Washington Township Committee. All new hires shall be for a one-year probationary period and may be dropped from the rolls or discharged at any time during said probationary period. At the termination of the one-year probationary period, all police officers so appointed shall continue in their respective employment during good behavior, efficiency and residence in the State of New Jersey. Furthermore, the Washington Township Committee may appoint a Deputy Chief of Police as a temporary position, in accordance with Section §30-8. Promotion Policy (recommendation of the Chief of Police) and upon notification of a pending retirement of the Chief of Police. The position of Deputy Chief of Police shall be for transitional purposes only. Said position of Deputy Chief of Police will not be considered a vacant position once the position of Chief of Police is filled.

§30-3 shall be amended as follows:

**§30-3. Special police officers.**

- A. The Township Committee may, by resolution, also appoint special police officers for terms not exceeding one year each and may revoke such appointments without cause or hearing. Said special police officers shall exercise all powers of police officers while on duty. Their powers, rights and duties shall immediately cease at the expiration of the terms for which they were appointed or upon revocation of their appointment.

§30-4 shall be amended as follows:

**§30-4. Powers and duties of department members.**

- A. The Chief of Police shall be the chief executive of the Police Department, and the Chief of Police and all members of said Department shall severally perform the duties imposed upon them respectively by this chapter and by such orders, rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington.
- B. Each full-time member of the Police Department shall devote their primary time and attention to the services of the Department, with certain hours being allocated for the performance of regular tours of

duty. Full-time officers are considered to be at all times available for duty and must act promptly at any time that their services are required, except when on authorized leave or in the event of disability.

- C. Each part-time member of the Police Department shall serve at such hours and in such manner as directed by the Chief of Police or such superior officer as may be designated by the Township Committee. Each part-time member may be employed by persons or organizations other than the Township of Washington and engage in outside employment, provided that the nature of the employment is not inconsistent with the position and dignity of a police officer.

§30-5 shall be amended as follows:

**§30-5. Compensation.**

The Township Committee shall fix by ordinance the compensation to be paid to the Chief of Police, regular police officers, special police officers and part-time police officers.<sup>[1]</sup> The Chief of Police shall cause to be kept a register of the number of days and parts of days actually served on regular duty of each regular, special and part-time police officers.

*[1] Editor's Note: For provisions regarding compensation, see Ch. 34, Salaries and Compensation.*

§30-6 shall be amended as follows:

**§30-6. Continuation of employment; reasons for termination.**

The members of the Police Department shall severally hold their respective offices and continue in their respective employment during good behavior, efficiency and residence in the State of New Jersey, and no member shall be removed from office or employment in the Police Department for political reasons or for any cause other than incapacity, misconduct, non-residence or disobedience of the rules and regulations established for the government and discipline of the Police Department, provided that any member of the Police Department who shall be absent from duty without just cause for a term of five days continuously and without leave of absence shall, at the expiration of such five days, cease to be a member of the Police Department.

§30-7 shall be amended as follows:

**§30-7. Requirements for appointment.**

No one shall be appointed as a newly hired officer of the Police Department unless they meet the following requirements:

- A. Shall be a citizen of the United States between the ages of 21 and 35 inclusive and a resident of the State of New Jersey. The age requirement herein set forth shall not, however, apply to those persons serving as Washington Township Special Police Officers.
- B. Shall be of good reputation and sound moral character and shall not have been convicted of any crime or offenses involving moral turpitude.

- C. Shall be sound in body and of good health sufficient to satisfy the Board of Trustees of the police and firemen's retirement system of New Jersey as to his eligibility for membership in the retirement system.
- D. Shall be able to pass the standards set by the Physical Qualification Test established in the Washington Township Police Department Policy concerning the selection process for hiring new officers [16-001].
- E. Shall have normal hearing in both ears and 20/20 vision corrected.
- F. Shall have the ability to distinguish colors.
- G. Must possess a valid New Jersey auto driver's license.
- H. Shall be a graduate of high school or an equivalent institute of learning

## **SECTION 2**

Chapter 30, *Police Department*, of the Township Code is hereby amended to create a new section 8 entitled *Promotions*.

### **§30-8. Promotion Policy**

Promotion denotes vertical movement in the organization hierarchy from one rank classification to another, accompanied by increases in salary. Validity of the promotional process can only be accomplished through clear concise procedures. A promotional process has been developed to identify employees who possess the ability to assume greater responsibilities combined with the necessary skills and knowledge to perform competently at a higher organizational level. This policy is established for the positions of Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Deputy Chief.

