## WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

# AGENDA October 4, 2016

7:00 PM Call to order Flag Salute Statement Roll Call

**RESOLUTION 2016-163** 

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-Litigation/Personnel** 

**PROCLAMATION:** 

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

# **MANAGER'S REPORT**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

Approval and adoption

PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT

## Approval and adoption of August 2, 2016 minutes

Public Comment Council comment Adjournment

ALL BUSINESS ITEMS ARE TENTATIVE PENDING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

# Township of Willingboro

To:

The Honorable Nathaniel Anderson, Mayor

The Honorable Christopher Walker, Deputy Mayor The Honorable Darvis K. Holley, Councilman

The Honorable Jacqueline Jennings, Councilwoman

The Honorable Martin Nock, Councilman

From:

Richard A. Brevogel, Interim Township Manager

Date:

October 4, 2016

Re:

Agenda

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Operation Take Back will be held October 22 from 10am 2pm in the rear parking lot of the Municipal Building. All unused or unwanted prescription drugs can be disposed of at that time. No appointment is necessary.
- Shared Service Agreements DPW
  - WBOE
    - Use of McGinley School (To be Negotiated)
    - Support from the DPW
  - Beverly

Provide vehicle maintenance support annually

Delanco

Use of DEP authorized compost site for the disposal of 2500 cubic yards of leaves. Annual savings of at least \$6875. Provide vehicle maintenance support against savings.

- o Riverside
  - Support infrastructure support as needed. Revenue source.
- Residents may notice that handicapped access on sidewalks are now yellow versus old standard which was brick red. This is the new standard that is being made law at the Federal Level.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Items Attached:**

- Discussion for the beginning of the process of Professionals Selection for 2017
  - Will provide spreadsheet with existing professionals and expenditures for 2016

# Memo

To:

Mr. Richard Brevogel

Interim Township Manager

From:

Mr. Brian Wood sr

Interim Director of Public Works

Date:

September 26 2016

RE:

Public Works Highlights for the last 3 months

DPW Activities	<u>Task</u>	Statistics and hours	
Grass operations	Main Rd mowing Twp property/ county	320 Man hours per month 500 + Acres weekly, 2000 acres a month.	
Tree Maintenance Chipping/Stump Grinding	Removed Tree / Debris from Township property and chipped all materials.	320 man hours per month 12 total trees DPW 20 total trees contractors / county And PSEG	
Asphalt / Pothole Repairs	Repaired reported Potholes	40 man hours.	
Infrastructure Work	Repair Damaged infrastructure	480 man hours per month	
Area Police (Trash Clean Up)	Patrolled all roads for trash and debris. Emptied all Public trash cans dailey	350 man hours per month Total Trash Bags = 7959	
Recycling	Collection of Metal and Delivery or Replacement of Blue Recycling Single Stream Containers	140 man hours per month	
Sign Work and Misc DPW Yard work	Repair or replaced Signs	120 man hours	

# WILLINGBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

# 2016 TOTAL RESPONSE REPORT

MONTH	MONTHLY TOTAL	YEAR-TO-DATE	
JANUARY	114	114	
FEBRUARY	107	221	
MARCH	134 w/ 1 exposure incident	355 w/ 1 exposure incident	
APRIL	96	451 w/ 1 exposure incident	
MAY	95 w/ 1 exposure incident	546 w/ 2 exposure incidents	
JUNE	109 w/ 1 exposure incident	655 w/ 3 exposure incidents	
JULY	100	755 w/ 3 exposure incidents	
AUGUST 124 879 w/ 3		879 w/3 exposure incidents	
SEPTEMBER	102 w/ 1 exposure incident	981 w/ 4 exposure incidents	
OCTOBER			
NOVEMBER			
DECEMBER			

# Willingboro Recreation & Parks (WRAP) Department Monthly Report September 2016 Programs & Activities Current Enrollment

Kennedy Center Utilization Kennedy Center Permits Trash Bags Park Rentals Banquet Hall Usage	9,317 0066 0800 0006 0008
Youth Programs	
Youth Tennis	0002
Golf	0003
Music Lessons	0000
Boxing	0030
Football/Cheerleading	132/52
Total Youth Participation	219
Fitness Center Total USAGE	1090
Membership for the Month	0130
Step Aerobics	0029
Chess Club	0020
Boxercise	·0005
Boxing	0035
Spinning	0007
Yoga	0002
Boot camp	0006

# **September Event**

 $4^{\text{th}}$  Free Back to School Hair Styling and Cuts

### **October Events**

Willingboro Youth Basket Ball Registration Wood Sale Begins 3<sup>rd</sup> Boro Teen Program 22<sup>nd</sup> – Community Yard Sale 29<sup>th</sup>- Treat O Trunk

# Willingboro Township Council Meeting of October 4, 2016 was held in Council's Chambers, One Rev. Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Drive, Willingboro, NJ 08046

7:00 PM meeting Flag Salute Required Statement Roll Call

The Required statement was read.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner.

On January 1, 2016, advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex.

On January 1, 2016, advance written notice of this meeting was mailed to the Burlington County times, Willingboro, the Trenton Times, the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Courier Post.

On January 1, 2016, advance written notice of this meeting was filed with the Township Clerk. The Clerk is directed to enter into the minutes of this meeting this public announcement.

Roll Call:	Councilman Holley	Present
	Councilwoman Jennings	Present
	Councilman Nock	Present
	Deputy Mayor Walker	Present
	Mayor Anderson	Present

Also: Richard Brevogel, Acting Township Manager/Dir. of Public Works; Michael Armstrong, LLC Township Solicitor; Wendell Bibbs, Remington & Vernick Engineer

### RESOLUTION 2016—163 EXECUTIVE SESSION—LITIGATION/PERSONNEL

# RESOLUTION NO. 2016-163 AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., permits a public body to exclude the public from portions of a meeting at which specific matters set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b are discussed; and

**WHEREAS**, a request has been made of the Township Council assembled in public session on this 4th day of October 2016 to convene a closed Executive session consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon motion duly made and seconded and passed by a vote of in favor and opposed, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that an Executive Session of the Township Council meeting shall be convened to discuss one or more of the following categories as noted:

1.	Any matter which, by express provision of federal law, state statute or rule of court is rendered confidential or excluded from the public portion of the meeting.
2.	Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive funds from the United States Government.
3.	Any material the disclosure of which constitutes and unwarranted invasion of privacy as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(3).
4.	Any Collective Bargaining Agreement or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any Collective Bargaining Agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees.
5.	Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real estate with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussions of such matters were disclosed.
6. XX 7.	Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public and any investigations of violations or possible violations of law.  Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which Township Council is or may become a party.
8.	Any matters falling within the attorney/client privilege to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise his/her ethical duties as a lawyer.
_XX9.	Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment and other categories set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(8).
10.	Any deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of specific civil penalty or the suspension of loss of a license or permit as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:9-12b(9).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the general nature of the subject to be discussed relates to: 2017 Professional Appointments and Attorney payments

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in closed session will be disclosed to the public, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-14, and to the extent that it is not inconsistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

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On motion by Councilman Nock

Seconded by Councilwoman Jennings

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson Yes

Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 7:08 PM Executive Session ended at 7:35 PM

Motion to come out of Executive Session was done by Councilwoman Jennings and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker. All in favor and none opposed.

