# WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

# **AGENDA**

# **APRIL 17, 2018**

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

# **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Res. 2018—29	INTRODUCTION BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE— PUBLIC HEARING (TABLED FROM THE APRIL 3, 2018 MEETING)
Res. 2018—53	RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET
Res. 2018—54	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP'S SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL JERSEY WASTE & RECYCLING FOR BASIC SERVICE SOLID WASTE AND BULK COLLECTION
Res. 2018—55	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF CRYSTAL MURRAY EEOC CHARGE NO. 530-2018-01048

Public Comment Council Comment Adjournment

Res. 2018—56

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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 1, 2018 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex.

On January 1, 2018, advance written notice of this meeting was mailed to the Burlington County Times, Willingboro, the Trenton Times, the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Courier Post.

On January 1, 2018, 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
Councilwoman Perrone Present
Deputy Mayor Nock Present
Mayor Holley Present

Acting Township Manager, Rich Brevogel; Doug Johnson, P.E., of Remington & Vernick Engineer; Cristal Holmes-Bowie, Esq., Firm of Michael Armstrong, Township Solicitor; Walter Howard, IT Department; Brenda Bligen, Inspections Department; Jill Cyrus, Recreation Department Director; Eusebia Diggs, Director of Finance; Chief Anthony Burnett, Fire Department; Captain Mc Kendrick, Willingboro Police Department

# Executive Session began at 7PM and ended at 7:30PM

Motion to return to public session was done by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilwoman Perrone.

Roll Call:

Councilman AndersonYesCouncilwoman JenningsYesCouncilwoman PerroneYesDeputy Mayor NockYesMayor HolleyYes

Manager's Report (See attached)

Mayor Holley:

Now, that we art out of executive session, we apology; we had some important matters that we wanted to discuss and we apology for keeping everyone longer than we anticipated. At this moment and time, Rich is taking care of some business for us to Ms. Perrone had some quick questions she wanted to share some things, some questions about the budget, so she will have a few minutes to do so.

Councilwoman Jennings:

We are tabling that one...

Mayor Holley:

We are going to start off with Resolution 2018-54 while we wait for Rich to some back—that is on Rich's agenda. I see on the Manager's report the gentleman from BSTA is here.

Dwight Saunders:

Good evening, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Council members, citizens. I am co-founder of Borges, Saunders, Taylor and Associates. We are a vacant abandon property company that deals with vacant and abandon property. I want to say that code enforcement is a driving change in the community. If you have a solid program and the program we want to present to the town will generated the town millions of dollars in revenue. You have roughly 500 vacant properties and each, 100; towns will bring the towns a millions of dollars in revenue. There are two laws that deals with vacant and abandon properties; PL35 which holds banks accountable and it is public law 1229 (sic), which is the Vacant and Abandon Property Act. Within that Vacant and Abandon Act, it allows the towns to have escalating fees. I understand that your fees are \$250 for each abandon property, but under that law you can go \$500, \$1500, #500, \$5000. And, the purposes of that law are sponsored by Senator Conner out of Burlington County and Senator Ron Rice. The purpose of the law is to hold banks accountable that created the problem in our communities. Once a house becomes vacant somebody has to be accountable for keeping it clean for the broken windows, the doors that are open; it is a haven for crime. Any public safety, the banks have to be held accountable for these properties. So, we will come in and look at your towns, identify the problems and go after the responsible party which would be the banks and the mortgage companies that leaves it to the town's resources because you have to send public works out to keep it clean when they have a responsibility. PL35 said the owner of that property, the banks, the LRC's--\$1500 a day in fines for everyday that property is like that. Towns in the State of New Jersey don't understand these two laws. These are two powerful pieces of legislation that will heop bring back communities. This is what we

specialize in and I thank you for the opportunity to talk to you about it and if there are any question please, I will be glad to answer them.

Rich Brevogel:

I appreciate that. What we wanted to do at the last Council meeting—we talked about putting out an RFP and BSTA is interested in doing a pilot for the community for vacant properties. Inspection has identified ten properties that start out with, if we can get the okay from Council to see how their process works. Look at how they are organized. Would you be interested in doing somethings along those lines and we can set it up with—between their attorneys and our attorneys to set it up on a trial for those ten properties.

Councilman Anderson:

Kind of on the line of what you did in Burlington?

Dwight Saunders:

Yes. The money that's generated is unanticipated revenue, meaning it doesn't cost the taxpayers any money6 at all. The money is generated from the fines on the Banks for not taking care of their responsibility. And, the money is generated from the vacant... escalating fees that you would have to create an ordinance for, but one thing I have seen throughout New Jersey with the towns we have worked with, the money that is generated from the Vacant and Abandon Property Program funds that whole division. It doesn't cost the taxpayers anything and you will be able to bring enough revenue in to create a whole division; a manager of the department; as many code enforcement officers that you want and it puts surplus money back into the budget. It is a win, win for the town.

Councilman Anderson:

I am assuming you did the research on Willingboro. So, based on our research and the many owned properties, that is your estimate that your company can bring back as unanticipated revenue based on what we have as a total housing of bank owned?

Dwight Saunders:

Between 2 and 4 million dollars.

Councilman Anderson:

What type of time period is that?

Dwight Saunders:

Over a two year period. The problem that towns have and this is why we have such a tremendous...by the way I created-- I am the author of the program, Vacant and Abandon Property. What happen not only here but throughout the United States are the banks are hiding behind the preservation companies. When you have a vacant property and the bank hired Safe Guard, they cannot tell the town who hired them because the will be sued, so the bank hides behind that. That is why the code enforcement has a hard time finding which bank owns the property. We can find any, with the programs that we have—any properties that the bank owns. We will aggressively hit the streets with our code enforcement officers. We will bring our staff in for no money up front. We will do the work and we will get a percentage of the money we bring into town. It works by dedicated rider. We identify the problem; we will go after the banks, the mortgage companies and bring that revenue into the town. What it does it brings back communities; it creates energy in the town where development will flourish. Developers will want to come in and buy up these properties and get them back on the tax roll and bring back the community.

Councilman Anderson:

What is your percentage exactly?

Dwight Saunders:

Our percentage is 30 percent of what we bring in.

Councilman Anderson:

The ultimate goal is to come in, train our people so we can do it ourselves. It is not going to be an ongoing process with you.

Dwight Saunders:

Most towns we are in six months to a year. Once we train the town or code enforcement on how to do it, you can take the ball and run with it yourselves.

Councilman Anderson:

With no relationships tied...

