
TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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The Regular Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Bettina Bieri.

Adequate Notice Statement

Mayor Bieri read the following statement:

Please note that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this Regular meeting was advertised in the Herald News in its issue of December 20, 2015 and January 3, 2016; copies were provided to the Suburban Trends, the Record and Star Ledger and posted continuously on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk. Notice of the earlier start was published on February 24, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board.

Please also make note of all fire and emergency exits - located to the left, right, and rear of this room - for use in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bieri led all in attendance in a salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Ada Erik, Mike Hensley, Tim Wagner, Michele Dale,
Luciano Signorino, Marilyn Lichtenberg, Mayor Bettina Bieri.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Township Administrator /Clerk Antoinette Battaglia,
Attorney Dawn Sullivan

Agenda No. II

Review of 2016 Municipal Budget

Mayor Bieri gave an introduction saying that this was a continued review of the Municipal Budget. She explained that the reason Budget Consultant, Mr. Casey and Township Administrator, Ms. Battaglia were in attendance was to review the budgets for the building and the health departments. Mr. Casey addressed the council and noted that there were two goals. He said the first was planning, building, zoning, and construction and the second was the health department. As an overview, relative to the budget in planning and zoning, he had asked Mr. Ligus to talk about the impact of COAH actions and how this budget reflected that because there was an amount of money set aside for both planning and legal. He said that they would also talk a little bit about buildings and construction.

Tim Ligus from the Building and Planning Division addressed the council explaining that there was not much difference between last year's budget and this year's budget as far as building and planning. He explained that there was a little more income in 2015 due to the increase of buildings going through the planning process and being approved. He said that from the library, to an addition to the assisted care building, to TJ Maxx; it has been a busy year following through with the process for those particular buildings. He said that he looked forward to getting caught up on those as well as any new potential buildings coming in. He noted that as these projects came in, they funded more money toward the COAH. Mr. Ligus said that as the council knew, we had a COAH obligation that was going to probably start on the mountain. He indicated that we were in the process of working with them to try and get approvals in place to refurbish. Generally as a whole, there was more activity and hopefully they would inquire about the existing buildings that were empty in town. He said that overall, things were moving along pretty well. Mr. Casey said that in reference to what Mr. Ligus was saying, last year \$280,000 came in terms of the revenue section. This year Mr. Ligus had estimated \$350,000 so they were still anticipating a high degree of construction activity.

Mr. Casey gave an overview of the Planning and Zoning Departments. He said that there were increases in the planning budget within the planning consultant line and the planning attorney line, both of which had to do with the issue of COAH. He stated that the question was planning for it, trying to resolve it, and seeing how this was going to happen. He said that \$30,500 was recommended in legal fees for the Planning Board because they expected more involvement in terms of COAH. Mr. Casey said that \$25,000 had been put in the Administrator's budget for the planning consultant to respond to the new COAH regulations. He said that with the demise of COAH, everything was back and forth with the courts. He said that depending on the willingness of the developer, an action could be faced. Mr. Casey said that in terms of other issues, there was a slight increase in the Zoning Board legal fees because of anticipated

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actions. He said that with Planning and Zoning, everything was the same except for those items and there were no changes in the operations side. He explained that with the use of escrow fees, a lot of the work that a developer had actually done with the zoning board and the planning board was paid for by the developer's escrow fees. He said that in the budget a lot of the money spent was paid back from developers and what was seen in the budget was not chargeable. Mr. Casey noted that the budget itself was relatively small.

Mr. Casey said that the next topic was the health department. Because of the question as to the long-term relationship of the Township and the current provider of health services, the budget carried forward the existing expense plan. He said that the only big problem in the budget this year was the gypsy moths. Mr. Casey invited Mr. Fitzpatrick to provide an overview. Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said that the gypsy moth issue was scheduled for a presentation. Mr. Casey said that he would talk about the financial indications now and the bugs later.

Health Officer Mike Fitzpatrick addressed the council about the gypsy moths. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that last year was a robust year in the health department. He stated that they reviewed 125 septic applications compared to 90 in 2012. He said that he did a statistical analysis about how long it took for the turnaround of septic system applications. In 2012 it was 21.77 days between the time the septic system applications were turned in and then turned around. In 2015, the turnaround time was 7.1 days. He noted that in January 2016 and February 2016, it was 2.7 days. He explained that he didn't think it would stay 2.7 days but that number reflected 13 applications. He indicated that the purpose was to have a good analysis to find out where the health department was spending time, money, and energy. Mayor Bieri asked if he had done an analysis on how many of the reviews were being done by the subcontractor versus in-house and how many hours we were spending. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he was working on the analysis and he would have the information in a couple of days. Mayor Bieri said that it was important to determine the future staffing needs of the department. Mayor Bieri asked if that analysis was from the date that the application was received to when they received their first response. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that it was from the date of the application to the date of approval. The council discussed the methods for analysis of the turnaround time presented. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he was happy to see the numbers going down.

Mr. Fitzpatrick addressed the council on the topic of nursing. He said that the township had provided several services due to Chapter 52 of the State regulation stating that the township needed to provide certain types of programs and clinics. He said that the Health Department tried to find as many inexpensive and free clinics as possible and we had some good luck this past year. St. Joseph's Hospital and Passaic County had stepped up to help. In regard to the budget dollars, Mr. Fitzpatrick explained that he drew up the budget in October when it was requested and now that he established what was spent and not spent, he was able to reduce the budget by \$1,278.00. He noted that there were no additional dollars being requested compared to last year. As far as salary, he explained that there was a lower amount of dollars being requested and a \$20,000 dollar decrease for last year.

Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said that there were a couple of items in the Health Department's budget that needed to be addressed and one of them was remediation. She explained that since the beginning of the year, there had been a tremendous push to try and resolve these remediation projects and there would be some expenditure necessary to close them out. The offset of that was that we would not be continuously fined by DEP so there would ultimately be some balance. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that there had been 15 to 20 years of worth of backlog of environmental problems and they had obviously never been touched. He added that this property was essentially complete and the museum was essentially complete and he was waiting for the final documentation from the final test to confirm its completion.

In addition, Mr. Fitzpatrick said that we were on target for Banker Road while doing all of the appropriate testing and follow up. He explained that we were waiting for the sewage company to let us know the amount of money it would cost. He said that there were proposals to move forward and do some testing at DPW. Apparently, there were about 9 to 10 monitoring wells installed and they were tested immediately after installation, but there were no records on file. In addition, they had not been tested for 15 to 18 years. Mr. Fitzpatrick said it was probably a 2 to 2 ½ year process to clean that up and we should stay ahead of the state. Councilman Hensley said that the EDC was looking to get information for grant money for the remaining brownfields in different sites in town. He asked if the health department would have some records of where those might exist. He suggested maybe an old gas station in town that had not been in business for 15 years or so. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that they do receive notices on a regular basis from oil companies but he was not aware of any grant money that might be available or what would have to be done to qualify. Mr. Casey said that the problem was that the property owners had walked away from it and the township wouldn't get involved in that site.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that the only other thing that needed to be discussed was the Gypsy Moth questions. He explained that the state identified about 2,200 acres and the ability to do a flyover treatment was

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around \$55 dollars an acre. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that the town would have to fund \$80,000 to spray. Mr. Casey said that there was \$123,000 dollars in the environmental budget which was to spray 2,200 acres. He said that we had not anticipated anything yet on the revenue side relative to the grant.

Council President Dale said that she consistently heard that we were not sure of some items in the budget. She asked Mr. Casey if the council could get a breakdown of what the actual revenue would be. She noted that we understood the overall potential savings that we were looking for. Mr. Casey said that he would provide a list of those items. Council President Dale said that she would rather look at a list to understand what the budget amount was considered for and what the net would actually be if we were to go forward. Mayor Bieri asked if we were limited to the identified sections or if we could expand upon the acreage. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that you could expand the Department of Agriculture, however that part was not reimbursed by the grant. In addition, there were required notifications that were sent out and approvals that needed to be submitted to the DEP. Mayor Bieri said that she wasn't sure if we had the funding but there was a lot of concern. Mr. Casey said that the reality was the timeframe for the governing body to make a decision and it would need to be within the next week or so. Mr. Casey said that if you looked carefully at the budget, you may notice that vital statistics had been reduced substantially this year. He said that the reason was the registrar services were funded in the operational budget and moved to the shared services budget. He said that he wanted it under shared services because it looked better to the State of NJ when we submit our budget that those shared services were out there.

Next, Mr. Casey provided a handout to the council with the summary of the capital projects. He noted that there were a couple of changes and the focus was to discuss the highest and high rating from the council. The council agreed that the elevator match was a high priority. He noted that on column D, he looked at the amount and put in the numbers as if the governing body wanted to fund it. He said that he added it up and the total had come out to around \$4 million dollars. He explained that we were going to have to back off on some projects and he said that the purpose of this was to not to restrict the council discussions.

