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*BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY*

*WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES*

*DATE: January 20, 2026*

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The regular meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in council's chambers at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.

Also Present: Erik Peterson Attorney  
Borough Manager, Brian Bond  
Laurie A. Courter, Borough Clerk

Mayor Cox led everyone in the flag salute and a moment of silence.

Mayor Cox read the following statement on record:

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

The requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Daily Record and Star Ledger and posted on the Boroughs website stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to approve the following minutes:

December 16, 2025  
December 16, 2025, Executive Session  
December 23, 2025 (Special)  
December 23, 2025, Executive Session  
January 6, 2026 (Reorganization)

Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda items**

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Gorshkov to open public comment, all were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to close the public portion, all were in favor.

## **REPORTS**

Emergency Squad, Washington, Shawna Tabert gave the following report:

- December: 152 responses broken down as: 104 medical 37 traumas 11 standbys. Stated that they are predicting more calls this year with growth.
- Gave update on new ambulance; they have not been able to use new ambulance since August. The unit is going back to where they purchased it and also getting an attorney involved.
- They are involved with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and are scheduling fund raisers.
- They are currently looking into a program with businesses to advertise and donate for them.

BID-Kristy Romanowski, Executive Director, gave the following report:

- They are moving and getting everything into the new office this week. A lot of historical items that were left at the BID which they will work with the museum in the township, to donate those items.
- The calendar of events has been released. They are using a new platform, and events are also on Facebook.
- The website is also being updated with the events listed there.
- February 5<sup>th</sup> is their business recognition dinner.

Green Team/Land Use Board, Marco Matteo gave the following report:

- Thanked Mayor Cox for having him be a part of the Green Team.
- Reported on the Certified Wildlife Sanctuary that is in the back of library.
- There are some small projects happening in February and with the Shabbecong Preserve.
- They are looking for more Certified Wildlife Habitats in the borough, so far they have 19.
- The Land Use Board had their reappointments of officers at their re-organization.
- Maryann Vanduersen presented the proclamations in memory of Pat and Patricia Post.
- Stated that he is looking forward to representing the council.

Recreation-Chris Infinito gave the 2025 report for the WBYA:

- They have doubled the size of the WBYA board and increased community presence.
- Thanks to the DPW they have doubled the number of softball fields.
- They have strengthened focus on fiscal transparency and accountability. They have more than doubled their financial reserve and sponsorships have increased.
- They have strengthened relationships and partnerships with the Borough Council, businesses in town and DPW.
- They have re-written the by-laws. They also have matured their 2-year-old soccer program.

### **VOUCHERS-Approval of Claims**

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to approve the claims and vouchers.

Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Shade Tree Appointment:

Mayor Cox explained that a council liaison is not in the ordinance for the Shade Tree, however the borough has openings for a regular member and two alternates if anyone here as resident or listening wants to try get on the Shade Tree, to reach out to the Borough Manager.

Green Team Appointments:

Mayor Cox presented the bronze plaque that was awarded to the borough at the League Conference in Atlantic City for the third time to the Green Team.. Ms. Noone accepted the plaque on behalf of the Green Team and thanked everyone for all the things they are trying to do with their support.

Mayor Cox announced the following Green Team 3-year term appointments:

2026-2028:

Josephine Noone

Michael Franks

Gary Pohorely

Suzanne Marr

BID Budget

Manager stated that if everyone on council is good at what was presented it would be introduced tonight then at next meeting a public hearing and adoption.

Motion to introduce the BID budget, made by Musick and seconded by Infinito.

Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

#### 420 Dispensary Presentation

Attorney Tipton distributed and presented with a handout. Explained that his clients realize the risk but want to go forward with getting a dispensary license and getting a resolution of support.

Gorshkov inquired about owner's experience and asked what made them choose to try and open a dispensary. Hackett explained first initial idea was with Garden of Eden that fell through. Stated his familiarity with running a business with his experience. Gorshkov asked Attorney Tipton about re-entry jobs and asked for an explanation.

Matteo asked about hours of operation and asked if there is anything separating his business from the other two businesses that would be different. Hackett responded that his business would be similar to the others as with any other business similar to how liquor stores are.

France inquired about operational timeline and the conditional license and if they paid for that. . Attorney Tipton explained that they already went through that process of paying the thousand-dollar fee and the income qualifying which they have already gone through. France inquired about if someone from Pennsylvania can come in and buy these products. Attorney Tipton stated that yes they can come in and purchase even from another state similar to fireworks, people from new Jersey can go to Pennsylvania and buy them but they cant bring them back here to the state.

#### **ORDINANCE 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to approve on first reading Ordinance 2026-01. Manager explained the ordinance in which changes a lot of the parking around town and updates a lot of ordinances from years ago.

Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

### **BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE 2026-01**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 85 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

##### **§ 85-23. Schedule I: No Parking.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 85-7, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

##### **§ 85-24. Schedule II: No Parking Certain Hours.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 85-8, no person shall park a vehicle between the hours listed upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Hours/Days</b>	<b>Location</b>
Adams Street	East	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Van Buren Street to McKinley Avenue
Adams Street	West	All except Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Van Buren Street to McKinley Avenue
Alvin Sloan	Both	Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Beethoven Avenue	North	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Railroad Avenue to dead end
Beethoven Avenue	South	All Except Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Railroad Avenue to dead end
Belvidere Avenue	East	Thursday 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Thursday	NJ RT57 to East Stewart Street
Belvidere Avenue	West	Wednesday 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Wednesday	NJ RT57 to West Stewart Street
Belvidere Avenue	East	Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday	East Stewart Street to Borough Line
Belvidere Avenue	West	Wednesday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday	West Stewart Street to Borough Line
Boulevard	South	All Except 5:00p.m. Mon to 5:00p.m. Tues.	From 100 feet east of the easterly curblineline of Route No. 31 to 100 feet from the easterly curblineline of Route No. 57
Boulevard	North	5:00 p.m./Mon to 5:00 p.m. / Tues	Entire Length
Broad Street	East	Tuesday 5:00 a.m. to Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	Entire Length
Broad Street	West	Monday 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Monday	Entire Length

Carlton Avenue	North	Wednesday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to Alvin Sloan Avenue
Carlton Avenue	South	Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday	Belvidere Avenue to Alvin Sloan Avenue
East Church Street	North	Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Taylor Street to Jackson Avenue
East Church Street	South	Thursday 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Thursday	Belvidere Avenue East 335 feet
East Church Street	South	Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	Belvidere Avenue East 335 feet to Jackson Avenue
West Church Street	North	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to North Lincoln Avenue
West Church Street	South	All except Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to North Lincoln Avenue
Cornish Street	North	All except Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	South Wandling to South Lincoln
Cornish Street	South	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	South Wandling to South Lincoln
Christine Place	Both	Friday 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Davis Street	East	All except Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Entire Length
Davis Street	West	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Entire Length
Fillmore Street	North	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Adams Street to Prosper Way
Fillmore Street	South	All except Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Adams Street to Prosper Way

Fisher Avenue	East	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Oshea Street to Borough Line
Fisher Avenue	West	Monday 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	Oshea Street to Borough Line
Flower Avenue	East / North	Monday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	NJ RT57 to Sunrise Terrace
Flower Avenue	West / South	Tuesday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	NJ RT57 to Sunrise Terrace
West Gardner Court	East	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	West Cornish Street to West Marble Street
West Gardner Court	West	Monday 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	West Cornish Street to West Marble Street
Gardner Street (West Cornish Street)	North	ALL	From a point 210 feet east of the intersection of South Prospect Street thence easterly a distance of 45 feet
Gibson Place	North	Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	NJ RT31 to McKinley Avenue
Gibson Place	South	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	NJ RT31 to McKinley Avenue
Green Street	North	All except Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to end
Green Street	South	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to end
School Street	East	Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	NJ RT31 to Hahn Street
School Street	West	All except Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	NJ RT31 to Hahn Street
Jackson Avenue	East	All except Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	NJ RT57 to Brown Street

Jackson Avenue	West	Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	NJ RT57 to Brown Street
North Jackson Avenue	East	All except Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Entire Length
North Jackson Avenue	West	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Entire Length
Harding Drive	North	All Except 5:00 p.m Monday to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Flower Avenue to end
Harding Drive	South	Monday 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	Flower Avenue to end
Heather Hill Road	Both	Mondy 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Hillcrest Avenue	North	Monday 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	From Broad Street to Parkview Avenue
Hillcrest Avenue	South	Tuesday 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	From Broad Street to Parkview Avenue
James Street	North	All Except Monday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Entire Length
James Street	South	Monday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Entire Length
East Johnston Street	North	All except Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to Taylor Street
East Johnston Street	South	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to Taylor Street
West Johnston Street	North	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to Grand Avenue
West Johnston Street	South	All except Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to Grand Avenue

Lambert Street	South	7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on days when school is in session	Beginning 280 feet west of the westerly curblineline of McDonald Street and extending to a point 358 feet west thereof
Lambert Street	Both	Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Lenape Trail	North	Monday 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday	Ramapo Way to 11 Lenape Trail
Lenape Trail	West	Monday 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday	11 Lenape Trail to 27 Lenape Trail and 79 Lenape Trail to cul-da-sac.
Lenape Trail	South	Monday 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday	27 Lenape Trail to 79 Lenape Trail
Lenape Trail	South	Tuesday 5:00 a.m. to Tuesday 12:00 p.m.	Ramapo Lane to 26 Lenape Trail
Lenape Trail	East	Tuesday 5:00 a.m. to Tuesday 12:00 p.m.	26 Lenape Trail to 36 Lenape Trail and 70 Lenape Trail to cul-da-sac
Lenape Trail	North	Tuesday 5:00 a.m. to Tuesday 12:00 p.m.	36 Lenape Trail to 70 Lenape Trail
North Lincoln Avenue	East	Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	West Church Street to Carlton Avenue
North Lincoln Avenue	West	All except Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	West Church Street to Carlton Avenue
South Lincoln Avenue	East	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Hann Terrace to Willow Street
South Lincoln Avenue	West	All except Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Hann Terrace to Willow Street
Marble Street	Both	Monday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Entire Length
McDonald Street	East	Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Carlton to the Cul-de-sac