#### **§30-8.1 Definitions:**

**I. Formal Disciplinary Action** - Any Criminal or Departmental Charge, Rule or Regulation Violation resulting in a suspension or loss of days in lieu of a suspension.

**II. Promotional Psychological Examination** - A psychological Examination conducted by The Institute of Forensic Psychology or similar agency to confirm the candidate's ability to mentally and emotionally handle a promotion to an administrator level position (rank of Lieutenant or higher). *Note: This examination cannot be used to determine an individual's fitness for duty and will only be used to either confirm or deny the candidate's mental and emotional qualifications for promotion.*

**§30-8.2 Procedure:**

**I. Eligibility**

**A. Desired Assignment - Corporal or Detective**

- 1. Who is eligible** - Patrol Officers who have completed at least five years of service (including probation) with the Washington Township Police Department. If no Officers within the Department meet the qualifications, the Township reserves the right to hire qualified individuals from outside the Department.
  - a)** Candidates must have at least two continuous years of service immediately preceding the assignment with no formal disciplinary action taken.
  - b)** Candidates shall have demonstrated consistent performance at or above the overall average of statistical data on all previous assignments.
  - c)** There shall be no advanced educational requirement for an assignment to Corporal or Detective. However, training related to criminal investigations is preferred for candidates for assignment to Detective.
  - d)** In the event that there are no eligible candidates for the assignment to Corporal or Detective due to the five years of service requirement, section 1 above may be waived.

**B. Desired Rank - Sergeant**

- 1. Who is eligible** - Both Patrol Officers and Corporals who have completed at least five years of service (including probation) with the Washington Township Police Department.
  - a)** Candidates must have at least two continuous years of service immediately preceding the promotion with no formal disciplinary action taken.
  - b)** Candidates shall have demonstrated consistent performance at or above the overall average of statistical data on all previous assignments.
  - c)** There shall be no advanced educational requirement for a promotion to Sergeant.
  - d)** In the event that there are no eligible candidates for the promotion to Sergeant due to the five years of service requirement, section 1 above may be reduced to three years.

**C. Desired Rank - Lieutenant**

- 1. Who is eligible** - Both Corporals and Sergeants who have served at least three years as a supervisor with the Washington Township Police Department.

- a) Candidates must have at least two continuous years of service immediately preceding the promotion with no formal disciplinary action taken.
- b) Candidates shall have demonstrated consistent performance at or above the overall average of statistical data on all previous assignments.
- c) All candidates must have at least an associate degree **or** two (2) years of active duty military service **or** have attended some form of advanced police executive training such as the FBI National Academy or NJSACOP Command and Leadership Academy to be eligible for promotion to Lieutenant.

**D. Desired Rank - Deputy Chief**

- 1. **Who is eligible** - Both Sergeants and Lieutenants who have served at least five years as a supervisor with the Washington Township Police Department.
  - a) Candidates must have at least two continuous years of service immediately preceding the promotion with no formal disciplinary action taken.
  - b) Candidates shall have demonstrated consistent performance at or above the overall average of statistical data on all previous assignments.
  - c) All candidates must have at least a bachelor's degree **or** four (4) years of active duty military service **and** have attended some form of advanced police executive training such as the FBI National Academy or NJSACOP Command and Leadership Academy to be eligible for promotion to Lieutenant.
  - d) All prerequisites for eligibility for promotions/assignments, including educational degree/police executive training requirements, years of service and/or years in present rank, must be met as of the date the notice of a promotional examination is posted. There shall be no exceptions to this requirement.

**II. Written Examination**

- A. All candidates for promotion/assignment to the assignment/rank of Corporal, Sergeant or Lieutenant shall submit to a departmental written examination.
- B. All candidates for promotion to the rank of Deputy Chief shall submit to a NJSACOP Chief Promotional Written Examination.
- C. The written examination shall be pass/fail. The purpose of the Written Examination is to assess the candidate's basic police knowledge and must be passed in order to move on to the second phase in the testing process. A score of 80% or greater shall be considered a passing score.
- D. At least sixty (60) days prior to the date a written examination is scheduled, a notice shall be posted at

the Police Department that will set forth the following:

1. The position currently available.
2. The date that the examination will be conducted.
3. The location of the examination.
4. The time the examination will begin.
5. A list of study materials.

