

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

**PUBLIC PORTION/PUBLIC MEETING**

**May 23, 2011**

The Township Council held a Public Portion/Public Meeting 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: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steven Cascio, Joseph D'Urso, Richard Hrbek, Fred Goetz. Also present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to approve the April 25, 2011, Public and Conference minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Goetz, Hrbek.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Councilmen Beckmeyer, D'Urso.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to approve the May 2, 2011, Public and Conference minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Goetz, Hrbek.

Nays: None.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

**Linda Murphy, 675 McKinley Avenue** - Mrs. Murphy said that Season's Catering Hall had an outdoor party on May 13 or May 14 from 6pm to 10pm. It was loud and Mrs. Murphy called Seasons to complain. Her neighbor called the police also. Mrs. Murphy stated that at a Zoning Board meeting, a zoning board member said that he drove by the residents homes in the area of the Sky Trading project and did not think that the proposed improvements would be an issue to the neighborhood. Mrs. Murphy stated that she and her neighbors are fed up.

**David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle** - Mr. Snyder said that on April 27 when the Council voted on the consent agenda, the agenda included a resolution approving the improvements at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Pascack Road. He spoke about the zoning board hearing scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> and it's relevance to the resolution. He criticized the members of the zoning board and the way the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was run. Mr. Goetz stated that it is his understanding that the meeting was run properly and at the end of the hearing there will be a time for the public to speak about all aspects of the application. Mr. Goetz said that the Council passed the resolution concerning the intersection as a statement that they are in agreement that improvements need to be made. It was a preliminary step expressing interest. Mr. Goetz spoke about the high dollar amount Mr. Snyder mentioned would be the town's part in the cost of the improvement. He spoke about several factors that will affect the cost of the project. Mr. Snyder said that he spoke to attorneys in other towns about zoning board meeting procedures. He said the zoning board does not seem to represent the residents of the

Township of Washington. He spoke about the taping of the meetings and said that a court stenographer should be hired for the meetings. He asked that the June 21 zoning board meeting be moved to the high school. Mayor Sobkowicz said that she agreed that the intersection resolution should have been discussed before being voted on and that the Council can not do anything about improving the intersection without approval from the Mayor.

**Peter Mayer, 133 Woodfield Road** - Mr. Mayer said that the intersection of Washington Avenue and Pascack Road is made up of two county roads and the residents should not pay for any of the intersection improvements. He said that county police should be used during the project. He spoke about the Council's desire to save the town money. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke about some specific details he was asked to look into regarding the intersection improvement project. Mr. Mayer spoke about a lawsuit between Mahwah and its citizens regarding a proposed shopping center.

**Diane Ferrara, 743 Amherst Drive** - Ms. Ferrara spoke about the effect the proposed intersection improvements will have on the town and its residents. She said that she feels the zoning board is ill equipped to make a decision of this magnitude. She was concerned by testimony made by the planner for the applicant. She said that she is concerned there are no transcripts. She said that the zoning office is only open for two hours for residents to listen to tapes. A discussion ensued about the legality of having a transcriber who can make available transcriptions for the public and the zoning board. She spoke about traffic patterns that will be part of the proposed CVS and Sky Trading projects. She spoke about spot zoning. Mayor Sobkowicz spoke to Ms. Ferrara about the GSP exit 168. Mr. Goetz spoke about the limited power of the Council in the zoning matter. He said that the zoning board secretary could type minutes if time was given.

**Pat Puchalik, 677 Meisten Street** - Mrs. Puchalik spoke about major damage that flooding is doing to her property and those around her. The problem has been addressed during the course of the past five years and town officials have seen the problem first hand. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that the DMF has cleaned the problem area. Mrs. Puchalik stated that no one has been on her property to clean and the ground is eroding into the brook. She showed the Council pictures of the property. Mr. Goetz stated that the engineer will be sent back out to check the problem again.

**Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Avenue** - Mr. Bruno said the five minute rule for asking questions is not enough time. He asked about the new proposed police ordinance and was told that no decisions have been made yet. He asked about the town's proposed buying of the property next to the municipal complex. He was told that it is still being considered but no decision has been made. There are many purposes the property can be used for. Mr. Bruno said that he does not understand how the town engineer could allow Season's to build a retaining wall and build up property behind Season-owned Pascack Road property. He asked if anything is being done about the sidewalks, fence and litter around Washington School. Mrs. Chin said she is waiting for quotes on the projects. Mayor Sobkowicz said that the town has been working on many projects and the process takes time. Mr. Bruno said that a shovel and worker could make the situation better. He asked if there is a standard procedure that should be followed. Mr. D'Urso stated that the town administration needs to be more proactive. Mr. Bruno asked that the Council look into grants to remedy some of the issues.

Dr. Cascio agreed that the DMF needs to repair more issues around town. He said that the town should allow residents to report problems in a similar fashion the school district has. Mr. Bruno was told that the Council has no power in the day to day running of the town. The Administration and the acting administrator have the power of the operations of the town. Council is in charge of finance and legislation only. Mr. Bruno said that he is willing to help the administration in the process of fixing problems. Mr. Hrbek said that he tried to get a form put out for residents to fill out and bring to the administration. He said that due to the economy the DMF has lost personnel which makes taking on the many projects that need to be addressed difficult. Mayor Sobkowicz said that the new director of the DMF has made the department better than it has been in years and gave them credit for the many things they have accomplished.

**Kevin Dugan, 289 Mountain Avenue** - Mr. Dugan made comments about the need to utilize the town website in a better way by doing things such as posting the budget on the website in a more timely fashion. A discussion ensued about when items on the budget can be legally posted online. Line items were discussed and Mr. Goetz explained the process of the Council's work on the budget. He stated that the budget message will be complete soon. The Council worked hard to keep taxes down and tried not to take much out of surplus. More budget information will be coming out soon.

**Howard Levine, 612 Kenneth Street** - Mr. Levine said that he has been on the Ambulance Corp. for 42 years. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the town's annual contributions to the organization. He stated that the town gives the Corps. \$33,000 per year but the ambulance corps. gives back \$18,000 to the town to pay for JIF. The township is the only town in the Pascack Valley that has to pay for its JIF insurance. Mayor Sobkowicz stated the town has always done this and that Mrs. Do can not do a separate line item for insurance. The auditor will be consulted on the matter. Mr. Goetz said that he will make sure that the town residents know that the town is not donating the full \$33, 000 to the corps. Mr. D'Urso noted that Oritani Bank donates a generous amount of money to the ambulance corps. each year.

**Linda Murphy, 675 McKinley Avenue** - Mrs. Murphy asked if she could give information to the Council to pass on to the zoning board from Township residents. Mr. Poller stated that this is not allowable and suggested that the residents hire an attorney to represent them. This plan could carry more weight than residents working on their own. Mrs. Murphy stated that it would not be economically feasible. Mrs. Murphy said that the Chairman of the zoning board announced at the last meeting that the meeting time will be shared by the CVS and Sky Trading applicants and residents. Mrs. Murphy gave a set of questions for the zoning board to the Clerk. Council advised her that they would not be able to pass the questions on to the zoning board. She stated that there is no time at the end of the meetings for the public to speak or ask questions. The questions are on the document she wants to give the zoning board. Council said that they would accept the document. Mayor Sobkowicz asked if bulk variances' have been discussed at the zoning board meetings.

**Robert Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road** - Mr. Bruno stated that it would be good for the Council to see what the residents are trying to do. He thanked the Mayor for bringing up the subject of bulk variances.

**Diane Ferrara, 743 Amherst Drive** - Ms. Ferrara asked if there was any recourse the residents had if the experts hired by the CVS and

Sky Trading are not effective. Mr. Poller said that the zoning board has the power to hire experts. The Council and Mayor have no control over the zoning board.

**Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue** - Mr. Ullman thanked the administration for addressing a runoff problem that has been originating from a house that is being constructed on Van Emburgh Avenue. He asked if the town could find a more permanent remedy to the ongoing problem and send the resident a bill for the service.

