

WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

AGENDA

August 1, 2017

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

**Appointments of Governing Body**

**Manager's Report**

**Ordinances**                      **ORDINANCE 2017-7 (FIRST READING)**

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELIZATION UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES UNDER CERTAIN BOND ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,522,600.00

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinances 2017-7 was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, held on August 1, 2017 and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Township Council to be held on the September 5, 2017 at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the meeting room of the Municipal Building located at One Rev. Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Drive, Willingboro, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning these ordinances. Copies will be made available at the Township Clerk's office in the Municipal Building to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

**ORDINANCE 2017-8 (FIRST READING)**

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE RE-APPROPRIATION OF \$84,396.43 IN UNUSED DEBT AUTHORIZATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CONCESSION STAND, ACQUISITION OF F250 TRUCK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND RENOVATIONS & IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

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**Ordinance 2017—9 (FIRST READING)**

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFINANCING OF CERTAIN REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COMMISSION PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO REFUND A PORTION OF THE COUNTY-GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS (2002 GOVERNMENTAL LEASING PROGRAM) SERIES 2002 ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR THE TOWNSHIP UNDER THE COMMISSION'S 2002 GOVERNMENTAL LEASING PROGRAM

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## Resolutions

- Res. 2017—108 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT & RATIFICATION
- Res. 2017—109 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FOR OVERPAYMENTS OF TAXES
- Res. 2017--110 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF 2016 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
- Res. 2017—111 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FIREWORKS DISPLAY BY D&M FOR THE ANNUAL WILLINGBORO JAZZ FEST
- Res. 2017—112 RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT
- Res. 2017—113 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CHANGE OF VENDOR NAME
- Res. 2017—114 RESOLUTION CHAPTER 159—NJDOT FISCAL YEAR 2017 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM AND URBAN AND PROGRAM FOR NJDOT TRUST FUND RESURFACING OF CHARLES VAN SCIVER PARKWAY (PHASE III)
- Res. 2017-115 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO AWARDED A BID FOR 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS STREETS
- Res. 2017—116 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO AWARDED A BID FOR 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREET
- Res. 2017—117 EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

**TREASURER'S REPORT—APPROVAL AND ADOPTION**

**APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2017 MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF RAFFLE—CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH RA-636**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Res. 2017—91** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RUBY TUESDAY, INC. **(TABLED AT THE JUNE 20, 2017 MEETING AND RE-TABLED AT THE JULY 5, 2017 MEETING)**

**Res. 2017—107** RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF RFP AWARD BETWEEN ENERGY NJ, LLC AND WILLINGBORO STANDARD, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT **(TABLED AT THE JULY 20, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING)**

Public Comment  
Council Comment  
Adjournment

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

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7:00 P.M. 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 2, 2017 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex.

On January 2, 2017, 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 2, 2017, 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 Anderson	Present
	Councilwoman Jennings	Present
	Councilman Nock	Present
	Councilwoman Perrone	Present
	Deputy Mayor Holley	Present

Also, Eric Berry Township Manager; Richard Brevogel, Deputy Twp. Manager/Director of Public Works; Wendell Bibbs, P.E., Township Engineer; Cristal Holmes-BowieEsq. Firm of Michael Armstrong, Township Solicitor; Jill Cyrus, Director of Recreation; Eusebia Diggs, Director of Finance; Reva Foster, Director of Community Affairs/Sr. Center; Justin Lamicella, Tax Assessor; Brenda Bligen, Acting Director of Inspections; Chief Anthony Burnett, Fire Department.

Clerk: We will have the nomination for election of township Mayor.

Councilman Anderson: I nominate Darvis Holley for Mayor.

Councilman Nock: I'll second.

Clerk: Any other nomination? None roll call to close nominations.

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

Clerk: Roll call by name.

Councilman Anderson	Holley
Councilwoman Jennings	Darvis Holley
Councilman Nock	Darvis Holley
Councilwoman Perrone	Darvis Holley
Deputy Mayor Holley	Holley

Motion carried.

(Mr. Holley was sworn in by Township Clerk as the new Mayor of Willingboro.)

Mayor Holley: Now we will open the floor for nominations of Deputy Mayor.

Councilwoman Jennings: I nominate Nat Anderson for Deputy Mayor.

Councilman Anderson: I appreciate it, but, I will decline the nomination and nominate Martin Nock for Deputy Mayor.

Councilwoman Perrone: I second.

Clerk: Any other nominations, none, roll call to close nomination.

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

Clerk: Roll call by name.

Councilman Anderson	Nock
Councilwoman Jennings	Abstain
Councilman Nock	Nock
Councilwoman Perrone	Martin Nock
Deputy Mayor Holley	Nock

Motion carried.

(Councilman Nock was sworn in by Township Clerk as the new Deputy Mayor of Willingboro.)

Mayor Holley: At this time Councilwoman Perrone would like to be sworn in again for ceremonial purposes. As you may know she filled in a vacancy here on Council and she was appointed at our prior meeting, however, her family did not have the opportunity to attend.

(Councilwoman Perrone was sworn-in by the Township Clerk.)

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### **Manager's Report**

Township Manager Berry: Thank you. On behalf of the administration, I would like to congratulate the Mayor Deputy Mayor and new Councilwoman. I request an executive session this evening dealing with contracts. I would like to ask Director Diggs to step forward and give a brief summary of our audit for the past year.

Eusebia Diggs: Good evening everybody. My name is Eusebia Diggs. I am the director of Finance and Chief Finance Officer of Willingboro Township. Our annual audit was conducted for 2016, and we had a very successful year. There was one finding during the audit. The township did not comply with governmental accounting standard boards which requires employer to measure and report their cost and liability associated with other post-employment benefits. The township thoroughly paid a portion of the retiree dental benefits directly to the South NJ Regional Employee Benefits Funds for retirees who are not eligible for coverage or state benefits plans. The township also offers to write payments to retirees under the LEASA agreement. The cost associated with these payments are required to be estimated with actuary study and enclosed with the financial statements. According to the audit, we did not. We were not in compliance. So, with that being said a corrective action plan has been put into place where an actuary will be hired to perform the actuary study. Overall, we had a great audit. We had an excellent audit report and the year was successful; for a township this size and with a budget of 42 million(?)dollars with one finding. I think we did a great job. Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Nock: Questions.

Township Manager Berry: Just the report, if you have questions, they can be answered during business hours, not here.

Deputy Mayor Nock: Usually the auditors are here, and when I ask questions about the audit—so they did not come this evening?

- Township Manager Berry: No, but I can have them here at the next meeting.
- Deputy Mayor Nock: Right, because there are a couple things in the audit that I really want to address. One is our debt service and one is the debt service agreement that we have with the MUA. Our debt service—the fact that we have borrowing power with only 12 million dollars. I want to know how that is determined. Usually they are here and you can ask them directly how this goes.
- Township Manager Berry: With only one finding, I didn't think they needed to be here. But, I will have them there next time.
- Deputy Mayor Nock: In September? So, I ask that this not be approved until some of the questions are asked, because 12 million dollars for a township this size, I am concerned and I want to know how this is determined. I think it is determined off the appreciation of the whole town and then deduct certain things and that needs to be answered. And, I have one other... Back here in the back with the findings, curious as to why the findings is based on that the township pays a portion of retiree benefits, dental benefits, directly to South Jersey Regional Employee Benefits and is not covered under the State Health, where everybody is and I am curious as to why.
- Township Manager Berry: Okay, I will have them here to answer all the questions.
- Deputy Mayor Nock: I think that is the last one. Oh, one other... there is one other here on page 60. Questions about what are the 15 exemptions and they are taken off the general purpose tax and exactly what is that?
- Township Manager Berry: Okay, fine, we got it. I would like to have Chief Burnett give a brief summary of our fine Junior Fire Academy this year.
- Chief Burnett: Good evening. My name is Chief Anthony Burnett, I am the Fire Chief of the Willingboro Fire Department and the Willingboro Township EMS. The Township Manager ask me to give a brief summary of our Youth Fire Academy that we just held July 10-21, 2021. I am very proud to announce that we graduated eleven (11) cadets, male and female from our academy. The academy is held for two



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weeks. The first day they are given a handbook that talks about our rules and regs. Not just to come and have fun, but, how we're going to operate for the next two weeks. The class starts at 8am and done at 4pm. If they were late they got in trouble. It wasn't and easy Fire Academy—just come and does what I want to do. They learned a lot of things like fire fighters do. They put the gear on, they put the SCABA's on, they did whole drills, when out to the Westampton Park; and you can see the photos outside that I have. They went to the forestry to see how the fire fighters work with forest fires. They went down to Cape May to look at the U.S. Coast Guards and lean how to operate on ships and how Coast Guards work, not just fires, but how they make rescues. They experienced the Jaws of Life, lifted heavy tools, open doors. They did everything that fire fighters do and learn a lot in those two weeks. They had several field trips: New York to the 911 museum. They learned about what happen to our country in 2001. So, they learned a lot. Last year we had two cadets that turned 18 join our department and volunteer now. We are very proud of that. Special thanks to the Council and Township Manager, their families and other agencies with the Township that supported us, and hopefully next year the ages from 14 to 17... If you have kids please have them to come and join us. We provide the gear and everything. We enjoyed it. Thanks.

Township Manager Berry:

We also have an update on our concession stand and if Director Brevogel will bring us some update information and also on a couple of the streets.

Rich Brevogel:

Good evening everyone. The concession stand has been ordered. I will be talking to the organization that's fabricating it and finishing it on the inside, and will provide that information to the manager on Thursday.

They are open to Thursday's, Friday's and Saturday's. The resolution tonight for—there are two resolutions; one for reconstruction roads that entails two roads in Millbrook and four other roads in Garfield and you will see those resolutions on your agenda tonight. In addition, if you take a ride by McGinley School, all of the materials have been delivered for the structure that's to be fabricated to house the emergency equipment which will be hopefully done within the next two weeks; we will make the move and then we will start demolition of the old facility.

Township Manager Berry:

I would like to read into the record from Mayor Emeritus Campbell, he wanted to thank the Willingboro Rescue Squad for their continuing outstanding service when he was transported to the hospital a few weeks ago and he wanted that to go on the records. We have a special presentation to the Willingboro K-9 from Mrs. Sharon Anderson and the representative of K-9.