Dwight Saunders:

With no relationship tied to us. Whatever contract we sign with you it will be a year, six months, two years, we will come in. At this point with this trial period we are going to get ten properties or twelve properties we will go after them just to show you how affective our company is in solving those properties on those 12 properties and all we ask for is a percentage of what we bring. We will bring our own code enforcement, we will bring our own lawyers, we will bring our own team in to work on the properties and will train your staff and you will be able to hire people and it will not cost the taxpayers because it is unanticipated revenue. So,

if you got 450 to 500 homes that is roughly four million dollars possibly that you will get in once you get a good handle on those properties; who owns them and hold them accountable. So, it is a very good program and it works. In East Orange, I don't want to talk about that, but I generated 8.2 million dollars unanticipated revenue for that town. Burlington City gave us a trial period on some houses. Two houses brought the town \$280,000; this is how affective our program is. It is well documented. I hope we can come in your town, help you out and make this thing work for you.

Councilwoman Jennings:

We need to hear from Inspections, your opinion in how this will augment the department. So you have something to say?

Brenda Bligen:

Right now, Mayor-Council, we have nobody dedicated to vacant property except for to take in the registration of \$250. We actually have nobody dedicated to do anything else. If they can come in to do and we can hire the personnel to do it and have the revenue to take care of it, that's how that will argument us. That would help us greatly because it is unanticipated revenue.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

So, the thought process at the end of that process that you are going to be hiring someone or something else. As you know the budget is tight now and not expected to be any looser...

Brenda Bligen:

Absolutely.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

My conversation around this is, I am comfortable for a pilot. I am uncomfortable with not going out to bid. A small pilot to see what is coming in, I am willing to go along with that piece, but if it is so much money to be had I am uncomfortable with overall not being a bid because they can't be the only company; maybe another company will be 25 percent—not that they can't make money. I don't have a problem with making money and again I go back to what I said, if our staff needs to be strained; then there should be money in the budget for training of our inspection staff. That is my position. There has got to be some firm or somebody out there who will train our staff to do things, but if the director is saying this is something that will bring it, then, I am willing to go along with a small pilot process just to see what's what and if they are who they say they are, then, I will be the last one to stop it next time.

Mayor Holley: I am in agreement. I brought up the last time; I think it should go

out to bid; because there are some other companies that perform the same line of work. I always believe in having a fair and open process for everyone to bid on it and we will conduct interviews and whoever sells them should be awarded the pilot, I am in favor

of that.

Brenda Bligen: Let me ask this question...

Councilwoman Jennings: Would that allow us to do the pilot of 10 or 12 properties while we

are getting the RFP together?

Mayor Holley: Not in my opinion. I believe whoever gets the pilot; it should go

out to bid for that.

Councilman Anderson: As Deputy Mayor Nock said, I would be in favor of the pilot being

that I did speak with the Mayor from Burlington City and d it was successful. At the end of that we can engage them and a RFP would have to go out overall. For a pilot just to see if they can do the same as they have been doing around the State, I am in favor of

that and we can gauge it from there as the Deputy Mayor said.

Brenda Bligen: Do we have the money to hire about four code enforcement

officers? I would be satisfied with that.

Rich Brevogel: We do not have the money.

Brenda Bligen: I think that's the big issue for me. I need the personnel.

Deputy Mayor Nock: I don't know a director of any department that doesn't say that.

We hired another inspector for your department last year or the year before and there is still evidence to say that weekend

inspector...we have seen nothing brought to Council that says that inspector has made a different on a weekend when most of the complaints come in from the residents about things happening on weekends. But, I understand that position, Brenda, but we already have, as I have said many times, we have the reputation of paying too much tax in this town for what we have and I personally have tried to recognize that as your perception, because I felt that way before I got on Council. We pay way too much as average of the rest. In bodies personnel are the major part of the budget as you are going to find out now. So, again, I will reiterate that I'm uncomfortable only that it is not going out to bid. What do we tell

our realtors in here, when they first presented--who were very

upset because they felt the market place was removing those houses? I understand your position and also their position that the marketplace has brought the vacant houses down and the houses in the town are moving. They are going up in value and if you are a market place person they will say let the marketplace move on those houses, but again, I am willing to look at a pilot to come back and say, this works. If there is another way to slice the bred then the pilot should say it.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I also agree that we should do the pilot. I don't have a problem with the marketplace per se, but the marketplace isn't bringing in \$300,000 to 2 million dollars and while we are discussing the budget and we are trying to get the budget lower and we are trying to keep the town in tact at the same time I don't see how we can discount trying to bring in additional income and it is unexpected money. That's my opinion and I don't understand the reluctant here. We are not putting out anything; we are only bringing something in. We need additional income and to me it is something that we should try. Let's try the pilot and see what happens. I personally am going to make a motion, so, I move that we try a pilot program in hopes...

Mayor Holley:

Can we wait until after the Manager's report?

Councilwoman Jennings:

Yes, we can wait until after the Manager's report.

**Dwight Saunders:** 

I would like to interject one more thing, Mayor. When a home becomes vacant, when a person leaves their home because...

(Someone yelled)

Mayor Holley:

Someone call the ambulance. Chief Burnett is out there, he's got

it.

Dwight Saunders:

When a property becomes vacant it takes three years for the bank to foreclose on that property; that means three years those homes will be vacant. Realtors can't do anything with those properties until the banks finish their action. This is why we have such a huge problem in the State of New Jersey with vacant and abandon property, because it takes so long for the bank to foreclose. Once the bank sends the town a list pending notice, they become responsible for that property. It is their property now and the law

allows the town to go after those entities every day at a \$1500 fine per day until they have abate those violations and the law spells it out very clearly. It talks about the requirements that the bank has in terms of when a house becomes vacant. There are two definitions: you have a vacant property and a vacant and abandon property. Vacant when a person walks away from it. A vacant and abandon property is vacant, but has violations. That means that houses today can be vacant, but if someone bust that window out, that's a violation. If someone dumps garbage or debris it is the banks responsibility. This is why the law says out-of-state banks have to hire an in state representative to take care of that property for them, if not that's a \$2500 fine per day until the bank brings in that in state representative. So, the law is very powerful and is designed just for that.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

Who sets the fines?

Dwight Saunders:

It's a State law. 1229 (sic) is the law and PL35 holds the banks and LLRC's accountable. That's a State law-1229; I can give the Council copies of 1229 and PL35. I will send it to you. Thank you.

Rich Brevogel:

As a reminder, the tree and debris cleanup will begin on Monday. This is Cleanup Week. On Monday we will start the interior cleanup of limbs and it will take approximately four to eight weeks. We will not be collecting any contractor debris, but most of the individuals that have an issue with that would have been met by the public works supervisors or the inspection department by this time.

Councilman Anderson:

Is this week still Spring Cleanup Week?

Rich Brevogel:

Yes it is.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Is anything to go out to let people know when you will be coming

to individual parks?

Rich Brevogel:

We will do a Robo call and get a list on the website that says where we are going to start. I believe they are going to start in

Pennypacker and Garfield North.

