MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

October 29, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

The meeting will be open to the public following the Governor's Executive Order and social distancing guidelines.

Mayor Melissa Dabal calls the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Mayor Dabal read the Public Meeting Notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law

Mayor Dabal – Present Councilman Rachelski – Here Councilwoman Preinfalk – Here Councilman Orzechowski – Here Councilman Sadecki - Here Councilwoman Ivanicki – Present Councilman Androwis – Excused

Borough Attorney Richard Malagiere – Present Borough Administrator Hector Olmo –6:26P

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by <u>Rachelski</u>, Seconded by <u>Sadecki</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>, Androwis <u>AYE</u>.

Andrew Donaldson, 54 Jordan Avenue: Thanked the Mayor and council for all their efforts with their COVID efforts. Raised concerns over a commercial property behind his house; Extensive commercial traffic and car storage. Brought up issues over possible fire hazards. Where there permits issued for a 24-hour 7 day a week truck stop and cars in excess of 100 in a tight area. Mayor Dabal advised Mr. Donaldson that the owner has never gone before the leadership before you today for any of the work done. This would go before the zoning and planning board; There are multiple complaints that have been brought to the Mayors attention. She will speak with Mr. Melfi and property maintenance officer. Mr. Donaldson reiterated this is a safety issue and has elaborated how the actions of that commercial property has lowered the property taxes in the area for residential properties.

Adam Boguski, 30 Armm Ave: Brought up concerns on a commercial property; The property has unmaintained trees, stacked cars, and unkept trees. Requested an update on concerns brought forward to the council. Councilwoman Preinfalk provided an update on what was done since Mr. Boguski was before the council last time. Mayor Dabal provided an updated on what actions have been taken and what is planned for the future. There are short term solutions and long-term solutions. Borough Attorney R. Malagiere provided a summary of legal zoning issues, and they are being looked into now.

Greg Czochara, 36 Armm Ave: Reiterated Mr. Boguski's concerns outlining multiple issues with the property. Is concerned with the fence that is broken and not maintained.

John Rebecky, 269 Hathaway: Described his position in town, provided insight into what the zoning board does.

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by <u>Preinfalk</u>, Seconded by <u>Sadecki</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting September 24,2020

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by <u>Sadecki</u>, Seconded by <u>Ivanicki</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>Obstain</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

COMMUNICATIONS

From: New Jersey DOT Re: Fiscal Year 2021 Local Freight Impact Fund Grant application

From: P.O. Ronald Goral Re: Retirement from Wallington PD as of January 1, 2021

From: Wallington Board of Health Re: Request to use Civic Center for the Flu Clinic on November 5, 2020 from 9:30am to 11:00am

From: Walter M. Slowmienski, Jr., Esq. Re: Notice of Public Hearing for Variance to utilize property at 225 Paterson Avenue. From: Wallington Tax Collector Re: Notice of Tax Sale of Unpaid Property Taxes, Assessments and Municipal Charges on December 3, 2020 at 10:00am.

From: State of NJ Department of Health Office of Emergency Medical Services Re: Notice of Warning: Basic Life Support Service Provider

From: Wallington Board of Health Re: Request for DPW to remove handicap sign at 32 Alden St.

Motion to refer the previous Communications to the proper Committees or Agencies Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by <u>Preinfalk</u>, Seconded by <u>Rachelski</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

CONTINUING WITH COMMUNICATIONS

From: Wallington Board of Education Re: Request #5 in the amount of \$1,422,633.00

Motion to pay subject to fund availability Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by <u>Rachelski</u>, Seconded by <u>Ivanicki</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN EUGENIUSZ RACHELSKI

Provided a summary of leasing a portion of the latex property to get additional revenues. Thanked Councilman Sadecki for all his efforts. Thanked the council for all their support and efforts; Reiterated all the progress made in generating additional income.

COUNCILWOMAN SUSANNE PREINFALK

Provided a summary of Board of Education efforts and the move to virtual instruction as a result of a positive COVID test. Flu Clinic will be on November 5; Rabies Clinic is scheduled for November 7 at the DPW garage. Provided update into library grant, and status of new library administrator. New welcome to Wallington signs should be installed next week. Drive-in movie scheduled for Halloween will likely be changed to the Wallington High School Parking Lot due to flooding on the Latex property.