McDonald Street	West	Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Carlton to the Cul-de-sac
McKinley Avenue	North	Thursday 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	NJ RT31 to Gibson Place
McKinley Avenue	South	Wednesday 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	NJ RT31 to Gibson Place
McKinley Avenue	East	Thursday 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	Gibson Place to Van Buren Street
McKinley Avenue	West	Wednesday 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Gibson Place to Van Buren Street
Miller Avenue	North	Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Miller Avenue	South	Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Mozart Avenue	North	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	From Broad Street to Un-named alley
Mozart Avenue	South	All except Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	From Broad Street to Un-named alley
Myrtle Avenue	Both	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Entire Length
New Street	North	Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday	Entire Length
New Street	South	Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday	Entire Length
Nunn Avenue	North	All except Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Entire Length
Nunn Avenue	South	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Entire Length

Oakridge Road	Both	Monday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Avenue to Borough Line
Oakwood Terrace	East	Monday 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Oakwood Terrace	West	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to Monday 5:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Ophelia Street	Both	8:00 a.m. Monday to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Entire Length
Oshea Street	North	All except Sunday 5:00 p.m. to Monday 5:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Oshea Street	South	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to Monday 5:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Park Avenue	North	Monday 8:00 a.m. to Monday 5:00 p.m.	NJ RT 31 to Railroad Avenue
Park Avenue	South	Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	NJ RT 31 to Railroad Avenue
Lower Park Drive	North	Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	From Route 31 to Park Entrance Road
Lower Park Drive	South	All except Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	From Route 31 to Park Entrance Road
Lower Park Drive Include Parallel Parking Spaces	West	Monday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Youmans Avenue to Park Entrance Road
Pleasant View Avenue	East	Monday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Pershing Avenue to Borough Line
Pleasant View Avenue	West	All Except Monday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Pershing Avenue to Borough Line
North Pickle Avenue	Both	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to Monday 5:00 p.m.	Sunrise Terrace to Borough Line

South Pickle Avenue	East	Monday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Entire Length
South Pickle Avenue	West	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Entire Length
Pohatcong Avenue	Both	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Entire Length
Presidential Drive	East	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Flower Avenue to Harding Drive
Presidential Drive	West	Monday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Flower Avenue to Harding Drive
North Prospect Street	Both	Friday 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	NJ RT57 to Kinnaman Avenue
Prosper Way	East	Tuesday 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Entire Length
Prosper Way	West	Wednesday 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Entire Length
Railroad Avenue	East	Monday 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	NJ RT57 to Borough Line
Railroad Avenue	West	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to Monday 5:00 p.m.	NJ RT57 to Borough Line
Ramapo Way	West	Monday 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday	NJ Rt 57 to end
Ramapo Way	East	Tuesday 5:00 a.m. to Tuesday 12:00 p.m.	NJ Rt 57 to end
Ridge Top Terrace	North	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Entire Length
Ridge Top Terrace	South	Monday 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	Entire Length

Robin Road	East	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Entire Length
Robin Road	West	Monday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Entire Length
NJ RT57	North	Monday and Friday 5:00A.M. to 7A.M.	Borough Line to Borough Line
NJ RT 57	South	Tuesday and Friday 5:00A.M. to 7A.M.	Borough Line to Borough Line
Short Street	Both	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Entire Length
State Street	North	Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Entire Length
State Street	South	Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Entire Length
East Stewart Street	North	Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	Jackson Avenue to Belvidere Avenue
East Stewart Street	South	All except Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	Belvidere Avenue to Taylor Street
East Stewart Street	South	All Except Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	School Street to Jackson Avenue
West Stewart Street	Both	Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Wednesday	
West Stewart	North	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday Through Friday	From Grand Avenue to North Prospect Street
West Stewart Street	South	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday	From McDonald Street to North Prospect Street
Sunrise Terrace	North / East	Monday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	From North Pickle to 153 Sunrise Terrace