There being no further questions or comments, a motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Beckmeyer to close the public portion of the meeting.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz.

Nays: None.

### **ORDINANCES**

The Clerk read Ordinance 11-12 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING HOURS OF OPERATION FOR RETAIL BUSINESSES

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to introduce and pass Ordinance 11-08 at second reading by title.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

BE AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Ordinance No. 11-12 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING HOURS OF OPERATION FOR RETAIL BUSINESSES be read on second reading and the public hearing be held thereon pursuant to law.

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to open the public hearing

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Casio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

**Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue** - Mr. Ullman asked what the definition of a restaurant is. Mr. D'Urso said that it he thought it was defined by state law. He said that the movie theater has movies that get out past midnight and asked if the new ordinance applies to them. He asked if the ordinance meant no activities on the premises or no trade or business on the premises. Mr. Poller, Mayor and Council discussed amending the ordinance.

**William Ferara, 2556 Cleveland Avenue** - Mr. Ferara asked if a store were to open that sold liquor would they be able to stay open past midnight the way the ordinance is written. Mrs. Ozment stated that there are no liquor licenses available. A discussion ensued and the decision was made to speak more about this ordinance in the conference session.

**David Snyder, 91 Windsor Circle** - Mr. Snyder asked that the Council reconsider the hours of operation they are going to put into the ordinance.

There being no more comments or questions a motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to close the public hearing

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Casio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Township of Washington Health Department to provide Sanitarian;

WHEREAS, Steve Shayne will provide such Sanitarian services for the year 2011; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract is \$16,500 and funds will be provided for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, it has been certified that this meets the statutes and regulations concerning the award of said contract;

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

1. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Steve Shayne to perform Sanitarian services for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in the amount of \$16,500.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(A)(i); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 14.5 that sufficient legally appropriate funds will be available for this purpose subject to appropriating of funds in the 2011 budget.

WHEREAS, Block 3104, Lot 31, owner, Todd Pearl, 635 McKinley Avenue, purchased said property on 11/2/09. Homeowner's attorney remitted a check to Township of Washington on 11/5/09 in the amount of \$1,690.82 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2009 taxes. However, payment was applied to another homeowner (Block 3104, Lot 6) in error. On February 3, 2010 Wells Fargo paid the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2009 taxes, with interest on behalf of Mr. Pearl. Interest charges were incurred as a result of this error, and;

WHEREAS, Tax Office contacted the lender of Block 3104, Lot 6 on 5/4/2011 and payment was received and applied to Mr. Pearl's account. However, the payment was short \$27.49. Mr. Pearl would like this amount credited toward his taxes, since the error was not his fault, but of the action's of Washington Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey that the Deputy Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, be authorized to credit Mr. Pearl's tax account through this resolution:

Principal amount to be reduced from 3<sup>rd</sup> Q 2011:

TOTAL:       -\$ 27.49

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Terzi, who resides at 471 Washington Avenue, Block 4208, Lot 47, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Terzi was granted a permanent disability resulting from service-connected injuries as declared by the United States Veteran's Administration pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:04-03.30, which grants total exemption from local property taxes and;

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, New Jersey, authorized, the Chief Financial Officer, Jacqueline Do, be authorized to refund the pro-rated balance of \$1558.00 paid for 2<sup>nd</sup>

quarter 2011 property taxes. Notification of disability received on 5/12/11. All future tax bills to be cancelled through this resolution.  
Amount of refund: \$830.88

WHEREAS, Chris and Meletia Sengos posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 4309, Lot 7, 429 Walnut Street; and

WHEREAS, the construction Code Official has issued approval dated May 9, 2011, C.O. No. 10-479; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated May 11, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$314.00 to the above.

WHEREAS, Eileen McGlone posted engineering and soil movement escrow on premises known as Block 4413, Lot 13, 247 Fern Street; and

WHEREAS, this project falls within the guidelines that no Certificate of Occupancy be issued; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding invoices due the Township Engineer as per his letter dated May 11, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$270.00 to the above.