Sharon Anderson:

Good evening everyone. My name is Sharon Anderson, and I live at 7 Belhurst Lane. And, thank you Manager Berry for the opportunity to address Council and the residents. I am here tonight to say thank you for accommodating visitors in town for protesting outside the Thomas McArthur Town Hall on May 10<sup>th</sup> of this year, and to bring a contribution from the protestors to the Willingboro Police K-9 Association. This appreciation comes from activists who (inaudible) a safe and central location for peaceful protest. The groups are: New Jersey Third Congressional District Action Group; Invisible NJ third District' Our Resolution South Jersey. On behalf of these organizations, thank you to police officers and to everyone who worked at the JFK Center on May 10<sup>th</sup>. And, particularly, we would like to thank Director of Public Safety Greg Rucker, Councilman Martin Nock, Township Manager, Eric Berry and the Democratic Chair William Carter. As background, as a member of NJ Third District, I was aware of the plan to protest from the start and the energy that was incited by being deliberately mislead at a first town hall in another town. I knew people in all three groups' they were very energized, but I couldn't identify any other Willingboro resident and I became concern for my home community and I (inaudible) the advice of Councilman Nock, who put me in touch with Eric Berry and with Greg Rucker. We began our discussions in April when we thought may 50 people would show up. I became liaison to groups who appreciated that our right to protest was recognized, our right in addition to those who were going to be inside of the Town Hall Director Rucker, Councilman Nock and I communicated regularly, as a projected size group from 50 to 100 to 200 with the ultimate turnout of 1,500 people. Director Rucker heard our concerns and did not dismiss us. He accommodated us as

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possible and practical. We were asked for input and I hope we were helpful. On the day of the event people from all parts of the political spectrum treated kindly and with respect; Police officers were present, but not overwhelming. We protestors had set up a First Aid Station with water and snacks for the people waiting in line arriving as early as 3pm for an event at 6pm. We set it out water and snacks for anyone to take. One after another the protestors ask what they should donate for the snacks and water. We were attending a protest not fundraising, but then we realized we might be able to use the donations to thank Willingboro. We collected more than a hundred dollars. I have here a check for \$106.60 that was collected for the water and snacks as a donation for the Willingboro Police K-9 Association, given with great appreciation for everything that was done to make May 10<sup>th</sup> a safe, accessible and welcoming platform for freedom of expression. Thank you again to everyone who made the folk welcome in Willingboro.

Township Manager Berry:

In your packet you will see the perspective about the Grand Market Place. Those who don't know, it is on the auction block on the 7<sup>th</sup> and that is all the information, so I thought you may want that. The last item on my agenda is a reprehensive form the license holder for Ruby Tuesday is here they will step to the mic please.

Steve ???????:

I am the vice present of operation with Ruby Tuesday.

Siobhan Beere, Esq.:

Good evening, Council, I am with the law firm of the Post Polak Goodsell & Strauchler; local counsel for Ruby Tuesday on liquor license matters and hopefully will be able to answer some of your questions tonight.

Mayor Holley:

The first question everybody has is, what is the intention of renewing the liquor license with a vacant building?

Steve?????

As of right now we are working closely with the landlord to market the license and at least sublease the property. The lease ends in 2027. We are currently paying rent so we are working actively and closely with the landlord to find a sublet or lease the building.

Siobhan Beere: I would also add that Ruby Tuesday has engaged a third party liquor licensing, an expert to market the license. If they are not able to come to a conclusion from parties they have already spoken to with to obtain the license in the place it is located currently. So, they are working on a couple of variations and try to get this license activated and transferred.

Deputy Mayor Nock: Is there any plans to come before the township in reference to it; simply because it is empty? So, you are paying rent on an empty building? So, you don't own the building? So, this is the first I am hearing about that and at some point, according to—really nice critique press that given our solicitor about the liquor license renewal: options and so forth. At some point becomes a pocket license. So, what do you plan to do at that point?

Siobhan Beere: The procedure that occurs when a license goes inactive—in this particular license went inactive in September 2016, the municipality may approve license to be inactive for two years during the time that is inactive, before, the license you would have to go before the Divisions of Alcohol Beverage Control. In that time period--certainly Ruby Tuesday is trying to find a buyer for the license and someone to take over the building. It would seem that the best possibility would be the place that it was, but there is a possibility for place to place transfer within Willingboro or a person to person transfer or both. When we are able to obtain a buyer for the license or able to make or negotiate some agreement, even if it is going to be with the landlord. That application will come before the Council again. So, the Council will be able to weigh in on any person or entity that will be applying to use the license after Ruby Tuesday is able to transfer it.

Deputy Mayor Nock: What are you asking for the license? I am just curious.

Siobhan Beere: We are asking that Council go into NJAC.

Deputy Mayor Nock: What are you asking for the purchase of the license?

Siobhan Beere: I am not able to comment on that; it is a third party that is currently marketing the license.

Deputy Mayor Nock: So, you don't know what the third party is marketing the license for?

Siobhan Beere: I unfortunate I do not have that information.

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Deputy Mayor Nock: Because it is my understanding. I was not on Council, but it was twenty-five hundred dollars or something like that. I am just curious in terms of that because you are aware that we have licenses in storage, so any body new coming; if your price is here and we can beat it here. They can just pick up one of the other license, so, I was wondering why you didn't approach the Township to buy it back for the amount you paid for or something like that.

Siobhan Beere: I am not.

Deputy Mayor Nock: You are marketing and you say you are trying to find someone to go in there and take the license over? We have three or four in storage, so if I was a new person coming to sublet the building and your price is \$2,500 and I can get it from the Township for \$15,000—it is usually numbers; why would I buy the license from you guys?

Siobhan Beere: I am unaware of any process where a township has bought licenses back. Usually, what occurs is that the purchaser of the license, as is Ruby Tuesday, they are allowed to hold on to the license as inactive status and sometimes years at a time. We absolutely do not want a situation to occur any longer than it already has, but it is—as in other municipalities, this license can be in pocket or held inactive for years at a time until someone is able to come in. Again, I am unaware of other circumstances where the licensee has sold them back to the township. I don't know the rules and regulations as to that issue. I do understand that Willingboro for a long time as a dry town, so you are in a particular special circumstance than other towns that are at capacity and the licenses as you rightly noted in some other towns would be more valuable than I maybe here. What I can address to you, Ruby Tuesday's has a viable interest, absolutely want to see that they are able to bring someone else into the town and they have an interest in being able to get out of the lease that they are currently in. So, it is in everyone's interest that this license gets reactive or at least renewed.

Deputy Mayor Nock: It seems to be a Ruby Tuesday interest, because you have a lease until 2027, which is a long time, so you are asking us to renew it for you to do that and to work with somebody to get there. I still say if I was another business coming in or anything, I would take over the lease, but not necessarily want to take over your liquor license, especially if it is really whatever you are asking for. I

wish you had come with what you are asking for it, so we would have an idea what the going rate was. Thank you.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I have something to say, because, I am very disturbed by all of this. I don't think it is in the best interest at all what you are saying, in fact, I find it frankly insulting to this township and the people who live here. When we gave you the license for that amount it was because you were the first store coming in and we did a courtesy, which obviously, which we shouldn't have done or should, whoever did it shouldn't have done, but at this point, I feel like you are insulting me when you stand there with a smile on your face saying this is the best case scenario. This is the worst case scenario for my towns and for the people who are sitting out here. So, please don't stand there cavalier and say- oh, this is great and we all are going to sign a round of kumbaya, because we are not, and if there is anything that we can do to circumvent this, I would like to pursue that.

Siobhan Beere:

All I can say, I apology if I came across as anything as cavalier. I understand that Ruby Tuesday's uses license 2006, they were operating a business for ten years. Unfortunately in August 2016, 95 stores closed including that one. It wasn't a light decision for them to make, to close.

Councilwoman Jennings:

We didn't even get a courtesy call about that.

Steve?????:

I really can't speak to the closure. Unfortunately, the senior leadership that over saw the restaurant is no longer with the company. I live in Kansas City, Mo. And just took over the market, so I can't speak to the specifics to what happen here, but I was part of the asset rationalization last August when we did close 95 restaurants and each restaurant was evaluated on a number of factors; it could have been real estate, it could have been sales, it could have been profitability; proximity to other locations and a list of 95 restaurants unfortunately were closed. I would have loved to have known a little bit too, since you are a part of the evaluation team that did it. What made the Willingboro ...your license was really inexpensive, inexpensive for renewal and I always thought that. I don't drink, but I understand that when you go to a restaurant, 50 percent of your profitability is that liquor drink by the glass that is actually more lucrative to you as a business—you are shaking your head yes, it must be somewhat true. There must be somewhat true or at least 50 percent more than the dinner. So, I am just curious as to why our store was closed when you are not paying anything for renewal of \$250 for renewal of the license—that asset would be 50 percent of your business.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

August 1, 2017

## MANAGER'S REPORT

### Executive Session

1. Brief Summary of Audit – Director Diggs
2. Update on Junior Fire Academy – Chief Burnett  
Construction Material for Firehouse
3. Concession Stand Up Date – Director Brevogal
4. Mayor Emeritus Campbell  
Wanted to thank the Willingboro Rescue Squad for continual  
outstanding service, when he was transported to the hospital.
5. Presentation to Willingboro K-9 – Mrs. Sharon Anderson
6. Grand Market Place – Manager Eric Berry
7. Representative from Ruby Tuesday

# **AUCTION**

## **Bank Owned**

### Major Redevelopment Offering 28.8+/- Acres on Route 130 Willingboro, Burlington County, NJ

Auction: September 7th at 1 pm  
Preview: Wednesday, August 9th, 12-2 pm

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## **Bank Owned**

**Major 240,294+/- SF Redevelopment Opportunity on 28.8+/- Acres  
Prominently Located in Burlington County's Revitalization District  
4340 Route 130 North, Willingboro, NJ**

### **Multiple Possible Uses**

- The Grand Marketplace is currently a retail market with over 180 vendors and attracts on average 15,000 weekend visitors
- Completely renovated in 2006 with all new plumbing, electricity, gas, HVAC, flooring, roofing and façade
- Situated on Route 130, a high traffic corridor boasting 38,484+/- vehicles per day
- Additional Pad Sites
- Re-purpose site to Residential, Retail, Medical, Mixed-Use,...
- Tax Abatement Available
- Run with your vision and grow with the Burlington County River Route Revitalization Program
- Neighbors include Wal-Mart, Target, Lowes, and Home Depot

**Click here to Pre-Register and download a Property Information Package**

### **Property Previews 12-2 pm:**

Wednesday, August 9th

Wednesday, August 16th

**Property Address:** 4340 Route 130 North, Willingboro, Burlington County, NJ 08046

**Auction Date:** Thursday, September 7th at 1 PM

**Auction Location:** Hilton Garden, 111 Hancock Lane, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060

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Steve???: Unfortunately, sir, I cannot speak to the why's. I wasn't part of the asset rationalization team that determined which restaurant was closed; I am on the operation side. I run the restaurants. I was one of the people who had to go in and talk to the people in the Midwest and close the restaurants. Really can't speak to the specifics as to what happen here, unfortunately. Thank you.