Sunrise Terrace	North	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to Monday 5:00 p.m.	From 153 Sunrise Terrace to Oakwood Terrace
Sunrise Terrace	South	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to Monday 5:00 p.m.	From 153 Sunrise Terrace to Oakwood Terrace
Sunrise Terrace	South / West	Monday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	From North Pickle to 153 Sunrise Terrace
Taft Terrace	South / West	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday	Flower Avenue to Presidential Drive
Taft Terrace	North / East	Monday 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	Flower Avenue to Presidential Drive
Taylor Street	East	From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday	From East Church Street to East Stewart Street
Taylor Street	East	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	East Stewart Street to dead end
Taylor Street	West	All except Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 Wednesday	East Stewart Street to dead end
Terrace Street	Both	Friday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Valleyview Terrace	North	Monday 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Valleyview Terrace	South	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to Monday 5:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Van Buren Street	North	Wednesday 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Adams Street to Prosper Way
Van Buren Street	South	Thursday 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday	Adams Street to Prosper Way
Vannatta Street	East	All except Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Entire Length

Vannatta Street	West	Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Entire Length
South Wandling Avenue	East	All except Monday 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	Cornish Street to Willow Street
South Wandling Avenue	West	Monday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Cornish Street to Willow Street
East Warren Street	North	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to Taylor Street
East Warren Street	South	All except Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to Taylor Street
West Warren Street	North	Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to Cul-de-sac
West Warren Street	South	All except Tuesday 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	Belvidere Avenue to Cul-de-sac
Willow Street	North	Sunday 5:00 p.m. to Monday 5:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Willow Street	South	All except Sunday 5:00 p.m. to Monday 5:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Wilson Terrace	Both	Monday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Entire Length
Wyoming Avenue	Both	Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	
Youmans Avenue	North	Monday 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	NJ RT 31 to Broad Street
Youmans Avenue	South	All except Monday 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	NJ RT 31 to Broad Street
Youmans Avenue	North	Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	NJ Rt 31 to Park Avenue

Youmans Avenue

South Monday 8:00 a.m. to NJ RT 31 to Park Avenue  
Monday 5:00 p.m.

**§ 85-27.1. Schedule VA: Resident Permit Parking.**

A. Public parking shall be permitted in the following private parking lots by persons duly licensed pursuant to Subsection E hereof.

Location of Lot	Location of Spaces Within Lot	Restrictions
41 West Washington Avenue (corner of West Washington Avenue and South Lincoln Avenue)	10 spaces as delineated by signs and/or pavement markings.	1. No commercial vehicles shall be permitted to park in the 10 spaced delineated for public parking. 2. All permit holders must reside on South Lincoln Avenue ("Resident")

B. In addition to all other fines and penalties authorized by the Borough Code or New Jersey Statute, a vehicle parked in violation of this section shall be subject to towing, the cost of which to be paid for by the owner or operator of the vehicle before such vehicles shall be released.

C. Residents without available off-street public parking shall be given first priority for a parking permit. If every resident without available off-street public parking has been issued a parking permit then the remaining parking permits may be issued to any resident. The definition of "available off-street public parking" shall include having reasonable access to a Borough- owned parking (other than 41 West Washington Lot) lot within 200 feet of a residence.

D. A permit providing for parking pursuant to Subsection A may be obtained by application to the Zoning Officer by any resident. The fee for such application shall be \$10 annually. Such application must be accompanied by the following:

- (1) Proof of residence. Such proof may be in the form of a current driver's license; The

Zoning Officer may accept an alternate document as proof of residency within his/her discretion.

- (2) Copies of applicant's driver's license and vehicle registration.
  - (3) Proof of automobile insurance in compliance with statutory minimum required amounts of coverage.
  - (4) Executed release and hold harmless agreement in a form on file with the Borough Clerk's office.
- E. Permits issued pursuant to this section shall be issued annually and shall expire on December 31 of the appropriate year or shall automatically terminate upon permit holder no longer meeting the requirements pursuant to Subsections E and F herein.
- F. Residents shall be entitled to receive one resident permit per household for a vehicle that is principally garaged or parked at the residence address, which fact shall be certified to by the resident at the time of application.
- G. Resident permits shall be affixed to the vehicle to which they are issued, so as to be clearly visible and unobscured at the location hereafter set forth.. On vehicles with a rear window, the permit shall be placed on the inside surface at the lower left corner of the rear window. On vehicles without a rear window, the permit shall be placed on the inside surface of the rearmost left-hand side window at the lower right-hand corner of same.
- H. All persons parking pursuant to permit shall comply with all applicable parking and traffic rules and regulations.
- I. It shall be a violation of this section to photocopy, otherwise reproduce, or in any way create a facsimile or counterfeit permit. It shall be a violation hereof to display or otherwise use a permit known to be counterfeit. It shall be a violation hereof to furnish false information or fraudulent documents in connection with an application for a permit. It shall be a violation to use or allow anyone to use a valid permit in violation of this section. Any person violating the provisions hereof shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$300 and/or imprisonment for not more than 10 days.
- J. Other requirements and restrictions of permit holders.
- (1) Only one permit per vehicle and one permit per household shall be issued.
  - (2) The applicant/permit holder must be the registered owner of the vehicle. Parking permits are not transferable to other operators or vehicles.
  - (3) Parking permits must be affixed to the rear window of the vehicle and readily visible.
  - (4) All vehicles for which a permit has been issued must be properly maintained, insured, and registered.
  - (5) Repairs of any type to a vehicle are prohibited in the subject parking lot.
  - (6) Parking permits are the property of the Borough of Washington. Permit holders that

no longer require parking shall return their permit to the Borough.

