

WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING
APRIL 21, 2020

7:00PM
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Statement
Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

MANAGER'S REPORT

MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION OF DISCUSSION FROM
FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR, FELICIA HOPSON

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2020—10 (PUBLIC HEARING)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE V, SECTION 3-30 OF THE
WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "DEPUTY CLERK"

TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11 (INTRODUCTION)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 328 ARTICLE III
SETTING FORTH A PROCESS FOR THE CREATION OF AN HONORARY STREET
DESIGNATIONS

RESOLUTION

Res. 2020—66

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY SERVICES AND APPOINTING BORGERS SAUNDERS TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES REGARDING VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Res. 2020—64

RESOLUTION REGARDING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS PER DOCKET NO. BUR-L-002771-17

- REQUESTED UPDATE ON SALARY ORDINANCE
- REQUEST THAT MAYOR DO LIVE UPDATES REGARDING THE PANDEMIC
- REQUEST THAT MANAGER INCREASE THE CENSUS CAMPAIGN POSSIBLY THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA OR SOME FORM OF POSTING

Public Comment
Council Comment

Res. 2020—67

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Required Statement

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

On January 1, 2020, advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex.

On January 1, 2020, advance written notice of this meeting was mailed to the Burlington County Times, Trenton Times, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Courier Post.

On January 1, 2020, 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 Perrone	Present
Councilwoman Whitfield	Present
Deputy Mayor McIntosh	Present
Mayor Worthy	Present

Discussion from Freeholder Director Felicia Hopson

Director Hopson Hello everyone. Can you guys hear me? Yes, ma'am. How is everyone doing? Whoa guys? Thank you. Thank you, Dr. Worthy and council members for allowing me these few minutes. I just wanted to come join your meeting really quickly just to give some quick updates from the county perspective. I get a lot of questions. I get a lot of phone calls, emails about where we are with covid. I know you guys have your officials on a lot of the weekly calls, so I just wanted to share with you just some basic updates and some additional updates that I'm provided throughout the day as well. So right now overall we are starting to see a slight decrease in some of the cases reported in Burlington County as of this afternoon County cases were up to 1764.

The Willingboro cases as of a couple of hours ago was up to 311. So we just want to remind everyone if they're feeling flu-like symptoms. Please be sure to go for pre-screening. You have to get pre-screened before you can get a test. So that's very important. You cannot just show up because they will not test you. You will receive an appointment if you pass the pre-screening requirements.

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The number to be pre-screens is 609-726-7097. So we just want to encourage everybody. I know last meeting. Dr. Rogers, Dr Worthy you guys both had updates about why we saw more cases in Willingboro. I had a conversation with a couple of your council members as well just to kind of pinpoint why we should not be worried. I don't want folks to think. Oh, it's Willingboro and we have the most cases.

We all know that we're a bedroom community and we know that we are leaving our community to go to work, to go visit family members and obviously when we come back these things happen with how we are now included in the count because we're a bedroom committee. So we have to go outside of our community for work to visit relatives and so forth and so on so, you know, as I was I've had several conversations with Dr. Conway as you guys know who's heading up the task force for the county. We definitely know that we will have to take a deep dive into the data once it's available in a couple of years.

Obviously, we'll be doing a lot of regression analysis that information won't be available for now, but we are paying attention to the trends. So I just want everybody to rest assured that we're doing everything that we can at the county level and that's one of the reasons why I wanted to join you guys because I didn't want you guys to think that it's not being paid attention to and we are not putting things in place to address a lot of the concerns that some of the residents may have. So please be assured that we're doing everything that we can. In addition the testing is every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. To 1 p.m. It's in Westampton. So when you call for the pre-screening you will be given the address but it's right over there by the health department. So most of us ride by it on a regular basis. I also want to share with you guys that Meals on Wheels as relaxed their requirements. So if you know of any senior citizens that are in need of assistance with getting meals provided to them on a day-to-day basis or on a weekly basis Meals on Wheels has relaxed their requirements. You can reach out to a Meals on Wheels during normal business hours. They're available during normal business hours. The phone number for Meals on Wheels is area code 609-702-7053, so please reach out to

Meals on Wheels. And this is really only for senior citizens that are in need of assistance with getting their meals to them. I know we have a lot of food drives going on. I know we have a lot of separate initiatives, but I also wanted to let you know that is a service that's available. I also wanted to let you guys know that if you know anybody that might be experiencing job loss, you know, the state has started a job website for covid. The website for jobs is jobs.covid19.nj.gov now that website is also even if you just Google covid-19 for New Jersey, it'll also come up. So we want to make sure that you guys have all of this information and we get a lot of information throughout the day and the information is dispersed so quickly.