Mayor Holley: Any other comments? (None were given).

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 2017-7 (First Reading)**

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THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING  
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BALANCES UNDER CERTAIN BOND ORDINANCES  
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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,  
NEW JERSEY (not less than Two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively  
concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, it is hereby determined that

certain debt authorizations in the aggregate amount of \$1,522,600.00 provided for in the various ordinances listed below are no longer needed for the purposes referenced therein. The Township of Willingboro, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Township") desires, therefore, to cancel the following debt authorizations:

<b>Ordinance Number</b>	<b>Improvement Description and Date of Adoption</b>	<b>Amount to be Cancelled</b>
2009-14(a)	Stormwater Outfall Projects, Adopted 8/25/2009	\$1,486,448.00
2009-14(b)	Acquisition of a Street Sweeper, Adopted 8/25/2009	\$36,152.00

Section 2. The appropriation amounts associated with these Capital Projects under each of the Bond Ordinances are unfunded and the cancellation shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**Discussion**

Deputy Mayor Nock: Can someone explain what this is? Because I read this a couple times and wasn't sure what exactly is being said.

Manager Berry: Stand by, just a minute.

Eusebia Diggs: These are 2009 NJEIT projects that have been completed and the funds are sitting there and need to be cancelled. These are old projects that have complete from 2009 and sitting on the books.

Deputy Mayor Nock: Those funds will come back to us?

Eusebia Diggs: No, funded by the State of NJ, not funds that we get.

Deputy Mayor Nock: So we are cancelling it.

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Eusebia Diggs: Yes, cancelling it-just taking it off the books.

Deputy Mayor Nock: And we have been carrying it on the books as a debt or receivable?

Eusebia Diggs: No, as an unfunded project, just sitting there—capital project. Nothing we actually received the money for.

Deputy Mayor Nock: Okay.

Motioned by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nock

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried. Ordinance 2017-7 Approved for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

#### **ORDINANCE 2017-8**

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE RE-APPROPRIATION OF \$84,396.43 IN UNUSED DEBT AUTHORIZATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CONCESSION STAND, ACQUISITION OF F250 TRUCK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND RENOVATIONS & IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY (not less than Two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, it is hereby determined that certain debt authorizations in the aggregate amount of \$84,396.43 provided for in the various ordinances listed below are no longer needed for the purposes referenced therein. The Township of Willingboro, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Township") desires, therefore, to re-appropriate the following debt authorizations:

<b>Ordinance Number</b>	<b>Improvement Description and Date of Adoption</b>	<b>Amount to be Re-appropriated</b>
2006-3(f)	Purchase of Recreation Dept. Vehicles, Adopted 5/31/2006	\$5,466.03
2007-11(b)	Office of Library, Clerk, Tech & Admin, Adopted 7/3/2007	\$3,651.05
2008-7(b)	Library, Clerk, Human Services, Tech & Admin, Adopted 10/28/2008	\$0.12
2009-14(a)	Storm water Outfall Projects, Adopted 8/25/2009	\$35,291.94
2009-15(b)	Office of the Administrator/Management Equipment, Adopted 4/7/2009	\$1,513.00

<b>Ordinance Number</b>	<b>Improvement Description and Date of Adoption</b>	<b>Amount to be Re-appropriated</b>
2009-15(c)	Police Department-Acquisition of SUV & Various Equipment, Adopted 4/7/2009	\$46.04
2009-15(d)	Fire Department/Emergency Squad/Emergency Management-Acquisition of Various Vehicles & Equipment, Adopted 4/7/2009	\$770.05
2009-15(h)	Renovations and Preliminary Design Costs for Various Municipal Facilities, Adopted 4/7/2009	\$9,595.05
2010-1(a)	Office of Administration/Manager-Acquisition of Office Furniture and Equipment, Adopted 3/10/2010	\$9,373.93
2010-1(b)	Police Department-Acquisition of Various Equipment	\$2,882.99
2010-1(c)	Fire Department/Emergency Squad/Emergency Management-	\$64.49

	Acquisition of Various Equipment and Improvements, Adopted 3/10/2010	
2010-1(d)	Public Works Department-Acquisition of Vehicles and signs for Parks and Paving of the Department of Public Works Yard, Adopted 3/10/2010	\$79.65
2010-1(e)	Recreation Department-Acquisition of Various Equipment, Adopted 3/10/2010	\$3,487.63
2010-1(f)	Renovations to the Municipal Complex and Kennedy Center, Adopted 3/10/2010	\$5,780.00
2012-3	Renovations to the Municipal Complex, Adopted 10/16/2012	\$5,428.34
2012-4	Purchase of SUV or Van for Animal Control, Adopted 10/16/2012	\$670.73
2012-5	Renovations to the JFK Center, Adopted 11/20/2012	\$295.39
		<u>\$84,396.43</u>

Section 2. The aggregate amount of \$84,396.43 described in Section 1 hereof and made available pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39 are hereby re-appropriated to provide for the following:

Purpose	Appropriation & Estimated Costs	Period of Usefulness
Acquisition of a Concession Stand	\$11,000.00	10 years
Acquisition of a F250 Truck-Department of Public Works	\$26,000.00	15 years
Renovations and Improvements to Various Municipal Buildings	\$47,396.43	10 years

Section 3. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**Discussion**

Deputy Mayor Nock: Can I just ask Mr. Berry the revocations improvement various municipal buildings. Is the front of JFK included in that, where the wall is coming down?

Manager Berry: No.

Deputy Mayor Nock: Shouldn't that be prioritized in this? Because those walls, as you walk up to JFK on the right hand side, all of that concrete stuff is falling.

Manager Berry: That's part of capital.

Deputy Mayor Nock: That's part of capital? But this isn't?

Manager Berry: No.

Deputy Mayor Nock: What would be the improvement to various municipal buildings?

Manager Berry: It all depends on things that we need that are outside of the capital expenditures.

Motioned by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nock

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried. Ordinance 2017-8 Approved for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**ORDINANCE 2017-9—FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFINANCING OF CERTAIN REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COMMISSION PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO REFUND A PORTION OF THE COUNTY-GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS (2002 GOVERNMENTAL LEASING PROGRAM) SERIES 2002 ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR THE TOWNSHIP UNDER THE COMMISSION'S 2002 GOVERNMENTAL LEASING PROGRAM**

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**WHEREAS**, the Burlington County Bridge Commission (the "Commission") has been duly created by resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "County"), duly adopted October 22, 1948, as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to the Self-Liquidating Bridges Act, constituting Chapter 17 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1934, of the State of New Jersey and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms of the Act, the Commission is authorized to provide within the County public facilities for use by the State, the County or any municipality in the County, or any subdivisions, departments, agencies or instrumentalities of any of the foregoing, for any of their respective governmental purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Willingboro, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Township") participated in the Commission's 2002 Governmental Leasing Program in order to finance and/or refinance the cost of acquisition and/or construction of certain equipment and/or improvements (collectively, the "Project"), which Project was leased by the Commission to the Township pursuant to the terms of an Equipment Lease and Agreement dated as of July 1, 2002 (the "Equipment Lease Agreement") and an Improvement Lease and Agreement dated as of July 1, 2002 (the "Original Improvement Lease Agreement" and, together with the Equipment Lease Agreement, the "Lease Agreements"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission financed the Project through the issuance of its County-Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds (2002 Governmental Leasing Program), Series 2002 (the "Series 2002 Bonds"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Lease Agreements provide, among other things, for the Township to make rental payments (the "Rental Payments") to the Commission in an amount equal to the debt service to be paid by the Commission with respect to the Series 2002 Bonds issued on behalf of the Township to finance the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission refinanced a portion of the Series 2002 Bonds and the Township's Rental Payments due under the Original Improvement Lease Agreement through the issuance of the Commission's \$34,020,000 County-Guaranteed Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (Governmental Leasing Program), Series 2007 (the "Series 2007 Bonds"); and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the issuance of the Series 2007 Bonds and the refinancing of the Township's Rental Payments, the Township authorized and executed the First Amendment to the Improvement Lease Agreement (the "First Amendment" and together with the Original Improvement Lease Agreement, the "Improvement Lease Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined to proceed with the refinancing of a portion of the Series 2007 Bonds and the Township's Rental Payments due under the Improvement Lease Agreement through the issuance of the Commission's County-Guaranteed Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (Governmental Leasing Program), Series 2017 (the "Series 2017 Bonds"); and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the issuance of the Series 2017 Bonds and the refinancing of the Township's Rental Payments it is necessary to further amend the Improvement Lease Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township now desires to approve the Second Amendment to the Improvement Lease Agreement, and to authorize the execution and delivery of the Second Amendment to the Improvement Lease Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring), as follows:

**Section 1.** The Second Amendment to the Improvement Lease Agreement ("Second Amendment"), in substantially the form presented at this meeting and which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk and which by this reference is made a part hereof (with such changes as may be required and as shall have been approved by the Mayor) is hereby approved.

**Section 2.** The Mayor and the Township Administrator (the "Authorized Officers") are each hereby authorized to execute the Second Amendment on behalf of the Township, and the Township Clerk is hereby directed to attest the validity of such signature. The execution of the Second Amendment by the Authorized Officers shall evidence the Township's approval of the terms thereof and no further action therefore shall be required.