- (7) Parking spaces in the subject parking lots are properly marked. If a designated parking space is not available, the permit holder may not occupy another spot that is not properly designated.
- (8) During snow emergencies, no vehicle may be parked on Borough streets until the snow has ceased and the streets have been plowed and/or treated sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Permit holders parked in a parking lot shall be responsible for moving their vehicle appropriately following snow emergencies to allow for proper snow removal in the parking lot.
- (9) Commercial Vehicles are not permitted.

K. Suspension or revocation of permit; towing; hearing.

- (1) Any parking license issued hereunder may be suspended or revoked by the Borough, acting through the Zoning Officer or Borough Police Officers, for any of the following reasons:
  - (a) The permit holder has knowingly made any false and materially incorrect statement in the application.
  - (b) The permit holder knowingly violates or knowingly permits or countenances the violation of any provision of this section.
  - (c) The permit is being abused or manipulated by a permit holder or the permit holder is violating the policies of the assigned lot.
  - (d) The permitted vehicle creates a hazardous condition (leaking fluid, etc.).
- (2) No suspension or revocation of any permit issued hereunder shall be made until a 10-day written notice of suspension or revocation has been given to the permit holder

personally or by mailing the same by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the permit holder at the address noted in the original application for the permit and a reasonable opportunity to be heard thereon afforded. The hearing shall be held before and conducted by the Borough Council. Such suspension or revocation shall apply to the permit holder and the residence noted in the application. Any revocation shall render the permit holder ineligible to receive any other permit under this section for a period of one year from the effective date thereof and may, in the discretion of the Borough Council, render the licensed premises ineligible for any future license under said article.

- (3) Vehicles parked in violation of this section will be subject to towing at the owner's expense. Any vehicle creating a hazardous condition (leaking fluid, etc.) will be towed at the owner's expense.

## **Article XIV Municipal Parking Lots**

**§ 85-58. Lots to be regulated.**

The use of said parking lots of the Borough of Washington shall be regulated, and the regulations shall be enforced as hereinafter provided.

**§ 85-59. Names and locations of lots; hours; restrictions**

The names and locations of the parking lots regulated by this article and the regulations applying to each of said parking lots shall be as follows:

A. Names and locations

1. Lot #1 - Midtown/Veterans Park Lot
  - i. Located Adjacent to Veterans Park (46-68 East Washington Avenue)
2. Lot #2 - Borough Hall Lot
  - i. Located Adjacent to the Municipal Building
3. Lot #3 – Borough Hall Auxiliary Lot
  - i. Located next to Borough Hall Lot
4. Lot #4 – Vannatta Lot
  - i. Located at the intersection of NJ RT 57 and Vannatta Street
5. Lot #5 – Broad Street Lot
  - i. Located on the Westside of Broad Street across from Alleger Street (25-27 Broad Street)
6. Lot #6 – Borough Park Lot
  - i. Located on the Southside of the Borough Park between NJ RT 31 and Broad Street

B. Hours

1. Lot #1: Permit required from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
2. Lot #2: No Parking from 3:00a.m. to 7:00 a.m.
3. Lot #3: Permit required from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
4. Lot #4: Permit required from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
5. Lot #5: Permit required from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
6. Lot #6: No Parking from a half-hour after sunset to sunrise, unless a Recreation Department-approved night activity, under outdoor lighting, is in progress, then, in such case, no vehicle shall remain parked beyond 30 minutes after the lights have been turned off until sunrise.

