
AGENDA

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NJ

**May 7, 2024
6:00 PM**

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 Express-Times and Star Ledger and posted on the Boroughs website stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL Brown, Cox, France, Gorshkov, Infinito, Musick and Conry.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

ORDINANCE 2024-06

An Ordinance of the Borough of Washington Amending Chapter 75 entitled, “Streets and Sidewalks” to create Article XIII entitled “Sidewalk Dining Licenses”

AUDIENCE/COUNCIL APPEARANCE

Remarks, petitions, statements and testimony from guests

MINUTES

Executive March 19, 2024

Regular April 16, 2024

REPORTS

Committee Reports

VOUCHERS-Approval of Claims

OLD BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES 1st Reading

Second Reading will be held June 18th, 2024 for Ordinance 2024-07

ORDINANCE 2024-07

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING CHAPTER 52 ENTITLED “LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTIONS” TO REQUIRE LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTIONS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

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2024-75 Budget Resolution (Public Hearing)

RESOLUTION 2024-80

RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF 2024 1st QUARTER REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE TO EXEMPT STATUS

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RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF SITE PLAN ESCROW, FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOCK 100, LOT 52.01 (55 WILLOW STREET) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$191.50, HELD IN TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION 2024-89

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF VARIANCE ESCROW, FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOCK 37 , LOT 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$960.38, AND A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1467.00 HELD IN TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION 2024-90

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF STREET OPENING ESCROW, FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOCK 37, LOT 3 (11 CHRISTINE PLACE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100, AND A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000 HELD IN TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-91

RESOLUTION SETTING THE RATE TO BE COLLECTED BY LEVYING A FEE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ELIGIBLE SOLID WASTE, INCLUDING DESIGNATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

RECAP

COUNCIL REMARKS

Remarks, Reports, Discussions

EXECUTIVE SESSION-if needed

ADJOURNMENT _____ P.M.

ORDINANCE 2024-07

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING CHAPTER 52 ENTITLED “LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTIONS” TO REQUIRE LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTIONS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS, AS MANDATED BY P.L. 2021, C. 182.

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey enacted P.L. 2021, c. 182, codified under N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.1, et seq., establishing lead-based paint testing programs for certain residential rental properties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2021, c.182, all municipalities are required to inspect every single-family, and two-family, and multiple rental dwelling located within the municipality on a recurring basis and at tenant turnover for lead-based paint hazards; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington determined it is in the best interests of Township residents to amend the Borough Code at this time to require inspections for lead-based pain in certain residential rental dwellings to conform with State law.

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

SECTION I

Chapter 30 – Lead-Based Paint Inspections.

§ 30-1. Definitions.

Dust Wipe Sampling – A sample collected by wiping a representative surface and tested in accordance with a method approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Lead Abatement – Measures designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards in accordance with standards established by the Commissioner of Community Affairs in compliance with standards promulgated by the appropriate federal agencies.

Lead-Based Paint Hazard – Any condition that causes exposure to lead from lead-contaminated dust or soil or lead-contaminated paint that is deteriorated or present in surfaces that would result in adverse human health effects.

Lead Evaluation Contractor – A person certified by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to perform lead inspection and risk assessment work pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:171.1 et seq.

Tenant Turnover – The time at which all existing occupants vacate a dwelling unit(s) and all new tenants move into the dwelling unit.

Visual Assessment – A visual examination for deteriorated paint or visible surface dust, debris, or residue.

§ 30-2. Required Initial Inspection

The owner, landlord, and/or agent of every single-family, two-family, and/or multiple dwelling unit(s) offered for rental shall be required to obtain an inspection of the unit for lead-based paint hazards within two (2) years of the effective date of the law, July 2, 2022, or upon tenant turnover, whichever is earlier.

§ 30-3. Required Recurring Inspection.

After the initial inspection required by Section 30-2, the owner, landlord, and/or agent of such dwelling unit(s) offered for rental shall be required to obtain an inspection of the unit for lead-based paint hazards every three (3) years, or at tenant turnover, whichever is earlier, except that an inspection upon tenant turnover shall not be required if the owner, landlord, and/or agent has a valid lead-safe certification.

§ 30-4. Option to Hire Lead Evaluation Contractor.

The owner, landlord, and/or agent may directly hire a lead evaluation contractor who is certified to provide lead paint inspection services by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to satisfy the requirements of Section 30-2 instead of the municipal inspection contemplated by Section 30-2. In the event that a dwelling owner or landlord directly hires such a lead evaluation contractor, the term “Borough Code Enforcement Officer” shall also mean and include such lead evaluation contractor for purposes of this Chapter.