### **PROCLAMATION**

# PROCLAMATION 2016 – FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, the Willingboro Fire Department responded to 1,277 calls in 2015 and 981 calls so far in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Unit of the Willingboro Fire Department is endeavoring to increase the awareness of the residents of Willingboro in effective fire prevention procedures; and

WHEREAS, knowledge of these procedures would help to greatly decrease the loss of lives and property as a result of fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathaniel Anderson, Mayor of the Township of Willingboro, do hereby PROCLAIM the week of October 9 - 15, 2016, FIRE PREVENTION WEEK -"DON'T WAIT - CHECK THE DATE! REPLACE SMOKE ALARMS EVERY 10 YEARS." in the Township of Willingboro and urge residents to stop by Fire Headquarters Station on Charleston Road, during the week to tour the station and apparatus; and

FURTHER, urge the residents of Willingboro to avail themselves of the information on Fire Prevention which has been compiled by the Willingboro Fire Department.

Whereas I Hereunto set my Hand and the Seal of the Township this 4th day of October, 2016

# MANAGER'S REPORT (See attached)

# RESOLUTIONS

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-164**

# Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers for Payment & Ratification

Whereas, Willingboro Township Council received the September 2016, Bill List and had an opportunity to review said Bill List; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, assembled in public session this 4th day of October, 2016 that the Council hereby authorizes the Approval of Vouchers for Payment and Ratification including those items purchased under state contract and identified as such and all Trust Other Accounts (Recreation Trust, Tax Redemption, Escrow, and Dedicated by Rider Accounts).

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of Finance for her information and attention.

### **Discussion**

Councilwoman Jennings:

For the public's information. I wanted to let you know...for the public's information we have all been talking about this transparency, so, I just wanted to let the public know that a part of this Bill List is the cost for the indemnification of Deputy Mayor Christopher Walker, is Public information as I said before. We thought somehow that we could limit the amount of funds that the Township would be liable for to no greater than \$5,000. We were told by the attorney that if it was a half million dollars the Township would be liable for that. Now, we were also told by the attorney that this did not have to be paid now. It could be paid at the end of the case, pending whether or not the party was innocence or guilty, and that is what some of us opted to do, because we don't feel like the Township should be paying until we know whether the party is innocent or guilty. Because it is going to very difficult to get money back once that money is expended—especially if it is (inaudible), he said this could go over... This is not nothing that is not public information. This could go for two years, so I am letting you know, I am not voting on this because personally I feel that at least three members of this Council should not be voting because we are involved somewhat and it is a conflict of interest for three members, so, I am not voting. I am not abstaining because that's a vote. I am not voting no because that's a vote. So, I just want you to know what is happening here. Thank you.

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Mayor Anderson:

Just for clarification, when she identified the attorney, it is the Special

Counsel attorney and not the Township attorney. Roll call.

Councilman Nock:

Hold up. I don't know. This is all executive session information. We are told that we are not to be involved with it. The whole question was doctrine of necessity because finally... agreed three Council people are conflicted in this situation and we ask specifically what that means and our Special Attorney gave us their opinion and we are told that we should not be talking about this also since we are under litigation. So, whether Mr. Walker is guilty or not is for the judge to decide and at some point the doctrine of necessity and the document that accompany that will specify exactly what Mr. Walker has to do if he is found guilty or whatever. So, this is the stuff that just keeps stuff going and the bills, we are not going to pile up bills on litigation that we know we have to pay. So, if you are not abstaining and you are not voting—this is going to be interesting. I am done.

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Deputy Mayor Walker:

The thing that is disappointing to me without getting into all of the specifics is again, executive session is there for a reason. It is snot about hiding things from you. It is about certain things that can't be discussed in public, usually personnel and litigation. And, the two things that are disappointing to me and I am sure it will be a follow-up response. Let's be consistent and turn to our solicitor to remind our solicitor who sat there during the whole conversation and said; this is executive session information we should not be discussing this. Can't we make a statement and our solicitor who supposed to protect us and represent us said—"you said you didn't want me in it." So, I am not going to say a thing. That's our solicitor, who's our legal representation. Now, mind you, when you look at the money that we are approving and we are questioning the money that we are approving indemnification, is what it is. It is not different than in contracts with everyone who works for or represents the Township--vou know, and let the court process play out. Our own solicitor has an indemnification clause in his contract to be protected. But to say, I am not involved in this—I am not in this—I am not going to be bothered with this, and it concerns paying the attorney who is representing... our solicitor bills more than any other attorney so far, our own solicitor who has nothing to do with it and doesn't want to speak on it—that's something.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Point of order.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Now we go round and round.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Well, if you don't want me to say anything, you shouldn't say anything, because as you know, as you say at every meeting, I know you are going

to say something after me. Yes, I am, okay.

So, point of order-- when we were in executive session and I asked the question of our Special Attorney who we are also paying for this case, and that's been almost \$10,000. So, we are talking almost \$15,000 here. He said this is not a question for executive session. This is something that we can discuss when we go outside. We came outside, this was three meeting ago, he sat in the front row and before the question could be asked—if any of you were here, he got up and walked out. We weren't' able, as a matter of fact. Mr. Gary Johnson asked the question about indemnification and the attorney was gone. Now, this is an attorney, our Special attorney who was supposed to protect the interest of you all, not the Council, but the Township. So, you know that was not executive session information. I am just sharing because I think you should know where your tax dollars are going and indemnification is only supposed to pay when there is a problem when you are executing your duty as an employee or as an elected official. This is not the case. So, we will wait and see and I doubt very seriously if we will get any money back. So, I am just hoping this happens before two years.

Township Solicitor:

Just for clarification, it is interesting to me how words are spinned, because the reason why I am not speaking because Deputy Mayor Walker specifically said and made a request to this Council that I not participate in anything related to his indemnification and that was agreed to

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Then don't bill for it.

Township Solicitor:

(Inaudible from Deputy Mayor Walker) I respected you. If it is within you to give respect to other people I would like that.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

This is our attorney...

Township Solicitor:

I didn't speak while you were speaking though. The reason why I did not participate is at his (Deputy Mayor Walker) request. Only when it is convenient to make a request for me to participate—he didn't make that request. What I said to him was, and I didn't say I didn't was to be bothered—those are the spin words you hear. What I said to him was, you made the request that I not participate. I said, and I am not participating at your request, okay—they (Council) agreed to that. I am not involved—that's the way he (Deputy Mayor Walker) wanted it. I am out of it.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Then don't bill for it.

Mayor Anderson:

As Councilwoman Jennings stated, I, myself being a part of it, I will not be participating in the voting process. The doctrine of necessity, which as explained to me and explained to the Council—but I still don't see where these is a public interest, therefore, I am taking myself out of this voting process as well.

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Councilman Nock:

For the public, the doctrine of necessity allows everybody to vote when there is a conflict of the majority of anybody and we have a conflict of

three people here. Three people engaged in the process. The problem is two of us are left, Mr. Holley and myself. Can I make decision on behalf of the Township without at least a third vote? So, you have something that is called the doctrine of necessity and he went through the whole process. Mr. Armstrong's office also, I believe research it. Our Special attorney researched it. At the end of the day, there are five people who can vote because of the doctrine, because three of the five members are conflicted, so, I see people trying to understand what that means. That's what it means and that's not basic. You can look it up and that's basically it, anybody, any governing body, and any governmental governing body. So, can we move on, because this is all

executive material?