Mr. Casey listed all of the line items that were ranked and up for discussion for the council. He said that the consensus for the ballfield was to put it off because the Mayor said that we were trying to get money to do it all next year. Mr. Casey stated that for the small dump truck and the loader there seemed to be some support in the future but not at this time. There was a good amount of support for the tennis court rehabilitation and the air compressor for the road division. For the dump trucks, many of the governing body voted for only 2 trucks instead of 4. He said in the second meeting, the issues came up relative to the retrofit for the trucks and there was feeling that it couldn't be postponed because we needed to meet the air quality standards. He noted that he put it in the funded column for now. Mayor Bieri said that she was under the impression that we could get away with retrofitting them another year as long as we had the intention to purchase new trucks. Mr. Casey said that he got the impression that even if we did it, we would only be looking at the life of 2 to 3 years on it. Council President Dale asked for clarification on that. Councilman Wagner said that the retrofit was more like \$15,000 to \$18,000 from the conversations with Mr. Steines and Mr. Bakker. He said that he would like a more solid number on that. Mr. Casey said that he was under the impression that it was \$30,000 each not together. Mayor Bieri said that if the council agreed to 2 trucks now and budgeted 2 for next year, it would need to be known how much it would cost to retrofit the trucks, how long it would expand the life and how much the cost would be.

Mr. Casey indicated that the salt sheds were recommended for a future project by the council and at least 3 voted to have fabric only. He said that the salt shed needed to be worked on further by the DPW as to how to address the fabric versus steel wood idea. He said he was recommending doing that salt shed because there was a commitment from the county at this point in time and they had gone out to bid twice before. Purely from an operational standpoint, you may be spending \$200,000 dollars but the county was putting up \$800,000 so you have a 4 to 1 ratio. He explained that if possible, he recommended putting it in the budget. It was needed and it would work to the township's advantage if you had it there. Mayor Bieri said that the another point was that in addition to the 4 to 1 ratio, if we didn't want to do it now and didn't use the \$810,000 from the county, it would cost us more than \$200,000 to build it. She expressed that it makes no sense not to do it. Mr. Casey said as far as the compact excavator, he recommended backing off on that in favor of the trucks because the trucks were more important from an operational standpoint. The compact excavator was a new piece of equipment that we had never had before so it would be nice to have but it was not a necessity. Mr. Casey said that the council was split on the storage container but he put it in the funding line. He explained that the snow blower, the roller, and the garage windows were going to be future projects. The highway mower had a lot of support as well as outfitting the library being a high priority for everyone. In addition, the septic replacement had a lot of support and it had to be increased based on the comments that came up from the discussions with Mr. Fitzpatrick. Mr. Casey addressed the council about town hall piping. He said that there was a lot of support and the piping and the asbestos were going to be done at the same time. He explained that the environmental unit, small pickup, and windows in the council room were for future years.

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Mr. Casey addressed the council about the ratings for the police. He said that the 5 vehicles were replacements for patrol vehicles and were budgeted as an operations expense. The feeling from the governing body about the large SUV was to postpone it a year. He noted that all of these were open for discussion and he was just laying out the numbers. The governing body was in favor of body armor. Additionally, the scuba equipment, radar trailer and lower bubbling springs dam was voted for future years. Mr. Casey said that Mr. Miller from Engineering indicated that they still had issues of easements and permits for the dam. He explained that there was a lot of support for the storm water retrofit, resurfacing program, and the road assessment. Mr. Casey asked if the road assessment project was budgeted this year, would it be started this year. Mayor Bieri said that if it was cost effective to combine the two, you could get one contract and a bigger job. Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said that the mindset was to proceed to next year. She said that if we wait until the next year's budget, it won't be able to be accomplished in the year in which it was funded. Mr. Casey said that there was a lot of support from Ridge Road. With the \$250,000 dollar grant, \$160,000 was the local budget impact. He said that he was moving the animal control vehicle to the trust fund since we didn't have to worry about it in the capital budget. The vehicle for the fire inspector had been pushed for future years. Councilman Hensley said that before we moved it out of the DPW and Engineering budgets, he would like to get more information. He explained that there was no support for the roller but there was support for the Ridge Road effort. He would like to make sure that they had the materials and equipment they needed to get the job done. Mr. Casey said that he was raising a valid point and he was under the impression that they had already had a roller and this was a replacement, but he would verify that. Additionally, information technology was budgeted in the operating budget.

Fire and First Aid – Mr. Casey said that the council was split for allotting each fire department \$10,000 each which has been a longstanding policy in this jurisdiction. Each department was given that money to replace equipment and they were reimbursed up to \$10,000. He explained that it was a practice for a long time and it would be a tough tradition to deviate from. Mayor Bieri suggested it be in the operations budget since it was equipment and an annual expense. Mr. Casey said that at one point in time, it was put there because of capital issues. He added that a lot of jurisdictions put it in their operations side. Mr. Casey said that there was some support from the governing body for turnout gear and to spread it over 2 years. He noted that we should talk it over with Mr. Steines further and try and get it spread over 3 years. With the 2 pumpers, there was some support for one in 2016 and one in future years. The new chaise for the first aid squad was basically a feeling that it would be for this year or the year after. Mr. Casey said that as far as the fire trucks, we were heavily committed. There was also a lot of support for the power lifts for Upper Greenwood Lake, replacement build, and air pack replacement. He said that we would need to talk to Mr. Steines to see if the air pack replacements could be phased in.

Mr. Casey said if you add all of that up, the budget was at 3.9 million. He said that he was looking for a target closer to 3 million from a budget standpoint, so there needed to be a lot of council discussion. He said that hopefully this at least this gave some guidance. He suggested that there be discussion this week or next week and hopefully that would give the basis for resolving and making decisions. Councilwoman Erik asked about the storage containers. She said that \$13,000 seemed a little high for storage containers because she talked with a person who sells them and it was \$1,700 to \$2,200 delivered for 40-45 foot containers. Mr. Casey said that he would find out some more information and follow up on that.

Agenda No. IV

Proclamations

National Poison Prevention Week - Mayor Bieri said that Poison Prevention Week was March 20th to March 26th of this year. She said that if you would like to read the entire proclamation, it will be posted on the township website.

Agenda No. VI

Executive Session

~ Resolution No. 2016 – 104 ~

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford on the 16th day of March 2016 that:

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1. Prior to the conclusion of this **Regular Meeting**, the Governing Body shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s):
 - () b. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
 - () b. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
 - () b. (3) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
 - () b. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
 - () b. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
 - () b. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
 - (X) b. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
 - RCI Concession
 - (X) b. (8) Personnel matters.
 - Health Department
 - DPW
 - () b. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.
2. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Adopted: March 16, 2016

Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

The Governing Body went into executive session at 6:28 pm.
The Governing Body returned to the public meeting at 7:10 pm with all members present as before.

Agenda No. III

Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

Councilwoman Erik moved to adopt the following Meeting Minutes as presented:

February 3, 2016 Workshop Meeting
February 3, 2016 Executive Session

Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg
Voted Nay: None.
Absent: Wagner
Motion carried.

Agenda No. V

Presentations

Gypsy Moth Program, Michael Fitzpatrick, Health Officer - Mr. Fitzpatrick addressed the council about the Gypsy Moth Program. He said that the State Department of Agriculture did an annual survey for gypsy moths around the state. He explained that there were a cycle of about 8 – 9 years where the gypsy moths grew and died off naturally and this year there were significantly greater numbers than last year. The Department of Agriculture said that New Jersey was ready for a counter attack this year, proposing to expand the states aerial spraying. He noted that last year there were 288 acres throughout the whole state that were recommended to be treated and these 20,354 acres were recommended to be sprayed. The recommendation in West Milford from the Department of Agriculture was to treat 2,253 acres in the

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township with 5 different spray blocks. He explained that the spray blocks included areas by La Rue Rd at 1,500 acres, areas on Macopin Road, 118 acres by Henderson Road, and some additional acres by Lakeside Road. The cost of treatment was estimated at about \$54.50 an acre. He noted that the State of New Jersey anticipated the amount to be \$56 to \$51. He said that with the estimation of \$54.50 per acre, it would come to the recommended amount of \$123,000.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said a section qualified for treatment if it had 500 egg masses or more. The state also cooperated with the Department of Agriculture on the Federal Level and they reimbursed up to 50% of the cost. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that this year, they were going to reimburse 31%. He said that West Milford needed to budget for \$83,000 after the reimbursement. Council President Dale said that residents from Oak Ridge were concerned about the gypsy moths and only one section of Oak Ridge was covered within the spray zone. She asked if the spray was covering the entire area that the residents were concerned with. Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said that initially, they did not test the Oak Ridge area. They did go back and test and found a certain level of egg masses that would qualify for spraying but it was not to the extent that the residents would like. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that they did not change the spray block area in that section of town and the areas that the residents were concerned with were within the identified spray block already. Council President Dale said that she just wanted to make sure that we were covering the areas that were a concern.