C. Lot Restrictions

1. Lot # 2: Parking is permitted in parking lots adjacent to the Municipal Building for Borough Hall business and for business at Taylor Street School. Overnight parking is prohibited from 3:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. except for Borough employees. Parking spaces located in the Borough Hall parking lot shall be designated as follows:
  - a) Those 12 parking spaces beginning at a point in the northeast corner of the Borough Hall parking lot and continuing 122 feet southeasterly therefrom shall be restricted to employees of the Borough of Washington only between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding official Borough-recognized holidays.
  - b) Those five parking spaces beginning at a point in the southeast corner of the Borough Hall parking lot and continuing 53 feet northwesterly therefrom shall be restricted to individuals conducting business with the Borough of Washington.
  - c) Those six parking spaces beginning in the northwest corner of the Borough Hall parking lot and continuing 63 feet southeasterly therefrom shall be restricted to members of the Washington Fire Department in accordance with their official duties.
  - d) Those three parking spaces beginning from a point 63 feet southeast of the northwest corner of the Borough Hall parking lot and continuing 40 feet southeasterly therefrom shall be designated as handicapped parking.
  - e) Those four spaces beginning from a point 103 feet southeast of the northwest corner of the Borough Hall parking lot and continuing 47 feet southeasterly therefrom shall be restricted to fifteen-minute parking between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding official Borough-recognized holidays.
  - f) Vehicles parked in violation of these regulations or vehicles outside of official parking spaces delineated by the Borough of Washington will be subject to ticketing and/ or towing in accordance with §§ 85-63 and 85-64 of the Code of the Borough of Washington.
2. Lot #4: Church parking is permitted on Sundays between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
3. Lot #5: Shall be designated three-hour parking only between 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**§ 85-60. (Reserved)<sup>2</sup>**

**§ 85-61. Violations.**

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any of the aforementioned parking lots in any location or at any time other than in the locations and at the time designated as permitted in § 85-59 of this article.

**§ 85-62. (Reserved)<sup>3</sup>**

**§ 85-63. Overtime parking a violation.**

In lots designated with time limit parking, if any vehicle remains parked in any designated parking space beyond the time limit established by law, such vehicle shall be considered as parking overtime and beyond the period of legal parking and shall be in violation of this article, and the owner or operator of said vehicle shall be subject to the penalties provided in this chapter.

**§ 85-64. Parking outside designated spaces prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle to stand or park said vehicle at any location on any of the aforementioned parking lots other than within an area or parking stall clearly marked with lines on the pavement of said lot such as to clearly indicate that said area is a parking stall intended to be used as the parking space for a vehicle on said lot, or to park any vehicle in a manner so that the vehicle is not entirely within the area so designated by the lines or markings on the pavement delineating such parking stall.

**§ 85-65. Permit parking violations.**

It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle in any municipal parking lot when permit parking rules are in effect without a valid permit affixed to said vehicle. Permits are only valid for parking in the lot approved at time of application for permit issuance.

**§ 85-66. (Reserved)<sup>5</sup>**

**§ 85-67. (Reserved)<sup>6</sup>**

**§ 85-68. Enforcing agency.**

The provisions of this article shall be enforced by the Police Department serving the Borough of Washington under the direction of the Chief of said Department and by the Code Enforcement Officer and crossing guards so authorized by the Borough of Washington to enforce state, county or municipal statutes, resolutions, ordinances or regulations related to the parking of vehicles within the municipality in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.7 et seq.

**§ 85-69. (Reserved)<sup>7</sup>**

**§ 85-70. Parking permits for municipal lots**

Parking permits in a form, shape and color to be designated by the Borough of Washington shall be available for purchase from the Borough Clerk for the sum stated below for overnight parking in municipal parking lots designated in § 85-59B. An overnight permit for municipal lots shall be effective from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Any vehicle parking in an area requiring a permit that does not have a permit shall be towed away at the owner's expense and risk. Permits shall be for Borough Residents only. No commercial vehicles.

1. Lot #1: \$18.00 per Month; \$198.00 Annually.

2. Lot #3: \$12.00 per Month; \$132.00 Annually
3. Lot #4: \$15.00 per Month; \$165.00 Annually
4. Lot #5: \$12.00 per Month; \$132.00 Annually.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to adopt Resolution 2026-17  
Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.  
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0  
Motion passes.

### **RESOLUTION 2026-17** **A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE** **As per N.J.S.A.54:5**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS**, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 7, 2021 to FNA VI, LLC, PO BOX 676927, DALLAS, TX 75267, in the amount of \$3,571.63 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2020 in the name of STEWART, PATRICIA as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 107 TAFT TERRACE, Block 71 Lot 29, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #21-00034, and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 12/18/25 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, PATRICIA STEWART claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by FNA VI, LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$79,393.74 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #21-00034.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to FNA VI, LLC, PO BOX 676927, DALLAS, TX 75267, in the amount of **\$141,093.74** (This consists of \$79,393.74 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$61,700.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 71 Lot 29 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Gorshkov to adopt Resolution 2026-18  
Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.  
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0  
Motion passes.