**III. Oral Question-and-Answer Examination/Personal Interview.**

- A.** A Police Promotional/Assignment Committee, consisting of the Chief of Police and Lieutenant(s), shall conduct an oral question-and-answer examination and shall interview candidates for promotion/assignment to the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant and Lieutenant. At the Chief of Police's discretion, the Township Administrator or other area Police Chiefs may sit on the Promotional Committee for a Lieutenant Promotion.
- B.** For Deputy Chief promotional testing, the outgoing Chief of Police, at least two (2) Police Chiefs from nearby communities, and the Township Administrator shall make up the Promotional Committee. During times when the outgoing Chief of Police is not available, the Township Committee may choose to request that the NJSACOP conduct the interview process.
- C.** Those candidates for promotion/assignment to the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, or Deputy Chief who have received passing scores on the departmental written examination shall be eligible to participate in the oral question-and-answer examination/personal interview and shall be notified of their scheduled examination and interview date at least ten (10) days prior to that date. Officers with a passing written examination score shall be ranked from highest to lowest score. The highest passing score shall be worth the max twenty (20) points, the second highest score shall be worth nineteen (19) points and so on subtracting down by one point to the lowest passing score.
- D.** The question-and-answer examination shall consist of four (4) questions (rank/assignment specific) posed to the candidates to which the candidates must provide oral answers. The questions shall be based on hypothetical situations, and the same questions shall be given to each of the candidates. The candidate's oral answers to the questions posed shall be evaluated by the Committee with regard to the candidate's practical application of acceptable police operating procedures applicable to the situations presented. Each Committee member shall score each oral answer, with thirty-two (32) points being the maximum attainable score. The candidate's overall score for each answer shall be the average of the combined scores of each Committee member.

Each answer shall be worth eight (8) points [for a total of thirty-two (32) points for the four (4) questions] of a candidate's overall score for the oral questions-and-answer examination portion.

- E.** The interview portion will be based mainly on a candidate's past performance and evaluations and shall represent eighteen (18) points of a candidate's overall score for the oral question-and-answer examination/personal interview. The main supporting information to be viewed during the interview will come from each candidate's personnel file. Each candidate shall be given the opportunity to make

a personal statement if he/she chooses to do so. Each Committee member shall grade each candidate based on the interview. The maximum attainable score for the interview shall be eighteen (18) points. The candidate's overall score for the interview shall be the average of the combined scores of each Committee member. Factors to be considered by the Committee in scoring the interview shall be:

1. The candidate's performance/leadership skill.
  2. The candidate's initiative.
  3. The candidate's breadth of knowledge.
  4. The candidate's educational background.
  5. The candidate's training.
  6. The candidate's career development.
  7. The candidate's supervisory knowledge.
  8. The candidate's supervisory experience.
  9. The candidate's attitude.
    - a) Abuse of sick time.
    - b) Efforts in supporting Department goals and objectives.
    - c) Handling Department equipment.
    - d) Communication and interaction with fellow employees and the public.
  10. Discipline.
  11. Commendation.
  12. Appearance and demeanor.
  13. Special assignments.
  14. Job/Assignment specific training or knowledge.
  15. Letters of approbation from outside the department concerning a potential candidate received between the date that notice of a promotional/assignment examination is posted and the conclusion of the promotional/assignment examination shall not be considered for the posted examination.
- F. The oral question-and-answer examination and personal interview shall have a combined maximum score of fifty (50) points.

#### **IV. Seniority**

- A. Seniority will be assessed at the final stage of the promotional/assignment process for all candidates for all ranks.
- B. Seniority shall be worth one-half (1/2) of a point for every year of service with the Washington Township Police Department up to a maximum of ten (10) points.
- C. Seniority shall be determined by the number of years of service completed as of the date that the notice of promotional/assignment examination was posted.

Seniority = 10

**V. Chief's / Administrator's Assessment**

- A. The Chief of Police or, in his absence, the Township Administrator (*for Deputy Chief promotion only*) shall personally rate each candidate for assignment/promotion on a scale of one (1) being the lowest - twenty (20) being the highest based on the Chief's personal opinion about the candidate's level of agency commitment and Esprit De Corps.

Chief's / Administrator's Assessment = 20

**VI. Examination Final Overall Score**

- A. The Written Examination is worth a maximum of twenty (20) points.
- B. The four oral question-and-answer questions are worth a maximum of thirty-two (32) points.
- C. The Interview assessment is worth a maximum of eighteen (18) points.
- D. Seniority is worth one-half (1/2) of a point for every year of service completed with the Washington Township Police Department up to a maximum seniority bonus of ten (10) points.
- E. The Chief's / Administrator's Assessment is worth up to a maximum of twenty (20) points.
- F. In order to determine the overall final score for promotion/assignment, add the written exam rank/score, the oral question-and-answer examination/personal interview, plus seniority plus the Chiefs Assessment.