Mayor Bieri asked if they evaluate the egg masses on either the Newark or state-owned properties. Mr. Fitzpatrick answered in the affirmative stating that they tested state-owned properties, but did not test the Newark properties. He said that they had not evaluated the watershed areas because the roads were significantly overgrown. He explained the way that the State evaluated by driving down the road to make the assessment rather than walking in the woods. Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said she had drafted up resolutions along with Mr. Fitzpatrick for consideration for this meeting. Mayor Bieri said that there were two resolutions, one was a request for the State of New Jersey to spray its West Milford properties for gypsy moths and the other was requesting that the City of Newark spray its West Milford properties for gypsy moths. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that it was his recommendation to at least try and request the properties to be treated. Mayor Bieri noted that if only the bad areas were treated and there were gypsy moths next door, they would migrate over anyway. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that the good news was that other towns in the area were spraying for gypsy moths, for example Vernon, Kinnelon, Jefferson, and Ringwood. Councilman Signorino said that he supported doing this and he thought it was a good thing. He asked what the implications were to people, animals and plant life. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that the literature from the State of New Jersey noted that there were no direct effects on wildlife and plants because it was basically a very short-term bacteria. He explained that it was bacterial and fungal-based not chemical-based and it was specific and precise for caterpillars. They didn't see any negative effect on the environment. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that if this was approved by the governing body, he needed to communicate with the residents and the Board of Education to notify them of the spraying and the times it would take place. He explained that there were multiple levels of notification. All of the schools needed to be notified, the public would be notified by mailed letters, as well as multiple newspaper notices.

Councilman Signorino asked what specific times they would be spraying and how the public will be notified. He explained that some people wanted zero exposure and they needed to know the exact times. Mayor Bieri said that in the council packet, there was a toxicology report that was distributed by the Department of Agriculture. She stated that if you would like zero exposure, they recommended that you stay inside for 10 to 20 minutes after the spray. Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said that the notification requirements were very explicit. It must be within a certain number of days and a certain amount of times that people needed to be notified. She said that the Township also puts the information on the website and WM77TV. Councilman Signorino asked that when Mr. Fitzpatrick received the updated maps and information, to pass it onto the council. Council President Dale asked if there was a rain contingency plan. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that they had a window of 7 to 10 days to spray so they could pick days that the weather was favorable. If they missed a lot of days because of rain, they could subcontract and get more planes to compensate so it would be accomplished faster.

Agenda No. VII

Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances

Agenda No. VII 1

~ Ordinance 2016 – 004 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 500, ZONING, ARTICLE XIV SIGNS §500-152 "PERMITS REQUIRED" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that §500-152 be and is hereby amended as follows:

§500-152. Permits required.

- C. Permits shall not be required for the following signs: building marker, identification, incidental, window, flag, political organization, community organization, local non-profit organization, and applicants who have received a permit in accordance with §500.36.1 of the Township code.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Introduced: February 17, 2016
Adopted: March 16, 2016
Effective Date: April 5, 2016

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Erik made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg and carried by unanimous voice vote to close the public comment period.

Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said that we have received notification from the Planning Board today that this Ordinance is in compliance.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-004

Moved: Signorino Seconded: Erik
Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Agenda No. VII 2

~ Ordinance 2016 - 005 ~

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MUNICIPALLY-OWNED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$41,542.18 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP HERETOFORE ISSUED

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

The improvement described in Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby authorized to be made or acquired by The Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, as a general improvement, and there is hereby appropriated therefor the sum of \$41,542.18, said sum constituting proceeds of obligations of the Township heretofore issued and not necessary for financing the purposes for which issued and now available for financing the said improvement or purpose.

The improvement or purpose for the financing of which the appropriation is made as provided in Section 1 of this ordinance is the improvement of municipally-owned parks and recreation facilities in and in and by the Township, including all structures, site work, accessories, appurtenances, equipment, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

It is the opinion of the Township Council of the Township, as the governing body thereof, that it is in the best interest of the Township that \$41,542.18 constituting proceeds of obligations of the Township heretofore issued under Ordinance No. 2000-9 of the Township, shall be appropriated to and used to finance costs of the improvement or purpose above-described in Section 2 of this ordinance.

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

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

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Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-005

Moved: Signorino Seconded: Dale
Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Agenda No. VIII

Public Comments

Mayor Bieri opened the meeting to the public after advising that there was a five-minute limit for each speaker.

Bob Nicholson, 20 Hyde Road, Stockholm said that he got an email today from New Jersey Work and Families. He said it was from the Mayor of Newark asking him to support a bill for a tax on containers and plastic bottles because of their lead problem in their drinking water. Mr. Nicholson read a part of the email explaining what the tax was for and how it would generate the resources necessary for water infrastructure projects. He said that he kindly replied to the email saying that he lived in West Milford Township and housed water for Newark which they barely pay taxes on. Mr. Nicholson said that he should be asked to contribute and it was not our responsibility. Mr. Nicholson asked the council if they could pass a resolution to address the short sightedness. He said that we were talking about any relief from watershed, we were asking for .1 or .01 cents, and they were asking for a 10-cent deposit on plastic bottles. He said that if we did have someone lobbying for us, they should be aware of this.

There being no more comments from the public, Councilwoman Signorino moved to close the public portion of the meeting.

Moved: Signorino Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

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Council Comments

Councilwoman Erik said that it seems like they don't care about us but they want us to care about them.

Mayor Bieri explained that she had gone down to Trenton years ago when we were discussing the water surcharge. She said that it was one cent per 1,000 gallons and it would have generated a few million dollars annually to the highlands communities. It would have been about \$10 to \$12 cost a year per household. She said that the idea was not supported by the Legislators.

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New Business, Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions

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~ Ordinance 2016 – 006 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that pursuant to Chapter 33b entitled Personnel of the Revised General Ordinances

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of the Township of West Milford, New Jersey, 2007 the following Officers and Employees here below stated shall be classified by job title with the corresponding pay ranges:

1. TEMPORARY, PART TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES
1.5% Hourly Rate Increase for 5 years

	1/1/15	1/1/16	1/1/17	1/1/18	1/1/19	1/1/20
Special Police Officer Class I	\$20.93	\$21.24	\$21.56	\$21.89	\$22.21	\$22.55
Special Police Officer Class II	\$21.74	\$22.07	\$22.40	\$22.73	\$23.07	\$23.42
Night Rate: 12 midnight – 7:00 am (Additional per hour)	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
Municipal Court Attendant	\$20.93	\$21.24	\$21.56	\$21.89	\$22.21	\$22.55

2. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE – Special officers qualify for a clothing and maintenance allowance annually. Half of the annual amount payable on or about December 1 of each year for those officers working a minimum of 35 hours since January 1 of that year, with an additional payment of \$2.50 each hour worked in addition to the minimum 35, with the total allowance not exceeding maximum amount for that year regardless of the number of all hours worked. Special officers qualify for a clothing and maintenance allowance upon the submission of receipts for actual purchases of up to:

\$370 in 2016; \$390 in 2017; \$410 in 2018; \$410 in 2019; \$410 in 2020

- 3. HOLIDAY PAY – Officers shall be entitled to time and one-half pay for all hours worked on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, July 4th and December 25th.
- 4. CALL-OUT – All callouts are payable for time worked, with a minimum of two hours pay.
- 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS – Any ordinance or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to such extent as they are in conflict or inconsistent.
- 6. EFFECTIVE DATE – These provisions are not retroactive. They will take effect on the “Effective Date” of the Governing Body Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Introduced: March 16, 2016
 Adopted: April 20, 2016
 Effective Date: May 10, 2016

Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino
 Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg
 Voted Nay: None.
 Motion carried.

Mayor Bieri asked to move all resolutions as one including Resolution 2016-121

Moved: Signorino Seconded: Dale
 Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg
 Voted Nay: None.
 Motion carried.

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~ Resolution 2016 – 105 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SPRAYING OF IDENTIFIED AREAS FOR GYPSY MOTHS

WHEREAS, the gypsy moth *Lymantria dispar*, has been found heavily defoliating tree and plant growth in the Township of West Milford; and

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WHEREAS, continued destruction of foliage may result in loss of valuable forest lands and trees; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer has recommended that the a gypsy moth control program should be instituted with the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture and that application for any Federal or State funds available be authorized.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that the gypsy moth is declared to be a public nuisance and the protection of vegetation or plant life is deemed to be a subject matter of public welfare, and that all measures deemed necessary, in compliance with the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture recommendations, are hereby authorized to suppress this forest and shade tree pest.

Adopted: March 16, 2016

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~ Resolution 2016 – 106 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF NEWARK SPRAY ITS WEST MILFORD PROPERTIES FOR GYPSY MOTHS

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Department of Agriculture completed its annual Gypsy Moth Census in the Township of West Milford; and

WHEREAS, the survey shows over 2,200 acres of property with elevated egg casing counts; and

WHEREAS, the properties identified are a combination of municipally taxed properties (private properties) and State lands; and

WHEREAS, Newark Watershed properties in the Township of West Milford have not been surveyed by the Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, treatment through the Department of Agriculture Gypsy Moth Treatment Program is advisable to control the gypsy moth infestation on all properties with elevated egg casings; and

WHEREAS, all properties including watershed properties should be treated for effective control of gypsy moths; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is working with the State Department of Agriculture to treat lands that have elevated egg casings through a gypsy moth (suppression) spraying program; and

WHEREAS, said treatment will be most effective if adjoining lands are also surveyed and treated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, hereby requests that the City of Newark survey their West Milford properties for the presence of gypsy moth egg casings and provide treatment to those properties within the Township that have any elevated egg casing counts in accordance with the Department of Agriculture's threshold for treatment of gypsy moths.