We don't have time to ingest all of the information. So we just want to make sure and I want you guys to rest assure that I'm doing everything that I can and if I have not answered a question. If I haven't responded to an email, please email me again. My email box is flooded. But that means nothing. I mean, sometimes I just think I do overlook them. So I also want to share with you my County email address. My email address is fhopson@co.burlington.nj.gov. It's a very long email address, but you can find us you can also find me on my own Freeholder Facebook page. But if you have any questions concerns, some folks are reaching out to me via Facebook Messenger, but I just want you guys to know that I'm here and I'm willing to assist in any kind of way. So we know that unemployment office has been flooded the last update that I got last week.

They took over 30 million phone calls in one week. So that is a lot. So folks are on hold for hours at a time. But if you know anyone specifically that I was looking for an update and if they are a Burlington County resident, please email me. I do have a contact and I can get in touch with them and try to get our residents and update sooner rather than later. So if you know anyone who's trying to reach out to unemployment and they haven't been successful.

Please make sure you reach out to me and I will make sure that we get that resident and update about their claim. This is a lot of information. I just want everyone to be assured that we are in this together. I've been trying to encourage

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everyone if they are able to please get out and exercise. I know it's not that easy all of the local parks and most of the trails are closed, but you can still walk around your neighborhood and we are going to see a flat.

Name of the curve you guys have seen every time you go out to stores. Now, you can't even get into the stores without a mask and without masks and gloves. So this is this is improvement from where we were three weeks ago that said, I just need everybody to be steadfast and we need to get through this together. So I've given you a lot of information. What I will do is I have one of our team members from the county on the call if there's anything that needs to be repeated.

Please reach out to me, Charlene Webster's also on the call. We will make sure that you get your answers to whatever you think needs to be repeated. But let me just give you the number to the screening one more time. That's area code six zero nine seven two six seven zero nine seven. You can call for pre-screening Monday through Friday, and I believe the hours are 9:00 to 5:00. But Charlene and I will confirm that but testing is only Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 1. So please make sure if you have any type of flu-like symptoms that you calling and you're going to get in a get pre-screen so you can get an appointment. I've given you the information for the Meals on Wheels. Please have senior citizens or loved ones of senior citizens reach out if they if you know of anyone that has that has a few food insecurity and lastly the website for jobs. The website again is jobs. covid-19. NJ .gov

So again, I thank you for these few minutes. Does anyone have any questions any council members have any questions that I can answer for you guys right now?

Dr. Worthy

no questions. Anyone have any Freeholder director. I just want to say thank you. I did capture down those numbers and will continue to push that out also on our Facebook page and our website to continue to reiterate that. So thank you so much for continuing to advocate for Willingboro and being a resource for us all. Thank you.

Director Hopson

Thank you guys for everything that you do. Please reach out if you guys need anything. I'll talk to you soon. So

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everyone take care. Okay. Thanks for these few minutes. I appreciate it. Take care. Bye bye.

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only

Dr. Worthy	All right Madam Clerk. Will you please proceed?
Madam Clerk	Okay, right now the floor would be open for public comment on agenda items only if there's anyone out there. Yes, if you have public comments two minutes.
Dr. Worthy	If you have a public comment on the agenda items only please raise your hand using the chat feature so that you can be unmuted to be recognized once you come up you please share your name and your address. You can also send a message using the chat feature to the Willingboro Township host if you have public comments, and they can unmute you and so that you can proceed will give it another minute since we know we have some new technology were using
Pat Harvey	12 Hadley Lane. Resolution 2020-66 and this says Consulting Services. What is this company going to be doing? Consulting in what way regarding vacant and abandoned properties. It also says that their agreement will commence on Wednesday 4/ 22/20 and expire on 4/ 21/20. Don't think it's going to expire the day it was supposed to start.
Solicitor	Mayor, may I speak?
Mayor	Yes, please. Mr. Taylor.
Solicitor	Okay. Can you hear me now?
Mayor	Yes, we can hear you.
Solicitor	So Mayor, I'd be happy to attempt to answer that on behalf of the township. I would just suggest that Miss Lindsay Harvey complete her comments on all her questions. We'll respond at the end.
Mayor	Okay. Thank you.
Pat Harvey	That's all the comments. I had unbelievably.

Solicitor

Okay, it was easy. All right, so through the chair resolution to 2020 - 6 6 is for the council's consideration of issuing and entering into a new contract with a vendor that has done services or perform services in Township previously for vacant and abandoned properties.