Mayor Holley:

If you are a part of the communication tool they have started

sending out message as well.

Rich Brevogel:

I did speak with the auditor, we will be fine if we do the amendment at the next Council meeting and adopted at the following Council meeting, it allows us to do what you ask me to

do.

Mayor Holley:

That was in regards to the first item under the Manager's report; we are still working to come up with the best possible budget for the community without short changing anyone and without trying to raise the taxes. That is something we are still working on and we will be addressing at the next council meeting.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Those who were present at our last meeting, I did present a report on our budget and review. This report is based off the excel spread sheet that looks like this that I received from Mr. Brevogel. I basically, created a pivot chart in order to look at them in more detail for each area as to what our budget looks like and where we are spending. On the far left is the category. Right now we are looking at buildings and grounds and I have that specifically pointed out because I wanted to bring questions regarding that. In addition, at our last meeting I did not have the purchase orders of revenue, so, now that I have received that I created this pivot chart to look at our expenses and what we purchased in the year 2017 and to be able to compare it to what the Township is requesting for this year and to basically breakdown the actual use; this column on the far right; what we used last year and where these figures came from. I have highlighted this area here for buildings and grounds concerns me greatly because you can see we are at \$664,000 and the questions I asked are not actually answered. I hope we have some more responses today; such as building grounds contractual at \$425,000 close to half a million dollars. We have JFK building maintenance, which is pretty much a brand new building, yet we need a \$100,000 that is a million to a half a million dollars that we need for what actually. I looked at the purchsase orders of 2017, according to this spreadsheet, JFK building we spent \$93,000 for maintenance and we spent \$399,000 for contractual. I highlighted it in yellow so you can see that ABC Services at \$33,275 is to clean the bathroom in this building and JFK Center, total cost to us was \$399,000. I don't believe that to be something that we need. I know that we need to clean the building but how dirty is it really. Then, I also google ABC/ACB Services, I did not find them. My question is who are these people? Where are they located? The

nearest company that looked like similar as ABC Services and they are in Buffalo--I would really would like to understand custodial at \$400,000, Mr. Brevogel.

Rich Brevogel:

The custodial contract was put out to bid for the cleaning of the JFK Center, the Complex and the DPW Building. It includes coverage from 6am in the morning until 11pm at night or midnight. It includes supplies—all cleaning supplies, materials for running a building that would be anything from detergent to soap to paper towels. In addition to that, they provide Boiler operators, which are licensed Boiler operators which are required to be in the building from October 15th to April 15th, those are Black Seal Boiler operators and is actually a contract this is up for bid this year to next year. The cost to cover all of our cleaning of that facility and just as a point of reference about 10 years ago we had three individuals, one that was here, one at the library and one at the Kennedy Center and their total cost was approximately \$200,000 and they were here eight hours a day. We had to hire part-time cleaning services to maintain the building after hours as well as at the Kennedy Center. That's what's entailed in that contract.

Councilwoman Perrone:

I am not understanding--you mention that they take care of

someone's health.

Rich Brevogel:

If someone was to get sick in the building there is a requirement under OSHA as well as OSHA that the individual who cleans up must be trained in blood borne pathogens, which means they have to do it in a specific matter not to come in blood with any bodily fluids. So, they are trained to do that. We would have to train our own personnel to do that, which is an expense as well as have enough staffing and they are staffed according to the size of the building and there are standards based on the number of square foot of that building. There is a very detailed outline of things that they do on a daily basis, weekly and quarterly basis. Our Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Minter, he insure us that they do what they are supposed to be doing for that contract. It is a contract for personnel and all the supplies to maintaining a building, cleaning it.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Every month it cost us \$33,000 to clean the building.

Rich Brevogel:

Yes ma'am.

Councilwoman Perrone:

That's very high and I am not in favor of continuing with them. I would like to explore discontinuing the contract with them if they cannot lower their prices. I understand that we are still in contract and maybe it is up this year; maybe it is up next year. I want to know when it is up and I don't think we need to spend that much money half a million dollars to clean the building that not very dirty. No one is throwing up every day. I am not sold on that. So, I am letting the Board know that I am not okay with that \$400, 0000 just to clean these buildings. I am not sold on that and where are they located?

Rich Brevogel:

They are actually All Clean Building Services and I believe they are in Trenton.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Again, I would like to explore; what does it look like, we all have cell phones we know we can end a contract and move to someone else for a better deal. I am not in favor of staying with them for the next two years for half a million dollars.

Mayor Holley:

Was this the lowest bidder?

Rich Brevogel:

I will find out when the contract ends and I will have to refer to the solicitor in terms of how we can...

Cristal Holmes-Bowie:

When we did this contract and it was awarded there was a lot of debate by Council. Council wasn't happy. This was the lowest bidder and they were significantly lower than the next lowest bidder as I recall. Council wasn't happy in accepting it for a variety of reasons and in fact they didn't want to go with the lowest bidder, but the law requires that you accept the lowest responsible bidder when an item is bid and that how that came about. I don't know when the contract expires. But, the other things that were put into the contract were certain benchmark of things that had to be handle that had to be taken care of and if they didn't abide by the contract then we had certain penalties we were about to impose. We can bring the information back as to when the contract expires and we can make sure Council receives a copy of the RFP that goes out. It was very detailed, it did take some time going through it and Mr. Minter was very detailed in terms of meeting each of the criteria. There is a particular schedule that we people who bid had to meet, so it was time and effort put into it. I will be happy to share that.

Councilwoman Jennings:

The key thing of what I am understanding, what you are saying, this was a bid situation and the lowest significantly lowest bidder was awarded the contract and there are no grounds for dismissing the contract and I would not be amendable to putting us into another litigation situation when we possible can't even get it done for lower and I think finding out when the contract ends is one thing and having people bid again...to dismiss somebody because we are not happy with the numbers that were lower than everybody else at the time. I can't agree to that. I am only one person.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Like I said, I would like to see what it looks like with a new company and let them know that we think is too high and sometimes when you do that they are interested in lowering the prices. Maybe we don't need...

Cristal Holmes-Bowie:

Let me just caution you that when you have a discussion with regards to contract negotiation and potential litigation that is for closed session.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Okay, therefore, we will leave it at that; that is my opinion on that area, I think the figure is entirely too high. Those who were here remember I asked what is contractual for \$425,000 and that's what it is. Now, that I see the purchases of cleaning the building, I will do my own research too, to see what other communities are spending on cleaning their buildings. I don't think they are spending a half of a million dollars. Now, JFK building maintenance you spent \$93,000 last year to maintain the building. Now, we are looking for hundred thousand dollars. You said you bought printers and my other question is, I am hearing maintenance that's the \$425,000 that we are paying for, so what type of maintenance are we spending on and again it is possible – my ignorance on this area, so I really want to know specifically what maintenance? Are we talking about...we are not talking about equipment repair because there is \$30,000 here. What is that line item particularly? Now, we are here looking at what you did last year, so these things are fixed; so why are we fixing them again?