COUNCILMAN TOMASZ ORZECHOWSKI

Shade tree will have two meeting prior to the end of the year. Provided the process for property maintenance and procedure for issuing summonses and warnings. Recreation has cancelled various events due to COVID-19.

COUNCILMAN TOMASZ SADECKI

Provided a summary of Zoning Board applications.

COUNCILWOMAN WENDYSU IVANICKI

Reiterated the positive feedback for the shredding event and town wide garage sale. Thanked the Kasparek family for volunteering their house for a town wide fire and police drill. Requested an update on the electrical panel. Borough Administrator provided insight that the fire dept will revisit the issue next year

COUNCILMAN KHALDOUN ANDROWIS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Answered Councilman Rachelski's question in regards to the Insurance dividend.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Advised there are items that need to be addressed in closed session; No report

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Provided insight into various capital project bids; Was very happy with the bidding process. Provided insight into the Election process and the flood of phone calls being addressed by borough workers. Provided a background on the budget process for next year they will keep a close eye on the budget for the remainder of the year. Councilman Rachelski asked about the health insurance dividend; Provided background into the high cost of medical insurance and the amount that the town pays.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions can be approved "En Mass" by Consent Agenda. These items are either routine in nature (i.e. raffle license, payment of bills, etc.) or discussed and unanimously approved in the Work Session meeting.

BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON

COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 165

RESOLUTIONS PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.K. 1948)

WHEREAS: N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the 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 items 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: Said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Wallington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of any item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of **\$12,098.33** which item is now available as a revenue from the reimbursement of expenses incurred by FEMA – Covid 19 received from the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$12,098.33 be and the same

is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

FEMA – Covid 19 **\$12,098.33**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds available under said program to the Borough of Wallington for the year 2020.

BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-166

AWARD OF CONTRACT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington, Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Michael J. Neglia, P.E., P.P., P.L.S., that the Contract for the:

GERANIUM DRIVE, AZALEA DRIVE AND NARCISSUS DRIVE

WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS

BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON

BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Be awarded to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., 183 Friar Lane, Clifton, NJ 07013 in the amount of **Two-Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$294,700.21) for the Base Bid.** This Resolution to take effect upon certification of this Resolution by the Borough's Chief Finance Officer that sufficient funds are available.

Dated: _____

Certified: _____

Chief Finance Officer

BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-167

2020 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Administrator of the Borough of Wallington have completed the Borough's annual Best Practices Inventory for 2020;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has reviewed and discussed the completed Best Practices Inventory at its meeting of the 29 day of October, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will immediately certify that the governing body has discussed the Inventory as prepared by the Borough's Chief Financial Officer and Borough Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington, that the Acting Deputy Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to certify to the Division of Local Government Services that the 2020 Best Practices Inventory was discussed at the public meeting of October 29,2020.

I, Grzegorz Zagaja, Deputy Borough Clerk, of the Borough of Wallington, County of Bergen, do hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct copy of the above resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington at a meeting held on the 29 day of October, 2020.

BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-168

WHEREAS, property located at 513 Paterson Avenue, Wallington, New Jersey 07057 Block 57 Lot 1.01 received a Tax Appeal Judgement as per Tax Court of New Jersey Docket No. 005657-2008 and 008937-2009 that included the Freeze Act for 2009 and 2010, and,

WHEREAS, the 2008, 2009 were properly adjusted on the account however it appears that at the Tax Assessor neglected to reduce the 2010 assessment to the agreed upon figure and made the appropriate change to the tax list/file causing an overbilling of \$19,870.83. This overbilling has created a delinquency of interest in the amount of \$68,936.67 which is listed by each year below.

It is also noted that this Tax Appeal was approved by the Wallington Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington, that the delinquent interest and penalty that has been incorrectly added to this account along with the initial overbilling shall be adjusted off of this account and the Tax Collector shall adjust his books accordingly.

