

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

PUBLIC PORTION/CONFERENCE MEETING

April 25, 2011

The meeting of the Township Council was held this date in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Council President Fred Goetz with the Clerk leading the salute to the flag. Members present: Steven Cascio, Fred Goetz, Richard Hrbek Absent: Glenn Beckmeyer, Joseph D'Urso. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Lilly Chin, Administrator; Kenneth Poller, Attorney.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was noticed with the Ridgewood News, posted on Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

PRESENTATION

The Mayor and Council honored William "Bill" Thomson, N.J. State VFW Commander with a framed resolution. Mr. Goetz read the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Thomson and his wife Lauren, who was raised in Township of Washington, have been residents of Township of Washington for over twenty years and during that time he has served this community as a member of the Township of Washington Zoning Board of Adjustment, Republican Committeeman for the Sixth District; Township of Washington VFW Post 6192 Commander 4 times, as well as holder of other VFW Post 6192 positions; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Thomson also served his country in Viet Nam from November 1968 until November 1969 with "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines and then through an extended tour with "A" Company 1st Battalion, 4th Marines; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Thomson went on to move through the chairs in the VFW Bergen County District 2 and then as an All-State District Commander, Department Adjutant, Department Judge Advocate and Department Junior and Senior Vice-Commander; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Thomson became the first State Commander from Bergen County since 1994 and has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization by travelling throughout the state dealing with veterans' affairs both at the local, county, state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Thomson has earned the respect and administration of the members of this community for his dedication and commitment to all our nation's VFW members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Washington does officially and publicly acknowledge the exceptional accomplishments and contributions made by Township of Washington resident William "Bill" Thomson as New Jersey State VFW Commander.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council shall present William "Bill" Thomson with a copy of this Resolution to memorialize his dedication and commitment. The Mayor and Council offer their deep appreciation on behalf of the citizenry of the Township of Washington for his substantial efforts and for his continued success in all his future endeavors.

The foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously by the Township Council.

The Mayor then spoke about Mr. Thomson's achievements and contributions to the Township of Washington and gave him a letter of appreciation.

PUBLIC DISSCUSSION

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Goetz to open the public discussion.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

Tom Strickland, 107 Cosman Street – Mr. Strickland spoke about the flooding that recently occurred in Westwood. Westwood Council passed a resolution that supports town's abilities to de-snag and de-silt waterways. Mr. Goetz stated that the same resolution, introduced by Senator Cardinali's office, is on tonight's agenda. The DEP has many regulations. The Mayor spoke about a walk through by town officials of the Pascack Brook that the Township will be part of. She said that the DPW has been pro active about cleaning out as much of the brook as possible without permits.

Matthew Dogali, 749 Wayne Place – Mr. Dogali asked if there was an update about the Wayne Place parking/traffic study. Mr. Goetz said that the town is still waiting for a name of an engineering firm from the School Board. There is no change since the last meeting two weeks ago.

Rosa D'Ambra, 423 Colonial Boulevard – Mrs. D'Ambra spoke about a truckload of dirt that was delivered to a construction site along the brook on Woodfield Road. She asked if the dirt had been inspected. Mrs. Ozment said the construction site has permits for soil movement. Mrs. D'Ambra stated that the dirt is at the end of the property and there are sheds that are deteriorating behind the property.

Raymond Benroth, 838 Crest Place – Mr. Benroth asked what is happening at the corner of Washington Avenue and Pascack Road. He is concerned about the potential for worse traffic at the intersection Mr. Goetz said that one property, Sky Trading, is in front of the zoning board at this time. The other property across the street is not a complete application yet but will begin meeting with the zoning board soon. Mr. Benroth asked if the town could put up additional four way street signs. Mr. Goetz said that there is some extra money in this year's road department budget. Mayor Sobkowicz said that anyone concerned about the developments on the corner of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue should go to the next zoning board meeting.