Councilwoman Jennings:

No, it is not.

Clerk:

Mayor Anderson may I call the roll?

Mayor Anderson:

Yes you may.

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings

No response

Councilman Nock

Yes

Deputy Mayor Walker

Yes

Mayor Anderson

No response

Motion carried. Resolution 2016—164 approved.

Township Solicitor:

I just want to say for the record, Councilman; you asked me a legal

question with respect to the doctrine of necessity, again...

Councilman Nock:

I ask no, I don't want to go back into that. I asked you, does the Council

member being present in a public forum, public called meeting either

have to say no, abstain or yes.

Township Solicitor:

What you are asking me relates to as you indicated the doctrine of

necessity and what I am telling you, I did not render a legal opinion as to

the doctrine of necessity.

Councilman Nock:

Okay, fine. No problem.

Township Solicitor:

I was asked not to render a legal opinion as to this and not to participate

as to this.

Councilman Nock:

Alright, no problem.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Somebody got to correct that, beside from me.

Councilman Holley:

The vote is already in.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

But somebody gotta correct that, we spent almost \$6,000.

Councilman Nock:

Every meeting we go through this Mr. Walker, just let it go.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

It's sad, but tell the truth—tell the truth—tell the truth. \$6,000 the vote

went let's move on.

Clerk:

Mayor Anderson do you want me to go on to the next resolution?

Councilman Nock:

Excuse me. Hold on one second please. Please give clarity because the

last time we did have clarity. Did the motion pass or fail- to Mr.

Armstrong. He asked me. He wanted clarity.

Clerk:

The motion passed.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Mr. Walker voted for himself.

# RESOLUTION NO. 2016--165 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FOR OVERPAYMENTS OF TAXES

WHEREAS, the records of the Tax Collector of the Township of Willingboro indicate overpayments of taxes due and overpayments; and

WHEREAS, refunds are due for these overpayments as listed on the attached schedule and made a part hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, assembled in public session this 4th day of October 2016, that refunds be made as per the attached schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director for information, attention and compliance.

On motion by Councilman Holley

Seconded by Councilwoman Jennings

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson Yes

Motion carried. Resolution 2016—165 approved.

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### TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO

### **RESOLUTION 2016 -166**

# A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE WILLINGBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SHARE PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., known as the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act," authorizes two or more local units to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the provision of services ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Shared Services Agreements is to reduce local expenses funded by property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro and the Willingboro Board of Education desires to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the use of Public Works Equipment and/or staff by and between the Willingboro Board of Education and the Township of Willingboro ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the proposed Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the sharing of these services is in the public interest and will benefit the Township of Willingboro and the Willingboro Board of Education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council, assembled in open public session on this 4th day of October 2016 that the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement, as attached hereto, between the Township of Willingboro and the Willingboro Board of Education to share public works equipment and personnel.

### Discussion:

Rich Brevogel:

Basically we have a schedule of equipment that we can work with the Board of Education when they require it. For example, during server snow emergencies we agreed to go over there and help them with parking lots that they can't open up. Just this past week from the milling of the road repaving project we took those over to the School Board property to help them solidify some areas for their busses, so this is basically allowing us to work back and forth in a document that the State recognizes as the type of things that want to see for us to maintain a mutual municipal aid.

On motion by Councilman Holley Seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson Yes

Motion carried. Resolution 2016—166 approved

# TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO RESOLUTION 2016 -167

# A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVERSIDE TO SHARE PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., known as the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act," authorizes two or more local units to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the provision of services ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Shared Services Agreements is to reduce local expenses funded by property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro and the Township of Riverside desires to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the use of Public Works Equipment and/or staff by and between the Township of Riverside and the Township of Willingboro ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the proposed Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the sharing of these services is in the public interest and will benefit the Township of Willingboro and the Township of Riverside.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council, assembled in open public session on this 4th day of October 2016 that the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement, as attached hereto, between the Township of Willingboro and the Township of Riverside to share public works equipment and personnel.

#### Discussion

Rich Brevogel:

This is basically the same. We obviously because the scale of the size of the town we have some equipment they do not have; as well as we have done infrastructure repairs for them that they have paid us for. It generates revenue for the municipality.

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On motion by Councilwoman Jennings Seconded by Councilman Holley

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson Yes

Motion carried. Resolution 2016—167 approved

# TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO RESOLUTION 2016 -168

# A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BEVERLY TO SHARE PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., known as the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act," authorizes two or more local units to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the provision of services ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Shared Services Agreements is to reduce local expenses funded by property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro and the City of Beverly desires to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the use of Public Works Equipment by the City of Beverly and the Township of Willingboro ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the proposed Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the sharing of these services is in the public interest and will benefit the Township of Willingboro and the City of Beverly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council, assembled in open public session on this 4th day of October 2016 that the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement, as attached hereto, between the Township of Willingboro and the City of Beverly to share public works equipment and personnel.

#### Discussion

Rich Brevogel:

This is basically the same thing that we do the majority of vehicle

maintenance for Beverly and they pay us for it.

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Councilman Nock

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson Yes

Motion carried. Resolution 2016—168 approved

#### TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

#### Discussion

Councilman Nock:

I am happy that we are getting our treasurer's report, which gives you a quick executive summary of what the Township is doing. If you were in business for yourself it would be profit and loss statement of where you are in terms of revenues and expenses. This is not totally complete and we had a discussion about this with the Township Manager. I will go along with this one, but as we have further conversations, I would like it a little bit more substantially completed as we discussed Mr. Brevogel.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Walker Seconded by Councilman Nock

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson Yes

Motion carried. Treasurer's Report Approved.

### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2, 2016 MINUES**

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Councilman Nock

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson Yes

Motion carried. August 2, 2015 minutes approved

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Jennings:

It is not on the agenda, but I have a new business item. At our last meeting one of our residents stood up and talked about what was happening in Willingboro with regard to crime and the shooting. That really touched me and I absolutely agree. Since that time we have had even more—a couple more incidents and so I would like...I would really like to ask the Council to...I want to put forward a motion and I would like the Council to support me in getting the cameras now. I don't think we can delay this any longer and that's how I feel. I would like—I have not discussed this with the Council at this point, so this is the first time they are hearing it, but I would really like support to initiate a lighting...to get the bid together with the Manager, Engineers, Code Enforcement, whoever needs to be in charge of this initiative, we need to start this right away.