The goal being to register properties that are vacant by current owners and/or properties that are acquired by a new owner that is vacant and meet the definition of the statute. There are certain registration fees that a company that designation the intent here being not to generate revenue but to get properties back on the tax rolls to abate blighted conditions within the quality and to improve the overall tax rate of a base by having a clean and Safe Community. The resolution is going to be reviewed by the council and closed executive session under the contract negotiation and turning client privilege exception as there are some updates that I have in some information. I need to share with the council. If it is approved the contract as worded essentially the vendor would not necessarily receive funds from the township, but rather would earn a percentage of any fees and or fines that are assessed and collected by the municipality. Thank you Mayor.

Mayor

Thank you. Mr. Taylor. Any other public comment on agenda items only?

Okay with no hands and no messages coming in for public comment on agenda items then public comment would now be closed. At this time we can move on to the manager's report, Dr. Rogers.

Manager's Report

Dr Rogers

Okay, good evening, first and foremost if I could really shout out to each and every Municipal Employee who is actively working to support local government services for our municipalities. I would do it at this time. We are fortunate to have a team of personnel who are committed to the well-being of our residents businesses and our infrastructure.

Of the various Municipal departments are functioning under strenuous conditions as the township lead administrator. We really would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of council for your consistent



RESOLUTION 2020-66

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY SERVICES AND APPOINTING BORGERS SAUNDERS TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES REGARDING VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., the Township publicly advertised a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for vacant and abandoned property services; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township clerk received one proposal from Borgers Saunders Taylor & Associates, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that the proposal of Borgers Saunders Taylor & Associates, LLC, for vacant and abandoned property services is responsible and it is in the best interest of the Township to accept the proposal and to enter into a contract with Borgers Saunders Taylor & Associates, LLC for such services; and

WHEREAS, the agreement between the Township and Borgers Saunders Taylor & Associates, LLC shall commence on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 and expire on April 21, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Township Solicitor's Office is reviewing the RFP and the proposal submission to ensure all procedural, statutory and regulatory requirements have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Township Solicitor's Office is preparing a formal legal memorandum for review by the Township Council and Township Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro assembled in open public session on this 21st day of April 2020, that the Council accepts the proposal of Borgers Saunders Taylor & Associates, LLC to provide consulting services for vacant and abandoned properties within the Township of Willingboro;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township Council authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract with Borgers Saunders Taylor & Associates, LLC that is consistent with the RFP, proposed response on behalf of the Township for vacant and abandoned property services, and all other documents regarding these services;

engagement your advice your suggestions and your support as we navigate this pandemic together. First of all, we would like to acknowledge the office of Community Affairs who has been partnering with the mosque on

Bridge Street our community engagement office and a patrolman were on hand today along with our mayor worthy and councilman Anderson to assist with the food distribution today 400 bags of non-perishables frozen food and census information was distributed the next date for this event will be May 5th from at 11:00 to 12:30.

The next we would like to offer kudos to the police department, and again the community engagement department. They provided through donations. I'm sorry from the police Union and individual contributors \$1,500 worth of food products was delivered to Dorothea Campbell yesterday, April 20th, and they made donations and deliveries 295 Apartments. We want to give special. Thanks.

X2 Chaplin Brewer Chaplin, shy and Mrs. Kray next we would like to share that mayor worthy and councilwoman Whitfield joined us in a telephone conference call on April 8 on the development of the township see Sip and we were fortunate to have a very detailed discussion was held and counsel indicated an interest in multi-use sensors.

Electric vehicle Fleet and charging stations the Kennedy Center as the community Hub and including the firehouse as a public safety Hub. Next step is that the New Jersey Department of Transportation has released notification of their fiscal year 2021 state aid program this year this current year 2020. The township was awarded. 347,000 586

Hours of which is being used for our Phase 1 program, which is South Sunset Road and Pennypacker Drive. The total cost of the repair for both of those roads is seven hundred and eighty five thousand dollars. So the balance of that which is 437,000 414 is what we're going to call case to and the application for fiscal year 2021 will be used to complete that repair in addition.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation has an opportunity in this state aid program for the township to receive \$100,000 towards our bike Pathways. That's if we

qualify because we have existing Pathways. So we have to do our due diligence and figure out if we'll be able to qualify and I am working with our be engineers and on that initiative.

The library alarm system has been completely installed and is working our Township Recreation Department has created some virtual programs for youth. We have a flyer which shows that they have some making it Mondays some Wellness Wednesdays and fitness Fridays, so they have different games that activities and ideas for youth to utilize to keep youth.

Engaged and interactive in addition our Recreation Department is developing a virtual summer camp.