Adopted: March 16, 2016

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~ Resolution 2016 – 107 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY SPRAY ITS WEST MILFORD PROPERTIES FOR GYPSY MOTHS

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture completed its annual Gypsy Moth Canvass in the Township of West Milford; and

WHEREAS, the survey shows over 2,200 acres of property with elevated egg casing counts; and

WHEREAS, the properties identified are a combination of municipally taxed properties (private properties) and state lands with elevated casing counts; and

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WHEREAS, treatment through the Department of Agriculture Gypsy Moth Treatment Program is advisable to control the gypsy moth infestation as identified by the Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, all properties including State of New Jersey properties should be treated for effective control of gypsy moths; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is working with the State Department of Agriculture to treat municipal and private lands that have elevated egg casings through a gypsy moth (suppression) spraying program; and

WHEREAS, said treatment will be most effective if adjoining State lands are also treated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the Township of West Milford requests the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection provide treatment to the State properties within the Township that have been identified with elevated egg casing counts in conjunction with the spray blocks provided by the Department of Agriculture.

Adopted: March 16, 2016

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~ Resolution 2016 - 108 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD FOR A MACK PUMPER TANKER FOR USE BY THE GREENWOOD FOREST VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE SUPPRESSION WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the West Milford Township Council did appropriate funding in the 2015 capital budget for the purchase of new fire apparatus for the West Milford Greenwood Forest Volunteer Fire Company which fire apparatus has been ordered; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ringwood has agreed to loan a 1987 Mack Pumper Tanker to West Milford for use by the Greenwood Forest Volunteer Fire Company for a period of one year or until the aforementioned ordered vehicle is delivered; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the lease agreement, the Township of West Milford agrees to maintain, service and insure the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ringwood ("Lessor") and the Township of West Milford ("Lessee") agree to enter into a lease agreement for the aforesaid Mack Pumper Tanker; and

WHEREAS, the term of the lease agreement shall be a period of approximately 12 months or until such time as the new piece of apparatus arrives for Greenwood Forest Volunteer Fire Company whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, lease for the aforesaid truck motor vehicle is at a yearly rate of \$1.00 due and payable upon execution of said lease agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a Lease Agreement with the Borough of Ringwood for a 1987 Mack Pumper Tanker for use by the West Milford Greenwood Forest Volunteer Fire Company for a period of up to one year or until the ordered fire truck for Greenwood Forest Volunteer Fire Company is delivered.
2. The appropriate Township Officials are authorized to take any other incidental actions to effectuate this transaction.
3. A copy of the lease agreement and this resolution shall be available for public inspection and on file in the office of the Township Clerk

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~ Resolution 2016 – 109 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A RECREATION GROUP USE PERMIT (BROWN'S POINT – 2016 POWER BOAT RACES)

WHEREAS, the Township's Director of Community Services & Recreation has received a request for the use of Brown's Point from Saturday June 4 to Sunday June 5, 2016 (with the preceding Friday booked for set-up and the succeeding Monday booked for clean-up) as a launching site for a power boat race being sponsored by the Greenwood Lake Power Boat Association (GLPBA); and

WHEREAS, this event is of an extraordinary nature requiring the approval of the Township Council of the Township of West Milford; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Services & Recreation has made application and obtained requisite approvals from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, based upon the review of the application and the report of the Director, the Township Council approves of the issuance of a Group Use Permit to the Greenwood Lake Power Boat Association (GLPBA), with the following conditions:

1. GLPBA shall arrange for portable toilets to be located on the site, in accordance with Township Health Department guidelines and shall see that all portable toilets are emptied at the end of the events on Saturday and Sunday.
2. GLPBA shall arrange for a 20 yard dumpster to be located on the site in accordance with the recommendation of the Director of Community Services & Recreation.
3. GLPBA shall agree to pay for any extraordinary expenses incurred by the Township in providing CS&R, Health Department or Police Department personnel for the events.
4. GLPBA shall issue a notice by May 16, 2016 to surrounding residents which will include a description of activities and the dates and times of those events.
5. GLPBA shall provide to the Township Insurance Certificates with the Township of West Milford and the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection named as an additional insured parties in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 umbrella (\$500,000.00 property damage and \$1,000,000.00 personal injury.)
6. GLPBA shall provide Insurance Certificates with the Township of West Milford and State of New Jersey DEP named as additional insured parties in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for liquor liability, which coverage will include a Hold Harmless Agreement.
7. GLPBA shall arrange for a plan of traffic control, sufficient parking, security and crowd control in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief of Police by April 7, 2016 which must be implemented by May 1, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford does hereby authorize the issuance of a Group Use Permit to the Greenwood Lake Power Boat Association for the use of Brown's Point on Friday June 3, 2016 and Monday June 6, 2016 with the above noted conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sponsoring organization is authorized to charge admission fees of – \$10.00 for 12 years and older, – \$5.00 for children 5 years to 11 years, and no charge for children 4 years and under. There is also an additional \$5.00 charge on top of the above listed fees for anyone wanting to go into the pits.

Adopted: March 16, 2016

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~ Resolution 2016 – 110 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDED A CONTRACT TO CODY'S MOW MOW LAWN SERVICE, LLC FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF BALLFIELDS AND OTHER SITES

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford advertised for the receipt of sealed competitive bids to be received on February 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. for Maintenance of Ball Fields and Other Sites as per the Bid Specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford received four (4) bids for this contract; and

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WHEREAS, said bids have been duly reviewed and analyzed by the Director of Community Services & Recreation and the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the bid received from the low bidder Cody's Mow Mow Lawn Service, LLC has been found to be in proper form and in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.5, Local Public Contract Law and the specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that encumbrances for these services shall come from account number 01-201-28-375-450.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, the following:

1. The Township Council hereby awards a contract to Cody's Mow Mow Lawn Service, LLC 125 Broadway, West Milford, NJ 07480 for Maintenance of Ballfields and Other Sites in an amount not to exceed \$37,650.00 for one year.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Cody's Mow Mow Lawn Service, LLC in accordance with its bid for said maintenance of ballfields and other sites in the Township of West Milford.
3. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
4. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: March 16, 2016

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~ Resolution 2016 – 111 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PAVING MATERIALS THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COUNCIL CONTRACT NO. 5, FOR PAVING MATERIALS, TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council (State ID # 6-MCCOOP); and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council has awarded Contract #5 Paving Materials, for the 2016 year to Tilcon New York, Inc. and said contract was awarded through the open competitive bidding process and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11 et seq., Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford anticipates a need for Paving Materials in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has reviewed the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council's contract and related specifications and has submitted a written recommendation that the Township of West Milford purchase paving materials through the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council, Contract No. 5, Paving Materials in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for these purchases, said funds to be encumbered from account number 01-201-26-290-361.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, the following:

1. The Township Council hereby authorizes the Department of Public Works to purchase Paving Materials, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 through the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council, contract #5, Paving Materials awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc.
2. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
3. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

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~ Resolution 2016 - 112 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CRUSHED STONE, GRAVEL AND SAND THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COUNCIL CONTRACT NO. 9, TO EASTERN CONCRETE MATERIALS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council (State ID # 6-MCCOOP); and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council has awarded Contract #9 Crushed Stone, Gravel and Sand, for the 2016 year to Eastern Concrete Materials and said contract was awarded through the open competitive bidding process and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11 et seq., Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford anticipates a need for stone to complete various drainage and road repairs/maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has reviewed the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council's contract and related specifications and has submitted a written recommendation that the Township of West Milford purchase stone through the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council, Contract No. 9, Crushed Stone, Gravel and Sand in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for these purchases, said funds to be encumbered from account number 01-201-26-290-360.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, the following:

4. The Township Council hereby authorizes the Department of Public Works to purchase Stone, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, through the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council, contract #9, Crushed Stone, Gravel and Sand awarded to Eastern Concrete Materials
5. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
6. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: March 16, 2016

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~ Resolution 2016 - 113 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "DEDICATION BY RIDER" TO THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD FOR MOBILE VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEMS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-118.1

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-39 provides for the insertions of a "Dedication by Rider" in the budget of any local unit which dedicates revenues anticipated during the fiscal year from revenues, subject to written prior consent of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimate in advance; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 14-118.1 the surcharges for DWI convictions, according to N.J.S.A 39:4.50, provide revenue for the purchase of these mobile video recording systems for police vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that all revenue received by the Township of West Milford, be placed in a specific trust fund and such trust fund shall be considered a "Dedication by Rider" to the budget of the local unit, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118.1, for the sole purpose stated above.