Mayor Anderson:

Just to piggy back off Councilwoman Jennings. There have been a lot of incidents within the community, prior to Mr. Steven coming to the last Council meeting. Every day we read something, an incident in Willingboro, so as it was indicated by Mr. Stevens, in regard to possibly putting up cameras, which have been a discussions that we have had. I know the Safety Director has been looking into different entities that use the camera systems, trying to identify what is best. So, I do know there is a significant cost, but when it comes to the residents other things we allocate dollars for it yes, the Township needs, but when it comes to the safety of the residents and one of these incidents we just had his been the same location, week after week and it is just unacceptable. I do know it is an absorbing cost, but I would like to ask. You know some time last year we allocated in the budget about \$300,000—if I am not mistaken, for the Big D Marina which we looked at and said from a standard of having as a beautification point coming into Willingboro, which is all great, but when we have all of these safety concerns: shots being fired, people being shot. I would like to see if we can re-allocate those dollars that are already here, they don't have to be found. I do believe it was already budgeted--if we can re-allocate them for the safety of this community and the safety of our residents. So, once again, I will support you on your motion there.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

I think that this is a wonderful idea. It is needed. The thing that gets me is that we started an initiative on the MUA to go out and get these cameras. We had the members of the Police Department and Township Manager there to jump start this, so we are already in the process of getting this done, so I think it is great. Let's move forward, but it is something we already had initial conversational about.

Councilman Nock:

May I say something? This is how you waste money. You can't cloak it under safety; and for two years we have been trying to do the Smart Cities concept with removing street lights, having cameras in some of the street lights, having a policy around those cameras and also as an add-in for the residents Wi-Fi. We have been working on it. We have been working on it for almost two years and if we had gotten real support behind it, it would have been moved already. Last week I went down to the Smart Cities Conference. It was really for municipalities and water and electric utilities about what's happening across the country around replacing street lighting, LED lighting, better lighting. Also, in those combined heads you can have Wi-Fi, and you can have cameras in them. I haven't done my report to Council, but there is another player who has gotten really involved with the Smart Cities concept and that is AT&T, which makes sense because they are communication. The street lights have to communicate with one another and you got to communicate back to the Police Department. So, if I am hearing, we can fast track this and really move to do it. Tomorrow there is a meeting with PSE&G being held around LED lighting and trying to figure out what their concept is. Now, they are being forced as a utility to get involved in this. The LED lighting is going to be half the cost. If you have a 100 watt bulb and you spend \$10.00 put an LED bulb in there and it glows at a 100 watts and it is \$.50 or \$5.00. Whatever, but this is something we have been working on for months. I was working on before I even got on Council. So, I am glad to hear we want to do it, but I don't want to spend \$300,000 when it can be all rolled in one project. The MUA is MUA. Township Council is Township Council. School District is School District, but it is all of our money that pays that tax bill of that form you just got. Even the Library was on it and the County was on it. So, if you want our engineers to get involved and engaged in it, then it is great, because I brought some materials that we can get them fast tracked, but you have to know what you are talking about. You have to get involved with policy. You got to get the Police Department involved, but to just spend \$300,000 on camera and then not really need them later on and clearly everybody knows the camera; and, if they are going to do anything they will pull it down, where as well hidden inside of the light. Also, I forgot to mention Hitachi has got involved. Last year it was Phillips, GE, Hitachi is now involved. AT&T is now involved. It is the new wave for municipalities across the nation to have Smart Water Meters and Smart City concepts. Water meters may be able to tell you--and you can look at it when water is leaking. You don't have to wait the quarterly bill to try to figure out—Wow! I had a tub leaking or I had this leaking, I didn't even know. So, if I could get some support here to move forward with the whole concept we could have a brighter, brighter town. We can totally have cameras where the Police Department has mapped out, where they feel they need them. Now, we have to have a policy around that because some people say they should be on all the time or they shouldn't have them looking at my front door. So, all these things take policy to be involved in. I spent two years in this. This stuff could have

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moved along. So, am I hearing correctly here, Mr. Mayor Anderson and Councilwoman Jennings, you really want to move forward quickly.

Mayor Anderson:

What you are hearing is this being that the Township has allocated dollars which we have, which I am asking if we can re-allocate for safety. I am not saying us against MUA, us against the School Board if there is an initiative. But, because it is our dollars I think our Safety Director and our Township Manager should be hands on to see what the best way to use those dollars is. So, if it is something we need now... because I can't take from meeting to meeting keep getting messages, reading in the paper shots fired, shots fired. We need to do something immediately. I understand what you are doing. It needs to be a joint conversation. But, because this side of the house has the money and is releasing the money I think that the Township Manager, the Safety Director get involved in your conversations and for now, we need to do something immediately. So, if we can get some cameras as we work on the other initiatives to build that in—I doesn't matter.

Councilman Nock:

Mr. Mayor, I believe that the Police Department is going with us tomorrow--Mr. Brevogel, so they are going. They also attended the presentation with Phillips; they attended the presentation from GE. I think they have learned something about the concepts of having cameras inside, because one of the questions they asked is how close can we zoom to the ground or zoom out wide and whatever the terminology is when you span across the board looking at... So, they are involved and all I need is support to move this along.

Mayor Anderson:

That's what we want.

Councilwoman Jennings:

That's what we all need. I'll be at the meeting too, tomorrow, so I think once we go...

Councilman Nock:

Good, great.

Mayor Anderson:

All I am asking, team—team, all I am asking for is if we can re-allocate those dollars for a camera project. Whether it is what you are doing. What we are doing—let's put it together because too much is going on in this community and when they do it week after week, especially when they go to the same target, week after week. It becomes a joke, so we need to take action and take action now. So, if we can get a vote to reallocate the dollars from one project to a camera project and work together to do it, Martin. That's all I am asking.

Councilman Nock:

I have no problem with that.

Councilman Holley:

Is it necessary at this time to re-allocate the dollars.

Rich Brevogel:

Well, you budgeted \$300,000 for the purchase of the Big D Marina property with a couple different stipulations if you want to move forward with this then I will have to introduce to change of purpose ordinance for that money to be used specifically for this process.

Councilman Nock:

And, Mr. Brevogel, the whole purpose of—I think we are getting ahead of ourselves, because we spend \$50,000 a month, \$600,000 a year to light just the street lights in front of our resident's houses. So, we are cutting back on the bill itself depending upon all the bells and whistles you want and what the communication...because they will want a monthly amount of communication. We may have it in those savings themselves and the township could be out of it and own everything in seven to ten years. So, we are learning more tomorrow with PSE&G with what they got in mind, since we had this struggle with PSE&G whether own the street lights put in or they took progression of them and now saying they own them. Since they are bringing us to the table tomorrow we can see what their plan is because they actually use the term Smart Cities, so they have a clue what we are trying to do.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

May I make a suggestion; before we make an official vote to reallocate dollars today, let's get a report back from that meeting, because we may not have to reallocate dollars. There might be other programs and things, like Councilman Nock said, that can bring a relief in one area and move those resources in another area. We are all in agreement with that we need to do, but before we take that plunge of the reallocation of dollars let's get the report. We meet again in two weeks, so let's hold...

Mayor Anderson:

If we reallocate dollars, it doesn't mean that we have to spend the dollars. They are just there and if we don't need them because of other resources, can't we just reallocate them back?

Rich Brevogel:

I wouldn't recommend that you do that because we are dealing with Bond Counsel. We would have to pay Bond Counsel to help us with that process. I don't want to do that.

Mayor Anderson:

What is your recommendation then?

Rich Brevogel:

My recommendation is that we take a look at the evaluation, do a cost benefit analysis, and see if there would be... There are a couple different things here. We could spend all night talking about this. I think that Councilman Nock and I have had many, many conversations about this. There are many, many communities throughout the nation. There are a ton of papers, they call them white papers where they talk about this process; and also there are different financing schemes that the community could use. You could do lease purchase option; you could buy them out right and quite frankly, capital right now is at an all-time low. The cost to borrow money is very small and then the length of time you can borrow that money is not that more expensive to extend borrowing at this point and time.