Written Exam =	20
Question 1 =	8
Question 2 =	8
Question 3 =	8
Question 4 =	8
Interview =	18
Seniority =	10
Chief's Assessment =	20
<b>Total -</b>	<b>100</b>

**VII. Summary**

- A. If applicable, a candidate may view his/her written test and compare the answers with the answers from the answer key. Each candidate wishing to do so shall have ten (10) days from the date of the test to request this review; after ten (10) days, he/she will not be allowed to view the written examination and/or answer key.
- B. Upon completion of the examination process, each candidate will be provided with testing results in a

written review form which includes his/her:

1. Written examination score.
2. Oral question-and-answer examination/personal interview score.
3. Seniority.
4. Chief's Assessment
5. Overall ranking.

**C. Chief of Police / Police Promotional Committee.**

1. The Chief of Police or the Police Promotional Committee, as may be applicable to the promotion being considered, shall submit the final examination results to the Mayor and Township Committee, along with a recommendation for their review and action.
2. The Police Chief or his/her designee shall be responsible for all examination phases of the promotional process.
3. No member of the Police Department shall be promoted unless and until the Township Committee adopts a resolution approving the recommendation of the Chief of Police, or the Police Promotional Committee, as may be applicable to the promotion being considered.

**VIII. Physical and Psychological Examinations**

- A. Lieutenant and Deputy Chief candidates with the highest test scores, must first pass a Physical and Promotional Psychological Examination prior to being officially promoted. *Note: a passing Departmental Physical conducted within one (1) year or less of a promotion shall count.*
- B. The candidate receiving the highest overall final score for the assignment of Corporal shall be assigned to that position. The candidate receiving the highest overall final score for the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant or Deputy Chief shall be recommended by the Chief of Police/Township Administrator to the Mayor and Township Committee for promotion. In the event that the Chief of Police deems the individual with the highest score not to be eligible/qualified because of the results received from the individual's promotional psychological and/or physical examinations, he will inform the candidate of said results and then present the next highest scoring eligible candidate for promotion.

**IX. Examination Eligibility List**

- A. Candidates who successfully complete the promotional/assignment examination process but do not receive a promotion/assignment at the conclusion of the process may be placed on a promotional/assignment list for the same rank for which the candidates were examined.
  1. The list will be active for one (1) year from date of final results being published. A candidate on the list may be recommended for promotion/assignment to the appropriate rank without further

examination (except Article VIII, if applicable) within the one year time period.

2. The establishment of a list will be made upon recommendation of the Police Promotional Committee to the Mayor and Township Committee and the adoption of a resolution establishing the list by the Township Committee.

### **SECTION 3**

#### **REPEAL**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

### **SECTION 4**

#### **SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Ordinance 2019-08 was tabled for further research within the Master Plan and will be addressed at the next meeting, September 17, 2019.

A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Fiore, to introduce to the public Ordinance 19-09, An Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements or Purposes to be Undertaken by the Township of Washington, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, and Appropriating \$102,982.97 Therefore, Constituting Proceeds of the Obligations of the Township Heretofore Issued – Introduction (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption at the September 17, 2019 Meeting)

**ROLL CALL:** Rossi, yes; Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Willan, yes; Klingel, yes

#### **ORDINANCE #2019-09**

#### **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$102,982.97 THEREFOR, CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP HERETOFORE ISSUED**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized to be made or acquired by The Township of Washington, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, as general improvements, and there is

hereby appropriated therefor the sum of \$102,982.97, said sum constituting proceeds of obligations of the Township heretofore issued and not necessary for financing the purposes for which issued and now available for financing the said improvements or purposes.

The improvements or purposes for the financing of which the appropriation is made as provided in Section 1 of this ordinance are the improvement of the recycling center in and by the Township and the reconstruction, rehabilitation and resurfacing of various roads and locations in the Township, together with for all the aforesaid all structures, site work, accessories, appurtenances, equipment, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

It is the opinion of the Township Committee of the Township, as the governing body thereof, that it is in the best interest of the Township that \$102,982.97 constituting proceeds of obligations of the Township heretofore issued under Ordinance Nos. 14-04 (\$67,982.97) and 18-05 (\$35,000) of the Township, shall be appropriated to and used to finance costs of the improvements or purposes above-described in Section 2 of this ordinance.