Rich Brevogel:

We have to inspect them annual every year. We have to test our emergency generators monthly during the summer it is reoccurring stuff, it doesn't happen just once—plumbing repairs, it is all over...Last week you mention that this \$100,000 was also to purchase some printers or was that another item? We have

equipment repair for \$30,000 and building maintenance sounds like building maintenance over here. We have \$30,000 for building, \$50,000 for maintenance and improvements all sound like the same word, vocabulary. What are we really talking about here? It depends on...example; we are putting in a new door or putting in a new lock, I would assume that the person who is charging that would be improvements or it may be something out side, a light outside; it could be whatever and because it's fixed once doesn't mean it won't break again.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Why do we need \$300,000 to repair something we have already spent \$300,000 on? The same building...

Rich Brevogel:

The majority of that stuff is reoccurring stuff. We get broken windows all the time; there are different things that are happening.

Councilwoman Perrone:

So, I guess I am imaging Mr. Brevogel, since we have tabled the budget; maybe you can provide a list of everything you plan to repair this year. All the broken items so I can make a pivot chart with that and actually have an idea of what it will cost us in 2018. Not what's going to break? What you are already aware of because you give me a gigue like we need \$2,000, because we have three broken windows; so perhaps you have a list of maintenance for building as and grounds. This area continues to concern me. I know we talk about laying people off, but if we focus on bodies and increasing taxes, but this is the area that I really want to focus in on and if there is building maintenance I understand that they need to be repairs. Where is the list that show this year we could not fix this last year however we have ten broken windows in this left wing, we can only fix five this year and I am just speaking to give an example.

Mayor Holley:

Some of that comes in the Bill List as well.

Rich Brevogel:

With all due respect, there are set reoccurring items that we know we have to do every year because the law requires us to do it. We have to do our boiler inspections every year. I can't tell you if they charge that to the 159 account or they charge it to the 132 account that's up to the manager there to look where it is to not over charge that line item. We encourage that they charge the line item that

best fits the work that is being done, so we can have a true understanding of what is being spent in that line item. To give you a list of what I am anticipating needs to be repair, I can't do that. I can tell you that we have to inspect our fire (inaudible). I can tell you that we have to inspect our boilers. I can tell you that we have to do x, y and z and we average three broken windows a year. I can tell you those things based on the history that you are providing here. I can go back and look at that history and to the same thing, but to tell you what's going to break in the building—I can't do that.

Councilwoman Perrone:

The items that are to be inspected yearly, those are the items I am concern about; a list of things that need to be repaired.

Mayor Holley:

I think this conversation would be better suited if we email him directly the questions and get a direct response.

Councilwoman Perrone:

I just want a list of what needs to be repaired for 2018; and estimate, this way I can compare. What you are asking me to do to approve \$664,000 because I need to repair things in Willingboro. That's not enough for me. Maybe enough for everyone else, but not for me it doesn't fly that smoothly.

Rich Brevogel:

Yes ma'am.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Building/grounds maintaining miscellaneous \$500—it is a low number, but I want to know what the miscellaneous is. Is it a window? I don't know, but I want to know what it is. We have building/ground maintenance, building/grounds repairs same line item as far as I am concern, but if it is different all I am asking for is a fair estimate of budget of things that you are made aware of. The elevator it has been broken for two weeks. As soon as you approve this budget it is on my list—that is just an example because I did see elevator up here that you repaired 2017. If that's on your list...something to speak for this number of \$664,000 which you are already aware that \$400 of that is to clean the building and this building looks clean as far as I am concern. I am not sold on the things that buildings are so dirty that people are very sick here and we need to spend \$400,000 again. I am just one person and I am just letting you know that. What does it look like for someone else to clean the building at a cheaper cost-- again the building/grounds—too high. I would like to see what is proposed budget as far as 2018 and what is it like to repair all of what we have; even if it is an estimate.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

Mr. Brevogel, I would like to suggest what I suggested two weeks ago, that the CFO get together with the Department Heads and go over their chart of accounts descriptions and have a better description in the budget so things can be separated out and that would not be going through every invoice. I think part of the problem is, again, that the chart of accounts and look up categories in chart of accounts and just rename those categories in a way that it will reflex closer what you actual expend.

Rich Brevogel:

We had discussion after the last meeting about taking a look at the actual description and making sure the description being charged most closely meets the actual work being done. You are going to have this problem in every department in Public Works; I can't tell you how many snow storms we are going to have. I can't tell you how much I am going to use the chipper. I might go through two sets of chipper blades, which are almost a thousand dollars or I may go through one set. I might blow a transmission in a truck and have to replace it. We just blew a motor that's \$15,000, I can't anticipate what's going to happen, but I am going to shift and prioritize. Unfortunately what all the department heads are doing as well as the staff that are responsible for these budget items, they are re-prioritizing things. So, there may e thigs that sat for three or four, five years and they get dropped in the priority list, because something else came up and we have a limited budget to spend that money on. I can attempt to do what you are asking me to do and I think I understand what you are asking me to do and I will give it my best shot in doing it, but for me to predict what I am going to fix for...I am sure we have a maintenance backlog of things that need to be repaired, but that is reprioritized everyday based on what else breaks. Just the other day we had a server go down in the Police Department that handles our cars and computers--\$10,000, we got to fix it.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Mr. Brevogel, I image you have department heads that will create that list for you. They are just going to give it to you and they have already told you the things that they need—their wish list. These are the things we need: these are the things we would like. Now, I am looking over here...back to my point. We have \$500,000 for office equipment, then we have \$800,000 for official equipment. What is the different between the two and what

exactly do you need? These are the areas that I want to see exactly what you are requesting you need this money for.

Mayor Holley:

One is office equipment and the other one is construction official

equipment.

Rich Brevogel:

The last time we talked about equipment being flash lights and

different pieces of equipment that...

Councilwoman Perrone:

I want you take some time and really tell me (inaudible) this is what I need to make the township run. I am only asking for something I feel is fair and you know what \$8,000 for equipment and not telling me around about what you are talking about--\$500. For and they all sound like the same category as far as I am

concern. I just want to know what it is—that's all.

Rich Brevogel:

Yes ma'am.

Councilwoman Perrone:

I think if it is something we really want—15 more printers. I rather you just buy two, because, I rather keep the staff on. I rather not increase our taxes. These are the types of things I would like for us to be able to say. You know what you hear—what you are saying, maybe we need another truck, but maybe we will buy one, not ten of them—I am just throwing this out there. What is it that you really need? That's my presentation and as I mention before you have major equipment repairs that's throughout the entire report.