### **RESOLUTION 2026-18**

**A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**As per N.J.S.A.54:5**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS,** lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on November 4, 2024 to CHRISTIANA TRUST AS CUSTODIAN, GSRAN-Z LLC, PO BOX 71276, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19176-6276, in the amount of \$9,265.84 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2023 in the name of WIEDMAN, DOUGLAS W as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 245 BELVIDERE AVE, Block 18.01 Lot 8, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #24-00016, and

**WHEREAS,** the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 12/30/25 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, CORELOGIC claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by CHRISTIANA TRUST AS CUSTODIAN, GSRAN-Z LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$21,516.64 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #24-00016.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to CHRISTIANA TRUST AS CUSTODIAN, GSRAN-Z LLC, PO BOX 71276, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19176-6276 in the amount of **\$35,816.64** (This consists of \$21,516.64 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$14,300.00 Premium).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 18.01 Lot 8 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to adopt Resolution 2026-19

Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**RESOLUTION 2026-19**

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MARTIN ALLEN AS WASHINGTON BOROUGH TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,450 FOR A ONE YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough Manager of the Borough Manager has determined that there exists a need to provide the following professional services for the Borough ; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough Council recommends that Martin Allen be awarded a professional services contract for the year 2026 total amount not to exceed \$15,450; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit “Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Borough has sought said qualified professional planning services through the use of a “fair and open process,” as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds will be certified by the CFO; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington enter into a contract with as described hereinabove.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value Certification be placed on file with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Purchasing Agent issue a Purchase order in the amount of 15,450.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that notice of this action shall be printed once in the official Borough Newspaper

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to adopt Resolution 2026-20

Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-20**

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ERIK PETERSON AS WASHINGTON BOROUGH ATTORNEY AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,000 FOR ONE YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Manager of the Borough Manager has determined that there exists a need to provide the following professional services for the Borough: ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council recommends that Rick Peterson be awarded a professional services contract for the year 2026 total amount not to exceed \$49,000; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit “Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Borough has sought said qualified professional planning services through the use of a “fair and open process,” as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds will be certified by the CFO; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington enter into a contract with as described hereinabove.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value Certification be placed on file with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Purchasing Agent issue a Purchase or in the amount of \$49,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that notice of this action shall be printed once in the official Borough Newspaper

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to adopt Resolution 2026-21

Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**RESOLUTION 2026-21**

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT HEYER AND GRUEL AS WASHINGTON BOROUGH MUNICIPAL PLANNER AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,200 FOR A ONE YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Manager of the Borough Manager has determined that there exists a need to provide the following professional services for the Borough ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council recommends that Heyer and Gruel be awarded a professional services contract for the year 2026 total amount not to exceed \$41,200; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit “Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Borough has sought said qualified professional planning services through the use of a “fair and open process,” as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds will be certified by the CFO; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington enter into a contract with as described hereinabove.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value Certification be placed on file with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Purchasing Agent issue a Purchase order in the amount of \$41,200

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that notice of this action shall be printed once in the official Borough Newspaper

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to adopt Resolution 2026-22

Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**RESOLUTION 2026-22**

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT HAWKINS DELAFIELD AND WOOD AS WASHINGTON BOROUGH BOND ATTORNEY AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,300 FOR A ONE YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Manager of the Borough Manager has determined that there exists a need to provide the following professional services for the Borough ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council recommends that Heyer and Gruel be awarded a professional services contract for the year 2026 total amount not to exceed \$10,300.00; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit “Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Borough has sought said qualified professional planning services through the use of a “fair and open process,” as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds will be certified by the CFO; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington enter into a contract with as described hereinabove.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value Certification be placed on file with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Purchasing Agent issue a Purchase order in the amount of \$10,300,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that notice of this action shall be printed once in the official Borough Newspaper

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to adopt Resolution 2026-23

Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**RESOLUTION 2026-23**

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF WIELKOTZ & COMPANY AS WASHINGTON BOROUGH AUDITOR AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR 2025 AND 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 27,000.00 AND 27,750.00 RESPECTEVELY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Manager of the Borough of Washington has determined that there exists a need to provide the following professional services for the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the current borough auditor had to resign due to the conflict of interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wielkocz & Company is qualified to provide auditing services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council recommends that Wielkocz & Company be awarded a professional services contract for the year 2025 total amount not to exceed \$27,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council recommends that Wielkocz & Company be awarded a professional services contract for the year 2026 total amount not to exceed \$27,750.00; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit “Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Borough has sought said qualified professional planning services through the use of a “non-fair and open process,” as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds will be certified by the CFO; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington enter into a contract with as described hereinabove.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value Certification be placed on file with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Purchasing Agent issue a Purchase order in the amount of \$27,000.00 for 2025 and \$27,750.00 for 2026

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that notice of this action shall be printed once in the official Borough Newspaper

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to adopt Resolution 2026-24

Roll call: Brown, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Matteo, Musick and Cox.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 2 (Gorshkov, Musick)

Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2026-24

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCATION AND OPERATION OF A CANNABIS DISPENSARY BY WITHIN  
THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis” for adults at least 21 years of age; and April 19, 2022