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~ Resolution 2016 – 114 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAXES

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records balances as listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes recommends the cancellation of taxes due to reasons listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cancel as hereafter listed below:

REASON: 1. Foreclosed Properties

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year
101-23	Township of West Milford	\$70.00	2016 1 st Half
906-9		\$144.00	
1001-2		\$154.00	
1001-3		\$164.00	
1001-5		\$152.00	
1005-5		\$1,034.00	
1603-16		\$144.00	
1611-9		\$142.00	
1611-10		\$152.00	
2713-8		\$70.00	
3106-1		\$70.00	
3902-6		\$1,018.00	
5708-27		\$142.00	
6714-10		\$144.00	
6902-7		\$958.00	
8501-2		\$1,346.00	
11104-1		\$1,144.00	
11501-32		\$1,126.00	
12212-5		\$70.00	
12212-6		\$70.00	
12305-12	\$146.00		
14113-22	\$1,570.00		
TOTAL		\$10,030.00	

Adopted: March 16, 2016

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~ Resolution 2016 – 115 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OVERPAYMENT REFUND

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayment as shown below and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund of such overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayment as shown below:

REASONS:

1. Apply to delinquent taxes

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
5301-39	Helping People Help Themselves Corp 91 Knollwood Drive, Paramus, NJ 07652	\$5,813.66	2013	1
TOTAL		\$5,813.66		

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~ Resolution 2016 – 116 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAXES

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records balances as listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes recommends the cancellation of taxes due to reasons listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cancel as hereafter listed below:

REASON: 1. Removed from Tax Duplicate

BLOCK/LOT	NAME	AMOUNT	YEAR
9901-9 Cell	Nextel % Property Tax Department	\$9,058.00	1 st half 2016
TOTAL		\$9,058.00	

Adopted: March 16, 2016

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~ Resolution 2016 – 117 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayment as shown below and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund of such overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayment as shown below:

REASONS:

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| 1. Incorrect Payment | 2. Duplicate Payment |
| 3. Senior Citizen/Veteran Deduction | 4. Homestead Rebate |
| 5. Tax Appeal | 6. 100% Disabled Veteran |
| 7. Tax Court Appeal | |

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
505-22	Suburban Title & Abstract Inc. Suite 104 18 Railroad Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662	\$3,324.00	2016	2
806-6	Interstate 1 st Title Agency, LLC 279 Browertown Road, Woodland Park, NJ 07424	\$1,104.74	2016	2
1207-3.01	Masessa & Cluff 1524 Route 23 North, Butler, NJ 07405	\$2,595.00	2016	2
1608-1	Authentic Title Services, Inc. 230 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, NJ 07004	\$2,373.00	2016	2
1611-7.02	Town Title Agency, LLC 242 Oradell Ave, 2 nd Floor, Paramus, NJ 07652	\$2,381.00	2016	2
1909-1	Refund Department, Corelogic R.E. Tax Service PO Box 961250, Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$1,527.00	2016	2
2601-29	Heritage Abstract Company, Ste. A1003 350 Mt. Kemble Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960	\$3,017.00	2016	2
3504-1	Township of West Milford, Payroll Account. 1480 Union Valley Rd, West Milford, NJ 07480	\$1,160.75	2016	1
8801-7	Refund Dept, Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250, Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$143.00	2016	2
9501-3	Elite Title Group, LLC 22 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071	\$1,751.00	2016	2
9901-9 CELL	Nextel % Property Tax Department PO Box 7911 (NJ0733), Overland Pk, KS 66207	\$9,058.00	2016	1

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Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
12501-30	Refund Dept, Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250, Fort Worth TX 76161	\$2,983.00	2016	2
15401-11	Clarence & Patricia Vreeland PO Box 303, Vienna, NJ 07880	\$3,237.00	2016	2
TOTAL		\$34,654.49		

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~ Resolution 2016 – 118 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OTHER LIENS

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes has reported receiving the amounts shown below for the redemption of the respective lien.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of West Milford that the proper officers be and are hereby authorized and directed to pay the indicated amount to the holder of the lien certificate as hereinafter shown below:

Certificate No.	Certificate Date	Block/Lot /Qual	Reimbursement Amount	Pay to the Lien Holder
12-0142	03/27/2012	15803-010	\$77,169.59	CRAIG S. KOJAC 29 D SISCO ROAD NEWFOUNDLAND, NJ 07435
15-0045	10/13/2015	05202-004	\$61,468.84	PFS FINANCIAL 1 LLC 50 SOUTH 16 TH STREET SUITE 2050 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102
15-0064	10/13/2015	07801-018.02	\$9,146.54	FIG CAPITAL INVESTMENTS NJ13; LLC MTAG CST FIG CAP INV NJ13 8323 RAMONA BLVD W. STE 2 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32221
15-0071	10/13/2015	09101-003	\$954.19	FWDSL & ASSOCIATES LP 5 COLD HILL ROAD SOUTH SUITE 11 MENDHAM, NJ 07945
15-0075	10/13/2015	09406-048	\$1,910.75	
15-0077	10/13/2015	09710-012	\$3,148.11	
GRAND TOTAL			\$153,798.02	

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~ Resolution 2016 – 119 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF RECREATION FEES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following recreational fees upon the report of the Director of Community Services and Recreation be refunded:

Boating Safety/ May 7, 2016		
Anthony	\$59.00	Samantha Pepe 23 Rolling Ridge Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Adult Spanish		
Edward	\$63.00	Edward List 3 Glen Drive West Milford, NJ 07480
Jacqueline	\$63.00	Jacqueline Parkin 1342 Macopin Road West Milford, NJ 07480

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Ann Marie	\$63.00	Ann Marie Grady 15 Lafayette Street West Milford, NJ 07480
Dora, Harold, Timothy	\$189.00	Dora Swackhammer 74 Barnegat Hewitt, NJ 07421

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~ Resolution 2016 – 120 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REINSTATEMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records receipt of payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes recommends the reinstatement of taxes due to reasons stated below.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to reinstate as listed below:

REASON: 1. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

BLOCK/LOT	NAME	AMOUNT	YEAR
4301-34	Jean Higinson & Wanda Kowalski	\$6,012.00	2016
1807-1	Leslie Kappes & Michael Wafkowski	\$1,397.00	2016
2004-17	Taylor & Andrea Evans	\$2,029.00	2016
9103-8.02	Joseph Murray III & Andrea Hughes	\$5,486.00	2016
13806-4	Mirtha Miranda	\$1,550.00	2016
5312-1.09	Glenn & Ann Okoniewski	\$1,188.00	2016
3702-5	Spyridoula Papadatos	\$2,588.00	2016
3702-6.01	Spyridoula Papadatos	\$379.00	2016
8704-19	Spyridoula Papadatos	\$3,079.00	2016
9705-12	David & Melissa Redl	\$2,271.00	2016
10101-2	Jessica Sprague	\$2,349.00	2016
TOTAL		\$28,328.00	

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~ Resolution 2016 – 121 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE 2016 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2016 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2016-024 for the initial temporary appropriations budget needs to be amended, and:

WHEREAS, effective April 1, 2016 said temporary appropriations are extended and now limited to 34.25% of the total appropriation in the 2015 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, public assistance, and capital improvement fund in said 2015 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that the following temporary budget appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records:

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Administrator S&W	01-201-20-100-100	\$392,805	\$115,000
Administrator O.E.	01-201-20-100-200	\$52,070	\$17,834
TOTAL		\$444,875	\$132,834
Township Mayor & Council S&W	01-201-20-105-100	\$34,000	\$9,800
Township Mayor & Council O.E.	01-201-20-105-200	\$2,350	\$805
TOTAL		\$36,350	\$10,605
Information Technology S&W	01-201-20-140-100	\$111,855	\$40,000
Information Technology O.E.	01-201-20-140-200	\$81,425	\$27,888
TOTAL		\$193,280	\$67,888
Legal O.E.	01-201-20-155-200	\$244,000	\$80,000
General Services S&W	01-201-20-161-100	\$7,000	\$2,398
General Services O.E.	01-201-20-161-200	\$167,550	\$33,197
TOTAL		\$174,550	\$35,595
Engineering S&W	01-201-20-165-100	\$270,170	\$90,000
Engineering O.E.	01-201-20-165-200	\$62,500	\$21,406
TOTAL		\$332,670	\$111,406
Insurance, Other	01-201-23-210-200	\$972,500	\$450,000
Insurance, Group	01-201-23-220-200	\$3,260,890	\$1,116,855
Health Benefit Waiver	01-201-23-230-200	\$67,000	\$32,600
TOTAL		\$4,300,390	\$1,599,455
Clerk S&W	01-201-20-120-100	\$226,120	\$77,446
Clerk O.E.	01-201-20-120-200	\$19,430	\$6,655
TOTAL		\$245,550	\$84,101
Elections S&W	01-201-20-146-100	\$1,500	\$ -
Elections O.E.	01-201-20-146-200	\$12,100	\$ -
TOTAL		\$13,600	\$ -
Treasurer S&W	01-201-20-130-100	\$170,645	\$58,446
Treasurer O.E.	01-201-20-130-200	\$11,123	\$7,125
TOTAL		\$181,768	\$65,571
Annual Audit	01-201-20-135-200	\$40,000	\$20,000
Annual Audit Additional Services	01-201-20-135-200	\$20,000	\$ -
TOTAL		\$60,000	\$20,000
Tax Collector S&W	01-201-20-145-100	\$206,450	\$60,000
Tax Collector O.E.	01-201-20-145-200	\$45,800	\$15,687
TOTAL		\$252,250	\$75,687
Tax Assessor S&W	01-201-20-150-100	\$293,255	\$97,900
Tax Assessor O.E.	01-201-20-150-200	\$17,380	\$5,953
TOTAL		\$310,635	\$103,853
PLANNING BOARD O.E.	01-201-21-180-200	\$33,475	\$5,000
Planning, Comp. S&W	01-201-21-181-100	\$129,320	\$42,500
Planning, Comp. O.E.	01-201-21-181-200	\$20,100	\$6,884
TOTAL		\$149,420	\$49,384
ZONING ADMINISTRATION S&W	01-201-21-185-100	\$80,540	\$26,900
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT O.E.	01-201-21-186-200	\$29,250	\$10,018
Historic Preservation S&W	01-201-20-175-100	\$1,200	\$411