**Section 3.** The Authorized Officers are hereby further authorized and directed, to the extent necessary, to enter into, execute and deliver in the name of the Township and on its behalf a continuing disclosure agreement to provide for the dissemination of secondary market disclosure in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented.



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**Section 4.** The proper officers of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take all such actions as may be necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the Second Amendment, including but not limited to execution and delivery, for and on behalf of the Township, of any and all instruments, opinions, affidavits, certificates, documents, Internal Revenue Service forms or other papers, and to do and to perform or cause to be done any and all acts as they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement the execution and delivery of the Second Amendment and the matters herein.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by applicable law.

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings  
Seconded by Councilman Anderson

Discussion:

Mayor Holley: So, is this money that was allocated for the bridge project?

Rich Brevogel: I believe this was bonds issued by the DVRPC and they were low interest bonds and we participated in that loan, basically, bonding through them. So, they are refunding some of their bonds based on the current rates.

Deputy Mayor Nock: So, we have to agree to do it—everybody who is in it.

Rich Brevogel: Yes.

Deputy Mayor Nock: So, we will save money.

Rich Brevogel: Yes, we will--\$40,000. in debt service.

Deputy Mayor Nock: You get a yes from me.

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried. Ordinance 2017-9 Approved for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Resolutions**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-108**

**Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers for Payment & Ratification**

Whereas, Willingboro Township Council received the July 2017, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017 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.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Nock  
Seconded by Councilwoman

**Discussion:**

Deputy Mayor Nock: One question. We got the Treasurer's report; I didn't see that on here. Is that sort of passively included because it came to us separately?

Clerk: The Treasurer's report is on your agenda, as well.

Deputy Mayor Nock: Oh, at the end.

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried. Resolution 2017—108 Approved.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2017--109**

**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 1st day of August 2017, 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.

OVERPAYMENT FOR TAXES

HENRY A. & GENNIVE LEWIS  
51 GARDENBROOK LANE  
WILLINGBORO, NJ 08046  
BLOCK 708  
LOT 1  
51 GARDENBROOK LANE  
OVERPAYMENT TAXES

\$2077.81

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On motion by Deputy Mayor Nock  
Seconded by Councilwoman

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried. Resolution 2017—109 Approved.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017—110**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2016 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro  
has received and reviewed the annual report for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township is  
required to prepare a Corrective Action Plan, addressing the comments in the 2016  
Audit; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has received and reviewed the  
Corrective Action Plan submitted by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of  
Willingboro;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of  
the Township of Willingboro assembled in public session this 1st day of August, 2017, that the Corrective  
Action Plan prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the  
Township of Willingboro, for the 2016 Audit, be and hereby is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution  
be provided to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Willingboro, to the  
Township Auditor and the Division of Local Government Services for their  
information and attention.

**Discussion**

Deputy Mayor Nock: Shouldn't this be after we approve the audit itself. Do you approve the Correction Action Plan in the audit because one is 110, and the audit is farther down? And I really want the audit tabled until we hear from the auditors. So, why would we approve the Correction Action Plan before we approve the audit itself?

Councilwoman Jennings: I don't think we need to table the audit, because the audit is what it is. It is not going to change, because it will not disable it. I think we can ask questions. I don't think we need to table the audit. I think that we can pass the audit because it is what it is. And, then, I agree with you that it should come before we authorize the Corrective Action Plan, but other than that I don't see anything wrong with accepting the audit, then asking questions.

Deputy Mayor Nock: I am just saying, Ms. Jennings, normally we have our auditors here to answer any questions that we have and any questions that comes up from the public.

Councilwoman Jennings: And, they still can do that that is not going to change the audit.

Deputy Mayor Nock: Normally, you don't approve the audit until everything is set.

Councilwoman Jennings: The audit is not going to change.

Deputy Mayor Nock: Madam, maybe or maybe not. They do do corrections to audits, but, okay, what are we doing about this?

Councilwoman Perrone: I am in agreement with both, actually, Jennings and Nock. The Corrective Action Plan is the plan for the audit. I would definitely like to review, but the audit is not going to change, because it is the audit of our funding. I think maybe if we can table this until we look at the audit or correction action plan, I mean...

Mayor Holley: Should come after the audit...

Councilman Anderson: I think we should approve the audit then the Correction Action Plan.

Deputy Mayor Nock: That is exactly what I said.

Mayor Holley: We need to rescind our motion.

Deputy Mayor Nock: I rescind on my end.

Councilwoman Perrone: I rescind my end...

Clerk: I need a motion to take off the table.

On motion to take off table by Mayor Holley and seconded by Councilwoman Jennings.

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Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried to approve Resolution 2017-110**

**Resolution 2017--111**

**TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FIREWORKS DISPLAY BY D & M FIREWORKS  
FOR THE 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WILLINGBORO JAZZ FESTIVAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Willingboro is sponsoring a fireworks display for the Annual Willingboro Jazz Festival on August 13, 2017 and has contracted the D&M Fireworks to perform the displays; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.2 provides that the Governing Body of a municipality may upon application in writing accompanied by proof of proper insurance coverage, grant permission by resolution for the public display of fireworks approved by the Governing Body of such municipality to whom the application is made; and

**WHEREAS**, D&M Fireworks has been contracted through the Township of Willingboro to conduct a display on August 13, 2017 for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Willingboro Jazz Festival on lands owned and managed by Willingboro Township; and

**WHEREAS**, D & M provided the necessary proof of insurance and the MEL Insurance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Willingboro of the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that D & M Fireworks at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Willingboro Jazz Festival in accordance with the applications on file with the Township Fire Official and the Township Clerk, contingent upon receipt of the approval letter from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED  
AT THE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2017.**

On motion by Councilman Anderson  
Seconded by Councilwoman Perrone

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

Motion carried Resolution 2017-111 Approved

RESOLUTION 2017-112

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2016 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Clerk of Township Council pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and,

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Schedule of Findings and Recommendations", and,

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Schedule of Findings and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and,

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_



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On motion by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Councilwoman Perrone

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried Resolution 2017-112 Approved**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-113**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CHANGE OF VENDOR NAME**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2016- 121 on June 21, 2016, the Township awarded a bid for custodial services to All Clean Building Services, effective through June 30, 2018.

WHEREAS, on or about June 1, 2017, All Clean Building Services has submitted documents to the Township in support of a change of its business name to ACB Services, Inc.

WHEREAS, all other terms and conditions of the bid award and contract shall remain the same.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the township to accept the change of the vendor's name.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August in open public session, the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro does hereby accept the change of vendor's name formerly known as All Clean Building Services to ACB Services, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to ACB Services, Inc. and the Director of Finance.

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Councilwoman Perrone

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried Resolution 2017-113 Approved**

**Resolution 2017 – 114**

**CHAPTER 159 – NJDOT FISCAL YEAR 2017 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM AND URBAN AID PROGRAM FOR NJDOT TRUST FUND RESURFACING OF CHARLES VAN SCIVER PARKWAY (PHASE III)**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 provides that the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality, when such item shall have, been made available by law and the amount hereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Willingboro Council, of Burlington County of Willingboro Township, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following meeting in public session this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017 hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of the following items of revenue in the budget of the year 2017.

The sum of \$245,177.00 for the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2017 Municipal Aid Program for FY 2017 NJDOT Trust Fund Resurfacing of Charles Van Sciver Parkway (Phase III).

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that two copies to this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval, as well as a copy to the Director of Finance of the Township of Willingboro.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017 in open public session, the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro hereby authorize the approval of this resolution.

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Councilwoman Perrone

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried Resolution 2017-114 Approved**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 115

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO AWARDED A BID  
FOR 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS STREETS**

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2017, the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro advertised its request that bids be submitted for the 2017 Road Improvement Program "Reconstruction of Various Streets" in the Township of Willingboro; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Road Improvement Program "Reconstruction of Various Streets" consists of the pulverization, stabilization and overlay (PSO) of various roadways, as described in the Engineers letter to the Deputy Township Manager.

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2017, the bids were received, opened, and read in public; and

WHEREAS, the sole bidder is Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., of 500 N. Egg Harbor Road, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037 for a Base Bid in the amount of \$329,818.83, and Alternate Bid No. 1 in the amount of \$86,667.61; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., mandates that the Township award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, Township's Engineer tabulated the bid received and determined that Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., is a responsible bidder.

WHEREAS, Upon its consideration and review of the bid and recommendations, the Township Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to accept the bid of Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., 500 N. Egg Harbor Road, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037, in the amount of \$329,818.83, for the Base Bid.

WHEREAS, the award of this bid is contingent upon the availability of funds for this purpose, and as indicated by the attached Treasurer's Certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, assembled in public session this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017, hereby accepts the bids of the Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., 500 N. Egg Harbor Road, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037, in the amount of \$329,818.83, for the Base Bid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bid shall be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Township Finance Director, Township Engineer, and Asphalt Paving

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nock

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried Resolution 2017-115 Approved**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 116**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO AWARDED A BID FOR 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, FOR RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS**

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2017, the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro advertised its request that bids be submitted for the 2017 Road Improvement Program "Resurfacing of Various Streets" in the Township of Willingboro; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Road Improvement Program "Resurfacing of Various Streets" consists of the improvements to various roadways, as described in the Engineer's letter to the Deputy Township Manager.

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2017, the bids were received, opened, and read in public; and

WHEREAS, bids were received from the following bidders for the Base Bid, Alternate Bid No. 1 and Alternate Bid No. 2:

- Arawak Paving Company, Inc.
- Landberg Construction, LLC
- Richard E. Pierson Construction

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., mandates that the Township award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, Township's Engineer tabulated the bids received and determined that Arawak Paving Company, Inc. submitted the lowest responsible bid for the Base Bid Amount of \$591,900.00; Alternate Bid No. 1 of \$98,000.00; and Alternate Bid No. 2 of \$201,000.00.

WHEREAS, upon its consideration and review of the bids and recommendations, the Township Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to accept the bid of Arawak Paving Company, Inc., of 7503 Weymouth Road, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037, in the amount of \$591,900.00, for the Base Bid.