We have received news from our Public Safety department as well as the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office in reference to guidelines for parades. A lot of individuals are saying thank you happy birthday and celebrating through parades use they have provided us with some guidelines. As far as there should be no Gatherings ahead of parades. There should be no clusters of cars and that the parade should be organized in it advance and that vehicle should be staggered the prosecutor's office is not encouraging these drive by parades, but they are providing guidelines to help municipalities govern them. And finally my office in conjunction with the director of Public Safety. We will be asking the mayor to join us for a weekly conference call every Monday in an effort to push out information more collaboratively and that concludes my report.

Mayor All right. Thank you. Dr. Rogers based on a report no action items or decisions needed for counsel at this time on any of the items that were shared or for coming.

Dr Rogers It's all and old business items

Mayor Okay? No, we're fine. I just want to make sure before we move forward.

Dr Rogers No

Mayor okay. Thank you. All right, Madam clerk, please proceed.

Resolutions

RES 2020-66-TABLED

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Madam Clerk Resolution 2020- 66. I understand that we are going to table that for executive.

Solicitor Yes, to be clear. We can just hold off on and taking action at this time until after executive session. Okay, so not so we're not actually tabling it for the record. No, we don't need to vote the table it we're just going to hold off on it will come back and revisit it later on this evening.

Ordinance

ORD 2020 -10

On motion by Councilman Anderson
Seconded by Councilwoman Whitfield

Roll Call	Councilman Anderson	yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	yes
	Councilwoman Whitfield	yes
	Deputy Mayor McIntosh	yes
	Mayor Worthy	yes

Motioned carried

ORD 2020-11

This is the introduction to ordinance 2020 -11. It's an ordinance amending and supplementing the Township Code of the township of Willingboro to establish chapter 328 article 3 setting forth a process where the creation of an honorary Street designation.

TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO

ORDINANCE NO. 2020--10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE V, SECTION 3-30 OF THE WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "DEPUTY CLERK"

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-135(a), the Mayor and Council has the power to create and the Office of Deputy Clerk and provide for appointments there to; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the Township of Willingboro recognizes that the Office of Deputy Clerk has a profound and important role in the governance of the Township of Willingboro; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the Township of Willingboro now desires to update and define the process for the appointment of a Deputy Clerk;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Willingboro, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 3, Article V, Section 3-30, entitled "Deputy Clerk," of the Township of Willingboro Municipal Code shall, in pertinent part, be amended as follows:

NOTE: Deletions have been ~~struck through~~ and additions in *italics*. Large portions of text which are unchanged by this ordinance have been removed and indicated via "..."

§ 3-30 Deputy Clerk.

There shall be the office of Deputy Clerk ~~or Clerks~~, the number of which shall be determined in accordance with the needs of the community, *as defined and limited by N.J.S.A. 40A:9-135(b)*, ~~but which number for the purpose of this section shall be indefinite.~~ *The Deputy shall be appointed by the Council and the Council shall define the compensation and the powers, duties and functions of such office. Among other such powers, duties and functions delegated to the Deputy by the Council, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-135(b), the Deputy shall serve as acting municipal clerk during the absence or disability of the Municipal Clerk and the Deputy as Deputies so appointed shall have all of the powers and shall perform all of the duties of the Municipal Clerk during such times, and for such periods as the Municipal Clerk shall be absent or otherwise unavailable.*

SECTION 2: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 3: If any provisions of this Ordinance, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provision of this Ordinance are severed.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO

ORDINANCE NO. 2020--11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 328 ARTICLE III SETTING FORTH A PROCESS FOR THE CREATION OF AN HONORARY STREET DESIGNATIONS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the Township of Willingboro recognize that, from time to time, it may wish to honor those residents who have faithfully served the Township of Willingboro.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council now desires to create a process by which those Township of Willingboro residents who have provided a great service to the Township of Willingboro, may be honored and recognized by the Township of Willingboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Willingboro, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 328 of the Township of Willingboro entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" shall be amended to include the following newly created Article III as follows:

Article III: Honorary Street Designations

§328-25: Process for Creating an Honorary Street Designation

- A. The following individuals will be considered by the Mayor and Council for an Honorary Street Designation:
- (1) The individual was a resident of the Township of Willingboro; and
 - (2) The individual served the Township of Willingboro by:
 - (a) Serving as a member of the Mayor and Council for 16 or more years; and
 - (3) The individual is deceased; and

(4) The individual's personal qualities, accomplishments, and lifetime of service to the Township of Willingboro, demonstrate and reflect the standards and values of the Township of Willingboro.

B. Such an individual who meets the qualifications in Paragraph A above, shall be nominated by a current member of the Mayor and Council for an Honorary Street Designation. The approval of the designation shall be adopted by resolution. The resolution shall state the basis for the provision of an Honorary Street Designation to the Individual and designate the street on which the individual shall be honored.