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So, I would—two weeks, I think Deputy Mayor Walker might be a little quick for me to come back and give you... I could probably give you a high level analysis of some different options and then I think tomorrow is a conversation—we see what PSE&G is doing. They obviously are on the hot spot to make some changes, because they are actually inviting us. So, us being municipality--but specifically they ask us if we would come, because of all the conversations that takes place on this issue. So, I think you will get, not to use this term loosely, but it is a no brainer. I think you move through that process then I think it is critical that all stake holders involved in using the (inaudible) and what is going to be contained in it. Whether it be Wi-Fi, whether it be the ability to read meters; whatever, we need to get all the stake holders involved so we make the best decision and yet get the coverage that you need and I too, agree. I am very frustrated with what is going on with the shooting in the community. I did call Council after last incident and told them I was authorizing the Police Department to put out all available resources. I know that Director Rucker has a car out there 24 hours a day, seven days a week at that location currently, and he has reached outside agencies. I don't know if I am talking out of school, but I know that the marshals are involved and they are making process; and know it is frustrating, because we can't tell you everything that I would love to tell you and there are things that I can't tell Council that I am aware of. But, that is just the nature of what the Police Department does and I can't compromise what they do and there are things that Director Rucker knows that he doesn't tell me. I have to trust in the process. I have to trust that they are doing everything that they can and I can tell you that they are. So, I know I am digressing, but let me put something together. Councilman Nock I will work with you if you would like to work with me on this. I think there are some great financial tools, all we do is to plug in place and we can really work some numbers and see what's the best option for the community.

Mayor Anderson:

Can we just make sure we put this as a top hot priority so in November between the first and second meeting we can make a decision.

Rich Brevogel:

I will do that.

Mayor Anderson:

Thank you so much.

Councilman Nock:

Since you brought up the Big D Marina, do we want to have any further discussion now that we put that out there and that we are going out to buying it—now other people. The whole process we were trying to keep it low key as an entrance way to Willingboro. Buying that area, maybe buying a restaurant, nice seafood restaurant building on that area, but now it has been make public, but we have not talked about it to the extent that we have moved forward and allocated money to try to pick up those lots.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I agree with you, sir.

Councilman Nock:

We don't want a marina. We say a restaurant. Let's move on.

that you all go back and speak to your neighbors, let them know what is going on. We are fed up with this and it is time to change it, okay? If we can't get the job done then it is time to move some people out, get some new people up here to handle our business. Alright? Taxes are going up, it is just ridiculous. You know, this was a military town. I am a military war vet. I am a military war veteran and this is a military town. We have a lot of military retired here. What is going on, what is being done to all of us is totally unacceptable. You guys were voted in to do a job and you should do it; and if you do not want to do it, then just resign. Okay? I do not want to hear oh it takes time, this, or that. You put 5 veterans up there we will get this town cleaned up in no time. Tough decisions have to be made and that is what we were trained to do. Go in, do the job and get out. You know? And that's it. We need to go back and revisit that truck because everybody that I talk to in the know. my business and even residents have said a diesel truck should last more than 13 years. My time is up.

Harry Walker- Eastgate La.

I was going to record this live because you know people are getting fed up with what is going on because all we see is what is in the media and what everybody else is putting out there. Now this room is almost packed every time. Well, maybe not packed but there is a good majority of people that come out to see – so they are seeing first-hand what is going on. You know, I am kind of remised because when I first started coming back to council meetings I remember he would mention the report about the town. There are actually a total of 565 municipalities. They ranked 510. Willingboro was 509 out of 510 according to the New Jersey Monthly. That can be found on the website on patch.com. That is what I came up here to say to the Council last year. My question was, what is the vision for the town? Last year I did not get an answer, still have not gotten one as of this year; and it came as if I was coming to attack Council. I wasn't coming to attack, it is a simple question. What is our vision? So here we are now this year where the report just got released from patch.com again, New Jersey Monthly - our schools are ranked 333 out of 337. We talked about over the last year about the school and the town all working together; and of course I understand that they are two separate boards, but it goes back to me saying hey we need a strategic plan. Without no vision we are going to perish. We have been perishing. Our number, our stats is not be making this stuff up pulling it out of thin air, all you have to do is go and google it and put up Willingboro. Pull up our rankings for our towns and for our schools. So what I am trying to advocate to the town to do is get a strategic plan. Let's come up with a vision. I am not saying it is your responsibility whereas every Councilperson has to have the answer, but what I am saying is we are residents, we are out here looking at what is going on, so we can help you come up with a solution. So I have been crying to Council for the last year about doing a strategic plan and it has went absolutely nowhere. So on Wednesday, October 12th at the Burlington

County Library from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. we are asking all residents to come out and let us stop begging and start taking some control in our own hands and say you know what, we are going to do this. Because it is our town that is going down and it is our taxes that are getting paid and as residents your taxes too, so I would invite you all to come out. This is not we are taking anything away from you, it is like no let us do this together; but this lawsuit, you all said that this is not going to divide the town. Listen to the chatter every time it comes up. Like Nat said, it is 2 and a possible. But you forgot that 2 and a possible is affecting this entire community. So I have nothing else to say, I am Harry Walker and I am also running for Willingboro Board of Education. I am the last on the line. Thank you so much.

Shirley Dilworth-36 Newport La.

I am a 47 year resident of Willingboro and I too like the community. I have raised my children here and they have gone to school here. I think we can do better in this community. But I just want to go on record to say I would like to have a restaurant in this town. I would like to have a fine restaurant in this town. But that is really not the reason I came up here tonight. The reason I came up here is to talk about the issue that I have been talking about every week, and that is the issue of trash. There is too much trash around town. Today I was at the Town Center and there are three large trash receptacles in the front of the Town Center. There is one by the realty, one by the cleaners, and the other one is near the dental office. Those three containers were chock filled with trash and the trash was all around the bottom of the containers. I mean that is just disgraceful. So I went into the realtor's office and I asked the receptionist who is responsible and she said she did not know who is responsible. She said perhaps you could go to the cleaners; they probably can give you an answer. So I went to the cleaners, asked the same question. The lady in the cleaners said she did not know. She said either the manager – the person who is managing the Town Center or the Township. So, I am sure you can find out who is responsible for those trash receptacles. I mean, the trash from the ground, I mean that is really, really disgraceful; and that is not the only place where we have a lot of trash in town. On Van Sciver Parkway, it is more trash on Van Sciver Parkway than I have ever seen, and I travel that road every day – maybe sometimes 2 or 3 times a day. Yesterday, when I went out for my morning walk, Northampton Drive looks worse than I have ever seen it. Styrofoam food boxes, pizza containers, beer containers, bottled water. This is ridiculous, we can do better than this. We have to do better than this. I do not want to live in a town where we have all of this trash on the ground and I have no intentions of moving. Like this gentleman, I probably couldn't sell my house anyway. No you probably

couldn't give it away. My last question, is information about how the Township functions, is that disseminated to property owners and to new renters? Perhaps we need to work along with realtors to make sure that information about how the Township functions, trash, anything about the town needs to be disseminated to new people. I suspect some of the places where you have repeat offenders, they may be renters. They may be new to the town. Because on Northampton Drive there is old furniture and mattress and I believe it is at 14 Northampton Drive that has been sitting at the curb since Sunday and I have to look at it every day. Thank you.