WHEREAS, Ralph and Anna DeLuca posted engineering escrow on premises known as Block 4206, Lot 13-16, 565 Fern Street; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. DeLuca are withdrawing their application for an addition and request the balance of the escrow money be refunded as per their letter, which is attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer of the Township of Washington is authorized to refund the balance of the escrow money in the amount of \$711.00 to the above.

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to providing sufficient money for the payment as stated below and no adequate provision has been made in the 2011 Temporary Appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total temporary budget resolutions adopted in the year 2011 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40 A:4-20) including this resolution total \$5,640,856.00 exclusive of debt service; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.40AS:4-20;

An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for the following:

Social Security \$30,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to providing sufficient money for the payment as stated below and no adequate provision has been made in the 2011 Temporary Appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides

for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total temporary budget resolutions adopted in the year 2011 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40 A:4-20) including this resolution total \$5,677,856.00 exclusive of debt service; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.40AS:4-20;

An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for the following:

Dept. of Administration	
Maint & Support for Equipment	\$ 4,000.00
Maint of Buildings/Electricity	10,000.00
Municipal Facilities	
Equipment Parts	2,000.00
Fire Hydrant Service	20,000.00
Municipal Facilities	
Gas (Natural)	1,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to providing sufficient money for the payment as stated below and no adequate provision has been made in the 2011 Temporary Appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total temporary budget resolutions adopted in the year 2011 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40 A:4-20) including this resolution total \$5,678,856.00 exclusive of debt service; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.40AS:4-20;

An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for the following:

Dept of Municipal Facilities	
Other Expense	
Vehicle Parts	\$1,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Raffle License #805 for Angels of Hope was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Washington.

WHEREAS, the Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., authorizes any municipality or county to enter into a contract with any other municipality, county or board for the joint provision of any services within their joint jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(f) authorizes the award of a contract for the supplying of any product or the rendering of any service by a public utility, which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or its successor, in accordance with tariffs and schedules of charges made, charged or exacted, filed with the board or commission;

WHEREAS, the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority County ("NBCUA") seeks to enter into a shared services agreement with

the Township of Washington (the "Township") whereby NBCUA will provide TV Inspection Services of the sanitary sewer system or any other system, to the Township for the years 2011 and 2012

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, that the Township approves of the proposed shared services agreement between the Township and the NBCUA, a copy of which is on file with the Township;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the subject shared services agreement with the NBCUA for the above stated purpose.

#### BUDGET

A motion was made by Dr. Cascio, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to read the following resolution:

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

WHEREAS, N.J.D.S. 40A:4-8 permits that the Budget as advertised may be read by its title providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget shall

- a. be posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted, and
- b. is made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, THE Township of Washington has complied with the aforesaid requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township is hereby permitted to waive the reading in full of the 2011 Municipal Budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Beckmeyer, seconded by Hr. Hrbek to open the Public Hearing on the Budget.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

**Michael Ullman, 2 Clark Avenue** – Mr. Ullman asked about two line items in the Budget summary under the Dept. of Finance, Finance Services for 24K and Consultants Non Legal for 25K. Mrs. Do and Gary Vinci explained that preparation of financial statements, debt statements, and any other items requested of the auditor to do come out of financial services. Also there are funds for other consultants if called in to do independent audits. Mrs. Do stated that the non legal is for payroll services and other services. Mr. Ullman asked about the funding for the generator. Mayor Sobkowicz said that there is an ordinance from 2006 that will be used. There will be an expense to the town. Mrs. Do explained that the budget is addressing only this year's capital budget items. Mr. Ullman asked about a line item in the 2012 budget to replace a ladder truck for the fire department. He asked if the town needs a ladder truck by law. The Mayor and Council said they were not necessarily going to purchase a ladder truck and they were open to looking into other equipment. He asked about the financing of the pick - up truck that was purchased for the DMF this year. It may be bonded. Mr. Ullman asked about Memorial field improvements for 1.5 million. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that the town is looking for new grants. Mr. Ullman asked if Town Hall upgrades and replacements are being addressed. The Mayor stated that windows need to be changed and tiles

replaced or repaired. Mrs. Do said that these are capital items, not maintenance.