WHEREAS, the award of this bid is contingent upon the availability of funds for this purpose, and as indicated by the attached Treasurer's Certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, assembled in public session this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017, hereby accepts the bids of the Arawak Paving Company, Inc., of 7503 Weymouth Road, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037, in the amount of \$591,900.00, for the Base Bid.

Willingboro Township Council Meeting of August 1, 2017 was held in Council’s Chambers,  
One Rev. Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Drive, Willingboro, NJ 08046

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Councilwoman Perrone

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried Resolution 2017-116 Approved**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 --117**

**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 1st day of August, 2017 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. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public and any investigations of violations or possible violations of law.
- \_\_\_XX\_\_\_ 7. 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.
- \_\_\_9. 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 or 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: Professional Service Billing/Discussion of PPA Solar

**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.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Nock

Seconded by Councilwoman Jennings

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried Resolution 2017-117 Approved**

**TREASURER’S REPORT –APPROVAL AND ADOPTION**

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nock

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried Treasurer’s Report Approved**

Willingboro Township Council Meeting of August 1, 2017 was held in Council's Chambers,  
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**APPROVAL OF MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES**

On motion by Councilman Anderson

Seconded by Councilwoman Jennings

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried May 16, 2017 minutes Approved**

**APPROVAL OF RAFFLE—CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH RA-636**

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Councilwoman Perrone

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried Raffle Approved**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**Res. 2017—91 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RUBY TUESDAY, INC. (TABLED AT THE JUNE 20, 2017 MEETING AND RE-TABLED AT THE JULY 5, 2017 MEETING)**

**Res. 2017—107 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF RFP AWARD BETWEEN ENERGY NJ, LLC AND WILLINGBORO STANDARD, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (TABLED AT THE JULY 20, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING)**

**Public Comments (August 1, 2017):**

Mayor Holley: At this time we are going to open the floor for public comment. As you approach the microphone please give your name and address. Thank you.

Dennis Reiter: Yes, my name is Dennis Reiter and I have been a permanent resident of Willingboro since 1967 and I meet the Title 19 definition as far as a valid and legal resident. I'd like to congratulate Rebecca Perrone. I believe she is a resident for more than five years and actually served in the community as a school board member. Now, after reading the article in the South Jersey section of the Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> of the Philadelphia Inquirer, I find it incredible that people like Bill Carter, the Willingboro Democratic Committee Chairman can make statements like as far as the residency I have nothing to do with that. We went under the premise that Chris Walker still lived in Willingboro. I guess Bill did not read the other articles concerning Mr. Walker. I spent considerable money as a citizen and have documented proof that Mr. Walker is not, I'm sorry I'm shaking, has not had a permanent residence in Willingboro since January of 2016. In allowing Mr. Walker to resign one day before he would have perjured himself in court, I feel I was being charitable. I was trying to work with the community. Now however, in allowing Mr. Walker to do that, Council has to act to recover the year and a half Council salary – \$22,500.00; and the WMUA salary of \$15,000.00 for a grand total of \$37,500.00. If Council does that I feel that the money I expended – thousands of dollars that I spend out of my own pocket – a taxpayer of the Township of Willingboro – I feel it would be worth it. But, I came here at another meeting and I said the same thing and I have not seen any action from Council as far as taking care of this is concerned. If no action is taken, I will probably have to file Mr. Walker's documentation to Community Affairs and Election Law and have the paperwork constitute a violation of the law and have him be arrested. Now, if we want to do that we can do that. I would like each Council Member individually to respond to my presentation in the Council Comments section. Thank you.

Debbie Price: Good evening everyone, my name is Debbie Price. I came with great news. What prompted my visit today was I saw the Police Athletic League trying to rejuvenate the youth activities in Willingboro again. That was...I don't know how many of you are from old school, you know, but to see that activity on the old baseball field off of Pennypacker Drive, I said I have to come to town council to talk about the good things that are on the rise again. Another thing that I wanted to touch base on is every three to five years on our block we have a block party; and folks are often asked, "How is it so successful?" It's successful because our



block speaks to the youth, to the elderly. The energy is back again. We are going to be having our block party. This time it is only for the kid zone, but you are welcome to come and see and witness what actually happens on our block. Its harmonious, it really is harmonious on our block. It is going to be September 2<sup>nd</sup>; it's always the Saturday before Labor Day so I invite you to that. Most recently and lastly, I have to share this information with you. I am working back in New York, so I am not as visible as I used to be in the community, so I apologize for that, but I what I am not going to apologize for is this program that I actually witnessed last week and I said I had to bring this to Willingboro. It part of the one million strong initiatives. It is a program that President Obama started in 2015. I went to one of the programs which is called the world of money. I hope everyone in here could google the world of money. What this program does is they take children from ages seven to eighteen; they take them around the world to teach them about the impact of money. It is not for the love of money but for the impact of money on your lives. Please google it. I've spoken with the CEO of this organization and they have agreed to come down and do a presentation on behalf of the community so we can at least have another avenue for our young people to learn and be successful in their lives. Thank you. We call ourselves the Endwell family and it is between Endwell Lane and Endwell Court. Oh it is from 12:00 P.M. to dusk. But we have rides, contests, just movie nights. We have everything. But it's free to the children.

Maddie Mallory:

Good evening, Maddie Mallory, 5 Hudson Place. First I would like to congratulate Mr. Holley, and I look forward to great things happening in our town under your leadership. But I do have some concerns as a forty five year citizen of this town and one of the things that are still a pet peeve for me is the speeding on Charleston Road between Kennedy Way and Van Sciver. It is a disaster waiting to happen and I would like the Council to consider something to slow the traffic down or monitor that traffic because we have a lot of residents, the speed limit is thirty miles and house and most residential areas that I have observed the speed limit is twenty five. We have a lot of kids that live in that area, the houses are close to the street and people are allowing their kids to play in front. The other day a little girl, I am going to say maybe three years old, was bouncing a ball and I predicted what was going to happen. The ball ran in the street and I laid on my horn. Someone came out after I laid on my horn and yelled at the kid. But I knew she was going to attempt to run to get the ball and I just stopped. So I have been asking for something to be done for years and I think we should seriously consider that section between Kennedy Way and Van Sciver. The other thing that concerns me is in Hawthorne Park we have these signs from this company called

5-Star. I'd like for someone to tell us what this is about. On the sign it says that they are a restoration company and I don't know how many other parks are overwhelmed with them, but in Hawthorne Park where I live I live on a cul-de-sac and I would say that out of the eleven houses, six of them have these signs on their lawns; and again along Charleston Road in that same stretch between Kennedy Way and Van Sciver. The other thing is it appears that since Shop Rite left the Kennedy Plaza, it is not patrolled. You go over there and the cars line up and you have to go in between the cars to get in the stores. So I think that we should patrol that area a little bit more, because they just line up in front of the stores. The last thing is I am noticing that there is a lot of trash around town. On my way here tonight, I rode with a friend and we just talked about Charleston Road itself and all the trash that is pushed up against the curb and I don't know if the sweeper is not working or if the sweeper has not been around. The storm drains are clogged up with cups and paper and those things along Charleston Road. So, I would like for you to consider these things. Thank you.

Ted Nixon:

Ted Nixon, Windover Lane, Willingboro. I represent the "Go To High School, Go for Greatness" project, a committee of the Willingboro Community Development Corporation. Our purpose this evening is to highlight an education crisis in Willingboro. We are appealing to the town council to lead an effort to formally lead a plan to improve the reputation of our town. Our education system is in deep decline and no one seems to be able to turn things around. Our board of education has proven to be totally ineffective in guiding our system to at least an academic level among all state and public schools. The severity of the crisis came to a head for us on June 26, 2017 when the board held a public hearing to determine whether the Superintendent should be awarded a contract. With only one abstention, the board voted to provide him a new four year term with a thirty thousand dollar increase. The board took this action without deliberation despite the fact that of ten presentations offered, all were negative. The immediacy of the vote suggests that the public comments were not taken seriously. The project presented a brochure that showed that the school district has experienced a steady decline during the Superintendent's six year tenure. Copies of the brochure, I have to be distributed this evening. A major duty of the board is to make decisions which ensure that students receive a thorough and efficient education. On that basis, the board has been derelict of its duties. It seems that the board believes that its role is to protect the Superintendent's interests rather than the public's interests. Several months ago the board president stated that their decision on rehiring the Superintendent would be preceded by a hearing. The hearing was never held and the contract was renewed by default. Subsequently, the state

raised the salary cap which required the board to hold a hearing, but it appears that the board did not properly weigh the information presented by the public; i.e. that during the Superintendent's six year tenure the district has declined in almost every educational area. In addition, the board conspired with the Council to keep the failures hidden from the public by borrowing information from the Willingboro newspaper. We request that the Council intervene to help improve education in Willingboro. We know that the Council's first response will be that the Council has no legal authority to intervene in board affairs. We also know that every citizen in organizations has a stake in improving the life and well-being in our community. We know that approximately 127 million dollars of taxpayer money is spent by the board 73 million, Council 42 million, 12 million WMUA. That 127 million presents the entirety of money available for welfare of the Willingboro community. Surely we as citizens have a right expect that the three bodies that control all the community's wealth should get together to provide for the community's health, education, welfare and prosperity. It is to be noted that we are rapidly approaching the voting season. Let us hope that voting people out of office is not the only way to affect change in the community. Thank you.

Samantha Whitfield:

Samantha Whitfield, 47 Blueberry Lane and Willingboro and vicinity NAACP Branch President. I come up here today to address the Council; previously the NAACP has had a few meetings with former Mayor Walker about the gun violence that was happening here in town. He agreed to the join the Mayor's coalition against illegal guns; and also at the previous town hall meeting in March regarding the gun violence I presented the Council with a 72 page document from every town – the organization is called "Every Town for Gun Safety" it was a 72 page document entitled "Strategies for Reducing Gun Violence in American Cities". I also asked the Council what their plan was for combatting and preventing future shootings in our town here of Willingboro. There was no action taken on that. It was deferred to the police department, which yes the police department is a vital piece in stopping the gun violence, but I also believe that Council should have a plan and owes the residents of this town a plan to address gun violence here. The NAACP would like to hold an event to raise awareness for gun violence and would like to ask the Council's support; in that event. But also I personally believe that the residents are owed a plan of action to address the gun violence. Thank you.

