MAYOR AND COUNCIL SINE DIE MEETING JANUARY 2, 2016

Mayor calls the Adjourned Meeting to order at 12:15P.M.

Flag Salute

Invocation by Very Reverend Canon Felix Marciniak

Mayor reads the Public Meeting Notice Pursuant to the State Sunshine Laws.

Roll Call: Robie, Kruk, Brunacki, Sinisi, Surowiec, Tomko - Present

Borough Attorney - Present

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Brunacki, Seconded by Kruk Roll Call: Robie, Kruk, Brunacki, Sinisi, Surowiec, Tomko – Ayes

No One Wished to Be Heard

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Robie, Seconded by Kruk Roll Call: Robie, Kruk, Brunacki, Sinisi, Surowiec, Tomko - Ayes

APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF BILLS DATED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	CURRENT ACCOUNT	
18395	WALLINGTON MEDICAL	\$25,222.78
18396	U.S. POST OFFICE	\$490.00
18398	PETTY CASH (W. BAGINSKI)	\$77.80
18399	PAUL STOLARZ	\$40.71
18400	AGL INHALATION THERAPY CO.	\$103.55
18401	GTBM/INFO-COP	\$612.32
18402	FIESTA	\$1,404.54
18403	DE LAGE LANDEN	\$330.75
18404	DE LAGE LANDEN	\$54.00
18405	CITY OF CLIFTON	\$4,080.50
18406	TREASURER STATE OF NEW JERSEY	\$409.00
18407	TREASURER STATE OF NEW JERSEY	\$409.00
18408	TREASURER STATE OF NEW JERSEY	\$2,198.00
18409	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY	\$765.44
18410	ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.	\$318.57

18411	EXCLUSIVE ACCOUNTING SERVICE	\$70.98
18412	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$740.00
18413	DE LAGE LANDEN	\$54.00
18414	WITOLD T. BAGINSKI	\$158.15
18415	US TEL, INC.	\$341.90
18416	VERIZON	\$209.18
18417	BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON-WATER	\$1,479.70
18418	P.S.E.&G.	\$14,164.20
18419	STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	\$601.90
18420	RICHARD S. CEDZIDLO	\$3 <i>,</i> 435.00
18421	ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY INC	\$346.96
18422	AGL WELDING SUPPLY CO., INC.	\$35.30
18423	AGL INHALATION THERAPY CO.	\$106.74
18424	PAYROLL FORMS.COM	\$56.25
18425	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	\$487.19
18426	ELSIE KRISO	\$460.00
18427	ELSIE KRISO	\$2,760.00
18428	ELSIE KRISO	\$460.00
18429	ELSIE KRISO	\$460.00
18430	SUPERIOR DISTRIBUTORS	\$20.24
18431	C & C TIRE, INC.	\$1,004.88
18432	REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$416.86
18433	ALL AMERICAN FORD	\$2 <i>,</i> 044.98
18434	VERIZON	\$92.27
18435	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY	\$2,026.71
18436	PROCOPY INC.	\$383.70
18437	MCI	\$72.64
18438	NICK'S TOWING SERVICE, INC.	\$400.00
18439	PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC	\$650.00
18440	ASPEN TREE SERVICE, INC.	\$7,800.00
18441	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	\$140.04
18442	EXCLUSIVE ACCOUNTING SERVICE	\$249.30
18443	ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.	\$324.70
18444	CHRIS AND BUD LAWNMOWER INC	\$1,073.48
18445	WALLINGTON HOSE COMPANY #203	\$1,000.00
18446	WALLINGTON ENGINE COMPANY	\$1,000.00
18447	RAINBOW CLEANERS	\$1,215.00
18448	S & A SCREEN PRINTING	\$2,250.00
TOTAL BILL LIST		\$85,109.21

WATER ACCOUNT

62639	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$813.28
62640	PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMM.	\$60 <i>,</i> 038.59
62641	PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMM.	\$1,672.00
62642	PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMM.	\$71,984.19
62643	BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON - WATER	\$5,449.13
62644	MICHAEL DUBIS	\$200.00
62645	RAYMOND DYNES	\$199.99
62646	PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMM.	\$192.00
62647	RIO SUPPLY, INC	\$3,000.00
62648	US VOIP	\$1,289.40
TOTAL BILL LIST		\$144 <i>,</i> 838.58

Motion by Brunacki, Seconded by Kruk Roll Call: Robie, Kruk, Brunacki, Sinisi, Surowiec, Tomko – Ayes Robie – (Check Nr. 18426, 18427, 18428, 18429) - Nay Brunacki – (Check Nr. 18448) – Abstain Sinisi – (Check Nr. 18426, 18427, 18428, 18429) - Nay

REMARKS BY EX-MAYOR WALTER G. WARGACKI

I HAVE SERVED WALLINGTON AS AN ELECTED PUBLIC SERVANT 51 CONTINUOUS YEARS. 24 YEARS ON THE WALLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION. AS A SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE I SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS DURING THE SUMMER BREAK PREPARING WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVALUATION BY THE MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION FOR COLLEGE PLACEMENT.

IN 1970 WE BROKE GROUND FOR FRANK W. GAVLAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND AN ADDITION TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.

WE MADE COUNTLESS BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH FEDERAL GRANTS.

IN 1989 I WAS ELECTED A COUNCILMAN.

IN 1992 I WAS ELECTED MAYOR, I IMMEDIATELY STARTED WORKING ON PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE APPEARANCE OF OUR COMMUNITY.