Rich Brevogel:

Yes ma'am.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Major vehicle repairs then vehicles repairs...

Rich Brevogel:

Yes ma'am.

Councilwoman Perrone:

As far as I am concern they're all vehicles and I know...

Mayor Holley:

Can we...I feel we are going in circles and a repeat of last

Tuesday's... Can you email him the direct questions?

Councilwoman Perrone:

Those are my direct questions.

Mayor Holley:

Rich, can...

Rich Brevogel:

Class form (sic) 5—I will have the equipment...

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Mayor Holley: I understand all of these things, but can we...it feels like we are

playing this out. Can we just email him the questions and he can

email you directly?

Councilwoman Perrone: I will follow up with the questions I have already asked now; that

we have the purchase orders. Last week we did not have the purchase orders and now that I have looked at what you spent in 2017, I can see what you purchased; now, I want to know what you

want to purchase. Maybe I should have gotten that list too.

Rich Brevogel: I can't tell you that ma'am.

Councilwoman Perrone: That's my question. I will email those questions.

Mayor Holley: Thank you.

Councilwoman Perrone: Mr. Holley, before you do that; again, like I said last week, I didn't

hear anything from Council. You spoke about emailing the

questions, but, now that I have presented these questions, what are your responses from council? I would like a response from anyone

not spoken yet-- you as well Mayor Holley.

Mayor Holley: My questions...I completely understand in a budget, I am pretty

much fine with that. If you have questions, that's up to you. I spoke to Rich directly, the numbers \$5,000 for construction officials equipment, that's not going to significantly impact the taxes for our resident. I spoke to Rich—the magic number was about \$200,000, the only number that you mention this evening that would even get close to that is a contract we are already locked in at, so, while I am all for tightening up certain things, obviously we can—but, we are getting into the nickel and dimes that are not going to impact the budget or impact the taxes for our

residents.

Deputy Mayor Nock: I sort of gave you my suggestions two weeks ago. The only other

suggestion I would make is that you really look at the bills that

come through every month from Ms. Kirby, because when I first got the bills and I was looking through it and the Police Department, we are buying guns and we are buying bullets constantly, but I realize that is necessary and I even asked questions, there is a (inaudible) on guns and so forth. And, I was told you use the old guns and you sell them and what have you. That can give you a better idea each month and when you thoroughly get into it and look through each of the line items—and I know it's tedious, but it does tell you what's going on in the township and I said to Rich—anything I question...I even question down to the easy passes. Why do we have 4 or 3 easy passes and I got an answer back, the postman had one that you had one and somebody else had one. I said, okay, I think that gives you a better feel as you go along through the year. I started out the same way, I questioned everything; every time you turn around I was questioning a line item, but, I agree with Mayor Holley, that our budget—much like we are on the School Board, the budget is really make up of people in benefits and you are not playing with a lot of funds outside of that. If the benefits and staffing is worth 80 percent of the budget that means that 20 percent of the budget goes down to utilities and all that stuff and that's why I begin to look at the utilities. How much we were spending on electric; that's why I was promoting the solar to cut it back, because you don't have a lot to play with. Salaries and benefits is close to 78 to 79 percent of the budget, even if it is snot that high, at 75 that is only 25 percent of everything else and you have to look at that 25 percent and make line items by it; so that's my feel on it. I have been doing it for a couple years now, so I am not as new to it as you are, but when you start talking \$5,000 line item, that is not...a thousand a month would be \$12,000, so you are only talking \$800 a month and everything today can take that out. I do understand your commitment to try to make sure the taxes stay as low as possible. I just think cleaning up the chart of accounts would alleviate a lot of concerns. I have always felt that and the staff need to be told what to bill it to when a certain items comes up. That's my position on it.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I feel very similar to that and I have been here much longer too, so, I do understand. I, too, looked at the line items and I was not concern with some of the same things. I have run a small business and even in your own home unexpected things happen all the time; you wake up and you have a plumbing problem. I had one that cost me \$700—totally unexpected and that was really goo compared to what it could have been. Your car breaks down; you have an accident, you have to pay the \$500 deductible. Things just happen, they just happen on regular bases. I think that as far as office supplies and those kinds of things, I had a thousand a month in my budget for office supplies. So, things happen—houses breaks down, buildings break down, and I don't think that Rich said that the building was dirty, he said that you have to hire personnel that have certain certifications in case of emergencies; like blood and loss of other bodily fluids. I can see where a specific way of cleaning that up is necessary. I would want to know if someone's bleeding at JFK and have somebody clean that up and dispose of it. I think there is a procedure to go through. I am comfortable with that, I don't mind seeing additional information that you requested, but I am comfortable.

Councilman Anderson:

I, too, had an opportunity to review the data you sent over from Tuesday's meeting as well. I appreciate the work that you are doing, dating down, but, as I indicated, I think this need to be done October, November. We need to be in a room moving forward with each director to do this process. I do appreciate what can be taken out of it as we move forward, but, I have been sitting here for eight years having a relationship with Joanne Diggs, Rich Brevogel, Barbara Lightfoot and understanding that when they present us with something, it is to the best interest, because at the same time we want to protect the residents from increases; certainly there are some thing we cannot help, but at the same time we cannot cripple the township. So, as we keep saying—dig deeper, dig deeper, it looks great because this is what they tax rate is, but there is a saying "you pay now or you pay later." It is our responsibility to stabilized and we got to do the best we can and I have all the faith that our directors and interim manager—that thy

are doing the right thing by this community and I know Rich is dedicated more so than a lot of others to this community, so he is going to do what is in our best interest. As we ask them to dig, dig, but at the same time we don't see what it is doing to the organization internally and if you are bleeding internally and don't realize it is not good. It is with my faith and trust that I have in the directors that I have had in the last eight years that I believe when they present us with something it allows them to do what they can and still operate for the unforeseen. So, with that I appreciate recommendations that you come back to you as we requested, but it has to be at a level that you and your directors are comfortable with. We can't have internal bleeding just to say we did this—it does nobody good.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Thank you all for your comments, and the email things, I prefer, I never saw your questions, so this is the forum I prefer you ask your questions. I understand that you get clarity, but some of your questions could be beneficial for me and we are not allowed to communicate outside of these meetings, so again, I prefer to do things this way. If I have things I don't really--don't understand I can give you a call, Mr. Brevogel. I did email you this presentation before hand and I don't feel I am asking for anything out of the norm, but if you have purchases that you are looking for I would like for you to check with your department and look for wished and wants and things that we need. That's what I am asking for to support your budget. Thank you.

Mayor Holley:

At this time we need a motion--as we continue to work on the improvement of budget we need a motion to table Resolutions 2018—53.