The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage as provided by law.

#### RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolutions 19-141 through 19-154, excluding Resolution 19-147.

**ROLL CALL:** Willan, yes; Rossi, yes; Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Klingel, yes

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
RESOLUTION #2019-141  
CHAPTER 159 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
BODY ARMOR GRANT 2017**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to

approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$2,588.97 which is now available from the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$2,588.97 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

**BODY ARMOR GRANT 2017**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk will forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer for electronic submission to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
RESOLUTION #2019-142  
CHAPTER 159 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
D.D.E.F. GRANT 2018**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$4,467.72 which is now available from the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$4,467.72 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

**D.D.E.F. GRANT 2018**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk will forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer for electronic submission to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
RESOLUTION #2019-143  
CHAPTER 159 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT 2015**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$3,102.52 which is now available from the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$3,102.52 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

**MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT 2015**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk will forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer for electronic submission to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
RESOLUTION #2019-144  
CHAPTER 159 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT 2017**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$4,262.00 which is now available from the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$4,262.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

**MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT 2017**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk will forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer for electronic submission to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
RESOLUTION #2019-145  
CHAPTER 159 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2016**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$1,531.20 which is now available from the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$1,531.20 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2016**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk will forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer for electronic submission to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #2019-146  
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY  
OF WARREN**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Washington, County of Warren does hereby resolve to establish the following fees for services, licenses and permits as follows:

Certified Copy	\$8
Clothing Bin Application	\$25
Dog License: Spayed/Neutered Non-spayed/neutered Replacement Tag Late Fee (renewals only)	\$7.20 \$10.20 \$3 \$5/month after January 31 <sup>st</sup>
Driveway Permit: Residential Common/Multifamily Residential Commercial/Industrial	\$25 plus \$400 Escrow \$25 plus \$450 Escrow \$25 plus \$550 Escrow
Event Application	\$25
Kennel License (Non-Commercial; 6 - 10 dogs)	\$50
Liquor License: Club Plenary Retail Consumption/Broad Package	\$90 \$720
Marriage License Application	\$28
Mercantile License: Daily Weekly Monthly Annual	\$2 \$5 \$10 \$50
OPRA: Per copy	\$0.05/letter; \$0.07/legal
Property List (w/in 200 feet)	\$10
Raffle License	\$10
Returned Check Fee	\$20
Road Opening Permit	\$150
Vacant Property Registration: Initial Registration First Annual Renewal Second Annual Renewal Subsequent Annual Renewals	\$500 \$1,000 \$1,500 \$3,000
Towing License	\$100
Trailer and Trailer Camp License	\$375

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren that the fees for services, licenses and permits as set forth in the Municipal Fee Schedule as presented be adopted and remain in effect until amended.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #2019-148  
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE  
SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, the current annual Salary Ordinance (#2018-12) establishes the salaries/wages and compensation for the employees of the Township of Washington, County of Warren; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police, in accordance with Resolution 2019-101, has hired Crossing Guards for the 2019-2020 school year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren that the following named employees be compensated effective August 13, 2019 in the amount designated below:

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY</u></b>
Paul Kilduff	Crossing Guard	\$17.27 per hour
Jasmine Lee	Crossing Guard	\$17.27 per hour
Melissa Pierson	Crossing Guard	\$17.27 per hour

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #2019-149  
TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE SALARIES AND WAGES  
FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, the current annual Salary Ordinance establishes the salaries/wages and compensation for Police Department Personnel of the Township of Washington, County of Warren.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren that the following named employee be compensated on an hourly basis effective August 21, 2019 unless otherwise noted, in the amounts as designated below:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Vincent Torre	School Resource Officer/Class III	\$28.24 per hour

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #2019-150  
TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE SALARIES AND WAGES  
FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, the current annual Salary Ordinance establishes the salaries/wages and compensation for Police Department Personnel of the Township of Washington, County of Warren.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren that the following named employee be compensated on an hourly basis effective July 1, 2019 unless otherwise noted, in the amounts as designated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Mark Merrill	School Resource Officer/Class II	\$28.24 per hour