Gerald Brown, 559 Jackson Avenue – Mr. Brown spoke about shared services and that the areas the town officials are focusing on are not money savers. Community Life article this week said that the police chief is looking for additional police officers. He said that the town officials are spending and borrowing money instead of reducing spending. He suggested merging police and DPW with neighboring towns. He spoke about the Community Life article and then asked the Mayor if she would consider merging the police department. Mayor Sobkowicz said that she is the most financially frugal person ever in the office of Mayor. She discussed the funding of the new DMF pickup truck. She talked about the generator ordinance from 2008 and the building of the town hall and police department. She said that the new generator is necessary. This year's budget increase is the lowest it has ever been. She has built up a larger surplus this year than last year. The town is only buying essential purchasing. The town is looking into dispatching and court shared services. Mr. Brown asked if the Mayor would share a police department. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke about the study being done on the court shared service. She said the police is something she would look into and she would not want to share the

DPW. Mr. Goetz said he would like to check further into those departments. Dr. Cascio said that the town is looking into saving the taxpayer money by researching as many shared services opportunities as possible. Mr. Brown said that towns' not sharing services is ridiculous. He wants to know what other residents support. Mr. Hrbek stated that there are many facets to sharing services. The town needs public support, maybe as a question on the ballot. He looked into working with Paramus and Westwood and there are good opportunities there. He stated that the town needs to move ahead with sharing services. The Mayor spoke about the low amount of police on active duty for various reasons and the large amount of time she has been putting in interviewing for new officers. Mr. Goetz stated that adding new officers are not the only option the town has to cover shifts and then gave examples.

Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road – Mr. Bruno asked about the efforts being made to remedy the poor condition of the white house on the corner of Washington Avenue and Pascack Road. He spoke about the traffic problems at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Pascack Road. Mr. Hrbek spoke about recent efforts as well as continued efforts to make the intersection safer. Mr. Bruno said that there are dump trucks and backhoes parking in the back of the YJCC. The Mayor said that she has stopped Season's employees from parking there and she is working on the trucks. Mr. Bruno asked for the white line along Washington Avenue near Spice Drive be repainted. He stated that the walkway between Washington School and School Street needs repair. He asked for a copy of this year's itemized budget and last years itemized budget. He asked why the baseball project is in the capital budget although the project is going to be paid for by donated money. Mrs. Do explained the problems she is having with the funding at this time. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke about the money in the capital budget. Mr. Hrbek said that contractors and suppliers are donating much of the materials necessary for the project. The cost to the town is going to be low if any and the town will get good value for any money spent. A copy of this is available at the clerk's office. Budget pamphlets did not get printed and mailed to all township homes this year.

Sandy Phillips, 321 Hudson Avenue - Mrs. Phillips asked if anything would be discussed as to contract negotiations for the cell tower at this meeting. Mr. Poller said that there is another site being checked at this time and there will be no other information on the subject in closed session tonight. Ms. Phillips asked if anyone has checked on the timing of the traffic light at the corner of Manhattan Avenue and Pascack Road.

Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue – Mr. Ullman asked if the town was paying off the DMF truck or is it being bonded. Mr. Goetz said that it is a bond note at this time. It will be discussed by Council. Mr. Ullman talked about the money from the past sale of the school, and if anything is happening with that money in regard to the budget. Mayor Sobkowicz said no, she wants to see what will happen next year. She stated that the money is in a separate account gaining interest. Mr. Ullman asked about a specific police terminal leave. Mrs. Do said that the town has been successful in addressing the situation. Mayor Sobkowicz said that two terminal leave cases are covered in the budget.

Zahid Gilani, 316 Hudson Avenue – Mrs. Gilani asked if the town owns the sidewalks or if it the owner's responsibilities. Trees are also resident owned but the town has to give permission to cut down trees.

She asked about the traffic flow of the intersection of Manhattan and Pascack. She also asked about snow removal.

Sam Batraki, 329 Hudson Avenue – Mr. Batraki asked when the town expected a response from the cell tower agency.

Cynthia Cannon, 804 Manhattan Avenue – Mrs. Cannon asked who owns the property behind the Dog House. The Dog House owns a part of it and the town owns some of it. The zoning officer is aware that there are construction trucks parking on it and will be checking it out. She spoke about the cell tower that is being disputed in Ridgewood. Mr. Poller said that the township will not be affected by the outcome.