On motion by Councilwoman Perrone Seconded by Councilwoman Jennings

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried. Resolutions 2018-53 Tabled.

#### **RESOLUTION NO2018-54**

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP'S SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL JERSEY WASTE & RECYCLING FOR BASIC SERVICE SOLID WASTE AND BULK COLLECTION

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, agreed to participate in a Joint Purchasing Program for the provision and performance of goods and services, more specifically, for the collection of disposal of solid waste and bulk waste from apartments and condominiums within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Willingboro entered into a Joint Purchasing

Agreement for the program known as "Municipal Apartment and Condominium Collection Services" ("MACCS") which agreement designates Maple Shade Township as the Lead agency for the program; and

WHEREAS, Central Jersey Waste & Recycling, Inc. was awarded a contract to provide bulk collection services for the MACCS program beginning June 1, 2017 for a three-year term in an amount not to exceed \$33,065.02 and further providing for two one-year renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$22,043.35; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the contract allocated to Township of Willingboro for the three-year term, based on its current level of service is \$8,711.82 for basic service and \$33,065.02 for bulk service and is subject to a 3% administrative fee for the MACCS program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1,

et seq., and the regulations promulgated there under, more specifically, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.14, prior to the award of contract, each member of a joint purchasing system must issue a purchase order and certification of funds for its share of the contract amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that it is in the best interest of Township of Willingboro to fund its portion of the contract with Central Jersey Waste & Recycling and the program administrative fee for the period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$73,527.81; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Township of Willingboro, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-1, has certified that there are sufficient funds for this purpose for the period said, certification being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018 in open public session by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. Township of Willingboro hereby authorizes the payment of \$73,464.63, subject to adjustment for changes in level of service for calendar year 2018, for solid waste collection services provided by Central Jersey Waste and Recycling, Inc.
- 2. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue the purchase order funding Township of Willingboro 2018 portion of the MACCS trash collection contract.

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Councilman Anderson

Roll Call:

Councilman Anderson

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings

Yes

Councilwoman Perrone Deputy Mayor Nock Yes

Deputy Mayor N

Yes

Mayor Holley

Yes

Motion carried. Resolutions 2018-54 Tabled.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2018 -- 55**

#### 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 17th day of April, 2018 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:

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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 Counci 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 of loss of a license or permit as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:9-12b(9).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general nature of the subject to be discussed relates to:

**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 Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by Councilman Anderson

Roll Call:

Councilman Anderson

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings Councilwoman Perrone Yes

Deputy Mayor Nock

Yes Yes

Mayor Holley

Yes

Motion carried. Resolutions 2018-55 Tabled.

Mayor Holley:

Before we move on to public comments, over the past week or so I had several emails or several questions in regards to Boards and Commissions liaisons, so at this moment I want to share the appointments for each Board. We have some vacancies on certain boards:

Shelter Board—Councilman Anderson Citizen Award—Councilwoman Perrone

Economic Development—Councilman Anderson Finance, Mayor Holley and Deputy Mayor Nock

Green Team—Deputy Mayor Nock Hall of Frame—Councilwoman Perrone

Heritage—we have an opening Library—Councilman Anderson

Municipal Alliance—opening and I will work on filling that one

Parade Committee—Councilman Anderson

Planning Board—Mayor Holley and Deputy Mayor Nock

Youth Advisory—Mayor Holley Youth Achievement—Mayor Holley

WMUA—Councilwoman Jennings will serve by default since she serves on

that...

Zoning Board—Deputy Mayor Nock

We have two opening for Heritage Commission and Municipal Alliance.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

To Councilwoman Jennings, is there any particular reason you don't want to be a

liaison?

Councilwoman Jennings:

I think I should have been asked ahead of time, I don't want to read it.

Mayor Holley:

I emailed it out earlier and basically all I did it was pulled from what you

served on previous years.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

It puts extra pressure on the rest of us. Is there a particular one you want

to take? Move on.

Councilman Anderson:

At this time I would like to make a motion that we do a pilot for the ten

properties that was mention in the Manager's Report.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Second.

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# **Discussion**

Cristal Holmes-Bowie, Esq.: Can I just mention that this should still go out for an RFQ

even if it's going to be a pilot. I understand that you are indicating Council is not spending...but anytime the public funds are going to be affected and in this amount he is saying 30 percent and it is ten to twelves homes, so we are certainly going to be in the bid threshold, so it is something that should be bid, even though it is a pilot is should be bid.

Councilwoman Jennings: Can I ask where we are with the RFQ, which we authorized

two weeks ago?

Rich Brevogel: I have a copy of the RFQ which I will provide to the

solicitor. Ms. Bligen and I had a conversation during the week and there had been an offer to do a pilot, so before I did that I wanted to see where the Council stood relative to doing a pilot. We do have an RFQ that can be prepared and

sent out to bid.

Mayor Holley: Can we have that as soon as possible?

Councilwoman Jennings: Is the company by any chance a part of the State contract?

Rich Brevogel: I do not think so, ma'am.

Deputy Mayor Nock: So, we are back to...it has to go out today?

Mayor Holley: Yes.

Deputy Mayor Nock: My initial feelings...

Councilman Anderson: So, I will withdraw my motion.

Councilwoman Perrone: The same here.

Councilwoman Jennings: So, can we know when this is going out?

Rich Brevogel: Yes ma'am, I will get it over to the solicitor tomorrow and

have it reviewed and I will let you know when it is being

advertised.

Mayor Holley: Thank you. Another thing, Councilman Anderson, Ms.

Wooding publicly asked for dates and times for meetings to

be mailed out to all of us.

Rich Brevogel: About four and five meetings ago you had requested

reports from Commissions and Boards to be provide monthly. Is your preference to have them in writing?

Mayor Holley: Yes.

Rich Brevogel: You don't need a presentation at each meeting...

Mayor Holley: We would prefer them in writing if there is a need for a

presentation then I would like for them to send a request

and that way we can set that up.

Deputy Mayor Nock: If they request to speak, they can speak.

Mayor Holley: Yes.

Rich Brevogel: That clarifies that, because there was a question about it

proposed to me today.

Mayor Holley: At this time the floor is open for public comments. Please

give your name and address prior to make your comments. Public comment is a total of four minutes, when the timer goes off you are to begin wrapping up your comments at

that time. Thank you.

# **Public Comments**

Pat Lindsay-Harvey: Henderson Lane. I brought this issue up at the budget

hearing meeting, but most of the people in the audience that are here tonight were not here to hear it. One of the things I am very concern about on the budget is the contracts. I am all for people making more money, but they have to do

it responsibility—the average in this State is 1.9.

We have one union that is getting 3 percent each year for four years and we have two other unions that are getting 3 percent one year, 2 percent for the next two years and year four it's 3.25 percent. If you figure those are getting 10.5 percent over 4 years, that's a lot. We are already flooded a bond for 1.7 million to bridge a gap for our budget, what is going to happen the next few years because of these contracts?