C. Approval of an Honorary Street Designation by the Mayor and Council shall entitle the individual to the following:

(1) A dedicated sign shall be added to a street sign in the Township of Willingboro with the name of the individual being honored:

(a) When available and appropriate, the street selected shall be the street on which the individual held residency, otherwise an appropriate alternative shall be selected by the Mayor and Council.

(b) This sign shall be constructed to be 30 inches in length by 6 inches in height and be consistent in color and design as other Honorary Street Designation signs.

(2) Upon request of the family, the Mayor and Council may grant the individual being honored the right to "lay in state" in the Municipal Complex.

SECTION 3: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 4: If any provisions of this Ordinance, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provision of this Ordinance are severed.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

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On motion by Councilman Anderson
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Macintosh.

Roll Call	Councilman Anderson	yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	yes
	Councilwoman Whitfield	yes
	Deputy Mayor McIntosh	yes
	Mayor Worthy	yes
Motioned carried		

Discussion

Deputy Mayor
McIntosh

Everything looks good to me. How crucial at this time is the time served as part of this ordinance? I think we did some pretty good stipulations on what the criteria would be to honor people who have served on the council. Is 16 some magical number that we need know?

Councilman
Anderson

The reason why 16 was dedicated was that's what the process has been in the past. I had the opportunity to speak with the clerk today to go through the list of council members who have served since the beginning of time and going through the list. There is no one other than the ones we've already honored that had 12 plus years. So the number 12, I'm fine with that. I just wanted to make sure that it was a number that too many people had already achieved and would be coming to look for it. But being there's no one outside of who we already honored. The only one at this point and I believe Councilwoman Jennings had 16.

Deputy Mayor
McIntosh

Right

Councilman
Anderson

So I wouldn't be opposed to changing it or suggesting, you know, moving your suggestion of changing it to 12.

Councilwoman
Perrone

With regards to the topic. I have an issue with the number that we are associated with this. I appreciate the efforts Councilman Anderson to putting forth an actual process. However, I don't feel like we should have a number associated with it. Primarily because there are people who

actually served as councilwoman and man that have not served 12 years.

For example, Marie Bell was the first black councilwoman. She was the first black councilwoman to serve for the council. She only served for one term as we read the history. She was hired as our judge. So to say because she didn't serve 12 years. Now we wouldn't honor her legacy would be a disservice to her and others. I feel that we should leave it open to anyone who has served and has done a remarkable job during their term whether it be 4, 8 years or 12 or 16. I think it should be at the discretion of the sitting board to determine whether or not we would name honor a person who have a street named after them. So I feel like this should not be a number associated at all.

Mayor

Councilwoman Perrone, are you looking for additional language perhaps in here or just the removal of the year?

Councilwoman
Perrone

That's a good question. I thought the language was really well written. I didn't see any possible issues that come up. I just thought that associating a year with it places too many parameters on people who we do have respect for and we remember them in history, and I feel like all of us, you know, we're sitting here. It's my first term Councilman's Anderson second term. I saw that our history will speak for itself and I don't feel like we should at this Council create a number and just leave that off basically, so just really removing the number.

Deputy Mayor
McIntosh

Agreed from my point of view too. I think the impact of the service is more important than length. I think Bell was a great example of can kind of fall through. I think removing the number totally I would agree to that.

Councilwoman
Perrone

I didn't live here when she became a councilwoman. I read her history and that's why I know you know, so it's like we will be in history. I think at that time the sitting Council would make that determination for them.

Councilwoman
Whitfield

I agree, Councilwoman Perrone and Deputy Mayor Macintosh bring up a very good point and I as well is okay with that requirement.

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Mayor

So, it looks like the impact of service is something that were interested in do we want to say completed a term or is that something you want to just leave it open in the event that something happens to someone during their tenure, you know, they could be serving a term and something, you know unfortunate could happen and they may not even finish a term. I don't know what we have to have in the ordinance, you know, do we have to have any kind of number in there?

Mr. Taylor you have any? Do we have to put a number? Can we just leave it open?

Solicitor

No, you do not need to have a number. You can leave it open or you can establish another number from 16. I would just suggest, I'm sorry for losing my train of thought I was reading the language on page 2 of the ordinance subsection 2 a where it says serving as a member of the Mayor and the Council. I would just put and maybe / or the mayor is a member of the council anyway in your form of government. So I don't know if you need to say mayor and Council or serving as a member of the governing body, perhaps I would recommend we strike mayor and Council and put serving as a member of the governing body of the municipality.

Councilwoman
Perrone

How about adding some language where it reads to the discretion of the sitting board? Because it's something that I guess would have to be voted on and I don't think I saw that language in there that it have to be voted on. So evening. It's changing the number to say something to this question of the sitting board and you know weighing from the community as well making it something that maybe the community could weigh in their thoughts.