John Hannan, 564 Jackson Avenue – Mr. Hannan asked about the spill at the shopping center. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that the DEP has a report on the problem and it is not the township's problem. Mr. Hannan asked the Mayor to find out if the problem has been remediated. Mr. Hannan spoke about the professionals that our township has been using for many years. He thinks that the town should look into getting new firms. Mr. Goetz agreed. Mayor Sobkowicz said that some professionals have changed this year and more changes will be made in the future. Mr. Hannan spoke about pictures he sent to the Mayor about power lines on Woodfield Road. Mrs. Chin said that she called PSE&G. Mrs. Do spoke about the timeline of the town's budget's approval. She said that our budget is complete but the state does not approve town budgets on time. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that the state changes percentages often, making it difficult to finish the budget. Mr. Hannan said that the budget should be done prior to the end of the year. He volunteered to help the town with whatever is needed.

Joanne Anastasi, 330 Pascack Avenue – Mrs. Anastasi asked if there has been a new study done since the GSP cell tower went up. She asked what percentage would constitute not needing a cell tower on the town hall property. Mayor Sobkowicz said she has not gotten the information yet from the Highway Authority.

Debbie Agnello, 667 Meisten Street – Mrs. Agnello said that she was happy that everyone was pleasant and respectful at tonight's meeting.

There being no further questions or comments, a motion was made by Mr. Hrbek and seconded by Dr. Cascio to close the Public Discussion.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Goetz, Hrbek

Nays: None

Councilman Hrbek – Mr. Hrbek spoke about the resolution regarding streamlining the process of de-silting and de-snagging of waterways. He said that it is his recollection that money has been put aside for terminal leave through the last three or four years in the budget.

ORDINANCES

The Clerk read Ordinance 11-07 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 97 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Dr. Cascio to introduce and pass Ordinance 11-07 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

Absent: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, D'Urso

The following resolution was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Dr. Cascio.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

Absent: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, D'Urso

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 11-07 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 97 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Dr. Cascio to open the public hearing, and there being no comments or questions was closed on a motion by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Goetz.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

Absent: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, D'Urso

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Dr. Cascio to pass Ordinance 11-07 at second and final reading, submit same to the Mayor for her approval and thereafter be published according to law.

Ayes: Councilpersons Hrbek, Cascio, Goetz

Nays: None

Absent: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, D'Urso

Council President Goetz requested that Ordinance 11-04 be tabled at this time.

The Clerk read Ordinance 11-09 entitled: CALENDAR YEAR 2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to introduce and pass Ordinance 11-09 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz.

Nays: None

The following resolution was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Cascio.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

WHEREAS, Ordinance No.11-09 entitled: CALENDAR YEAR 2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14 was introduced and passed at first reading by title at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 25th day of April 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 9th day of May, 2011 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road, Township of Washington, NJ at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise in the Ridgewood News a newspaper circulated in this Township, the introduction and notice of further consideration for final passage and public hearing of this ordinance as required by law.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

The Clerk read Ordinance 11-10 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALCOHOL BEVERAGE FEES EFFECTIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

A motion was made by Mr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to introduce and pass Ordinance 11-10 at first reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz.

Nays: None

The following resolution was presented and adopted on a motion by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Cascio.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz.

Nays: None

WHEREAS, Ordinance No.11-10 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALCOHOL BEVERAGE FEES EFFECTIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON was introduced and passed at first reading by title at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Washington on the 25th day of April 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that further consideration for final passage and public hearing of said ordinance shall be held on the 9th day of May, 2011 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached in the Municipal Building, Pascack Road, Township of Washington, NJ at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise in the Ridgewood News a newspaper circulated in this Township, the introduction and notice of further consideration for final passage and public hearing of this ordinance as required by law.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

Ordinance 11-11 was tabled to be discussed during the conference portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented and adopted on a motion by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Hrbek.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz.