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (“CREAMMA”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and

establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, 420 Dispensary, LLC (the "Applicant") is registered to do business in the State of New Jersey, has applied to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) for a Class 5 Retailer License to operate an adult-use cannabis retail facility within the Borough of Washington (the "Borough"); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has indicated a desire to open such cannabis retail location at property located at 275 West Washington Avenue, (Block 101, Lot 11) in the Borough (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 2021-07 adopted on August 9, 2021 (as amended by Ordinance 2022-02 adopted on April 19, 2022) (collectively, the "Ordinance"), the Borough has authorized the operation of cannabis Retailers in the B-1 and B-2 Zoning Districts subject to certain standards; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the regulations established by the Act, N.J.A.C. 17:30-5.1, an applicant for an annual cannabis business license shall include proof of local support in their applications, which shall be submitted as a resolution adopted by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, Applicant appeared before the Borough Council at its regular meetings on June 17, 2025 to request the required proof of "local support;" and

WHEREAS, Applicant appeared before the Borough Council at its regular meetings on January 20, 2026 to present the business plan.

WHEREAS, the Property is owned by Jeff Hacket, who is the Applicant to request the proof of local support; and

WHEREAS, at such meeting, Applicant provided information concerning the proposed cannabis retail operations and the Property's suitability for a cannabis retail in compliance with the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location is within the Borough's B-1 Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ordinance, cannabis retailers are permitted as conditional uses in the B-1 Zoning District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A representative of the 420 dispensary, LLC made a presentation before the Mayor and Council regarding its proposed cannabis retail business, including its intended location at 275 West Washington Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882.
2. Ordinance 2021-07 (as amended by Ordinance 2022-02) permits the operation of a cannabis Retail as a conditional use in the B-1 Zoning District, subject to certain conditions, including site plan approval by the Borough Land Use Board.
3. This resolution may be used by 420 Dispensary, LLC as proof of local support required by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission pursuant to applicable law and regulations.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

## **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to open public comment, all were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to close the public portion, all were in favor.

## **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilman France gave the following remarks:

- Gave an update regarding redevelopment and the Stouffer building. Stated that they want to sell the approved project. Stated that the hotel project is moving along.
- Thanked everyone for coming out and to stay warm.

Councilwoman Gorshkov gave the following remarks:

- Directed her comments to the Hackett's with regard to their timeline and vision for their project. Stated that the borough already has two approved dispensaries. Thanked them for their time and added that their efforts would be better spent in another town. Added that she wouldn't want someone to fail. Stated that she is not against them but is supporting those we have in town now.
- Thanked everyone who came and to those listening and watching on Facebook.
- Stated that there was no police officer here tonight to thank but thanked them in general.

Councilman Matteo gave the following remarks:

- Stated that he hopes everyone enjoyed Martin Luther King day. Thanked Jackie Peterson from Warren County who arranged for the American flags be draped over locations on Route 57 for the passing of Robert Gibson . Stated that he met him this past year at Hunterdon Playhouse. Thanked all state police, fire departments and local police for assisting with the procession and thanked all the Veterans for their efforts.

Councilman Brown made the following remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- Thanked Hackett's for taking the risk, and they became aware of the risks.
- Stated that he welcomes everyone to open a business.
- Stated that he is glad for the direction in which the BID is going and for what is being planned. Also stated that council is going in a great direction.
- Announced that everyone needs to get the cars off the road especially with ice cold temperatures because it is now ice.

Councilman Infinito gave the following remarks:

- Spoke on the ordinance that was passed on first reading tonight. Stated that a lot of good is being done with problems in town and it needs to be done. Stated that there are a lot of logistics with this ordinance and a lot of work went into this. The manager worked for months on this, and the ordinance committee went through it a few times. Stated that they don't live on every street and not everyone knows specific issues other than the residents. Stated that if anyone here or listening, if they see any issues or streets not included to come to the second reading on February 17<sup>th</sup>, so that the ordinance can be the best possible ordinance.
- Thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Cox gave the following statements on behalf of Deputy Mayor Musick:

- Thanked everyone for coming out and to have a safe trip home.
- Stated that if anyone has questions or concerns come in or send an email to anyone on council and the manager. Asked the public to not call DPW because there is a chain of command.

Mayor Cox gave the following remarks:

- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- Stated that the presentation was phenomenal and appreciates the Hackett's and wished them luck on however it turns out.
- Apologized that no one was here tonight from the police department.
- Thanked everyone for their questions.

### **MEETING RECAP Manager Bond**

Manager Bond stated that it was a good meeting, being that it was nice and calm, Reiterated what Infinito said about ordinance for parking, email him, call and come in. Stated that cold weather is coming this week and for everyone to make sure their heat is working. We will have a large storm this coming weekend. Talking about 14 inches of snow. Tickets will be issued if cars are not moved. Do not park in street as this inhibits the DPW from clearing roads for EMS vehicles.

Attorney Peterson thanked council for appointing him another year.

### **ADJOURN**

Hearing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Musick and seconded by Infinito to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM, all were in favor.

Laurie A. Courter, RMC  
Borough Clerk