**Bob Bruno, 697 Hillcrest Road** - Mr. Bruno asked for explanations of items in the Revenues and Expenses and Capital Appropriations. He asked about line items concerning the Building Department and recyclables. He asked about tax items in Capital Appropriations and specifically the library tax. Mr. Vinci explained about a new statute that puts the item in as separate entity. Mr. Bruno asked about the figures concerning legal expenditures and various reserves. Mrs. Do explained reserves. In 2012 the money in reserve this year can go into surplus. Mr. Vinci explained the budget process using this budget as example. Mr. Bruno asked about the items in the budget that are earmarked for 2012. The money for Sherry field was discussed and the way the town needs to budget the project although the majority of funding will come from donations. New computers, hardware and software were spoken about. \$41,000 for a leaf vacuum was discussed.

**John Hannon, 564 Jackson Avenue** - Mr. Hannon spoke about taxes collected by the town and asked about the gap between what is anticipated collection and actual amount collected. Mr. Vinci spoke about the state's budget system and its effect on the town's budget. Mr. Hannon said that he is concerned about the differential between anticipated and actual taxes. Mr. Vinci spoke about the fact that within the budget there is current year and prior year. He spoke in detail about the differential and the fortunate fiscal state the town is in. Mr. Hannon asked about annual tax sales and was told that tax sales are necessary. Mrs. Do explained the tax sale process.

A motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to close the public portion of the meeting.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz  
Nays: None

Mr. Vinci gave an overview on a resolution to amend the annual budget, including changes in the Health Department, Fees and Permits, Construction Code and Police Dispatching.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Mr. Hrbek to approve the amendment to the budget resolution.

Ayes: Councilmen Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz  
Nays: None

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2011 was approved on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said approved budget.

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2011 be made:

CURRENT FUND	FROM	TO
General Revenues		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues –		
Section A: Local Revenues		
Fees & Permits – Other	\$ 150,000	\$ 163,080
Total Section A: Local Revenues	419,275	432,355
Miscellaneous Revenues –		
Section C: Dedicated Uniform		
Construction Code Fees Offset With		
Appropriations		
Uniform Con. Code Fees	125,000	135,000
Total Section C: Dedicated Uniform		
Construction Code Fees Offset with		
Appropriation	125,000	135,000
Miscellaneous Revenues –		
Section D: Interlocal Municipal		
Service Agreements Offset with		
Appropriations		
Joint Health Services	117,495	94,415
Total Section D: Interlocal Municipal		
Service Agreements		
Offset with Appropriation	117,495	94,415
8. General Appropriations		
(A) Operations Within “CAPS”		
Police Dispatchers		
Salaries and Wages		70,000
Other Expenses	70,000	
Total Appropriations Including		
Contingent – Within “CAPS”		
Detail		
Salaries and Wages	4,600,310	4,670,310
Other Expenses	3,205,441	3,135,441

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the 2011 local municipal budget so amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment, in accordance with NJSA40:4-8 be publishes in the Ridgewood News in the issue of May 27, 2011, and that said publican contain notice of a public hearing on said amendment to be held at Township Hall On June 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

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BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
CONFERENCE PORTION/PUBLIC MEETING**

May 23, 2011

Members present: Glenn Beckmeyer, Steven Cascio, Joseph D'Urso, Richard Hrbek, Fred Goetz. Absent: None. Also Present: Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor; Lilly Chin, Acting Administrator; Kenneth Poller, Attorney.

**PRIORITY**

**RFQ Ordinance** - Mr. Goetz asked that the town begin exploring the development of an RFQ document. At this time the Mayor picks professionals for the town. Mr. Beckmeyer spoke about the applications that his firm uses. The Mayor would make the final decision but the application process would give the town a larger pool to select from. Mayor Sobkowicz said that she advertised by asking around for an engineer to represent the town in the Zoning Board's CVS application. If the Open and Fair is used it must go out each year. Mr. D'Urso asked that other Bergen County towns be contacted and get examples of what they use. Mr. Hrbek spoke about the continuity that the policy used by the town now. The process will give the town a policy to follow. Resumes of applicants were discussed in regard as to who they will be given access to the information. Mr. Beckmeyer stated that in his opinion, policy is better than an ordinance.