Corey Cottingham:

Hi, how are you doing? Corey Cottingham, 54 Bosworth Lane. I am here to speak upon the "Unity in the Community" event in which we do on a weekly basis. And I wanted to get the information out to the Council on how we can spread the word to our community. We've been

out there for over twelve weeks on our own with the residents standing together. There have been pastors, ministers, groups, business owners and giving the kids something consistent. Not just one event, but let's consistently come out here and get together and bring on that strength and village. I see we get promotions through other events. How can we all work together to promote our event? This week for instance, we have Don Evans' players coming out with the young theatre kids. Last week we did Men's Self Defense. Each week we are out there doing something. We have pastors speaking to the kids about unity in community. I invite the Burlington County Times. We are real quick to put out there what the negative is going on in our community, why don't you come out there on Sunday 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and see what we are doing –rallying together with those of like minds and we can come together. So, once again, if we have to draw up a proposal, we'll do what we need to do. We are rounding to the end of the season. But next year we'd like to continue as soon as school is done in the summertime, come on out there and let's build new trends. Let's build new things. This is something that is not on a Council and Township, we ask very little. We just need the help to get the word out. And anything possible, funds, would be a benefit to us because we've been supplying food through the graces of donations and the people out there. So, once again, I invite you this week, like I said, we will be out there this Sunday. We are rounding to the end of the season because it is football season; you've got the Jazz Festival, but let's support each other. Let's not pick and choose different events and empower all events. Thank you.

Deborah McKenzie:

Good evening, my name is Deborah McKenzie and I am at 17 Fireside Court. Someone else was supposed to be here to speak, so I am just going off the cuff. But the gist of our concern was recently within the last week in Fairmount Park we've had shootings where one person's car was shot and a person's couch was shot on that same spray of shooting that night. There is an area, there is a couple of areas over there that are so dark that and there's drug dealings also going on over there; but there are certain areas that are so dark that you couldn't even see. I mean, we heard the gunshots and you couldn't see out there because it is so dark. My question is, how do we go about being able to get lighting put in there – additional lighting, street lighting put in certain areas in that park? Thank you.

Ruth Allie:

Good evening, Ruth Allie, Willingboro. I just would like to find out, I don't remember if they said what streets would be resurfacing on the resolution 2017-116 I don't know if they said what streets. But what I am concerned about is I hope that Buckingham, some of the streets in Buckingham would also be included in this resurfacing.

- Mayor Holley: I don't think it was. It wasn't listed in this one, I think it was listed prior. He has it for you. When you are finished I will have him run the list off for you.
- Ruth Allie: Tell me the list of the streets that are being resurfaced; and if possible maybe some of the streets in Buckingham, because that was one of the issues that we continued to bring forth, I think ever since 2016, because we have a lot of streets that are in Buckingham that need to be resurfaced. Okay? Thank you.
- Mayor Holley: Do you want to run that off real fast?
- Wendell Bibbs: The streets that were awarded tonight for resurfacing are Genesee Lane and that is from JFK to Garfield; I hope I am pronouncing this right, Gullet Court from Genesee Lane to Cul-de-sac; the next is Gaffney Lane from Garland Lane to Gabriel Lane and the final one is Gainscott Lane from Garland Lane to Gabriel Lane. There were some alternates but they weren't awarded this evening.
- Ruth Allie: I think I still have some time on the clock right?
- Clerk: You do.
- Felicia Hopson: Good evening, Felicia Hopson 5 Heath Lane, Willingboro, New Jersey. I am the current School Board President. So my comments are directed obviously towards the public, but particularly you, Mr. Nixon. So, let me just do a little bit of fact checking here. So our public hearing for Dr. Taylor who is our Superintendent of Schools, the public hearing was held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. So the school board, we make our decisions and we make our decisions not haphazardly. So we follow the rule of law when it comes down to our decision making. So to come up here and say that we didn't when we did because we have to by law and pay attorneys good money to make sure we are following everything by the law. So as far as his contract, the state initiated these regulations for Superintendents all across the state because we were losing Superintendents. The State of New Jersey was losing Superintendents to surrounding states because of salary caps. Now granted we all have our feelings about our current Superintendent, but what I would like to focus on is all of the good that is coming out of Willingboro High School. So, we have high school graduates that are going on for engineering degrees, they are going for bioscience degrees, forensic degrees, but we never talk about that. So to come up here and talk about the school board, particularly the members – I have a few members here – and not recognize the hard work that we put in, we are elected officials, we do not make our decisions haphazardly. We are committed to this community, we don't say just because, oh let's go ahead and do it, that is not the purpose of this role. We would not have given our free time away from our families, away from our jobs, just to make haphazard decisions. So, to the public, the school board

members are committed to our community. We are working to improve our school district. It takes time, we are in the process, and we are doing it. So, please feel free to make an appointment with Dr. Taylor, email the school board members, our email addresses are posted on the website. We respond to emails. Dr. Taylor is the official spokesperson for the district. We follow up with him all the time, particularly Mrs. Holley because she is our one who is retired and can get to it quicker than we can. So we are not, not paying attention. We know where we need to go and we have a path in place. But we don't need for us to focus on the negative and not reward and celebrate all of the positive. Because I can assure you we have more success stories than not, but we don't take the time to listen to them. We don't take the time to listen to them, but we have them. We awarded several students certifications, awards, this previous high school year. So if you all were at our school board meetings you would have seen all the awards that we were giving out to debate clubs, our school athletes, we were doing it. And we were doing it not haphazardly, because they earned it and we celebrate them. So we just ask that you be patient with us and not focus on the negative as much and turn the corner a little bit with us and focus on more of the positive. So I am here, available to answer any questions. Mr. Nixon, we have had conversations privately, now publicly. You and I and Mrs. Holley have had conversations, so we want to make sure when we are spitting out the facts that we have the actual facts. So the public hearing for Dr. Taylor's Superintendent contract renewal was on June 26, 2017. It is in our minutes, our minutes are a matter of public record. Thank you.

Gary Johnson:

Gary Johnson, 54 Gramercy Lane. First off, congratulations Mayor Holley, congratulations Deputy Mayor Nock. If we wouldn't have that clock there I would say a little bit more. The first thing I would like to say is I promised a neighbor and a friend that I would make a complaint. My neighbor and friend is handicapped. He has to use a walker. He likes to pay his property tax in person, but apparently there has been a change that people can no longer use the downstairs entrance where there is an elevator up to the main floor. He says he cannot use the ramps because of their condition; and he is very disturbed about the closure about the back door over here. We spent money putting an elevator in there, down there so that people could get up to this floor, and now it looks like we are making it possible that nobody can use it. You have to come in the front door. So, I told him I would relay his complaint and I am doing that now. The other subject, which I imagine you can guess, because I brought it up at the last meeting we had here. I requested detailed information on the resolutions concerning liquor licenses and I still haven't heard much of it. I would like to know what that resolution says about expiration, I would like to know what that resolution says about renewal; and I don't like one bit what I heard here tonight.

Because it sounds to me like they are planning on doling out that license to somebody we have no idea or control of – and that I do not like and I do not believe this community will like. I have said before and I will say once again, if we cannot deny them a license because they do not meet the criteria for that resolution then revoke the ordinance. We can come back and address it another time when this Township can maintain control of license and this will never happen again. I would like to have a fine restaurant move in here, an upscale restaurant, and yes I think they should be allowed to serve liquor. But if this is the result of it, in a town that is extraordinarily dry, then the only option I see is repeal the ordinance and do away with it and that will solve the problem. But we can't let this go on because we don't know. They are going to sell it for a profit to somebody we don't know and we don't know what their intentions are. This can't be. Do not allow that to happen. On one other note, I am a member of the school board and I would also say that the board is trying as best we can. Anybody can come up with – oh alright, thank you.

Mayor Holley:

You're welcome.

Gary Johnson:

So, now I can read it; and you are assuming I'm a lawyer and I can understand this. Alright, that's fair enough.

Mayor Holley:

It's put in laymen's terms for us. I'm not a lawyer either, I'm an educator.

Gary Johnson:

You have one that you can talk to. Anyhow, what I'd like to say, I am a member of the school board and I have to agree with our board president. We are trying. You can come up with statistics and there are statistics everywhere including the State Department of Education. We have some shortcomings. We know that, the board knows that. People come and tell us this all the time. It is nothing new, we know that. The real problem is coming up with solutions, and this board is working on trying to come up with solutions. If it was easy we wouldn't have all the districts like Camden and Newark and other ones that are struggling too. It isn't easy and our distant task is difficult and we are trying. We really are. I encourage people to come out, we don't get enough people attending our board meetings. I encourage everybody. Come out to the board meetings and speak to us there. We are open to hearing from you. We want to hear from you and we are trying believe me. Thank you.

Mayor Holley:

Oh, Manager Berry had a response for your handicap access.

Manager Berry:

We want to make it very clear that the back door is available for anybody that is handicapped. It is equipped with a doorbell, that if you ring the doorbell security comes down and opens it up, lets the person get on the elevator and ride it.

Gary Johnson:

Thank you.

Eric Berry:

You're welcome.

Cristal Holmes-Bowie, Esq.:

Mr. Johnson, so what I've provided you is just an outline of what the liquor license renewal process is. It should be in laymen's terms and all of the information comes out of the state alcohol and beverage control handbook. It can be accessed on line if you want to go back and confirm it. But, the thing that you do need to understand is that if they make an application to transfer the license or to sell the license to another vendor or another property owner that application has to come back before the Township. So there has to be an investigation of the people who are purchasing it, the investigation is usually conducted by the police department. So there is a very detailed and involved process in terms of the application and the approval of the application. Then it does have to come back before Council in terms of whether it gets issued to a new purchaser or to a transferee – to someone who it is being transferred to. So I did at least want to let you know that. But I am certainly here, please feel free to the extent that I have provided the information. I am not putting myself out there as any kind of expert with regard to the ABC, but this information that is available as well. So I just wanted to let you know what you have.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

You don't want to do number one? Number one is...hold up, number one.