I went to the planning board meeting the other night and one of the things that really stressed me and it was something that Deputy Mayor Nock had brought up about the housing numbers and they had our vacant housing at 2015 number which is 811 houses which we do not...He question that, I also question it and I suggested that they talk to local realtors to get the real numbers. So, at a task force meeting, every Friday we get great numbers—Gary Johnson has a wealth of information and low and behold, here is what has been approved and here are the same numbers are here—very distressing, the same numbers are here, not the correct numbers.

James Hall:

195 Tiffany Lane. I am the Chairperson of the Willingboro Police Athletic League and this past week we had our first banquet and I wanted to come out and share with you its success. Had about 115 people who showed up, which was a great showing. Several of our Council members showed up, which was awesome and sort of blew our minds. I want to thank Mayor Holley, Councilman Anderson, Councilwoman Jennings and Councilwoman Perrone for showing up. We also had some Board Members and we want to thank Board Member Gary Johnson, as well. As you know PAL has a rich tradition in this community and our organization is 100 percent volunteers; so on that night we actually raised over \$1300, so that was pretty cool and it

is going directly to funding programs that benefit the youth of our community. So, again, I want to thank you for coming out. Senator Singleton did a dynamic speech. We tried to get the press in the building, they did not show up, but we will get them next time. Again, thank you very much; also Councilwoman Perrone and Board member Johnson particularly want to thank you guys for your kind donations. We appreciate that.

Chuck Dilworth:

36 Newport Lane in North Garfield. I want to address the Council on something that bothers me a little bit. I have lived in Willingboro for about 50 years, I have seen a lot of changes and I notice something that is out of hand; paper and junk that's on the streets. We need to do something about cleaning Willingboro; we are heading for a ghetto. First signs when you see paper all over the place, nobody cares. It wasn't always like this and it gets worse and worse each year and I would think it would be in the interest of the Council to address this subject. We use these ROBO calls—call these people and say—tell these kids to stop throwing the paper on the ground. At some point they have to get it in their head that they want to keep the place better. I remember growing up as a kid; these little jingles you hear they stuck with you. You hear these things over and over about don't be a litter bug. I heard that from First grade on and we probably need to introduce a little bit of that in Willingboro. My other issue is these repair shops that are around town. I know they must have license to be a repair shop, but not to be a savage yard. Some of these old repair shops they make the town look bad. You drive around they have these old cars, no license plates, stickers are five years old and these kind of images and nobody is saying anything. I want the Council to address these issues. There must be a law some where you just can't store junk cars in Willingboro. Thank you.

Susan Coleman:

I am actually a developer from Moorestown and I am here representing Action Together Burlington County, which is 1400 people who are very concerned about the direction of the country under the Trump Administration.

This organization is actually part of a larger group-Action New Jersey with 18,000 members and the Action Together Burlington County is really focus o what is happening in our congressional district. Congressional district three, which spans most of Burlington County including Willingboro and goes over to Ocean County as well. Our congressman has been one of President Trump's biggest supporters. He votes with Trump 94 percent of the time This more recent action, he was the sponsor of the MacArthur Amendment which would have removed protection for preexisting conditions in health care; would have allowed premium to raise just based on age, regardless of what your health status was; would allowed taking away the limit on out-of-pocket, etc. He was really the champion and got it through the House of this Health Care Repeal bill that would have included all these damages provisions. He has also voted consistently to weaken gun laws. Most recently he co-sponsored concealed carry (inaudible) Act, which would allow our people from States with much lacked gun laws to bring their conceal weapons into New Jersey, ignoring New Jersey's strict gun laws. He has also voted and it is hard to believe—voted to let people who are on the restricted no fly list, because they are expected terrorist, he voted to allow them to buy guns. It is inconceivable and he was also the only congressman from New Jersey to vote for the tax bill. All of the other republicans in congress in New Jersey said this was bad for New Jersey business; even the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce said it was bad for New Jersey, but MacArthur voted for it because Trump wanted this bill. So, we have begun an effort to educated voters, but the concern is that normally in an off year as this is; in the presidential year everybody turns out to vote but in off years election like this will be no president voter turnout, drops by 35 to 40 percentage points and that happen in Willingboro as it

happens in every other city and the stakes are really high this year because MacArthur is so bad and the Trump Administration is now planning in terms of cutbacks on social security, cutbacks on Medicare and so on; and certainly they are already attaching Medicaid as well as the environment and everything else. So, we are gathering volunteers who are interested in working to educate people to get the word out to working on it in Willingboro. We would really love to have you and I will be available after the meeting if anybody wants to talk more about this. Thank you.

Velar Helen Williams:

8 Barnwell Circle. I want to complement our Councilwoman Perrone. I was told from a time I was a child there is no stupid questions. Questions that are asked have answers that we are concerned about. I, for one want to know what you are asking and I appreciate you so much because it shows that you care about your community. You ask questions that we want to know. You know even if the \$800 or a thousand dollars, you want to save for your community, that's money saved. It shows that you value us and I appreciate you. Whether you are new or old, questions should be asked about the budget. You know nobody is God, that you are going to say that this person is so honest and this person is so fair; whatever you say I don't have to question it, that's nonsense. Questions should be asked and thank God you are here. Keep it up. Thank you.

Mayor Holley:

Any other public comments? Hearing none and seeing none, public comment is closed.

#### **Council Comments**

Councilwoman Perrone:

Good evening everyone. Thank you for coming out. Yes, I hope you found the presentation information that was my intent and I do, and I will ask questions and hop to receive responses. And, I appreciated Council for responding, that is what I expect as my fellow councilmen and women, that I want to know your thoughts, your positons, even if we

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disagree I want to know where you stand. They say if you stand to mothering you will fall for anything. So, I agree with that statement. As far as the PAL, I did attend. I enjoyed the event. I use to be in the PAL in the Bronx. I learned to play, shot pool, play checkers and started judo lessons there. I learned a lot in the PAL. I entered a double-dutch completion and so I am a big fan of PAL programs for our children. And as far as the budget, I am hoping we come closer to...and I think we are moving in the right direction. And, I do appreciated you Mr. Brevogel for working diligently and trying to get the numbers down and at the same time run our Township effectively, thank you all again for coming out.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I, too, also thank everyone for coming out. I don't know if it is winter or spring—take a pick. I also went to the PAL event and I want to applaud the efforts of everybody who volunteers for that program it was really very nice program and I grew up in PAL, my children and now my grandchildren, and so, I am happy that we have that as part of our community. I also went to the Phenomenal Women's event. I did not mention that at the last meeting—I see Ms. Holley sitting there, she was one of the awardee's for lifetime achievement; and Ms. Johnson was awarded also, as a Phenomenal Women. We have so many phenomenal women in Willingboro including the Director and her staff that just put it on. I think this was year six and it gets better every year and I look forward to other events. Thank you so much again for coming.