It's all of our community. Although we sit Council as five. We have 33 thousand residents. So I'm sure adding some opinions and thoughts of memory of this individual who we're considering naming a street after I took that also should be in there just as additional wording. I don't know.

Solicitor

Sure, Councilwoman Perrone I think that question or comment is covered by paragraph a on page one of the

ordinance where it says the following individuals will be considered by the mayor and Council for an honorary street designation. The discretionary power of that review and designation in the sitting mayor and council at whatever time becomes before the body.

Councilwoman Perrone

Okay?

Madam Clerk

Okay, so in my time with this introduction that there will be an amendment to a

Solicitor

Miss Wooding it would read as follows. Can you hear me?

Madam Clerk

Yes, I can hear you.

Solicitor

All right, it should read as follows serving as a member of the governing body of the municipality. Okay, and the current language that's there mayor and Council for 16 or more years will be stricken. Everything else will remain the same. This is a second reading for this ordinance.

Madam Clerk

This the introduction.

Solicitor

I'm sorry

Madam Clerk

It's okay. So I just wanted to be sure that those were the amended items we were talking about. So therefore let me know if I'm right or wrong now that it's been amended it can be voted on?

It's already voted on. Roll call on the Amendments.

I'm asking if we can do the roll call on these amendments.

Mayor

Yes, we can move to roll call.

Madam Clerk

Thank you.

Roll Call	Councilman Anderson	yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	yes
	Councilwoman Whitfield	yes
	Deputy Mayor McIntosh	yes
	Mayor Worthy	yes

Motioned carried

New Business

Mayor

I had an item for a new business. I was I wanted to revisit Well Visit creating an ADHOC committee for the Centerton Road Bridge based on the interest from our resident. Mr. John Larroquette. He expressed interest on more than one occasion of being part of an initiative to talk to the county and continue to advocate for vehicular traffic on this in certain Road.

And so at like to establish an ADHOC committee to be able to examine that and to invite other residents in a formal way to be able to continue that advocacy work. So I did want to put that out for new business based on some of the discussions that Mr. Locke has participated in in the past few Council meetings.

Councilwoman
Whitfield

Mayor are you making that motion?

On motion by Mayor Worthy
Seconded by Councilman Anderson

Roll Call	Councilman Anderson	yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	yes
	Councilwoman Whitfield	yes
	Deputy Mayor McIntosh	yes
	Mayor Worthy	yes

Motioned carried

Mayor

any other new business?

Councilman
Anderson

Yes. I know. It's come to the table in the past with the old administration, but I want to revisit or at least have us explore looking at **speed bumps**. I'm getting too many calls and regards to speeding. I've witnessed it coming down certain blocks, but I want us to at least consider it, you know, look at what it would cost. Look at what street we can identify. so I just want to put that on the table for something for us to start to explore in the past we talked about it was slow down response time when I spoke to represent from other municipalities the question was you know, what is that slow down? Is it a minute? Is it 2 minutes? And is it worth a life? So I just want to start re-

exploring this put it back on the table and let's see what we can come up with.

Mayor

Yeah, I'm interested in the in something to slow down this speed. I agree with councilman Anderson. I don't know if speed bumps is the solution or not. I would be open to exploring what the solution would be. but I do understand we do have a lot of fast moving traffic and it does pose a risk to the residents. So I would be interested in exploring what the solutions are and by perhaps by the second meeting in May.

Dr. Rogers is that enough time for you to be able to? So the second meeting in May. Councilman Anderson does is that soon enough?

Councilman
Anderson

That's fine. That's 19th. I just I just want to make sure because you know, I've heard too many voices and I think it's just something we need to look at so this way we can be responsive proactive.

Councilwoman
Perrone

I just would like to add I think it's a good idea to Councilman Anderson. It is a way to help slow down Speeders. My only concern is how much would it cost? So definitely looking into it. And of course we're going through a crisis right now. I don't want to put any more huge expenses on us. So let's just make sure we look into it that we also went in as a factor. However, possibly putting it on the plans further down the line, but just getting like Councilman Anderson said getting some information on getting it done. I think will be a great way to Slow down the traffic speeding.

Councilwoman
Whitfield

Yes, I to acknowledge and have been made quite aware that speeding is an issue within our Township. I'm not sure if speed bumps are the answer but I think traffic calming measures are definitely needed in certain areas of the township and I would also urge the township manager to engage the county with possible solutions and a possible traffic study on any of those problems streets and areas.

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Deputy Mayor
McIntosh

Councilman Anderson were you talking about residential or commercial street.