Pat Lindsey-Harvey-Henderson La.

Always my sticking point about the search for Township Manager, in two months it will be a year since Ms. Diggs retired and we are still no closer to having a Township Manager. When you figure that we are second from the bottom in all the towns that really hurts my heart. We need an experienced Township Manager in here right away. You did the 4 interviews, you have more people to interview, I do not understand why those people have not been interviewed. At this point we are not even going to have anybody by January. This is October. I think it is just ridiculous, absolutely ridiculous. I also have an OPRA request. Thank you.

Ed D. Olivera:

I am a transplant from Philadelphia. I read an article about Willingboro a couple of years back. We took a drive over with my kids; fell in love with the area. Despite all the bad things, despite my wife saying we are not moving there, I bought a house anyway. That went over real well by the way. To hear these reports, I am glad she is not here; because it is a conversation that I constantly have to have that I have bought into the idea of this community. Right? I have made a commitment to live here. You buy a house, it is the biggest commitment arguably that a lot of people are going to make. The schools are horrible, how do we fair worse than Camden? I've lived in Philadelphia; I've seen some stuff in Philadelphia. I've been to Camden. I do not understand how we rank worse that Camden. That is mind blowing to me. I love my street. I love the park that I have moved into. The homes are well kept. The young lady that was up here talking about the trash at the curb – I see the pride of ownership. I do see some renters. There is some trash on my street, somebody just moved out, that needs to be picked up. It has been sitting there for like 2 weeks though. But there are a lot of issues that I think need to be addressed. From my understanding, there was only a handful of people here a few months back. This is a ground-swell movement. I think people need to take heed of that. What you guys may or may not know, I know I see Councilman Nock on

Facebook all the time. He is aware of it. It is a ground-swell movement. You are expecting accountability, we are expecting change, it is not coming, there is going to be change. Alright? But I don't mean that to be taken offensively, but it is coming. To me, hear folks that say hey look, I wouldn't live there I am moving to Cherry Hill. For what? You guys keep raising the taxes, at some point you are going to be in the same tax bracket they are. I just got a tax increase 500 bucks and I haven't been in the house a year. You know, what am I getting for my 500 bucks? So my thing is, if it goes up 500 bucks every year that is 1,000.00 every 2 years, that is going to be 5,000.00 in ten years which essentially will put me over 10,000.00 a year. What would be my reason for staying? What would be their reason for staying? You've got seniors who are paying exorbitant amounts in taxes. I see it online all the time; they are losing their homes because they cannot afford to pay them. You know, the marina thing, I get it is a touchy subject; I definitely understand Mr. Craig's position. I applaud his service. Thank you for your service. I applaud his passion. I do get Councilman Nock's position. You want to create some kind of economic development. There is a lot of charm in this community, and I do not buy in to the notion that all black is bad or Willingboro is bad because it is predominantly black community right? Let's be realistic, that is what is put out a lot on social media. I don't buy into that. I see a lot of people who have pride in ownership. We are not going to let the bad apples spoil it for us right? I know the police cannot talk about what they do. I come from Philadelphia, I have seen it all. Alright? The cameras thing, you know, harbor freight has got them for 500 bucks. I know what we are talking about. My uncle Joe works for PGW Gas Company. They would take the PGW trucks, pretend like they were digging up the street, and lock some people up. The police department can do the same thing. If we are talking about saving money, I am not going to speak about what the police department does and what their plan of action is, whatever, make it happen. I just think that it can be done cheaper. I think a lot of other folks think that it can be done cheaper as well. You know, I think that there needs to be a conversation between you guys and the school board. I get...my understanding is that it is two separate entities. I think there needs to be a conversation anyway. I don't understand how Philadelphia can have some of the best ranked schools in the country in some of the worst neighborhoods in that city, some of which the daily news has ranked some of the worst in the country, but we cannot get a school in this community with the charm that it has to provide decent rankings. It is just perplexing to me. That is about my time I am sure I am overlooking some stuff. Property tax reliefs

Debbie Price-10 Endwell La.

too. You guys need to work on that for the seniors and myself. You want to keep me here. I am young. I am above what the median income is in this country. I can sell my house; it looks decent, it is looking better. If I move I am going to be representative of a lot of other people who moved.

Council, family, I am going to take a different spin on all negatives that are going on; as I am hearing the conversations about the schools, the community, our youth, and the crime. Yes, there is room for improvement, hands down. But at the same time, I am also thinking about the pride. Willingboro Pride, what does that mean? See, coming from a vested resident since 1973, I know where we have been, I see where we are, but there's some great remnants in people that are on my parade committee. I am...I have to speak boldly and proudly of this committee. This committee, they don't get caught up in the minutia, and I am not saying with everything else, you know, everything that is being said here is minutia, don't get me wrong. But we were given an assignment, and to see the pride that is coming forth from every member that is on the committee, this parade that we are speaking on for November 12<sup>th</sup> – it is going to happen; because of the why; the why is for the vets that make up this community. It is because of their service, it is their blood, sweat and tears; and we said you know what; Willingboro is the place to prove that the pride is still alive and thriving. If my members are here, for those that are here, please stand up because you need to be recognized. If you could just spend a minute in our committee meetings, you would be astonished; like where is all this energy coming from? It is because of the pride of the why. It is because of the pride of our community, because we know what we represent. A couple of weeks ago I sat at a table with a P.O.W. M.I.A. – he was shot down and he told me his story. And I said, if this guy could be a prisoner of war for 18 months and come back and fight every day of his life we are going to honor that. We are going to honor that as a community. We need to turn around, not just settle on the storms. We have got to merge forward with what we can do, what we can represent, what we can bring back. Instead of finding fault with everything, let's find the solution so we can move back to where we are supposed to be. That is what I wanted to say to you guys tonight. You know, you have got your issues going on, but we got family that is moving on. Okay? We got to come together as one family and find solutions in a positive way...in a positive way. It is not a lost cause in Willingboro. I refuse to accept that. I refuse. There was a question about the route of the parade. We are leaving Kennedy Center, the Kennedy Building – what it represents, oh my goodness. Family, the core of the community,

we are leaving the Kennedy Center, we are making a right on Kennedy Way, once we leave Kennedy Way we are making a right on Levitt Parkway which is the heart of Willingboro. We are going to make a left on Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. We are going to continue all the way to Beverly Rancocas Road, we are making a right on to Beverly Rancocas Road and we are going to right into Millcreek Park. That is your route. The things that are going to be a part of the parade are going to make you so proud to say "how did you guys pull this off?" Because it was the why – it was the pride. It was the family. It was because we could, not because we can't but we will get it done. Thank you.

Maddie Mallory-5 Hudson Pl.