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Historic Preservation O.E.	01-201-20-175-200	\$150	\$51
TOTAL		\$1,350	\$462
Autumn Lights Festival	01-201-20-171-471	\$3,000	\$ -
Building S&W	01-201-22-195-100	\$336,855	\$107,900
Building O.E.	01-201-22-195-200	\$8,600	\$2,946
TOTAL		\$345,455	\$110,846
Environmental Commission S&W	01-201-22-196-100	\$1,600	\$548
Environmental Commission O.E.	01-201-22-196-200	\$780	\$267
TOTAL		\$2,380	\$815
Police Patrol S&W	01-201-25-240-100	\$4,418,995	\$1,425,000
Police Patrol O.E.	01-201-25-240-200	\$153,025	\$40,169
Police Patrol-Purchase of Police Vehicles	01-201-25-240-900	\$152,000	\$ -
Police Detective S&W	01-201-25-241-100	\$658,400	\$217,500
Police Administration S&W	01-201-25-242-100	\$531,695	\$177,500
Police Communication S&W	01-201-25-243-100	\$346,120	\$105,000
Police Comm. O.E.	01-201-25-243-200	\$13,200	\$4,521
Police Specials S&W	01-201-25-244-100	\$26,000	\$8,350
Police Specials O.E.	01-201-25-244-200	\$9,075	\$3,108
TOTAL		\$6,308,510	\$1,981,148
Emergency Management S&W	01-201-25-252-100	\$5,000	\$1,675
Emergency Management O.E.	01-201-25-252-200	\$32,500	\$11,131
TOTAL		\$37,500	\$12,806
First Aid - WMFAS Contributions	01-201-25-260-200	\$83,875	\$20,000
First Aid - UGL 1st Aid Squad Contributions	01-201-25-260-200	\$41,500	\$11,601
TOTAL		\$125,375	\$31,601
Aid To Vol. Fire Co.	01-201-25-255-200	\$90,000	\$15,000
Fire Prevention Bureau S&W	01-201-25-265-100	\$182,955	\$55,600
Fire Prevention Bureau O.E.	01-201-25-265-200	\$10,700	\$3,665
Fire Co. Admin. S&W	01-201-25-266-100	\$9,090	\$2,450
Fire Co. Admin. O.E.	01-201-25-266-200	\$265,650	\$40,985
LOSAP	01-201-25-267-200	\$130,000	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$688,395	\$117,700
DPW Streets & Roads S&W	01-201-26-290-100	\$1,655,235	\$477,000
DPW Streets & Roads O.E.	01-201-26-290-200	\$555,900	\$190,396
DPW Buildings & Grounds S&W	01-201-26-291-100	\$101,760	\$18,000
DPW Buildings & Grounds O.E.	01-201-26-291-200	\$40,300	\$13,803
DPW Snow Removal S&W	01-201-26-294-100	\$350,000	\$53,174
DPW Snow Removal O.E.	01-201-26-294-200	\$1,130,000	\$715,415
DPW Vehicle Maintenance S&W	01-201-26-315-100	\$305,625	\$109,800
DPW Vehicle Maintenance O.E.	01-201-26-315-200	\$279,000	\$95,558
TOTAL		\$4,417,820	\$1,673,145
Public Health S&W	01-201-27-330-100	\$193,665	\$45,600
Public Health O.E.	01-201-27-330-200	\$40,088	\$13,730
Vital Statistics S&W	01-201-27-331-100	\$8,295	\$2,700
Vital Statistics O.E.	01-201-27-331-200	\$19,490	\$6,675
Housing Standard Bureau O.E.	01-201-27-332-441	\$20,000	\$2,000

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Environmental Health S&W	01-201-27-335-100	\$211,230	\$70,300
Environmental Health O.E.	01-201-27-335-200	\$78,820	\$26,996
Animal Control S&W	01-201-27-340-100	\$99,600	\$27,800
TOTAL		\$671,188	\$195,801
Recreation Programs S&W	01-201-28-370-100	\$243,411	\$66,200
Recreation Programs O.E.	01-201-28-370-200	\$167,250	\$57,283
Recreation.-Bubbling Springs S&W	01-201-28-371-100	\$183,755	\$ -
Recreation.-Bubbling Springs O.E.	01-201-28-370-200	\$70,000	\$70,000
Recreation.-Admin. S&W	01-201-28-372-100	\$139,697	\$43,900
Recreation.-Admin. O.E.	01-201-28-372-200	\$61,000	\$20,893
Recreation.-Hillcrest S&W	01-201-28-374-100	\$82,785	\$26,400
Recreation.-Hillcrest O.E.	01-201-28-374-200	\$36,600	\$12,536
Recreation.-Parks Maintenance S&W	01-201-28-375-100	\$268,835	\$84,000
Recreation.-Parks Maintenance O.E.	01-201-28-375-200	\$104,950	\$35,945
Senior Citizen Services S&W	01-201-28-376-100	\$76,385	\$22,400
Senior Citizen Services O.E.	01-201-28-376-200	\$21,625	\$7,407
TOTAL		\$1,456,293	\$446,963
Veteran's Bureau S&W	01-201-20-172-100	\$1,250	\$428
Veteran's Bureau O.E.	01-201-20-172-200	\$150	\$51
TOTAL		\$1,400	\$480
Celebration of Public Events O.E.	01-201-30-420-200	\$20,500	\$7,021
Mass Transportation	01-201-30-432-200	\$42,500	\$14,556
Library S&W	01-201-29-390-100	\$500,000	\$163,000
Library O.E.	01-201-29-390-200	\$467,971	\$160,280
TOTAL		\$967,971	\$323,280
Municipal Court S&W	01-201-43-490-100	\$256,800	\$76,800
Municipal Court O.E.	01-201-43-490-200	\$21,450	\$7,347
Municipal Court Prosecutor S&W	01-201-43-491-100	\$26,135	\$9,000
Municipal Court Prosecutor O.E.	01-201-43-491-200	\$2,000	\$685
TOTAL		\$306,385	\$93,832
Utilities-Electricity	01-201-31-430-200	\$184,350	\$40,000
Utilities-Street Lights	01-201-31-435-200	\$56,000	\$15,000
Utilities-Telephone	01-201-31-440-200	\$143,000	\$35,000
Utilities-Natural Gas	01-201-31-446-200	\$40,100	\$10,000
Utilities-Fuel	01-201-31-460-200	\$420,000	\$50,000
TOTAL		\$843,450	\$150,000
MISCELLANEOUS AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES			
PERS	01-201-36-471-532	\$861,552	\$854,397
Social Security	01-201-36-472-533	\$675,000	\$231,188
Defined Contributions Retirement Prog	01-201-36-475-536	\$5,500	\$1,884
PFRS	01-201-36-473-534	\$1,198,375	\$1,351,854
TOTAL		\$2,740,427	\$2,439,322
Salaries & Wages Adjustment Account	01-201-37-480-501	\$137,141	\$ -
Compensated Absences	01-201-38-485-110	\$135,500	
Interlocal agreement - Finance	01-201-47-400-130	\$51,221	\$ -

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Interlocal agreement - Health	01-201-47-500-201	\$87,806	\$27,280
DEFERRED CHARGES & RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES			
Judgements		\$40,000	
Deficit in 2004 Assessment Bonds	01-201-46-886-596	\$10,000	
Emergency Authorization	01-201-46-887-528	\$268,506	
Reserve for Tax Appeals	01-201-46-886-667	\$100,000	
Amount to be raised foreclosed assess	01-201-46-	\$15,000	
Def Charges - Ord 92-14 Impr to Mun Prop	01-201-46-886-510	\$25,494	
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	01-201-50-899-200	\$2,025,000	
TOTAL		\$2,484,000	\$ -
GRANTS	G-02-41	\$683,652	\$ -
SUBTOTAL		\$29,504,681	\$10,105,354
CAPITAL BUDGET			
CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL			
Capital Improvements Fund	01-201-44-900-200	\$50,000	\$ -
Cap Improvements Fund Down Payments			\$ -
Cap. Improv. Fund-Fire Emer Equip.	01-201-44-900-230	\$523,175	
TOTAL		\$573,175	\$ -
Debt Service Total		\$2,434,218	\$1,634,772.75
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$32,512,074	\$11,740,127
Solid Waste S&W	26-201-55-500-100	\$107,939	\$36,969
Solid Waste O.E. All Other	26-201-55-500-200	\$223,350	\$76,497
Contractual Services	26-201-55-500-514	\$960,000	\$328,800
Disposal Fees	26-201-55-500-548	\$680,000	\$232,900
Grants - Recycling County of Passaic		\$0	\$ -
Prior Year's Bills		\$0	\$ -
Commercial Pick Up		\$0	\$ -
TOTAL		\$1,971,289	\$675,166

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Consent Agenda

None

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Approval of Expenditures

~ Resolution No. 2016 – 122 ~

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has submitted to the members of the Township Council a report listing individual disbursement checks prepared by his office in payment of amounts due by the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Treasurer's report of checks prepared by him be approved and issued as follows:

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Acct #	Account Name	Amount
1	Current Account	\$519,986.24
3	Reserve Account	22,,156.09
2	Grants	1,738.84
6	Refunds	188,889.51
1	General Ledger	0.00
26	Refuse	83,950.00
4	Capital	52,466.50
19	Animal Control	2,837.86
19	Heritage Trust	85.85
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	2,606.47
19	COAH	0.00
16	Development Escrow	4,260.50
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	0.00
Total		\$878,977.86
Less Refund Resolution		-188,889.51
		\$690,088.35
Other Payments		
P/R		
Treasurer, State of NJ dog report		643.20
BOE		4,506,715.00
DCRP		659.60
P/R		512,671.02
Total Expenditures		\$5,710,777.17

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Council President Dale said that she wanted to say thank you to the Administrator for getting the Upper Greenwood Lake First Aid Squad balances released and the funds reappropriated. She said that she did follow up with the first aid president today and confirmed that it was on the bill list and the amount was correct. They were very happy to hear that.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Dale
 Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg
 Voted Nay: None.
 Motion carried.