§ 30-5. Consultation with the Local Board of Health.

The Borough Code Enforcement Officer or such lead evaluation contractor with the duty to inspect single-family, two-family, and multiple rental dwellings pursuant to this Chapter, may consult with the local health board, the State of New Jersey Department of Health, or the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs concerning the criteria for the inspection and identification of areas and conditions involving a high risk of lead poisoning in dwellings, methods of detection of lead in dwellings, and standards for the repair of dwellings containing lead paint.

§ 30-6. Standards.

Inspection for lead-based paint in rental dwelling units shall be governed by the standards set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 55:13A-1 et seq., as may be amended from time to time.

§ 30-7. Exceptions.

A dwelling unit in a single family, two family, or multiple rental dwelling shall not be subject to inspection and evaluation for the presence of lead-based paint hazards, or for the fees for such inspection or evaluation, if the unit:

- a. has been certified to be free of lead-based paint.
- b. was constructed during or after 1978;
- c. is in a multiple dwelling that has been registered with the Department of Community Affairs as a multiple dwelling for at least ten (10) years, either under the current or a previous owner, and has no outstanding lead violations from the most recent cyclical inspection performed on the multiple dwelling under the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law", N.J.S.A. 55:13A-1, et seq.;
- d. is a single-family or two-family seasonal rental dwelling which is rented for less than six (6) months-duration each year by tenants that do not have consecutive lease renewals; or
- e. has a valid lead-safe certification issued in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(d)(2).

§ 30-8. Remediation.

If lead-based paint hazards are identified, then the owner, landlord, and/or agent of the dwelling shall remediate the hazards through abatement or lead-based paint hazard control mechanisms in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(d). Upon the remediation of the lead-based paint hazard, the Borough Code Enforcement Officer or his/her designee, as may be applicable, or the owner's private lead inspector, shall conduct an additional inspection of the unit(s) to certify that the hazard no longer exists.

§ 30-9. Lead-Safe Certification.

If no lead-based paint hazards are identified, then the Borough Code Enforcement Officer or his/her designee, or the owner's private lead inspector shall certify the dwelling as lead safe on a form prescribed by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), which shall be valid for two (2) years and shall be filed with the Township's Code Enforcement Officer. The Borough Code Enforcement Officer shall maintain up-to-date information on inspection schedules, inspection results, tenant turnover, and a record of all lead-free certifications issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:17.

§ 30-10. Owner, Landlord, and/or Agent Responsibility.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(e), the owner, landlord, and/or agent shall:

- a. provide evidence of a valid lead-safe certification and the most recent tenant turnover to the Borough of Washington at the time of the cyclical inspection carried out under the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law," N.J.S.A. 55:13A-1, et seq., unless not required to

have had an inspection by a lead evaluation contractor or permanent local agency pursuant to § 30-7 hereof;

- b. provide evidence of a valid lead-safe certification to new tenants of the property at the time of tenant turnover, unless not required to have had an inspection by a lead evaluation contractor or permanent local agency pursuant to § 30-7 hereof, and shall affix a copy of such certification as an exhibit to the tenant's or tenants' lease; and
- c. maintain a record of the lead-safe certification which shall include the name or names of the unit's tenant or tenants if the inspection was conducted during a period of tenancy, unless not required to have had an inspection by a lead evaluation contractor or permanent local agency pursuant to § 30-7 hereof.

§ 30-11. Notification to the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

If the Borough Code Enforcement Officer finds that a lead-based paint hazard exists in a dwelling unit upon conducting an inspection pursuant to this Chapter, then the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall review the findings in accordance with the "Lead Hazard Control Assistance Act," N.J.S.A. 52:276D-437.8.

§ 30-12. Inspections as a Result of Testing of Children of Six Years of Age or Younger.

- a. If less than three percent (3%) of children tested in the Township, six (6) years of age or younger, have a blood lead level greater than or equal to five (5) ug/dL, according to the central lead screening database maintained by the State of New Jersey Department of Health pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2-137.6, or according to other data deemed appropriate by the commissioner (as such term is used in and for the purposes of N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16), then the Borough Code Enforcement Officer may inspect a dwelling located therein for lead-based paint hazards through visual assessment.
- b. If at least three percent (3%) of children tested, six (6) years of age or younger, have a blood lead level greater than or equal to five (5) ug/dL, according to the central lead screening database maintained by the State of new Jersey Department of Health pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1995, c.328 (N.J.S.A. 26:2-137.6), or according to other data deemed appropriate by the commissioner, then the Borough Code Enforcement Officer shall inspect a dwelling located therein through dust wipe sampling.
- c. If a lead hazard is identified in an inspection of one of the dwelling units in a building consisting of two- or three- dwelling units, then the Borough Code Enforcement Officer shall inspect the remainder of the building's dwelling units for lead hazards, with the exception of dwelling units that have been certified to be free of lead-based paint. The Borough Code Enforcement Officer may charge fees in accordance with this Chapter for such additional inspections.