Councilman
Anderson

I guess through an evaluation we can determine but more so the residential streets because I know most of the main strips are county roads. Look at the residential side streets.

Mayor

Any other new business? Seeing none

Old Business

RES 2020-64

RESOLUTION REGARDING A SETTLEMENT AS PER
DOCKET NO BUR-L-002771-17

TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO

RESOLUTION 2020--64

RESOLUTION REGARDING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS PER DOCKET NO.
BUR-L-002771-17

WHEREAS, the Township of Willingboro ("Township") and employee L.S. have negotiated a Settlement Agreement and General Release ("Agreement") (collectively "Parties") in connection with the Compliant filed by L.S in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Docket No.: BUR-L-002771-17; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed, by way of this Agreement, to resolve the above-referenced litigation referenced in the Agreement; and

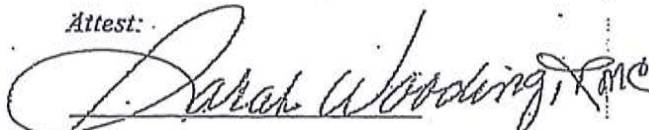
WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed the Agreement and determined that it is in its best interest for cost efficiency to settle this matter without further litigation and without admitting liability or fault;

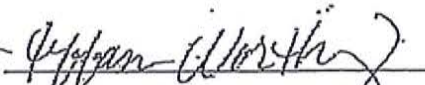
NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Township hereby approves the attached Agreement, a copy of which will be kept on file by the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township authorizes the settlement sum as set forth in the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township authorizes the Township Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township; and to take such further steps as may be necessary to effectuate the within Agreement and carry out this action of the Township.

Attest:


Sarah Wooding, RMC Township Clerk


Dr. Tiffani Worthy, Mayor

	ABSENT	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN ANDERSON	✓	✓			
COUNCILWOMAN PEARSONE				✓	
COUNCILWOMAN WHITFIELD		✓	✓		
DEPUTY MAYOR MENTOSH		✓	✓		
MAYOR WORTHY		✓			

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Madam Secretary Solicitor is this something that we're taking into executive as well? Mr. Taylor, Mr. Taylor.

Mayor

I can answer that. That would be for executive session and then after executive session, we may be able to take action.

Madam Clerk

The second part of old business was a request update salary ordinance. I believe the manager.

Township MGR

Yes that was sent out to all of counsel. Is there any questions?

Councilwoman
Perrone

What are we what are we speaking to?

Township MGR

It was ordinance 2015 – 9. I sent out three sheets in reference to the Ordinance it was color coded so that council could see why this all came about because I had a handwritten notes on my copy and the mayor wanted to know why those changes were handwritten on to my copy. So I sent all of you asked me settlement agreement as well as which titles will remove or highlighted in yellow which titles were removed by salary ordinance because they went into a supervisor Union with highlighted in pink and then there's two confidential titles that were added which was highlighted in green.

Councilwoman
Perrone

On the agenda though, right

Township MGR

No in an email that I sent to council.

Councilwoman
Perrone

I think I did see that. I didn't see anything regarding money on the ordinance care so that their salary what does Roots pertaining to the salary has anything changed with salary

Township MGR

That wasn't what was asked of me. I was asked to clarify what exactly sir. It said I was asked to explain why there were updates on the salary ordinance.

I wasn't asked to provide counsel with a new salary ordinance. This isn't the time of year for especially in this economic downturn as far as revenues or concern to come the council and ask for increase in salary minimums and maximums. I thought that I was being asked to explain why I had handwritten on mine clerked or clerk 3 and so forth,

Councilwoman
Perrone

right and that wasn't I just wanted to make sure that that's wasn't something that it was an oversight on my part as far as salary increases or anything like that. So I just wanted to ask a question. Not that you did anything wrong. I just wanted to make sure that I'm clear on what the changes were. I don't have it in front of me. I do recall reviewing it briefly. So that's all I wanted to make sure it wasn't regarding any type of salary increases and things like that.

Councilwoman
Whitfield

Were these changes updated in the coordinates are are those just ad hoc changes that were made and have been being attractive.

Township MGR

Yeah, it seems like this ACME agreement happened in March 16th of 2018. So I do not believe that back then anyone went back and amend it the ordinance in the correct format as what the mayor had indicated. She said, you know, you can't "She said to me, you know, you can't just write a change on an ordinance and then it's done" but I do not believe that that happened in this environment in 2018. So my first responsibility to council was to show why I had handwritten and to show how those changes happen. And then if Council would like me to amend the current ordinance based on those changes I can have that surely written up through legal but I don't think well if you're interested in me proposing different salaries minimums and maximums I can but I just in my viewpoint didn't think the timing was right for that right now.