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #2019-151  
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY PLACING A LIEN ON BLOCK 7, LOT 14  
41 BOWERSTOWN ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 50 BRUSH, WEEDS AND GRASS of the Code of the Township of Washington (the Code) provides that whenever the Health Officer of the Township of Washington shall deem it necessary and expedient for the preservation of the public health, safety or general welfare or to eliminate a fire hazard, he shall serve upon the owner and/or the tenant of lands lying within the limits of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, upon which there is brush, weeds, dead or dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growth, filth, garbage, trash or debris, a notice that said item or items must be removed or destroyed within 10 days of service of such notice; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 50 ARTICLE I Section 2 C. provides that failure or neglect to so remove or destroy will result in removal or destruction by or under the direction of the Health Officer of the Township of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 50 ARTICLE I Section 2 C. provides that the costs of such removal or destruction shall be charged to the owner or tenant of such land and shall be payable to the Township within 30 days after the date of submission of the charges. AND unless such charges are paid within the thirty-day period, the costs aforesaid shall become a lien upon the lands and shall be collected as provided pursuant to the authority of N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Officer of the Township of Washington has duly authorized the Certified Public Works Manager of the Township, per the attached work order, that the owner of the property at 41 Bowerstown Road, identified on the tax maps of the Township as Block 7 Lot 14 was in violation of the pertinent section(s) of Chapter 50 of the Code so that it was necessary for the Township to take action to cut high grass and weeds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator has certified that the Township incurred costs of \$480.00 to correct the violation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that under the provisions of Chapter 50 Section 50-3 et seq the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to place a lien in the amount of \$480.00 on the property at 41 Bowerstown Road, identified on the tax maps of the Township as Block 7 Lot 14.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #2019-152**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN, AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OXFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (“DISTRICT”) AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON (“TOWNSHIP”) FOR A PART-TIME SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the District to ensure the safety and welfare of its students, faculty and staff and it has become somewhat customary in the State of New Jersey for municipal corporations to provide to the schools a police officer, who is referred to as a School Resource Officer (SRO), for the school year or portions thereof, with the understanding and obligation that the school should reimburse the Township for this police officer, i.e. the SRO; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Shared Services Agreement provides for the Township to supply a part-time SRO to provide law enforcement services between the first day of School (August 2019) through the last day of school (June 2024) to be paid to the Township per the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement also provides that the SRO shall always be considered an employee of the Township of Washington Police Department and that the Township will maintain certain levels of insurance as well as the functions of the SRO within the public school to which he is assigned.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren that it does hereby authorize an Agreement between the District and the Township for an Interlocal Shared Services Agreement involving a School Resource Officer for the period of the first day of School (August 2019) through the last day of school (June 2024).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, does hereby authorize the Mayor, upon review and approval of the municipal attorney, to execute any and all documents, including an Interlocal Shared Services Agreement, necessary to authorize, in accordance with the documents annexed hereto, an Interlocal Shared Services Agreement between the Oxford Township School District in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey with board offices at 17 Kent Street; Oxford, NJ 07863 and the Township of Washington, a municipal corporation in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey with offices at 211 Route 31 North; Washington, NJ 07882.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #2019-153  
Resolution for Refund of Premium  
Block 6, Lot 15**

**WHEREAS**, tax sale certificate #2010-002 was sold to FNA Jersey Lien Services, LLC at a tax sale held on December 1, 2010 for \$5,304.67 with an additional premium of \$4000.

**WHEREAS**, the property owners entered federal bankruptcy after the sale which prevented the holder of the tax sale certificate from collecting the amount due or foreclosing the certificate. The tax collector has been advised the certificate was redeemed outside the tax office by order of the federal bankruptcy court. The collector has been provided with the certificate endorsed for cancellation. The certificate holder requests the premium of \$4000 held by the township since the sale be refunded to them since the redemption has been occurred. There is a five-year period of redemption before the premium transfers to the township. The attorney for the holder advises this period is extended by the federal bankruptcy proceeding since redemption was prevented by the bankruptcy.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 20th day of August by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren authorizes and directs the Acting CFO to prepare a check in the amount of \$4000 payable to FNA Jersey Lien Services, LLC.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 6, Lot 15 from the tax office records.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #2019-154  
Redemption Resolution  
Block 71, Lot 2.02**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector was paid \$17,862.71 which is the amount necessary for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2018-018 sold to US Bank as Cust for Tower DBVIII Trust 2018-1. The redemption is being done by property owner

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 20th day of August by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren that since USBank Cust Tower DBVIII's identification number is already on file it will be unnecessary to make provision for back up withholding, therefore the Acting CFO is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a check made payable to US Bank as Cust for Tower DBVIII Trust 2018-1 in the amount of \$27,162.71 which is the redemption amount of \$17,862.71 and a premium of \$9300.00 which has been held in trust by the township since the tax sale. The check is to be returned to the tax collector who will mail it once the tax sale certificate endorsed for cancellation has been received by him.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 71, Lot 2.02 from the tax office records.