§ 30-13. Fees.

- a. Notwithstanding any other fees due pursuant to this Chapter, a fee in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be paid for the initial lead-based paint inspection performed by the Borough of Washington. If, after the initial inspection, a lead-based paint hazard is found, and a subsequent inspection is required to confirm that such hazard has been remediated, the fee of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) shall be assessed for any such subsequent inspection(s).
- b. Said fees shall be dedicated to meeting the costs of implementing and enforcing this subsection and shall not be used for any other purpose. Alternatively, a dwelling unit owner, landlord, and/or agent may directly hire a private lead evaluation contractor who is certified to provide lead paint inspection services by the Department of Community Affairs to satisfy the requirements of this Chapter, in which case no additional Lead-Based Paint inspection fee shall be paid.
- c. In addition to the fees permitted to be charged for inspection of rental housing pursuant to this Chapter, the Municipality shall assess an additional fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per unit inspected by a certified lead evaluation contractor or permanent local agency for the purposes of the "Lead Hazard Control Assistance Act," P.L.2003, c.301 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.1 et al.) concerning lead hazard control work, unless the unit owner demonstrates that the Department of Community Affairs has already assessed an additional inspection fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of P.L.2003, c.301 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.10).
- d. In a common interest community, any inspection fee charged pursuant to this subsection shall be the responsibility of the unit owner and not the homeowners' association, unless the association is the owner of the unit. The fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the "Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund" established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2003, c.301 (N.J.S.A.52:27D-437.4).

§ 30-14. Violations and Penalties.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.19, the penalties for a violation of this Chapter shall be as follows:

- a. If a property owner has failed to conduct the required inspection or initiate any remediation efforts, the owner shall be given thirty (30) days to `cure the violation.
- b. If the property owner has not cured the violation after thirty (30) days, the property owner shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per week until the required inspection has been conducted or remediation efforts have been initiated.

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SECTION II

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III

If any article, section, subsection, paragraphs, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, inconsistent with the Code of the Borough of Washington, or is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

First Reading: May 7, 2024

Public Hearing/Adoption: June 18th

RESOLUTION 2024-75
2024 Municipal Budget

of the **BOROUGH** of **WASHINGTON** County of
WARREN for the fiscal year 2024.

Revenue and Appropriations Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2024	2023
1. Surplus	726,000.00	620,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,581,389.25	3,189,001.64
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	300,000.00	300,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	5,693,754.88	5,103,709.04
b) Addition to Local School District Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	219,255.70	185,065.09
Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bnd	5,913,010.58	5,288,774.13
Total General Revenues	8,520,399.83	9,397,775.77

Summary of Appropriations	2024 Budget	Final 2023 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	1,166,522.37	1,229,300.00
Other Expenses	5,494,719.46	5,825,027.21
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	382,158.00	987,037.68
3. Capital Improvements	50,000.00	95,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	627,000.00	452,000.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	800,000.00	809,410.88
Total General Appropriations	8,520,399.83	9,397,775.77
Total Number of Employees	15 FT 13 pT	16 FT 12 PT

2024 Dedicated	Sewer	Utility Budget
Summary of Revenues		Anticipated
		2024
		2023
1. Surplus		768,000.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues		1,640,000.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)		
Total Revenues		2,408,000.00
Summary of Appropriations		2024 Budget
		Final 2023 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages		200,000.00
Other Expenses		1,648,000.00
2. Capital Improvements		100,000.00
3. Debt Service		
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		220,000.00
		20,000.00

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5. Surplus (General Budget)	240,000.00		800,000.00	
Total Appropriations	2,408,000.00		2,802,500.00	
Total Number of Employees				