(Overbill from 2010: \$ 19,870.83. Interest/Penalty: \$68,936.67).

2011: \$ 3,117.20	2016: \$ 5,482.36
2012: \$ 4,038.89	2017: \$ 8,802.65
2013: \$ 4,545.79	2018: \$14,090.00
2014: \$ 5,234.94	2019: \$12,574.90
2015: \$ 6,461.56 + 6% Penalty: \$1,720.04	2020: \$ 2,868.34

A short discussion ensued on tax sales and delinquent taxes; Councilman Rachelski raised concerns over inconsistences in the past and asked if the books are clean. Borough Administrator advised that at this juncture based on the work conducted by Garbarini & Chris we are good.

Motion to approve the resolutions "En Mass" by <u>Ivanicki</u>, Seconded by <u>Preinfalk</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

ORDINANCES

2020-015 2nd Reading by Title Only: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HATHAWAY STREET SANITARY SEWER MAIN (FROM MAIN STREET TO LOCUST AVENUE) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,040,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2020-015 by <u>Rachelski</u>, Seconded by <u>Sadecki</u>,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE.

Councilman Rachelski wanted to reiterate that in years past people who were here didn't care; Mayor Dabal pointed out that this expense could have been 250K, but now its close to 1M. In the past there was no plan

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by <u>Preinfalk</u>, Seconded by <u>Orzechowski</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2020-015 by <u>Rachelski</u>, Seconded by <u>Preinfalk</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

2020-016 2nd Reading by Title Only: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$750,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2020-016 by <u>Rachelski</u>, Seconded by <u>Orzechowski</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

Councilman Rachelski wanted to reiterate that this is another investment into the towns infrastructure and Wallington is on a solid foundation 10 years down the road. I want this down on record!

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by <u>Preinfalk</u>, Seconded by <u>Orzechowski</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2020-016 by <u>Rachelski</u>, Seconded by <u>Sadecki</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>PO #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.	<u>20-00214</u>	<u>279.56</u>
ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.	<u>20-00215</u>	<u>44.60</u>
ADVANCED ENTERPRISES	<u>20-00158</u>	<u>10,918.40</u>
ADVANCED ENTERPRISES	20-00174	<u>21,293.65</u>
ADVANCED ENTERPRISES	20-00175	9,104.27
ADVANCED ENTERPRISES	20-00175	10,890.43
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	<u>20-00223</u>	271.39
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	20-00224	<u>597.51</u>
AMERICAN HOSE & HYDRAULIC CO	20-00184	<u>76.11</u>
ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL GROUP	<u>20-00176</u>	<u>1,875.00</u>
ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL GROUP	<u>20-00177</u>	2,040.00
BADGEANDWALET.COM	<u>20-00206</u>	306.00
BITTIGER ELIAS & TRIOLO PC	20-00182	<u>990.00</u>
BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT	<u>20-00207</u>	<u>1,440.00</u>
<u>C & C TIRE, INC.</u>	<u>20-00187</u>	<u>617.20</u>
<u>C & C TIRE, INC.</u>	<u>20-00201</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<u>C & K PRINTING CO.</u>	<u>20-00185</u>	478.00
COMCAST	<u>20-00212</u>	<u>66.57</u>
COMCAST	<u>20-00213</u>	244.61
DE LAGE LANDEN	<u>20-00173</u>	278.25
EDMUNDS GOVTECH	<u>20-00162</u>	724.10
FELDMAN BROTHERS ELECTRICAL	20-00117	<u>993.51</u>
GATES FLAG & BANNER CO., INC.	20-00208	750.00
GENERAL CODE	<u>20-00189</u>	<u>1,195.00</u>
ILONA DOVIAK	<u>20-00198</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>
ILONA DOVIAK	<u>20-00198</u>	<u>1,680.00</u>
INTERSTATE BATTERIES	20-00228	<u>130.95</u>
INTERSTATE BATTERIES	<u>20-00228</u>	239.95