Nays: None

WHEREAS, flooding in local streams is a major problem for the residents of low lying areas; and

WHEREAS, regular de-snagging and de-silting of our local streams would provide significant relief of flooding problems; and

WHEREAS, the permitting process required before de-snagging and de-silting may be undertaken is extremely onerous; and

WHEREAS, that the permitting process is also very costly to the local governments involved; and

WHEREAS, relief from some of the requirements of that permitting process would facilitate de-snagging and de-silting operations being undertaken in a more timely manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, hereby urges the legislature to quickly enact, and the Governor to approve, S-54 which would relieve some of these regulatory burdens; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Christie, Senate President

Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Oliver, Senator Smith, Chairman of Senate Environmental Committee, and Assemblyman McKeon, Chairman of the Assembly Environmental Committee.

WHEREAS, an agreement is necessary to delineate the responsibilities of the County and the Township of Washington for the improvement and signalization of the intersection of Washington Avenue and Pascack Road located in the Township of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Department of Public Works that the County of Bergen be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Township of Washington with the following conditions:

RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. COUNTY OF BERGEN: The County of Bergen is solely responsible for the performance and cost of the following:
- (1) Obtain from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation, if necessary, the approval for the installation/modification of the traffic control signal at this location. The County reserves the right to alter or adjust the signalization after consulting with the municipal officials.
 - (2) Prepare the preliminary plans and specifications for the traffic signal lane configuration, electrical system, underground conduits and foundations, traffic control signals and upon completion of the project, operate and maintain same.
 - (3) Approve and reproduce the final design drawings and specifications, advertise for bids, award contracts, and make payment to the contractor all in an approved matter.
 - (4) Undertake the construction of the intersection in accordance with the design plans.
 - (5) Perform construction management and inspection.
 - (6) Place all intersection related traffic signs and pavement markings, including parking regulatory signs on the county and the municipal road approaches to the intersection.
 - (7) Maintain all traffic signs and pavement markings on the County road approaches and the municipal road approaches within the limits shown on the plan.
 - (8) The County will only install topsoil and grass seed or macadam within the right-of-ways and existing and proposed easements.
- B. MUNICIPALITY: The Township is solely responsible for the performance and cost of the following:
- (1) Provide the County with individual acquisition maps showing the land to be acquired, together with description of same.
 - (2) (a) Acquire any necessary property, slope rights, temporary and permanent construction easements, and right-of-entry, and convey same to the County.
(b) Be responsible for restoration, modification, alteration, removal, and relocation of any appurtenances located within the rights-of-way or

easements, including but not limited to landscaping, trees, planters, fences, walls, signs, building structures, awnings, utility connections, underground storage tanks, monitoring well, parking lots, etc.

- (c) In any structure within and/or adjacent to the proposed right-of-way is not currently in compliance with the High Voltage Proximity Act or would not be in compliance with the High Voltage Proximity Act as measured from the existing and/or proposed, overhead utility line location, the structures shall be relocated so that they will be in compliance with the High Voltage Proximity Act (NJSA 34:6-47.1(b) "High-voltage lines" and NJSA 34:6-4.2 (Prohibited Activity).
- (3) Perform all necessary survey and field work which shall be submitted to the County Engineer to review and approve prior to its use by the municipality for preliminary road designs, drawings and specifications.
 - (4) Prepare final design plans and specification based on the field survey and the County's preliminary design plans. Documents shall be of a quality suitable for public bidding.
 - (5) Perform updated counts of vehicular and pedestrian traffic to the satisfaction of the County.
 - (6) Provide uniformed police officers, at the municipality's sole expense, for the maintenance and protection of traffic in accordance with the following:
 - (a) When intersection roadways cannot be fully closed to traffic during the following construction phases: Installation of underground traffic signal conduit in the intersection; installation of underground storm water drainage systems in the intersection installation of new overhead traffic signal hardware or removal of existing traffic signal hardware; performing work within 100' of a signalized intersection; pavement milling operations; final paving operation; and signal "turn-on".
 - (b) When the Chief of Police deems their presence necessary, on any County or Municipal road or signalized intersection with the municipality, either during construction or continued maintenance by the County or the County's contractors.
 - (7) Prepare the CAD drawings from information supplied by the County, including but not limited to plans for signage, striping, and electrical.
 - (8) Provide continued electrical power for traffic signals.
 - (9) Perform all field stakeouts necessary to construction of this project.
 - (10) Provide the County "as built" drawings of the improvement, as well as the original field notes and computations.
 - (11) Conduct a street lighting survey and provide additional lighting facilities, as indicated by the survey.
 - (12) Adopt by ordinance, the necessary traffic regulation which are to be determined based upon the finalized