Agenda No. XIII

Reports of Mayor, Administrator, Council Members, Attorney and Clerk

Councilwoman Lichtenberg said that she has read a number of articles about Passaic County having \$34 million dollars in surplus funds. She asked Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia if the Township had asked the county for reimbursement for the county roads that the DPW had to take care of this winter. Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said that she had sent a letter and a follow-up email to the county. She explained that she did get an initial response from Mr. Denova saying that he would look into the matter but she had not heard back from him. Councilman Signorino asked if she could send another email saying that governing body has asked once again and to please respond. Councilwoman Lichtenberg said that she had a number of upcoming events in town. There was a pre-dental screening for children ages 1 to 18 on March 21st from 12pm to 3pm. St. Joseph’s Medical Center was sponsoring an adult fall prevention program on March 22th here at Town Hall. Milford Manor Office of Older Adult Services was pleased to sponsor a free educational session on services available to residents in their homes. That event was on March 23rd at 10:15am at Hillcrest. The Upper Passaic County fatherhood project would be having a kickoff breakfast on Saturday March 26th 8am – 10am at the Highlands Family Success Center. There was a free eye screening at Town Hall in conjunction with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind Visually Impaired and the Passaic County Health Department and the event

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was Thursday March 19th from 10am - 2pm. There was also a creative coloring event for adults at Hillcrest on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 10am – 11am.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg said that she was very impressed at the last CASA meeting this month. There were many more concerned residents from West Milford that attended. She said that some of them had indicated that they have viewed or watched the FBI and DEA documentary that we had on the West Milford 77 Channel. Councilwoman Lichtenberg said that she wanted to bring up one very important message. St. Joseph's Health Care System, sponsored by the West Milford Health Department, CASA and St. Josephs Overdose Prevention of Narcan Distribution Program was having a Save A Life, Prevent Heroin Opiate Overdose Training and Education Program on Tuesday April 19th at Hillcrest from 7pm to 8:30pm. She said if you or a loved one was struggling with an Opiate use, we wanted you to know that St. Joseph's cared and we all cared. Councilwoman Lichtenberg read a poem about drug abuse and drug addiction. Lastly, she asked at the last council meeting if the governing body would challenge the Board of Education to a softball game. She asked Tim Roetman for an alternative game to play and he felt that softball was the best thing. She would like input from the council so the Board of Education could be contacted. Mayor Bieri said that if the council was ok with softball, that would be the game that would be played. The council agreed.

Councilwoman Erik said that the Pride Rummage Sale was coming up on April 22nd and 23rd. If there were any donations, they could be dropped off Monday through Friday at 8:30am to 9pm, Saturdays from 9am to 11am and Sundays 1pm to 5pm at the Hillcrest building. She explained that she attended the United for Passaic County meeting about gang violence and it was very well attended. She gave a summary of the gang activity and how they were being controlled. On May 18th, there was the second annual Teen Summit meeting from 9am to 1pm at William Paterson and it was open to the public. There was also an informative meeting about drugs on April 1st and April 22nd from 12pm - 2pm. Councilwoman Erik said at the meeting, they made mention of West Milford's medicine box and that West Milford was number 8 in the county to receive it. She said that there were now dozens of townships in line and the wait was about a year and a half. Councilwoman Erik noted that she would like to read an apology. She said that something that she said was apparently taken wrong and she read an apology letter that she wrote to the council and the public.

Councilman Hensley said in the upcoming future, the EDC was teaming up with the County of Passaic to hold a business seminar for local businesses. The purpose was to discuss different opportunities for low interest group loans from the county and the state that they could apply for. He said it would be located at Town Hall. Councilman Hensley said that he was also excited to see a very early appearance of the sweepers on a road that was not previously attended to. He thanked DPW for hearing our concerns on the council as well as the residents and that things were changing to address the needs.

Councilman Wagner noted that on Monday, he was fortunate enough to tour all of the DPW depots with Mr. Steines and Mr. Bakker. He said he was able to see first-hand the current condition of their equipment, vehicle conditions, and facility needs and the requested budget. He said that he appreciated them taking the time to show him around and taking the time to answer questions. He recommended that the rest of the council do the same if they had an opportunity. Councilman Wagner said it was easier to make an educated decision going forward this year on what was a priority and what could be pushed off another year. Councilman Wagner said that the Recreation Committee had a discussion about a month ago regarding all of the conditions of all of our parks and fields. He said that everybody was frustrated and kind of angry at the neglect for all of the years. He recommended that a subcommittee be created to go to all of those fields and parks and take pictures and make a detailed report of the conditions of those fields. He said that they completed it and did a tremendous job. Councilman Wagner explained that the Chairman of the committee would like to come and give a presentation at the next workshop meeting to show pictures of the fields and parks so everyone could see it first-hand and get an update of the conditions. He was looking for consensus from the council to allow the presentation. Council President Dale said that if they were to come and give a presentation, to have them also associate approximate costs to making the recommended repairs to each facility. She noted that while it was nice to know, she would like the price tags associated. Councilman Wagner said that the Board of Education fields were in bad condition. He explained that when he was coaching little league teams 7 or 8 years ago, the fields were bad then and they were really bad now. He noted that we were making huge strides with Nosenzo Field this year and Farrell Field for the following year, but the other parks and fields were being neglected. Mayor Bieri asked when this analysis was done. Councilman Wagner said that it was done last week and that it would be an eye opener to see the pictures. Mayor Bieri asked if the list separated the Board of Education fields versus Township fields. She said that it was not fair to put that whole burden on the council when there is no jurisdiction. Councilman Wagner said that yes it did and there was no formal written maintenance agreement on any of those fields. He expressed that we needed to take an aggressive approach.

Councilman Signorino said that he was in favor of them showing us what they were talking about and it could only be a benefit for the council. Councilman Wagner said that Mr. Roetman had a lot of the items

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in the budget request and this would help us understand what was being requested and where we prioritize things going forward. Councilman Signorino said that when he and Council President Dale met with the Board of Education, they did bring up Marshall Hill and mentioned that there were other fields that were in bad shape. They were very receptive and said that they would do an analysis of their fields. He said that we had not heard back from them yet. Councilman Signorino said that we could seek to schedule a subcommittee meeting and see if we could get a response from them. Councilman Wagner said that he agreed as long as we were seeing action. Councilman Wagner was asking for consensus from the governing body for the presentations on the fields. Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said that she appreciated that Councilman Wagner and other members of the Recreation Advisory Committee were going out and taking this tour but the tour started right at the beginning of our major rehab season. Within that short period of time in the beginning of March, our parks and recreation crew was out there doing the maintenance work. At any other time of the year, those pictures might last for a month or two months but at this time of the year they might be a little outdated. Councilman Wagner said that the items shown on those power points were not the items that you were referring to, the items like the Marshall Hill fence were the problem and a safety issue. He said that we should still allow them 15 minutes to show us what was going on. Mayor Bieri said that since we had a request for a presentation, they should be advised that presentations were no longer than 10 minutes. Mayor Bieri said that it was important for not only for the public's edification but for the governing body to segregate Board of Education property versus township property. Councilman Hensley said that it was important for the council to be aware of the status of the Board of Education fields because our children were playing on them. He said that he would also encourage that Councilman Wagner and the Recreational Advisory Committee roll up their sleeves and to ask for the Board of Education to see to their own fields. He said that he had spoken to Councilman Wagner about the Marshall Hill fence previously and it was dangerous. Mayor Bieri said that Councilman Hensley was suggesting that the same presentation be presented to the Board of Education as well.

In addition, Councilman Wagner said that he appreciated Councilwoman Erik but there had to be a level of respect and decorum on the dais. He said that he had been up here for two and a half months and he was shocked at what happened at the last meeting. He said that the mudslinging had to stop.