Good evening. And I was the person that asked about the parade route because the flyer does not indicate and I am just wondering how we are going to inform the community so the people will know where to line up for the parade. That was my only point. The other thing is I would like to talk about what Mrs. Dilworth talked about, the trash. Sunday I was going on Levitt and right across from I guess that is Garfield Drive...no that would be coming out of Garfield East, it appears that someone emptied like a notebook full of papers on the median. It was covered with say from here to the end of this railing; and I am wondering, and last year I had noticed that at the end of school it seems like some of the students just decided it was the last day and they were just going to empty their notebooks. I would suggest that if we send out public works to pick this information up, maybe there are some names on these papers and we can try and contact if it is adults contact the adults, if it is children try to find out the parents of these children and let them know that this is not acceptable to just empty their notebooks on the median or whatever. The only other thing is we have been talking about lights. Tonight when I got here I was almost afraid to park because the lighting across the street is terrible. Okay? So would you please put that on your priority list when you are talking about putting lighting in, because it is really bad in the parking lot? Thank you.

Thomas Floyd-8 Buckingham Dr.

Here representing Concerned Citizens of Buckingham Park and just have to say this. We are at fire prevention and you are talking about inviting residents over to the firehouse that should have been torn down and rebuilt long ago. Talking about recognizing people who are willing to put their lives on the line and we are still talking and doing construction all over town except for their house. It is a disgrace. We are inviting people to a house that you know has mold in it. You are asking firefighters to sleep in a building that you know has mold in it. Make a resolution, but you are not giving them resolution.

Takes up some time, but I have to say this, because we need to fix that firehouse as quickly as we possibly can. As I said before, there should be no more construction in this town until that firehouse is built. Now, I was here talking about the dog situation. By now if you are going to do that ordinance in 60 days you should already have that list of the dogs that will fall under that new ordinance. You should have already contacted the SPCA and all these other organizations to find out what dogs are put on that list. You should already have some sort of working paper on the ordinance itself so you can start voting on it, because next month I am hoping to see a first reading. I am pretty sure if I asked you for that information that you should already have done started chewing on it, you probably can't produce it because when I asked for each board member to tell me how you feel about this dog incident in town, only one Council Member spoke on it; and one Council Member does not make an ordinance, meaning that the other four did not think that it was something that you should talk about. If we are talking about safety, everything has to be under that umbrella of safety. As I told the director tonight, me, my neighbors, and most of the people in Willingboro do not want cops responding to dog calls when we have shooters out there. We have a division that is supposed to be dealing with the dogs and they are down in Cinnaminson, they are down in Edgewater Park, they are over here, they are over there. As I said before, all of a sudden our safety is less important than making a couple of dollars from these other towns; and I have no doubt in my mind that when those people call in those other towns they do not want to get a busy signal or they do not want to get no call at all. They want to have a response. They are not paying us for us not to answer the phone or make that call. Now, I am hoping that you will...I will hear in the next couple of days that you have that working paper and we will have a first reading next month. But that is our survey. As you know, in Buckingham Park, I have survey teams that go out and tell us what is going on; and if you look on there, if the Mayor looked on there, some of them we have already turned in a number of times and we are still waiting for a response. One of the things that our members and citizens are getting upset about is a pool that you can't even see the bottom of it anymore and a low fence on a route that the elementary school kids walk. I don't want to have rescue squads over there picking somebody out of that pool. Now either they drain in or they cover it. That is a big concern and that is about the third time I am complaining about that pool. Thank you.

Hello, I am part of the parade committee, I got on the parade committee besides I was asked to because of pride. I have been

here since the day before a no-hitter in the 68' world series. I graduated 1974 Kennedy High School. Saturday we had our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday bash. I am the photographer; I am the clown; I am the singer. We had a blast. We still keep in contact. I graduated with 1400 people. I was not the best student, but I was good enough to be able to tutor the elementary school kids as a second income. Minimum wage was \$1.75, I got \$4.50. There was no trash. When we moved here we did not have a power mower, we had the old fashioned push mower. I didn't cut the grass, it was my job. There was a guy who came by. He had his ruler. Ooh, is your father here son? He came out. He said, sir, you got to have 4 inches of grass, you have 5 ½. There was no such thing as cars up on blocks. There was no such thing as a roof coming down. There was no such thing as the crap that is going on now. I invite everyone to come out to the parade. We are working hard. We need a celebration and like this gentleman here, he is a veteran. I volunteered and went to see a girl and had a car accident, so I couldn't be a vet. So if it is the only positive thing that you can think about from the Township this year, please come out and enjoy it.

Seeing no one else for public comment, public comment is closed, now it is Council Comments.

**Council Comments** 

Councilman Nock:

Mayor Anderson:

Okay, thank you. I just want to say to the residents of Willingboro, we have to do multiple things at the same time. The bigger picture is we do need restaurants. We need restaurants here, we also need a supermarket. I'll be the first to tell you a supermarket. We have land for a supermarket that we do not have; and a supermarket needs land. So there is very few places that you are going to be able to put a supermarket in Willingboro unless you condemn something else. I have been working on the Smart City thing for at least 2 years trying to move this Township when it was just an idea in other communities. Now it has blossomed it has moved we have nearly 1200 municipal people in Washington for the Smart Cities conference. They are all looking at ways to save money on energy, save money on electric. We are not responsible for electric here. We will certainly save on water. It can be done, because we are a very small community in terms of 7 ½ square miles. We are compact, and it is just great. So I am glad to see that we are moving forward. The other thing is as I sit in executive session. We as Council People have not received...I haven't received anything on the parade committee. The only information I received about the parade is through Mr. Brevogel.

In executive session he says it may cost the Township \$30,000.00. We did not have \$30,000.00. Deborah Price invited me to a meeting – those people are working, those people are moving. I would love to work with committees that move like that. I mean, I could really see what they are doing is fantastic. But again, the information has to flow through us as Council People; and what's what. I was a little concerned that they were not taking monies – because I thought they should take any contribution at all because I knew there was going to be a cost. But when the Township Manager says that police and others are going to cost nearly \$30,000.00, I mean, you have you think about it. Nobody wants to be against a parade. I don'tcertainly not a veteran's parade. So we will probably wind up doing this but again, this is not a budgeted item as well as the monies for the lawsuit is not budgeted as well as all the overtime for the shootings and everything else that is happening. But this is what runs your taxes up. If you really want to know the truth, it is what runs it up. But we are in good financial - seems to be - and that "Big D" Marina does need to be purchased by this Township. We have liquor licenses, and I don't drink, so I don't think I am advocating it. But liquor license that we can give a restaurant which is usually 50% of their business, to put a nice restaurant there, a fine dining restaurant, because I am tire of going out of town too. I am tired of going somewhere else and we can have one on the water. Usually water attracts Seafood type of restaurants; and we can do it. So we need to purchase that and we need to move forward with our project around lighting because this whole town needs to be better lit; and we certainly need the police department here is requesting cameras. And I like the concept of having Willingboro almost like a WIFI like one in the Starbucks that we can offer almost free WIFI to the entire community. Think what that would mean for the schools. Think what that would mean for everything. So there are things, technology and so forth that we can do to make things better for residents that are here and try to track other residents that need to be looking at our town. So I am going to work on those things and I am glad to hear that some of my Council People are now agreeing with that and moving forward with it.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I think...always agreed with the concept, it is just making it happen. I know it has been a long time and long conversations but I also know that we have met with PSE&G and they were not enthusiastic about the things that we wanted to do, so I am hoping that the meeting tomorrow will change that. I look forward to it. I would love to have a seafood restaurant also, that is my favorite food and I actually did talk with the managers from Bonefish Grill and indicated that that might be one of the

places that we would like to have in our town; and so I will let the people who do that have further conversations. I want to share this with you, on September 29<sup>th</sup> our mayor, Mayor Anderson was inducted into the 421<sup>st</sup> Combat Training Squadron as an honorary commander for the Joint Base McGuire/Fort Dix at Lakehurst. This is an honor which has not been shared by many non-military individuals. He was the only African American there to be inducted. I don't know how many were there?