- intersections and traffic signal plans. The municipality agrees to submit a certified copy of the ordinance, resolution, and/or regulations to the county.
- (13) Maintain all parking regulatory signs on the county and municipal road approaches to the intersection.
 - (14) Own and maintain all sidewalks and any traffic islands. Per state statute, the county is only responsible for road maintenance from curb face or curb face.
 - (15) Grant permission to the County to install, maintain and repair portions of the signal equipment located in or adjacent to the intersections.
 - (16) The American with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines require public sidewalk curb ramps with truncated domes at curb ramp locations on resurfaced and/or new roads. Any ramps on County or Municipal property or easements shall be maintained by the municipality. The municipality may require property owners to maintain the ramps and truncated domes as part of the property owner's sidewalk maintenance obligations.
 - (17) If stamped crosswalks are used, pay the difference between textured bituminous concrete surface course (crosswalks) and bituminous concrete surface course.
 - (18) Provide to the County the funding necessary to cover any increase costs due to brick paver sidewalk instead of concrete sidewalk.
 - (19) Provide to the County the funding necessary to cover the cost of any shade trees. Own and maintain any shade trees placed within the right-of-ways. The County prefers that trees are placed outside of the right-of-way.
 - (20) Provide to the County the funding necessary to cover the cost of any traffic signal equipment related to signal heads at the firehouse driveway.
 - (21) Provide construction funding to the County for the estimated municipal share of construction work prior to the award of a construction contract by the County. Actual municipal share of construction costs will be adjusted at contract close-out and based on actual quantities installed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this agreement is contingent upon receipt of a concurring resolution from the Township of Washington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT UPON RECEIPT OF SAID CONCURRING RESOLUTION, THE County Executive be and is hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreement in a form to be approved by Council Counsel.

WHEREAS, the property located at 639 Jefferson Avenue, Block 3103, Lot 25-29 (the "Property") is owned by Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6921 (the "VFW"); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington (the "Township") had determined to acquire the Property pursuant to eminent domain for the purpose of utilizing the Property in connection with an affordable housing project in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township adopted Ordinance 10-06 which authorized the commencement of the process of taking the Property pursuant to eminent domain, and the Township commenced a condemnation action in the Superior Court of New Jersey under Docket No. BER-L-5086-10 (the "Condemnation Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Township and the VFW entered into settlement discussions as to the amount to be paid by the Township for the acquisition of the Property by eminent domain through the Condemnation Action, which discussions resulted in a mutually agreeable acquisition price for the Property of \$375,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township adopted Ordinance 10-8, a bonding ordinance which provided for the acquisition of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the VFW has advised that it is ready, willing and able to convey title to the Property to the Township in connection with the Condemnation Action for the acquisition price of \$375,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to proceed with the taking of the Property for the acquisition price of \$375,000.00 as agreed to by the VFW:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Council of the Township of Washington as follows:

1. The Township hereby agrees to proceed with the acquisition of the Property for the sum of \$375,000.00 in connection with settlement of the Condemnation Action;
2. The Township Council hereby authorizes the municipal attorney to close title for the Township's acquisition of the Property, and authorizes the Township Treasurer to provide the required funds therefore under the authority of Ordinance 10-8;
3. The Township Attorney is authorized to execute and file a stipulation of dismissal with prejudice as to the Condemnation Action after the closing of title authorized hereunder.