2024 Dedicated	Solid Waste	Utility Budget
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Summary of Revenues		Anticipated	
		2024	2023
1. Surplus		30,000.00	62,726.16
2. Miscellaneous Revenues		872,000.00	840,235.50
3. Deficit (General Budget)			
Total Revenues		902,000.00	902,961.66
Summary of Appropriations		2024 Budget	Final 2023 Budget
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries & Wages	230,000.00	170,000.00
	Other Expenses	437,000.00	361,015.33
2. Capital Improvements			328,600.00
3. Debt Service		215,000.00	43,346.33
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		20,000.00	
5. Surplus (General Budget)			
Total Appropriations		902,000.00	902,961.66
Total Number of Employees		6 FT	3 FT

Balance of Outstanding Debt			
	General	Sewer	Solid Waste
Interest	122,630.79		45,600.00
Principal	2,572,604.57		960,000.00
Outstanding Balance	2,695,235.36		1,005,600.00

RESOLUTION 2024-80
A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF 2024 1ST QUARTER
REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE TO EXEMPT STATUS

WHEREAS, the property owner of Block 73.02 Lot 3, also known as 6 WASHINGTON SQUARE CIR, and assessed in the name of VARGO, JR, MICHAEL J, paid the 2024 1st quarter Taxes; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has qualified for Exempt Veteran Status in the year 2024 as of January 9, 2024, which has created an overpayment of \$1,819.00; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has requested to have the overpayment refunded to them; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector to refund the amount of \$1,819.00 payable to:

VARGO, JR, MICHAEL J
6 WASHINGTON SQUARE CIR
WASHINGTON, NJ 07882

RESOLUTION 2024-81
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 9, 2023 to CHANGSHENG LU, 628 N BUTRICK ST, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085, in the amount of \$499.85 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2022 in the name of MEGAVANS LOGISTIC, LLC as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 19 E CHURCH ST, Block 24 Lot 1.02, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #23-00016 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4/18/2024 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING LLC claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by CHANGSHENG LU by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$1,524.60 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of May, 2024 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to CHANGSHENG LU, 628 N BUTRICK ST, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085 in the amount of **\$3,324.60** (This consists of \$1,524.60 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,800.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 24 Lot 1.02 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2024-82
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 9, 2023 to CHANGSHENG LU, 628 N BUTRICK ST, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085, in the amount of \$834.91 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2022 in the name of HALL, PARIS as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 65 N JACKSON AVE, Block 37 Lot 15, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #23-00022 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4/18/2024 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, NORTHPOINTE BANK claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by CHANGSHENG LU by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$1,876.68 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #22-00022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of May, 2024 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to CHANGSHENG LU, 628 N BUTRICK ST, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085 in the amount of **\$3,876.68** (This consists of \$1,876.68 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,000.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 37 Lot 15 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2024-83

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A RESERVED

RESIDENT HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 40 TAYLOR STREET

WHEREAS, New Jersey Title 39: 4-197.6 authorizes the Borough of Washington to establish a restricted parking zone in front of a residence occupied by a person with a disability; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Borough Code Chapter 85 Section 79 the Borough may assign a resident handicap parking space in front of his/her residence,

NOW, THERE FOR BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington that the Handicap parking space in front of 40 Taylor Street be reserved for the resident of said address with the Handicap placard number P2654569.

No other person shall be permitted to park in this space. Any person parking a motor vehicle in a restricted parking space without the special vehicle identification card P2654569 shall be subject to penalty pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-203 and 39:4-207.7.

RESOLUTION 2024-84

**RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN THE
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey that permission is hereby granted to Washington Celebrates America to have a parade and fireworks display in the Borough of Washington on Thursday, July 4, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council has agreed to name Washington Celebrates America Inc. as additional insured for the following events to be held in the Borough of Washington:

PARADE: Thursday, July 4, 2024, No rain date.

Line up from 2:00 P.M. Step off is at 3:00 P.M.

Location: Route 31 and Broad St to Belvidere Ave to Carlton Ave to North Prospect Street

FIREWORKS: Thursday July 4, 2024, No rain date.

Music from 6:00 - 9:30 P.M.

Fireworks BEGIN AT DARK Location: Warren Hills Middle School, on the athletic field

BE IT RESOLVED, that a true copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry, Trenton, NJ, together with a copy of the required certificate of liability insurance.

RESOLUTION 2024-85

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON'S OFFICIAL
SPONSORSHIP OF THE ORANGE CRATE DERBY**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey that the Borough will hereby sponsor the Orange Crate Derby races in the Borough of Washington on Thursday July 4, 2024 with a rain date of Sunday July 7, 2024 as follows:

ORANGE CRATE DERBY:

Thursday, July 4, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday July 7, 2023

Set up time is 7:30 A.M. Competition will begin at 8:30 A.M.