Mayor Anderson:

There were 71.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Out of 71. So, I just wanted to share that with you and ask you to give him a round of applause. It is something I think you should be proud of. (Applause from the public) And, I do want to know--I did ask about the dogs. I would like to know what was happening with the dog ordinance. That is very important to me. Because first of all, I know that the ordinance that we have is that nobody should have more than 2, so we need to find out. That is an easy start to me to...let's do something about that. I think I had something else, but I apologize to you all for some of the things that I say but I kind of want you to be kept in the loop. So please forgive me.

Councilman Holley:

Alright, good evening everyone, I would like to thank everyone for coming out as well, it is always good to see our residents. A few announcements that I want to make, my chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi is hosting a voter registration drive on October 8th at the Acme from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., so we are encouraging people to come out and support. If you do know anybody who may not be registered to vote please send them in our direction. Parade Committee, I am excited to see the work you guys are putting in. Boro Pride, that is why I think we are all here this evening, so that is a great thing. I am looking forward to that as well. In regards to the comments about the firehouse, that is not a project that has been abandoned. We rejected some bids because the numbers came back high, and then I now they are in negotiations with trying to lower the prices but still get the project complete; and that is for your benefit so your taxes do not have to go up when that project is completed, so I just want to clear that up that that is not off the table. That is the only comments that I have. Oh, and also the manager's search - we are interviewing, we will be interviewing conducting more interviews on the 17th so that project as well is not off the table; and as promised, we said we will shoot to have a new manager in by January 1st and nothing has changed at this point in regards to that.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

I listen to every...you know, the passion and the drive of everyone here. You know, Steve, I always listen to you and you are always straightforward, direct and I agree with you. You know, the only way this community is going to get better is if we do better from here with... the focus has to be removed from us and put on this community. I often

say we spend about 15 minutes on an agenda with housekeeping items. We don't spend enough time on what this community needs to move up from that five hundred and ...that poor rating. If we focus more on what I would say enhancing the Willingboro experience. We can improve that; and in somehow, someway we have got to get to that and just get away from this pettiness. You know, it is not a matter of... I remember Harry was saying something about council members, school board members or something, and he reminded me that no one sits there and says one is great, three are good, one is bad, we are all lumped in the same boat you know, because we are all one. You know, so somehow, someway you just have to get on track and focus on what this community needs. Because when it is campaign season, we come to each and every one of you, we want to share your sense of urgency and find out what you want and we make these commitments and promises and somewhere along the line sitting here it gets twisted, it gets twisted; and you know, I can sit there and look and say well it is not my fault, but is my fault because I sit here too. I am just as responsible. So, for me, it is about refocusing, it is about self-reflection and seeing what we need to do. But the other part is I agree with Ms. Price. We still have a lovely community. We are a work in progress. The Burlington County Times does not tell the true story. Over the summer we had the state trooper helicopters out there and we had some other things and I personally called the Burlington County Times and they weren't there; and I jokingly said to one of the reporters Dave Levinsky and said, you know, if I said there was a shooting or a bomb you would have had everybody on your staff come out and report that. That is unfortunate. He is going to report some negative stuff today in tomorrow's paper. That sells their paper. But they don't report enough of the good that is here. I got a call yesterday from a gentleman, young man, he is down at the University of Houston, he placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Olympic Trials, Isaac Williams. You know, his down there and he is finishing up his degree and he said when I am done I am coming back to Willingboro. And I said don't you like Houston? He said I love home. You know, and it made me think it's like wow. It is like you are coming back because you love home. There is some good here. There is a lot of good here and there is a lot more good than bad. But we got to...there is some greatness...we have to start with us and we have got to do better. Somehow, the five of us has to look within ourselves, stop pointing fingers, and just do our part.

Mayor Anderson:

Good evening everyone. It is good to see you out this evening. As a reminder, on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> we will have our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Mayor's Forum over at the Kennedy Center which will start at 6:00 P.M. In regards to Mr. Harry Walker's comments in regards to the vision and strategic plan, we as a Council did address the residents, I am not sure if you were at that meeting, but we decided it was a great idea for a strategic plan and a vision. But we also decided it would be best suited for the new township manager who comes in so that he can work on the

vision as he works with the group that works with him; and that was something that we did report back to Council. Not that we scrapped it, but we think it is important that the new leader, the new township manager, be a part of that process. That is one of the things that we focused on and we did identify that. So, I am not sure if you were there at that meeting. Ms. Dilworth, in regards to information regarding the Township, I have spoken to the Township Manager in regards to packets. What I have been doing at the quarterly reports is working with a realtor to determine how many new homeowners; it is my goal and objective that once these packets are complete which they should be completed because they had to revamp them and revise them, once they are completed, I am committed to going door to door to make sure each new resident that came in this year, that I have reported as a new resident, will get a packet. Any Council Member here that wants to go out with me fine. But I will make it my obligation to make sure this information is disseminated. So that information has been revamped, we are just waiting for it to be complete. Mr. Floyd, in regards to the vicious dogs and other comments that you've made, I understand you have a concern, we have a concern, I saw you talking to the Safety Director. But I just want to know before you come in sometimes and before you attack - or it appears that you are attacking – do you have conversations with the directors prior to coming in here? Because I think a lot of your concerns can be addressed before coming to the mic and bashing us. So I just ask that if those options have been executed and they don't seem to work, then come to us. But it is not fair to bring it to us and you do not give each of these directors – and we have great directors – and opportunity to address it. Because I know there is times they have sat with you and they have talked with you and then you still come in here. Whenever you see a crowd you come in here and you showboat. It is not appreciated. We are trying to work together; and I am only telling you what some people think. Okay? I am only telling you what some people think, but I am going to tell you. I am not going to have a conversation behind your back and not say it to your face. So I'd just appreciate if we work together. In regards to the BCT, they are reporters; they have a job to do. They can't report what we don't give them. So sometimes we have to look at how we act and how we behave because he is only doing his job. He reports what he sees. So I am not going to always...you know I understand they get a bad rap. Absolutely, that is how we feel, but if you look at it, do we give them stories to print? That is something that we have to ask ourselves, are we acting like the fools. Because nothing that they say is incorrect and if it is why aren't we saying here is a lawsuit. they lied? That is not happening. So we have to see, act how we conduct ourselves here so that he doesn't have a story - so that he doesn't come to the meetings. Thank you. Goodnight.

Councilman Nock:

Motion to adjourn.

Councilman Holley:

Second.

Clerk:

All in favor?

Council:

Aye.

Clerk:

Any opposed? None opposed. Thank you.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.

Sarah Wooding, RMC, Clerk

Nathaniel Anderson, Mayor