MY FIRST PROJECT WAS TO RE-FURBISH OUR WORLD WAR I VETERANS MONUMENT AND FABRICATE WOODEN WELCOME TO WALLINGTON SIGNS AT OUR GATEWAYS.

WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS WHICH PAID FOR MATERIALS, I INSTALLED A BRICK PAVER WALKWAY ALONG MAIN AVENUE AND PLANTED FLOWERING PEAR TREES. I CONTINUED PLANTING TREES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. THIS YEAR I PLANTED 100 FLOWERING KWANZAN CHERRY TREES ON PUBLIC STREETS AND CRESCENT ROAD PARK. I MADE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS BY INSTALLING NEW PARK EQUIPMENT AND BARRIER TREE TOILET FACILITIES AT HATHAWAY STREET PARK DUL FIELD AND CENTENNIAL FIELD.

MY FIRST BIG CHALLENGE WAS TRANSFORMING THE VACANT PROPERTY ON SPRING STREET TO CENTENNIAL FIELD WHICH WAS NAMED ON FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR TOWN. SPEAKING OF OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WE HELD A CONTEST TO CHOSE OUR TOWN SEAL. "COMMUNITY TRADITION AND PRIDE" WHICH WAS SUBMITTED BY KATHY BRUNACKI BURNETTE. THE OAK LEAVES AND ACORN I SKETCHED. THE LEAVES FROM A BRANCH FROM OUR GREEN WAY TRAIL SYMBOLIZE LIFE AND THE ACORNS SYMBOLIZE NEW LIFE.

MY NEXT BIG CHALLENGE WAS TRANSFORMING A VACANT MACHINE SHOP TO OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING.

I RETIRED FROM MY BUSINESS AND SPENT 2 YEARS DEMOLISHING AND RE-BUILDING. THE WORK WAS ACCOMPLISHED ECONOMICALLY BY SKILLED TRADESMEN WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS AND VENDORS WHO SUPPLIED MATERIALS.

MOST OF OUR AGING 4 INCH IRON WATER MAINS HAVE BEEN REPLACED WITH 8 INCH CONCRETE LINED DUCTILE PIPE. OUR LOW PRESSURE GAS LINES WHICH WERE FILLED WITH FLOOD WATERS CAUSING DAMAGE TO OUR RESIDENTIAL HEATING SYSTEMS AND HOT WATER BOILERS WERE REPLACED BY PUBLIC SERVICE, WHO ALSO MILLED AND PAVED OUR STREETS FROM CURB TO CURB.

HATHAWAY STREET MILLING AND PAVING WAS JUST COMPLETED LAST WEEK, PARK ROW, ALDEN STREET AND MAIN AVENUE ARE ALSO BEING MILLED AND PAVED THIS YEAR THROUGH STATE AID FUNDING.

THIS WEEK I SIGNED THE DEED FOR THE GARFIELD MOLDING PROPERTY WHICH WAS SOLD FOR \$754,000.00 AND AS OF JANUARY 1 IT WILL BE BACK ON THE TAX ROLLS BRINGING IN APPROXIMATELY \$20,000.00 DOLLARS PER YEAR.

WITH PRIVATE DONATIONS I ERECTED THE MONUMENT WITH A BRONZE SCULPTURE OF GENERAL CASIMIR PULASKI.

WITH A GRANT FROM BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE WE PURCHASED TWO PROPERTIES: THE V.F.W. – THE BUILDING IS USED FOR TOWN EVENTS, THE LIBRARY, AND A NEW BASKETBALL COURT. THE OTHER PROPERTY WHICH WAS AN ABANDONED LUNCHEONETTE AND A USED CAR LOT ALONG PATERSON AVENUE WAS TRANSFORMED INTO LIBERTY CROSSING PARK. MOST OF THIS WORK WAS DONE BY MY MAYOR'S CIRCLE – A GROUP OF SKILLED POLISH – AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS.

I ALSO EXPERIENCED MANY EXCEPTIONAL WEATHER EVENTS: BLIZZARDS, SNOW STORMS AND FLOODING FROM HURRICANES, FLOYD, IRENE AND SANDY.

I WAS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OVER 50 YEARS AND SERVED AS CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT IN 1986.

AS THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY FOR THE BORO OF WALLINGTON I AM VERY PROUD OF THE EMPLOYEES I HAVE CHOSEN TO WORK FOR THIS COMMUNITY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM FOR LIVING UP TO MY EXPECTATIONS. I WOULD LIKE ALSO THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF WALLINGTON.

I COULD GO ON AND ON BUT I CAN ONLY THANK YOU – THE RESIDENTS FOR TRUSTING ME AND GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING YOU IN AN ELECTED POSITION FOR 51CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

Motion to incorporate the Mayor's Message into the Minutes by Brunacki, Seconded by Kruk Roll Call: Robie, Kruk, Brunacki, Sinisi, Surowiec, Tomko – Ayes

Benediction by Reverend Carey

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation to Mayor Walter G. Wargacki.

Presentation to Councilwoman Krystyna Surowiec

Presentation of the Bible to the New Mayor Mark W. Tomko

Remarks by Ex-Mayor Walter G. Wargacki

Motion to Adjourn Sine Die at 12:45 by Sinisi, Seconded by Kruk Roll Call: Robie, Kruk, Brunacki, Sinisi, Surowiec, Tomko - Ayes