A motion was made by Kovacs, seconded by Willan, to approve Resolution 19-137.

**ROLL CALL:** Kovacs, yes; Willan, yes; Fiore, yes; Rossi, yes; Klingel, yes

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #2019-137  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF DUMP BODY, SALT SPREADER, PLOW AND RELATED  
EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2019-86 amended Resolution 2019-71 which memorialized that it is more advantageous to the Department of Public Works to purchase one (1) Dodge Truck Tradesman Chassis and

Regular Cab 4X4 (84" CA 168.5" WB) and to purchase the dump body, slat spreader, plow and related equipment separately through a Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2019-133 authorized the purchase of a 2019 4X4 Dodge Tradesman Chassis and Regular Cab *only* without a dump body, salt spreader, plow and related equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2019 the Governing Body of the Township of Washington, adopted Resolution 2019-85 and entered into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Acting Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract and that the line items have been appropriated for this purpose in Account #30550071.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, hereby authorizes the CFO to execute any and all documents necessary for the purchase of a Dump Body, Salt Spreader, Plow and related equipment as per the attached quote from Reed Systems, LTD; 17 Edwards PL; Ellenville, NY 12428 as per the attached price of \$54,778.18.

A motion was by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve Resolution 19-147.

**ROLL CALL:** Willan, yes; Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes; Klingel, yes

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #2019-147**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Washington, County of Warren does hereby resolve to establish the following fees for services, licenses and permits as follows:

Certificate of Continued Occupancy:	
Residential	\$75
Commercial	\$130
Certificate of Occupancy – New Construction	10% of permit fee

Construction Permit:	
Minimum Fee	\$70
Building Sub-code	\$50/\$1,000; \$35/cu.ft.
Electrical Sub-code (Residential)	\$15 - \$120 per item
Electrical Sub-code (Commercial)	\$15 - \$560 per item
Plumbing Sub-code (Residential)	\$15 - \$65 per item
Plumbing Sub-code (Commercial)	\$15 - \$65 per item
Fire Sub-code (Residential)	\$15 - \$92 per item
Fire Sub-code (Commercial)	\$15 - \$365 per item

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren that the fees for services, licenses and permits as set forth in the Municipal Fee Schedule as presented be adopted and remain in effect until amended.

STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Cicerelle previously submitted a report. He then commented on the success of National Night Out stating that it was the largest crowd to date. Mayor Klingel thanked everyone involved in the event.

In addition to previously submitting his report, Mr. Hart informed the Committee that pipework on Cemetery Hill Road has begun.

Mr. deBoer had nothing to add to his written report.

Mrs. Parks spoke to the Committee regarding bids received for the sale of Bond Anticipation Notes.

Washington Township Engineer, Kevin Smith advised the Committee of some interactions with the residents pertaining to drainage issues.

Mr. J. Rossi updated the Committee regarding the solar project and Dave English's project.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Mayor Klingel opened the meeting to the public.

Ed Rossi, EdMark 31, spoke regarding Ordinance 19-08 (Abandoning Right of Way). Attorney Lavery commented about his research with Kevin Smith concerning vacating the right of way.

Richard Cotton of Hawk Pointe concurred with Mr. Ed Rossi.

Seeing no one else to address the Committee, a motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to close the public portion of the meeting. **All were in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fiore updated the Committee regarding the foreclosure properties. He will be working with Mrs. Parks and John Mooney, Nisivoccia LLP regarding financial matters. Stefanie Miller of the State Agriculture Development Committee has not been in contract with Mr. Fiore. He will reach out to her before the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Klingel read (2) letters of resignation. A motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Fiore, to accept the resignations of E. Voag and E. Deemer.

**ROLL CALL:** Rossi, yes; Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Willan, yes; Klingel, yes

On behalf of Washington Township, Mr. Fiore has notified Fire Chief Brian Trimmer and Assistant Chief Ed Kiley as to the need for information for the Annual Best Practices Inventory.

Mr. J. Rossi offered a brief statement regarding NJLM's Petition for Rulemaking to Amend the Uniform Construction Code. A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 19-156.