**CCO Ordinance**- Mayor Sobkowicz is working with John Scialla on the ordinance.

**VFW Use** - Mayor Sobkowicz stated that the town Planner is coming to a meeting soon and will speak to the Council about the VFW use and COAH before any decisions can be made.

**New QPA Law** - Mr. Goetz spoke about the details of a new 2011 QPA law and its effect on the town in regards to the position of purchasing agent. He asked Mr. Poller to advise the Council if this law carries any issues for the town.

**UPDATE**

**Payment of Vendors** - Mrs. Chin said that she is looking for prices for shirts for basketball. The Mayor stated that the town is current on bills.

**Policy for Employee Vehicles** - Mayor Sobkowicz said that the policy is being worked on and should be done by next week

**Job Descriptions** - Mayor Sobkowicz stated that they were not available at this time.

**Telephone Audit** - Mrs. Chin reported that she is working with a company on a monthly basis that will do direct billing and use the same system installed now.

**Energy Update - Generator** - Mayor Sobkowicz said that the research and purchase of the generator is still being worked on.

**Shared Services/Dispatching** - Dr. Cascio spoke about the information he brought to Brian Higgins. He spoke about the town's police shortage and how the town can work with the county's police department. This saves money and additional hiring. Mayor Sobkowicz stated that Chief Ciocco had requested help from the county police which ended up saving the town money. Chief is doing work up with Captain Hooper on reports of town dispatching costs and savings. Mr. D'Urso stated that the town would never jeopardize public safety. Dr. Cascio said that the town spends about \$575,000-\$625,000 per year for dispatching. His research is showing a large overall savings if the town would share this service. Mr. D'Urso asked the Mayor who she recently hired and she stated three police officers and two part time dispatchers. She said that they will meet on Memorial Day. Mr. Goetz stated that he

and other Council members agreed on two officers. He asked the rate of the new officers pay and questioned the extra money for salaries. He asked the rate of pay for the new hires. The Mayor stated that she felt it would be okay. She stated that the town is another officer down due to minor injury. Mrs. Do stated that money can be taken out of any line item for anything, paying the officers in this instance. She stated that the new officer's salary would be taken out of overtime funding. Details of the police budget were discussed. The topic of whether the new dispatchers are going to be part of new contract negotiations at the end of year. Probationary officers were discussed. Police overtime and schedules were discussed and the Mayor said that some officers are on the road for up to 60 hours per week. Scheduling was discussed. Dr. Cascio stated that if the town goes to central dispatching the town will not have to worry about the dispatchers schedules.

**Permanent Bonding** – Mrs. Do said that she will speak to Mr. Vinci about meeting with Council to go over information on this topic.

**CD Meeting** – No report.

**Maintenance of Town Hall and Library** – The town has hired an outside cleaning service to maintain the town hall and library. Mayor Sobkowicz explained what the service's duties are. The outside grounds maintenance is not being hired out.

**Fire Prevention**- Mr. Poller stated that he has meeting with Tom Sears, the State Fire official and himself to discuss the proposed fire ordinance.

**DPW Superintendent Certification** – Mrs. Chin stated that it takes 6-8 weeks to get the results of the exam back. Results should be coming in presently.

**Monroe Avenue Flooding** – A clean up was done several days ago.

**Operations of Hours Ordinance** –. Restaurants and clubs with ABC licenses are exempt. It was agreed all catering businesses, restaurants and the movie theater would also be exempt from the Operations of Hours ordinance.

There being no further business in Conference Session, a motion was made by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. D'Urso to close the Conference Session and move to Closed Session.

Ayes: Councilpersons Beckmeyer, Cascio, D'Urso, Hrbek, Goetz

Nays: None

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Mary Ann Ozment, Township Clerk

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Fred Goetz, Council President