Councilman Anderson:

Good evening everyone, just want to say thank you for coming out.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

I wish I could be that short. I was hoping at the next meeting Mr. Brevogel, you could give us an update on the Firehouse. Where are we?

Rich Brevogel:

Absolutely.

Deputy Mayor Nock:

Are we behind or anything like that? I think the residents need to know. Secondly, the police officers know that I support PAL, but I could not attend. I had a big, huge 250 members of the family in New York City—a major event that I had to attend, since I was driving people. Number two, you mentioned the housing numbers. I think before we publish anything we should have the latest and most upto-date numbers in any kind of plan; in any kind of housing elements, because there is a difference between this year 2018 and let's say 2015 or 2014. And, lastly, I attended a presentation workshop. If you were here at the last meeting a gentleman here teaches at Temple on marijuana registration and the effects of marijuana on towns; so I attended and some other members here. Presentation about the impact and because we are doing our Master Plan or amendment to the Master Plan, that we have a look at whether or not Willingboro wants to do any of the four stages of marijuana, because the governor has put it as a major emphasis of this administration. He has also written into this year's budget some revenue or something from the marijuana legislation passing that last night was an eye opener, because some of the things we thought you could make some money off of in terms of dispensaries, medical dispensaries, you really can't because the insurance doesn't cover it and usually it is a nonprofit, but having a lab or something like that to work with the school district. It was also mention that one of the universities has now create a degree in marijuana that you can...because it is a growing field, much like...you can laugh about this stuff—solar at one time was a growing field, now marijuana is a growing field. It would be nice to at least look at it and see what the public wants. One time we were a dry town and we had to pass two referendums to move from a dry town, but there is money to be had in some aspects of it and we learned last night that the that there were going to be 40 licenses; there are eight to six now being given out around the state and whether or not Willingboro would like to be a regional... We have space—industrial Park—laboratory or something like that for it. If you don't look into it you never know.

We can always say we don't want to do it, like some other towns, but you got to look into it. We are looking at other sources of revenue and then we all have to make a decision and as a Council person I really would like to know what the public feels about it. The old joke—everybody is getting high, but you learn different things from the medical to the production to dispenser, to growing, all kinds of things and I think we need to look into it and would love to see some community people... The person who teaches the course at Temple lives in the town and has been here for about 30 to 40 years. He said that last time and he was true to that and he was entrusted in the social aspect of the registration.

Mayor Holley:

Good evening. Thank you, everyone for coming-out. Want to say thank you to Rich. I know this budget process we have been asking for a lot, we introduced; we have been cutting it down; so we appreciate you working with us and helping us—trying to run and govern the township efficiently.

Ms. Harvey, re-examination of the Master Plan was approved by the Planning Board, but it has to be adopted by Council so we will make sure those updates get added.

Kudos to Mr. Hall and everyone officiated with putting together the PAL program; I, too, played PAL football at JFK--some of the best years of my life. This past Saturday I had a chance to work with the Concern Citizen of Buckingham Park, so this ties in with the gentlemen who came up from Garfield North, we were working on a community cleanup in Bucking ham Park pretty much all day Saturday morning-0started at 7 and we went til about noon. Picked up trash in the streets, clean out some of the storm drains so that the water could go down the storm drains and also helped people collect some of the tree debris and take it to the curb so when Public Works comes

around they will be able to pick it up. And, I believe I didn't get a chance to go on Sunday, but, I believe there was another community event that some gentlemen for community put together and they were cleaning up Garfield Park; the campus of Dr. Martin Luther King elementary school, that campus on Sunday as well. You are definitely right I see it myself driving through the community. I think we need to instill... I don't think it is the older generation, I think it is the younger generation, to instill having "Boro" pride as we all have-- just got an alert on my phone that the former first lady, Barbara Bush just passed away- just wanted to share that. Kudos to Ms. Dionne Bolden and the rest of you guys for putting together the Phenomenal Women Award Reception on Sunday. It was a great event. Had a chance to attend that as well and congratulations to all the honorees for what they do; even the two women sitting at the dais. Last think the marijuana; I am going to just jump out the window and more--so it is an opportunity that I don't want our community to miss out on. I know everybody is going to have their different opinion on it, but what I don't want to happen for us to sit around and watch everyone around us benefit from it and we are just looking around because we were scared or we did not want to look into it. There is definitely a stream of money. I get what Deputy Mayor Nock was saying regards to the medicinal, but if we prepare ourselves for the medicinal side of it—by the way things are going the recreational side will be coming right behind it and we will already have a plan in place that we as a community will be able to capitalize off that. So, we do need to take our time and due diligence with that and I think it is great that we have a community member that has already done a lot of work in that area that we can kind of tap on and get some ideas form.

To the gentlemen from BTSA, I am curious. I do want to see an open process and I want to see you guys put a bid for that, but, I am curious to see what type of revenue you guys can get for us; we need every dollar.

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The police officer is fine. When I went to the bathroom I heard them laughing, I open the door he is fine. I think his leg went out on him. He is still out there just in case anyone is asking. Everyone have a good evening and thank you for coming out.

Motion to adjourn was done by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilwoman Perrone. All in favor and none opposed.

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

Sarah Wooding, RMC, Township Clerk

Darvis K. Holley Mayor

# Township of Willingboro

To:

The Honorable Darvis K. Holley, Mayor The Honorable Martin Nock, Deputy Mayor

The Honorable Jacqueline Jennings, Councilwoman The Honorable Nathaniel Anderson, Councilman The Honorable Rebecca Perrone, Councilwoman

From:

Richard A. Brevogel,

**Acting Township Manager** 

Date:

**April 17 2018** 

Re:

Agenda

# **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Budget Introduction: Amendment Recommendation

- After budget meetings and input from the council the budget has been amended to set the increase at 3.059 cents or \$48.11 per household based on the average assessed home.
- Department of Public Works
  - o Tree and Debris Clean Up
    - Next week the DPW will begin interior limb clean up
      - The process will take 4-8 weeks
    - No contractor debris will be collected
- BSTA is interested in doing a pilot for vacant properties in the township. The Inspections
  department has identified 10 properties that would be used in assessing the organization and it
  processes if approved by the council.

#### **Agenda Items**

- Res. 2018—54: Shared service
  - AUTHORIZES FUNDING OF WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP'S SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL JERSEY WASTE & RECYCLING FOR BASIC SERVICE SOLID WASTE AND BULK COLLECTION
    - Covers Apartments complexes

#### **RESIDENT QUESTIONS:**

No questions from the previous meeting

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Litigation