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington has by law been administering a LOSAP program for the Fire and Ambulance volunteers; and

Whereas, the Planning Administrator has received the list of volunteers from the Ambulance Corps. and Fire Department who qualify under the program; and

WHEREAS, the list has been reviewed and deemed accurate; and

WHEREAS, it is required under the law that the Township Council of the Township of Washington approve the attached list; and

WHEREAS, the list will be returned to the Township of Washington Ambulance Corps. and Fire Department for a 30 (thirty) day posting;

NOW, TEHREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after the 30 (thirty) day posting the Planning Administrator will issue a check to cover volunteers on the attached list to Lincoln Financial.

Raffle License #807 for Ridgewood Rotary Club was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington.

Two temporary emergency resolutions and the Community Development Representative resolution were pulled from the Consent Agenda. Four votes were needed for the temporary emergency resolutions. Council President Goetz wanted a vote from the entire council concerning the CD representative.

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Members present: Steven Cascio, Richard Hrbek, Fred Goetz.
Absent: Glenn Beckmeyer, Joseph D'Urso. Also Present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Kenneth Poller, attorney; Lilly Chin, Acting Administrator.

A brief conversation ensued to decide a date for the special Council meeting needed to have 2/3 full membership vote in order to pass temporary emergencies from this meeting.

PRIORITY

Ordinance #11-08 – Salary Ordinance - The introduced salary ordinance will have slight corrections made and be ready for the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Ordinance – Use of Municipal Vehicles - Mr. Goetz stated that he will get a sample resolution to Mr. Poller that can be used as an aid to construct an ordinance for the Township of Washington. A discussion on use limitations of town-owned vehicles ensued. The council agreed that they did not want to micro manage and that the ordinance will cover general rules and everyone realizes that there are exceptions to rules.

Fields – Master Plan - Dr. Cascio said that the engineering firm GKW, sent a proposal for a master plan for the town fields. Improvements and repair work were included in the report. Phase One in the proposal would cost the town \$7,500. A second proposal from another firm would be helpful. The Mayor told Council that opening day of baseball is April 30.

24 hour store openings/Drive Thru Hours - Mr. Poller spoke about a draft that he is working on that limits the hours of operation for businesses.

Code of Conduct - Dr. Cascio said that the Code of Conduct that has been agreed to by the Board of Health is good. He said that he would like to have the Code of Conduct online with the start up of on-line registration. Dr. Cascio spoke about having background checks done by the state law enforcement agency at a cost of \$18.00 each. The Mayor stated that she would speak to the town's police department.

Professional Agreement – T&M Associates - Mr. Poller went through the credentials of T&M Associates and suggested that the Council should meet with Mr. Slachetka. Mr. Goetz said that he was satisfied with the firm and recommended signing the new contract. A resolution will be drafted for the special meeting next week. Mrs. Do spoke about needing the planner to sign COAH forms.

UPDATE

Payment of Vendors - Mrs. Chin stated that the topic was to be taken off agenda.

Pay on Line – The pay on line program will begin May 1, 2011.

Job Descriptions/Code Enforcement and Building Inspector - No Updates at this time.

Telephone Audit- Mrs. Chin is working with Co-operative Communication and is close to finalizing the audit.

Energy Update – Generator - Mayor Sobkowicz stated the town has been trying to get a new generator since 2008. The generator in the building now is not working correctly and parts can no longer be gotten for it. Mr. Riedel and Mr. Sears are researching new generators. The cost is will be less than \$150,000. Mr. Goetz stated that the generator will not be as necessary if the police dispatching is being outsourced. Mayor

Sobkowicz said that the generator is necessary in emergencies for residents. A discussion of whether the fire department is an emergency center ensued.

Shared Services/Dispatching - Dr. Cascio said that he has toured the Mahwah Dispatching facilities. He is still gathering information from the Ridgewood facility and County facility. He will be attending a shared service meeting tomorrow.

There being no further business in Conference Session, a motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to close the Conference Session.

Ayes: Councilpersons Cascio, Hrbek, Goetz.

Nays: None

Mary Ann Ozment, Township Clerk

Fred Goetz, Council President