**ROLL CALL:** Fiore, yes; Rossi, yes; Kovacs, abstain; Willan, yes; Klingel, yes

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #2019-156**

**Resolution in Support of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities' Petition  
for Rulemaking to Amend the Uniform Construction Code**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has adopted a Uniform Construction Code ("UCC") with the purpose to provide for uniform construction standards to insure healthy, safe, and sanitary construction but also less expensive construction for the citizens of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") has been granted authority to amend or alter provisions of the UCC to insure the intent and purposes of the UCC continue to be fulfilled; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal construction officials act as the enforcing agency tasked with administering and enforcing all provisions of UCC for construction within municipal boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, permits and inspections form the foundation for the safe building environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the DCA made amendments to N.J.A.C. 5:23-1.4, 2.7, 2.14, & 2.17A, commonly referred to as the "Minor Work" and "Ordinary Maintenance" provisions of the UCC that took effect on March 5, 2018, which undermine the UCC's intent and purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, unless these amendments are retracted or further remedial amendments are made to the UCC, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State will be jeopardized and residents could see overall construction expenses increase if work is not properly performed; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, along with New Jersey's six professional code official associations, has filed a petition for rulemaking with the DCA requesting necessary and appropriate amendments be made to ensure the intent and purpose of the UCC is reinforced and preserved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren supports the rulemaking petition submitted by the League and the six professional code official associations and requests that the DCA work to expeditiously adopt the measures offered by the petition; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

A discussion ensued regarding support of Hope Township's Resolution pertaining to Large Proposed Development. The Committee decided not to act with regard to Hope's Resolution.

Mr. deBoer opened a discussion about the Hawk Pointe Sewer Treatment Plant. Kevin Smith provided the Committee with specific details regarding expansion of the plant.

Mr. deBoer also commented on the Streets and Sidewalks/Street Opening Ordinance review. Kevin Smith also offered his insight. Attorney Lavery will review the information prior to the next meeting.

The Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Ordinance has been in place and not been enforced. Attorney Lavery advised the Committee to immediately enforce the ordinance upon his determination of the details. Mr. deBoer will contact Mansfield Township for a copy of their Hotel/Motel Ordinance.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. deBoer updated the Committee on a meeting with Mr. Rick Ferruggia regarding 29 Pleasant Valley Road.

Attorney Lavery advised the group about escrow payments with regard to pre-application meetings.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Mr. Fiore stated that neither the Recreation Committee nor the Environmental Commission met this month. Ralph met with Daryl Detrick, Dick Flint, and Jesse O'Neill to work at the arboretum installing deer protection for the plants.

Mr. M. Rossi informed the Committee of the August 14<sup>th</sup> pre-application meeting with Seldat Inc. pertaining to the Harry Rymon Trust Property. Mrs. Parks is working with Seldat Inc. to set-up an escrow account.

Mr. Kovacs commented on the CPI rate which is currently tracking at 1.7%.

Mayor Klingel appointed Angela Sodtalbers, Jackson Valley Road to the Recreation Committee as Alternate 2.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$3,122,851.96

**ROLL CALL:** Willan, yes; Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes; Klingel, yes

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Fiore, seconded by Rossi, to approve Resolution 19-155, Resolution Authorizing Executive Session for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the NJ Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 at 8:45 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Fiore, yes; Rossi, yes; Kovacs, yes; Willan, yes; Klingel, yes

Attorney Lavery stated that the Committee would be discussing a contractual matter dealing with Oxford Township and (3) attorney-client privilege matters dealing with the police, Route 31 Corridor, and an ordinance regarding the sale of marijuana.

**RESOLUTION # 2019-155**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, will be going in Executive Session; and

**WHEREAS**, the meeting is not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Washington will give a brief summary of meeting upon coming out of Executive Session.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to come out of Executive Session at 9:45 pm. **All were in favor.** Attorney Lavery stated the Committee discussed a contractual matter dealing with Oxford Township and (3) attorney-client privilege matters dealing with the police, Route 31 Corridor, and an ordinance regarding the sale of marijuana. No official action was taken. Copies of these minutes will be available at such time the Committee determines there is no harm to the public interest.

A motion was made by Willan, seconded by Fiore, to authorize Attorney Lavery to draft a resolution designating a redevelopment area as discussed.

**ROLL CALL:** Willan, yes; Fiore, yes; Kovacs, yes; Rossi, yes; Klingel, yes

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Rossi, seconded by Fiore, to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm.

**All were in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kilduff, RMC  
Township Clerk