LIST OF BILLS AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF BILLS

INTERSTATE BATTERIES	<u>20-00229</u>	<u>585.75</u>
MARY BAUMANN, CSR	20-00230	<u>150.00</u>
MARY BAUMANN, CSR	20-00230	200.00
MARY BAUMANN, CSR	20-00232	<u>300.00</u>
MARY BAUMANN, CSR	20-00233	<u>100.00</u>
MID-BERGEN REG. HEALTH COMM.	<u>20-00172</u>	4,521.25
MR. K'S GARAGE	<u>20-00204</u>	<u>153.32</u>
NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOC.	<u>20-00062</u>	<u>3,282.00</u>
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALT	<u>20-00180</u>	<u>8.40</u>
NJ ADVANCED MEDIA	<u>20-00188</u>	<u>305.74</u>
NJ ADVANCED MEDIA	<u>20-00188</u>	<u>333.35</u>
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP INC.	<u>20-00154</u>	<u>33.55</u>
P.S.E.&G.	<u>20-00202</u>	<u>6,936.13</u>
P.S.E.&G.	20-00202	<u>15,621.19</u>
P.S.E.&G.	20-00203	<u>578.51</u>
P.S.E.&G.	20-00203	<u>980.37</u>
P.S.E.&G.	20-00227	<u>882.83</u>
PAC TOOL & SUPPLY CO.	<u>20-00193</u>	<u>210.56</u>
PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMM.	<u>20-00190</u>	<u>749.00</u>
PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMM.	<u>20-00192</u>	<u>81,170.02</u>
POLLARDWATER	20-00226	<u>1,033.46</u>
PROCOPY INC.	20-00209	<u>1,099.50</u>
PROCOPY INC.	20-00219	<u>305.25</u>
READY REFRESH	20-00186	<u>172.40</u>
RIDGEHURST AUTO PARTS	20-00133	<u>400.46</u>
RIDGEHURST AUTO PARTS	20-00134	<u>1,052.87</u>
RIO SUPPLY, INC	20-00194	<u>6,480.00</u>
TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	<u>20-00181</u>	<u>500.00</u>
ULTIMATE OUTDOOR	20-00170	<u>1,132.39</u>
ENTERTAINMENT		
US VOIP	<u>20-00179</u>	<u>943.00</u>
V.E. RALPH & SON, INC.	<u>20-00196</u>	<u>102.20</u>
VERIZON	<u>20-00195</u>	<u>39.77</u>
VERIZON	<u>20-00195</u>	<u>1.36</u>
VERIZON	<u>20-00216</u>	<u>309.00</u>
VERIZON	<u>20-00220</u>	<u>1,186.72</u>
WILLIAMS SCOTSMAN, INC	<u>20-00157</u>	<u>1,851.00</u>

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WILLIAMS SCOTSMAN, INC	<u>20-00157</u>	<u>1,851.00</u>
Total Bill List		<u>\$ 208,239.41</u>

Motion to Pay List of Bills Subject to Fund Availability by <u>Rachelski</u>, Seconded by <u>Sadecki</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Preinfalk Introduced a motion to hire Kathrine S. to replace Marianne Willms, Seconded by <u>Ivanicki.</u>

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE.

Borough Attorney R. Malagiere provided a summary on the following Resolution for the lease of a portion of the latex property.

A discussion took place on restrictions of usage. Its important that we preserve the property to make sure the property is being taken care of.

Motion to approve the resolution as read by the Borough Attorney for the lease of a portion of the latex property and authorize bid specification by <u>Sadecki</u>, Seconded by <u>Orzechowski</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter the Meeting into EXECUTIVE session by <u>Preinfalk</u>, Seconded by <u>Orzechowski</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

Borough Attorney framed the discussion: Litigation updates

Motion to exit Executive Session & resume meeting by Preinfalk, Seconded by Sadecki,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at <u>8:53PM</u> by <u>Ivanicki</u>, Seconded by <u>Preinfalk</u>, Roll Call: Rachelski <u>AYE</u>, Preinfalk <u>AYE</u>, Orzechowski <u>AYE</u>, Sadecki <u>AYE</u>, Ivanicki <u>AYE</u>.

Respectfully Submitted By: Greg Zagaja Acting Deputy Clerk