Cristal Holmes-Bowie, Esq.:

So, Deputy Mayor Nock indicated that one of the things that I should point out is that a liquor license is purchased. It is just like you buy a car but you still have to renew the registration-so it is something that is purchased, it belongs with the purchaser, the purchaser can then transfer it or sell it. They have to go through a number of approvals to be able to do that, but I think the main thing is that it is purchased whether it is through a bid process because township's that have new licenses can actually have a bid process where you can look for the highest bidder to get a new license. There is another process that is more like a historic process where they basically apply to the municipality and follow those kinds of rules; and they are paying basically for the license. But it is always something that becomes the property of the licensee; and so I would concur with the statements that were made earlier, it is not something that...normally if you have a license holder, I have to concur I have never heard of it being sold back to the municipality. It is something that is purchased, it becomes their asset, and like anything else they will attempt to sell it. If in fact it does not meet with the approval or the new purchaser doesn't meet with the approval, they don't pass the background checks that are required, you know then Council will be hearing that. They will not approve it in that case. But in terms



of the renewal process, that's all that's laid out in there and if you have questions I'll be here.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

Thank you.

Mayor Holley:

I don't want to be unfair to anybody else, so I don't want to go back and forth, but you can catch up with Ms. Bowie after public comment and she can speak with you and answer your questions.

Cristal Holmes-Bowie, Esq.:

There was just one other point I wanted to make also and that is - I am not taking is time – is that if the municipality fails to take action 90 days after the expiration of the previous license term, it is considered a denial and then there is an appeal process that the licensee can undertake.

Gary Johnson:

(Inaudible)

Cristal Holmes-Bowie:

That is another question for another day.

William Weston:

William Weston 44 Bosworth Lane. I am just piggybacking on what a couple people said earlier. Samantha Whitfield with the gun violence, anti-gun violence stance, I believe previously another member of the NAACP helped push a gun violence proclamation. It was a time when Anderson was the Mayor. And just to try to be behind that and try to give that some weight, because there was a proclamation for anti-gun violence and then it just kind of pushed that through. Also with that plan that was asked for that Samantha was referencing that the town Council can come up with. The concentration could be on prevention, maybe do mentorship and engaging the youth. Just to please do a good job of finding things, but, if we could just avoid things happening by engaging the youth. Also, brother Corey talked about what was going on, on the Sundays in the park, and if there could be more Township Council buy-in to these things, trying to push this more engagement. Also, this isn't really...I don't think this is the venue to talk about the school board, but, I was there June 26<sup>th</sup> when the raise was approved. I didn't understand, I did ask during the comments of what was the criterion for that to happen. I didn't really understand that or get an answer on why; and I understand as we see we know at least the P.R. for the district isn't so great, so I couldn't understand the pushback on that, but I just think that the board could do themselves a service by putting more information out there about why they do certain things. I do understand it is very complicated, but to me, one of our weaknesses in Willingboro – Willingboro is a great town, but often you hear about the schools, you know, just from how they sound. Thank you.

Mayor Holley:

Any other public comment? Hearing none, seeing none, at this time public comment is now closed. Anybody resident who did have comments tonight; we are asking the Township Manager to note your

comments and he will response back to you at our next meeting. So I don't want anybody to think that their comments were ignored. The ones I thought we could answer, were, and the other ones we will answer at our next meeting. Thank you. At this time, Council Comment? Councilwoman Perrone?

### Council Comments

Councilwoman Perrone:

Thank you. Good evening Willingboro. Thank you for coming out this evening, and I want to congratulate our new Mayor Darvis Holley and our Deputy Mayor Martin Nock. I am confident that we will work together to get some positive things done in this community. I did write down a few comments from the public that I just had some thoughts on. So with regards to the speeding limit on Van Sciver and Kennedy Road, it is something that I'd like to look further into, because I thought our speed limit was 25 mph, however if it is not then it is something that perhaps we can discuss at a later meeting to see if we can lower our speed limits; because you are right, the streets are smaller and we have a lot of children here. So if there is something we could do to help with our students I would like to do that to keep them safe. As far as the lawn signs, I don't believe – and then I guess our counsel can speak to this, if it is your own property, I think you can put signs on your own property. So if the signs that you are referring to are on someone else's property I don't think we have that much power over that, however that is something that I will follow up again with the rest of my Council Members to get a more definitive answer. With regards to the education system, I, some of you may know, I did serve on the school board for three years and you know what, it is a tough job. I respect all of the members that are currently serving and those who have served in the past. Those who may know probably, I think it was 2014, I was one of the board members who voted a vote of no confidence for our Superintendent and I still stand that way. I don't believe that he deserved the raise, and as far as I am concerned, until our students' test scores come up, that is when my confidence will change for him; and I know for a fact that as a board member you do have a voice. Now, of course everything takes a vote, however, and again my vote in a vote of no confidence I didn't get the number of votes to pass it. However, don't ever feel like you cannot do something about somebody who is not doing for our children because we do have a lot of intelligent and talented children here. But I know that they can do more than basketball. They are intelligent and they deserve better; and I went to the Superintendent's "State of the District" address which I was aggravated by and I will tell you why. Because when I got there, there was a talent show. Our

students performed on stage and I think it was about three hours. Are they talented yes, but when you have a state of the district address, address the issues. Talk about what is your plan of action and that is what I would respect him more for if he were to have done something like that. So, if he has four years with this district, position him to give us a solid plan on what he is going to do about getting our students back on top. Because they are intelligent and you know what, as the Willingboro Township, the schools are the heart of our community, so we should be passionate about that. As far as the street lighting to help with the gun shooting, I do think that that is a good idea, and again, to take away from me and I will definitely follow up with my Council Members to perhaps it is something we can look into to getting done. Thank you.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Good evening and thank you for coming out. It is a very nice crowd tonight. I am going to defend the school district and Dr. Taylor. I am probably the only one, but I am. Because I have seen improvements in the district since Dr. Taylor has been here. I've seen the district go down because we've had previous Superintendents prior to Dr. Taylor and I do believe that he has given an action plan. I go to the state of the district addresses also; he always has a power point that addresses what he is going to do. And just on a personal level, I can tell you that my grandson and my granddaughter but I am going to focus on my grandson. I call them Bonnie and Clyde, but, you know. He has never been on the honor roll prior to this year, never. When he came home and he said his teacher said that he was on the honor roll you could have knocked me over with a feather. He maintained it throughout the year, through the marking periods and all this summer he has been talking about all the things he learned in school. I do know he goes to Twin Hills Elementary School, they do, and I do know that that school has improved and had a higher rating than it did the year before; and every year it gets better. I think that part of the problem and we always say it and not to undermine foster children because they have to have an education too, but a lot of times there's kids who are moving in that don't necessarily live in the neighborhood who are put into our school district, and the money does not follow them unfortunately. Also, we send students to BCIT and in October they send them back and the money does not follow them. So there are a lot of reasons why things don't go the way we would actually like it or like them to go. But, I am pleased with the progress. Anybody who has a job wants a raise. There is not any person sitting in this audience who has a job that does not want a raise; and you will find that if you don't pay people what other people that are doing the same job surrounding them are getting them they are going to leave. So then we are going to be back, once again, back looking for a Superintendent who has a vested interest. Although he doesn't live here, I do believe that Dr.

Taylor cares about the children in Willingboro. So, that is how I feel. I think that is all I am addressing tonight. Thank you.

Sarah Holley:

Thank you Councilwoman Jennings.

Councilwoman Jennings:

My girlfriend.

Councilman Anderson:

Good evening everyone. It is great to see so many folks out. I would like to begin by congratulating Mayor Holley, Deputy Mayor Nock and our newest Councilwoman Rebecca Perrone. This week I had the opportunity as of last night to go to "National Night Out"; it was a wonderful, wonderful turnout. One of the best I've seen in years. Last week Mayor Holley and Deputy Mayor Nock had the opportunity to do a luncheon with S.T.E.A.M., a program that is run by the Township as well as Dr. Tiffany Worthy. So it was a good opportunity to see that education from an engineering standpoint, mathematics and science, it being brought to Willingboro and giving these children an opportunity to do something other. It is a much needed program that Mayor Holley had spearheaded in the beginning and to see it come to fruition is a great job. Keep up the good work. I had the opportunity to see several newspaper articles and they both relate to Willingboro residents. One young lady is a Willingboro native who serves on the guided missile destroyer. Her name is Quania Rouse, she is serving on the USS Porter and she is from Willingboro. So once again, when it states what are our children doing? This is something to be proud of. Then I have another young lady, Ms. Madison Williamson, a twelve year old, from Willingboro. She wanted to do something for service dogs, her idea to fruition from a fundraiser for the Willingboro Police K-9 unit, through the non-profit, "Friends of Ron" which was held recently at Ott's Tavern in Delran. It cost \$10,000.00 to put a dog through a training course such as narcotics and bombs training; and the money raised will help the Willingboro Police Department train two dogs and increase its K-9 unit from two dogs to four. And this is a twelve year old Willingboro resident, so I just wanted to acknowledge the efforts that are coming out of Willingboro. Also had the opportunity to attend the Junior Fire Academy program that Chief Burnett spoke about earlier. Once again another great program, keep the success. Mr. Reiter, you mentioned about a refund. Because this was not a Council issue and this was a court issue, okay, there was a resignation in place and not a determination. So, I believe that matter is not a Council matter. You may have to go back through the court system and have them to decide based on documentation you have provided. But it is not a Council issue. Once again, it was a resignation that came to us. Mr. Cottingham, in regards to your program that you are doing in the park, like we suggest to anyone with a great idea, brings a proposal. Let Council sit down, let us review it, sit down and have conversations and see what we can do to support. Fairmount Park, I want to give kudos to the police because we have had some outstanding drug busts within

the last couple of weeks. So we know they are doing their job. I saw the article where there was another drug bust in Fairmount Park. So in regards to the lighting situations, that is something that has already been mentioned to the Safety Director Rucker, the Township Manager knows, so this is something we are looking at to improve lighting in those areas. Just to let you know, we are already on it. Ms. Allie, regarding the street resurfacing, what I do know is that Buckingham is on the list for next year. The issue and concerns with Buckingham is: it is not a resurface; it is concrete which costs much more money. It is about anywhere from \$250,000.00 to \$400,000.00 to do one road. So, it is in next year's budget to do certain streets, but we are also trying to take care of some infrastructure. I believe there are some infrastructure concerns on Balfour and Bolton which they are trying to address. But because of the money that we've been allocated to do these projects, we cannot get to those concrete areas; and your park is not the only one with concrete. So right now we are trying to stretch those dollars to get as many streets as we can, but Buckingham is definitely on the list. Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