Council President Dale said as far as the CASA meeting, there were big strides in applying for the grant. She said that we were able to fill in all 13 requirements from different districts and it would be submitted on Friday. She noted that we were putting it in for the 5 year and \$625,000 to the municipality and that would give us a full-time person dedicated to drug prevention programs within the town as well as funding for running those programs. In addition, there were an overwhelming number of residents joining the CASA meeting than ever before. The semiformal dinner sponsored by CASA was coming up on March 24th. The event was sold out and there were 27 people on the waiting list. Council President Dale said that it was noteworthy to mention that the PBA had been providing donations to local organizations in the community. She listed all of the local organizations that were donated to and said that they should get recognition for assisting. At the CASA meeting, our health nurse came with a proposal through St. Joseph's Hospital to bring a program here to West Milford for narcan training. She said that this would allow the public to be trained on how to use narcan and have the opportunity to save someone's life in the event of an overdose. She explained that the program took groups of 15 people and gave them 2 doses of narcan at no cost to the township because of the grant sponsorship program through St. Joseph's Hospital. Council President Dale said that they had a Board of Education representative at the meeting and asked school nurses if they would be willing to participate. They seemed to be on board with it as well. Company #2 would be having a beef steak on May 21st. If you were interested in attending, the information would be on WM77.

Councilman Signorino said that the Insurance Committee met a few days ago. One of the things that he had always thought about was that it didn't seem like we were doing enough to save money on insurance. He explained that he had always tried to find ways for us to think outside of the box. He would like to find some competition for our coverage and the council had been adverse to that. Councilman Signorino noted that we were not educating the employees enough about the coverages and there was not an understanding about the coverages. He said that at the meeting, there was discussion that the employees didn't know or understand the coverage and there was a lack of help. He said that he was not happy to stay status quo just because. Moving forward, he would like to see more incentive for not only the township to save money, but even the employees. Councilman Signorino informed the council about details regarding the employee plans that were discussed at the meeting. He said that employees and the township were spending more money than they needed to and was hoping that we would find some sort of resolution because the health insurance was the largest ticket item on the budget. Council President Dale said that the insurance committee made a recommendation to keep the insurance as is. Councilman Signorino said yes the committee voted and a majority decided to keep it the way it was. He noted that he would like to find out information about the providers, like who was getting paid, how much, and the out of pocket costs for us. He would also like to find out what the incentives were for the providers to even save us money.

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Councilman Signorino said that it would be up to the provider to give us the detailed plan on the savings and he didn't even know how much our providers made. He was informed that our providers get paid through the fund where we were getting our insurance from. He indicated that he didn't see the incentive to save the employees money and to save the township money if they were paid through the fund. He indicated that he would certainly expect for the provider to give us that detailed plan but he had not seen it. Councilman Signorino said that the competitor should give us a detailed plan as well. Council President Dale said that if they were a professional, bidding on a contract for insurance, they should come in and do some sort of analysis. She said that they could give us a presentation and should provide it on a per cost basis. Councilman Signorino asked if she would be open to having our providers give that sort of a detailed presentation to the council to see where we could save money. He said that if the council was open to that, he would certainly support it. Council President Dale noted that the recommendation had been made this year and she was certainly open to the competitor coming in and giving pricing structures. She said that the analysis had been done in the past and it was the responsibility of the one that wants to compete who needs to send the bid. She explained that we would also have to take into consideration the bargaining unit contracts and all of the negotiations involved with that.

Councilman Signorino said that he understood that you couldn't compare apples to apples being the situation that it was. He said that he would get the details from our Administrator. A discussion ensued by the council about the bidding process and how the different providers could be compared. Attorney Sullivan said that we were bound by HIPAA laws with the information that could be released so there couldn't be an apples to apples comparison. Councilman Signorino said that from what he was taking from this, was that was just how this was done and the law was prohibiting us from having competitive pricing so we would just leave it the way it was. He said that he just wanted to know from comparison if we could save money or if we couldn't. Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia explained the difference in competitive bidding for different services. Councilman Signorino said that he understood the difference but it didn't mean that he would be happy with the way it was currently. He explained that he would like to find a way to save money when it came to insurance, especially because it was the biggest expense that the township had. Mayor Bieri said that what you also have to look at with insurance is the fund that they were with because they had to work with the rates that were in those funds. She said that the person who we used every year had come back with options and had brought our cost down and as everyone knows that the health insurance had gone up significantly in the private sector.

A discussion arose by the council about ways to compare the insurance. Council President Dale said that we had compared it and looked at other funds and to say that we were not looking out for the taxpayers was completely unjustifiable. Councilman Hensley said that Councilman Signorino kept mentioning about the employees paying more for the insurance based on choices that they had made. If there was a way to continue to educate our employees to tell them their choices and options, it would be addressing that point. He said that his impression of the fund that we were with was that it was very good. Mayor Bieri said that it was about the fund that we were in and the township has provided seminars every year and multiple times a year to the employees. Councilman Signorino said that he was just bringing back the information from the committee meeting and he understood that even though we were having the seminars, the employees were not being educated the way that we intend them to be. He said that he would certainly like to work more on saving money on the health insurance. Councilman Signorino also mentioned that the Heritage Committee went to Warwick for a Jasper Francis Cropsey presentation. The Director of the Newington-Cropsey Foundation had accepted an invitation to provide a presentation at the West Milford Museum on the extraordinary life of Jasper Cropsey, one of Americas famed landscape painters. Councilman Signorino provided some background about his life and accomplishments and noted that he produced over 200 landscape paintings of Greenwood Lake and the West Milford region. He said that the presentation will be scheduled for the fall of 2016.

Mayor Bieri expressed that she got a tremendous number of emails and lately there had been a lot of positive feedback. She said that some of them involve our emergency services personnel, police, first aid, fire, and search and rescue. There was also somebody who commented on the senior programs and how wonderful they were. Another email was in regard to our street sweeping and how blessed we were with the council approving additional funding last year for additional equipment as well as a mild winter, so we had gotten ahead. Mayor Bieri noted that the public was noticing it too and it was a nice thing to pass along the positive comments. It was much appreciated, thank you.

Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said that she attended a Library Board Subcommittee meeting this week. Council President Dale and Councilwoman Lichtenberg attended as well. They met with the subcommittee of the Library Board and the Library Board Director. She explained that they brought forth a number of concerns about the potential of putting a kitchen in the library. She put a memo to the governing body and would appreciate any comments the council may have because we planned to have another subcommittee meeting before the Library Board Meeting in April. Councilman Wagner asked if there was any cost for the expansion of the septic. Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said that it was another well that needed to be added and they were moving forward with it and the cost was \$16,000.

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The council discussed what was recommended by the health department in regard to the septic and the kitchen. Mayor Bieri said that someone had to do the analysis for the kitchen on how much additional water usage it will be and did it fall within the constraints of the proposed system. Councilman Signorino noted that the well had always been a concern and having the kitchen would put added stress on what was there. He said that either way, it needed to be addressed. Ms. Battaglia said that if anybody had any comments that they would like relayed, we would certainly take them back to the Subcommittee and they could be emailed to me. We would try and set up the meeting for some time next week.

Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said that she also wanted to make note that some of the council members made mention tonight that they had spoken to various department heads. She said that there was a policy in the town that in this form of government, you would go through the administration. She said that she wanted to thank all of the members of the governing body because each of the people here tonight have all been calling and going over it with her before directly reaching out to the department heads. There was also a memo put out on the dais tonight. We received an application from Fire Company #1 about a fundraising car wash event. Unfortunately, it would have to be denied. The DEP did make a recommendation that perhaps they could engage in some sort of cost sharing effort with a local car wash.

Attorney Sullivan said that at the last meeting, we were asked to work on a policy regarding council member participation in boards, committees and commissions. She said that they had drafted that and provided it to the Administrator for her input and we would work collaboratively to get something as per her request of the governing body.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg wanted to add a reminder that there was Saturdays Spring Celebration at Hillcrest. It started at 9:30am and there would be an Easter egg hunt. Pictures could be taken with the bunny.

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Appointments and Resignations

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING RESIGNATIONS TENDERED

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that they do hereby accept the following resignation tendered to the Township:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date Tendered</u>
D. Scott Newton	WM77 TV Commission Citizen Member Term expires 12/31/16	March 02, 2016

Adopted: March 16, 2016

Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote.
Voted Nay: None.
Abstained: None
Motion carried.

Insurance Committee

Councilwoman Lichtenberg made a motion to nominate Andrew Gargano, seconded by Councilwoman Erik. Councilwoman Lichtenberg said that he was well qualified and was currently an insurance professional. Being that there were no other nominations Council President Dale made a motion to close, seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg.

Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg
Voted Nay: None.
Abstain: None
Motion carried.

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Cable TV Commission

Councilwoman Lichtenberg made a motion to nominate Robert Nicholson seconded by Council President Dale. Being that there were no other nominations Councilwoman Erik made a motion to close, seconded by Council President Dale.

Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Dale, Lichtenberg
Voted Nay: Wagner, Signorino
Abstain: None
Motion carried.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Township Council adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Moved: Signorino Seconded: Dale
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried.

Approved: June 22, 2016

Respectfully submitted:

Nichole Hanrahan Clerk Typist

MAYOR BETTINA BIERI, PRESIDING OFFICER

ANTOINETTE BATTAGLIA, TOWNSHIP CLERK