Location: Broad Street and Borough Park entrance

BE IT RESOLVED, that a true copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Statewide Insurance Fund.

RESOLUTION 2024-86

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 22, 2020 to CHRISTIANA TRUST AS CUSTODIAN, GSRAN-Z LLC, PO BOX 71276, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19176-6276, in the amount of \$423.25 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2019 in the name of BENEDICT, CHRISTOPHER J & DONNA M as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 31 PROSPER WAY, Block 59 Lot 3, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #20-00028 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4/24/2024 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, CHRISTOPHER BENEDICT, 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 \$52,623.94 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #20-00028.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of May, 2024 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 **\$86,023.94** (This consists of \$52,623.94 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$33,400.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 59 Lot 3 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2024-87
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 9, 2023 to WSFS AS CUST LVTLOPS/FIRSTTRUST, LVTL OPERATIONS, LLC, PO BOX 815, FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034, in the amount of \$985.65 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2022 in the name of ABREU, JR, NELSON & MEGHAN-AMIEE as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 35 W STEWART ST, Block 22 Lot 2, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #23-00015 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 4/24/2024 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, SIMPLICITY TITLE, LLC claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by WSFS AS CUST LVTLOPS/FIRSTTRUST, LVTL OPERATIONS, LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$2,251.77 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #23-00015.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of May, 2024 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to WSFS AS CUST LVTLOPS/FIRSTTRUST, LVTL OPERATIONS, LLC, PO BOX 815, FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034 in the amount of **\$4,851.77** (This consists of \$2,251.77 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,600.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 22 Lot 2 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2024-88
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF
SITE PLAN ESCROW, FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOCK 100, LOT 52.01 (55
WILLOW STREET) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$191.50, HELD IN TRUST BY THE
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, BIG BUCKS, DBA MESSINAS, has requested the release of the Variance Escrow and Performance Bond issued for the site improvements to Block 100, Lot 52.01 (55 Willow Street); and

WHEREAS, an inspection of the property has confirmed that the work is satisfactory and all permits have been closed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough Clerk is authorized to release Site Plan Escrow in the amount of \$191.50.

RESOLUTION 2024-89
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF
VARIANCE ESCROW, FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOCK 37 , LOT 3 IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$960.38, AND A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1467.00 HELD IN TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, AT&T has requested the release of the Variance Escrow and Performance Bond issued for the site improvements to Block 37, Lot 3; and

WHEREAS, an inspection of the property has confirmed that the work is satisfactory and all permits have been closed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough Clerk is authorized to release Variance Escrow in the amount of \$960.38; Performance Bond in the amount of \$1467.00.

RESOLUTION 2024-90

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF STREET OPENING ESCROW, FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOCK 37, LOT 3 (11 CHRISTINE PLACE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100, AND A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000 HELD IN TRUST BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, SKODA Contracting has requested the release of the Variance Escrow and Performance Bond issued for the site improvements to Block 2.05, Lot 1 (11 Christine Place); and

WHEREAS, an inspection of the property has confirmed that the work is satisfactory and all permits have been closed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough Clerk is authorized to release Variance Escrow in the amount of \$100; Performance Bond in the amount of \$1000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-91

RESOLUTION SETTING THE RATE TO BE COLLECTED BY LEVYING A FEE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ELIGIBLE SOLID WASTE, INCLUDING DESIGNATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2020, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington adopted Ordinance No. 2020-13, an Ordinance creating a Solid Waste Utility to transact the collection and disposal of eligible solid waste, designated recyclable materials, vegetative yard waste and related support services; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Utility is created as a self-liquidating utility and the Mayor and Council is authorized to annually adopt a dedicated budget for the Solid Waste Utility to cover any and all anticipated costs associated with the collection and disposal of eligible solid waste, recyclable materials and vegetative yard waste as provided in N.J.S.A. 40:34, 35 and 35; and

WHEREAS, said costs are to be collected by levying and collection of a solid waste service charge which shall be a fixed fee per dwelling unit based upon the costs deemed sufficient to provide for the payment of costs and collection and disposal of eligible solid waste, designated recyclable materials and vegetative yard waste (Solid Waste Service Charge); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer and Director of Public Works have determined that the Solid Waste Service Charge per dwelling unit shall be based upon the projected annual budget for the calendar year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington that the rate to be collected by levying a fee, designated as the Solid Waste Service Charge, per dwelling unit for the year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, shall be \$450 annually, \$15 for each bulk item and \$25 for a replacement mobile refuse cart.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that collection of the Solid Waste Service Charge shall be in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-13 as may be amended.