First of all, I want to thank my Council Members for voting for me and I pledge to work with Mr. Holley to make sure that we move this Township forward. There is a lot of things that we can be doing. The community is well over fifty years old, and there is a lot thing that can be done if we are active in doing it and we pay attention to the details. One of the details is I've learned more about street lighting than I ever want to know about street lighting in terms of the Smart City project. Mr. Brevogel and myself are trying to move this stuff along and so forth, but I do know one thing – that in Rittenhouse, if you live in Rittenhouse that is the responsibility of your association. Even when I began to look and see to include Rittenhouse's lights in the proposal for new lighting, the LED lighting and so forth, we would have to go through the association and ask them to do it even though we pay the bill. We pay the bill. But the lighting is actually Rittenhouse Association and that is what they pay association fees for. So not to dissolve ourselves of the responsibility whoever asks that question, you need to go to your association meetings and say...oh that was Fairmount, oh even more than Rittenhouse? Well Fairmount is the same situation. Fairmount is the exact same situation and their headquarters, I called them, they are in Cherry Hill; and you have to go down there or talk to their people in Cherry Hill. I've talked both associations in this community about lighting and pretty much we have the association and the rules are the same – that you pay a fee for that. So whether it is Rittenhouse or it is Fairmount I apologize but that needs to be done. I thought she just said Fireside that is Fairmount. The next thing is, Mr. Johnson, I would no way in the world want to repeal the liquor license. A, number one, is we have the Big "D" Marina coming up as a property on the waterfront. We have the Burlington County properties and now we have the marketplace; and as I said earlier

that normally liquor by the drink is almost fifty percent of the profit. I mean that was from my old economics classes and it may not even be true today, it may even be less or more. But I know when we study that stuff, when you have a restaurant; liquor by the drink is really where your profit center is. Liquor does not go bad, you can keep it. Food goes bad. Food is perishable and usually dinner plates and so forth do not equal what liquor will do if you have a drink or margarita or whatever you have with your dinner. So with all those facilities coming together on Rt. 130, I am hoping beyond hope that our restaurants we get in there would clearly come in and want a liquor license, which may ultimately help the Ruby Tuesday people because we do have several on the shelf. But as we market and want to market, the open land that we have that is what we want to do. And I've got three seconds left. I did go to Dr. Worthy's program and it was great to see the kids trying to learn during the summertime and the labs and everything else and I thought the program was good, outstanding. And she is here in the audience. So I have thirty two seconds, I could go on about the street lighting forever but I'm calling it a day. Thank you.

Mayor Holley:

Good evening, I too would like to thank everybody for attending tonight's Council Meeting. I just want to say thank you and I appreciate the vote of confidence from my council colleagues. While certain Council Members have certain titles, it really does take a group effort. I'm only as strong as the people around me whether I am Mayor or Councilman so to make any change and to move in the directions that we need to move in, that is what it is going to take. Ms. Price, I'll see you at Endwell Lane on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for all the work you do in the community. You took an active role with our Veteran's Parade last year and I appreciate you. Also thank you to our parks and recreation staff and Dr. Worthy. As stated by my other council colleagues, I did have the opportunity to attend the S.T.E. A.M. program and eat lunch with some of the scholars that are participating in the summer program and it was very enjoyable. I work with children all day as an educator already but just to see the fund they were having, they were telling me about how they had the opportunity to take apart computers, reconstruct them, aquaponics, and everything that was taking place so I am really, really excited about that summer camp and it is definitely turning out better than we could have anticipated, so thank you Jill, thank you Kendall, Parks and Rec. staff and Dr. Worthy. In regards to the speeding on Charleston Lane, I was myself and Councilman Anderson were actually approached by another resident last night at the National Night Out which I did attend and was also a great event and a resident had some concerns about some speeding on his street as well and asked us to explore the possibility of speed bumps on certain high speeding risk areas or whatever the case is. So, myself and Councilman Anderson spoke about that and said that was something we would listen to and take

back to Council and see if there was anything that could be done. In regards to the former Mayor of our Township and the case, I really don't have much of a comment on that. I am not a judge, I am not a juror. That case was heard out in court and whatever happened there happened there. I do know there was a Council Member previously removed and from my understanding I believe it cost the Township more money and more trouble than it might have been worth, so if we are going to be in the same boat then I am not quite sure how I feel about that at this point in time. In regards to the Five Star signs that you have been seeing around town, they actually knocked on my door. I believe it is like a storm chasing group or construction company, they chase storms and anybody who has suffered damage to their house they will help out with filing an insurance claim for that person and then they will do the construction. So if somebody, let's say a storm came and blew shingles off of your roof, they will put a claim in and help you get a new roof; and while the signs might be a little disturbing they actually might be not so bad for our aging community like ourselves where the housing stock is starting to become old and people are making renovations to their home. But I have seen a lot of signs around town. In regards to the gun violence, I am not sure if Sam is still around, but I would definitely be willing to pick up the ball and keep it moving with any efforts that you and the NAACP have going to help us with ceasing some of the gun violence that is taking place in our community. Mr. Cottingham, I'll definitely try to make it out to the events in the park on Sunday and look forward to working with you as well. So once again, thank you everyone for coming out. We have a lot of work to do and we thank you for your continued support; and we are also – I know my time is up Mr. Johnson – we are now having refreshments in the room across the hallway to celebrate our newest Council Member as well as our newest roles here on Council and the Jazz Festival will be taking place Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and we are also having a Super Bowl kick-off party at the bowling alley on Rt. 130 on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. So I would like to see everybody in attendance for that event as well. We may be coming out of executive session with a vote, so if anybody is interested, stick around. Thank you.

Executive Session Began at 8:50PM

Executive Session ended at 10:14PM

Motion to return to public session was done by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Mayor Holley. All in favor and none opposed.

Clerk: Thank you. a motion is needed to take Resolution 2017-91 Ruby  
Tuesday off the table

On motion by Mayor Holley

Seconded by Councilman Anderson

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes	
	Councilwoman Jennings		Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes	
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes	
	Mayor Holley	Yes	

**Motion carried to take Resolution 2017-91 off the table.**

On motion by Mayor Holley to adopt and accept Resolution 2017-91

Seconded by Councilwoman Perrone

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	No
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried to approve Resolution 2017-91**

On motion by Councilwoman Perrone to take Resolution 2017-107 of the table.

Seconded by Councilman Anderson

Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Yes
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried to take Resolution 2017-107 off the table.**

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings to adopt and accept Resolution 2017-107

Seconded by Councilwoman Perrone

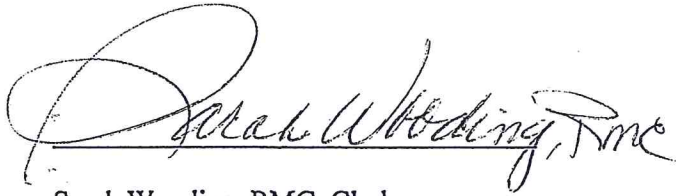
Roll Call:	Councilman Anderson	Yes
	Councilwoman Jennings	Yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Nock	Abstain
	Mayor Holley	Yes

**Motion carried to approve Resolution 2017-107**

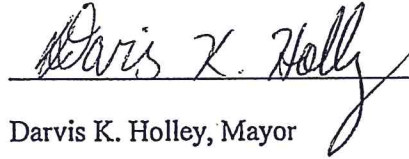
(Both motions were made in public session)



There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 10:24PM

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Sarah Wooding, RMC, Clerk

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Darvis K. Holley, Mayor

## **GO TO HIGH SCHOOL=GO FOR GREATNESS PROJECT**

August 1, 2017

Open Letter to: Mayor, Members of Council and Town Manager,

Name & Address. I represent the Go to High School-Go for Greatness Project (Project), a committee of the Willingboro Community Development Corporation. Our purpose this evening is to highlight an education crisis in Willingboro. We are appealing to the Town Council (Council) to lead an effort to formulate a plan to improve the reputation of our town.

Our education system is in deep decline and no one seems able to turn things around. Our Board of Education (Board) has proven to be totally ineffective in guiding our system to at least an average academic level among all State public schools and even State selected Peer Schools.

The severity of the crisis came to a head, for us, on June 26, 2017, when the Board held a Public Hearing (Hearing) to determine whether the Superintendent should be awarded a new contract. With only one abstention, the Board voted to provide him a new four-year term with a \$30,000 increase. The Board took this action without deliberation, despite the fact that of 10 presentations offered, all were negative. The immediacy of the vote suggests that the Public comments were not taken seriously.

The Project presented a brochure that showed that the School District (District) has experienced a steady decline during the Superintendent's 6-year tenure. Copies of the brochures were distributed this evening so that you can read our basis for objecting at your leisure.

A major duty of a Board is to make decisions which ensure that students receive a "Thorough and Efficient Education." On that basis, the Board has been derelict of its duties. It seems that the Board believes that its role is to protect the Superintendent's interest rather than the Public's interest. Several months ago, the Board President stated that a decision on rehiring the Superintendent would be preceded by a Hearing. That Hearing was never held and the contract was renewed by default. Subsequently, the State raised the salary cap which required the Board to hold a Hearing but it appears that the Board did not properly weigh the information presented by the Public i.e. that during the Superintendent's six-year tenure, the District has declined in almost every educational area. In addition, the Board conspired with the Council to keep the failures hidden from the Public by baring information from the Willingboro Newspaper.

We request that the Council intervene to help improve education in Willingboro. We know that the Council's first response will be that the Council has no legal authority to intervene in Board affairs. We also know that every citizen and organization has a stake in improving the life and well-being of our community. We know that approximately \$127,000,000 of taxpayer money is spent by: the Board (\$73 million), Council (\$42 million) and WMUA (\$12,000,000. That \$127 million represents the entirety of money available for the welfare of the Willingboro community. Surely we, as citizens, have a right to expect that the three bodies that control all the community's wealth should get together to provide for the community's health, education, welfare and prosperity.

It is to be noted that we are rapidly approaching the voting season. Let us hope that voting people out of office is not the only way to affect change in our community.