Councilwoman

Perrone

I thought that this was the year for us to revisit that though to my understanding. I don't believe you were on board yet, Dr. Rogers, but I neither were you councilman Lester Taylor but I thought that this was the time we're supposed to look at those figures with regards to salary and grade levels. I did question last year's budget with regards to how much salary increases for other employees. Whereby they received \$1000 raise. While others did not receive a raise or something to the bare minimum. So it was explaining to me that that had to do with this ordinance and that we could revisit that at this time and it looks like it was established in 2015 with regards to agreed upon.

Township MGR

So Councilwoman Perrone, it's my understanding that anyone who is on this ordinance 2015 - 9 follows the Leeza contract and if the Leeza is I'm looking at Eusebia to try to get a nod or no. If the Leeza gives you a 2% then that's what they receive on this contract if Leeza is 2.5 and that's what they receive based on this salary ordinance. Everybody who's in a collective bargaining unit. It's governed by those contracts. So there is a draft proposal that was in this folder when I came into this office and it does have draft minimums and maximums with increase which would increase our budget substantially. And because of where we are right now with covid and everything that's happening. Even if it was supposed to happen this year. I'm not comfortable bringing it to council not under these economic terms maybe in 2021. We could revisit the salaries minimums and maximums. But if you would like me to I'll be more than happy.

Councilwoman
Perrone

No, I'm not saying for us to visit it now. I just want to make sure that if there is like a clock or timeline that we're supposed to do this and if that time is now then what do we do about that? And it is something that we can push to the next year or are there any parameters that prevent us from doing it next year?

Township MGR

This should have been revised long time ago 2015 that's almost five years ago. So I've never seen an ordinance based upon that you know, but again Mayor Worthy I'll go by whatever you would like me to do next would you? You tell me.

- Mayor Okay, is it the will of council that we revisit the salary ordinance with different minimum and maximum for consideration for future or what is the will of Council?
- Councilwoman Perrone I'm okay with leaving it as it is for right now. I really don't want to change it.
- Township MGR I would have to give it to them. July 1st is coming. So if we were to change it now, I couldn't just hold it. I'd be in litigation. Well, we'd be in litigation.
- Mayor Yeah, we're not looking right but just the okay. Well we can just wait and revisit. The question was at was answered. My concern was the ordinance had handwritten notes on it. And I knew that handwritten notes didn't codify an ordinance. That was the process. So I'm okay with it for now. When it is the right time will that nudge come from you Dr. Rogers the salary ordinance? You would propose it, present it to council for consideration.
- Township MGR Absolutely and Mayor Worthy I can't remember who else was with us in the conversation. But we already know that 2021 is going to be rough on us as a council. I think it was Deputy Mayor Macintosh. The auditor had an extensive conversation with us about 20 grand. So yes, I'll be more than happy to provide that nudge, but
- Mayor It was something we just want to keep in mind and figure out you know, how we are going to respond. We don't want to just lose sight of it all together. Eventually, we're going to have to address it.
- Township MGR Absolutely and procedurally I could go ahead and ask legal to give us an amendment based upon what these changes should look like.
- Is that permissible Madam clerk to amend it with what these titles should be and not mess with the range of salary, you know that and that's not a question.
- Madam Clerk That's not an answer for Madam clerk to give first of all, yeah. I'm not the one that would give that answer. Second of all any amendments to anything would come from the governing body. That's what they would carry on but I'm just asking the question have they seen the proposed 2018 that you were talking about with the minimums and

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maximums and minimums that all the information other than the three pages that you sent them just highlighting certain things. It's look like that wasn't the whole thing. I don't know.

Township MGR

It was the whole thing.

Madam Clerk

That would be up to you and council.

Councilwoman
Whitfield

Mr Taylor are there any legal implications for having these updates codified in the ordinance?

Solicitor

You said having the updates codified in the ordinance

Councilwoman
Whitfield

yes, Well not have them codified in the ordinance. They're just a practice of the municipality currently.

Solicitor

All right. Well, it's kind of twofold and it's a topic that's right and good for discussion. The salary ordinance establishes minimum and in some respects a maximum range for employees. The manager in this form of government has the discretion to hire and or adjust salaries as long as it's within that range A and B, as long as it's within the allocated budget for that particular year based upon performance evaluations and or other criteria for ranges. However was also important to note and I think Dr. Rogers mentioned earlier is that some of the increases in salary that you're seeing are not just based upon discretion of the administration but are tied directly to collective bargaining agreements. And so the majority of your employee population are in one Union or another and so while there may be arranged for that particular title. The salary increase is going to be governed by whatever percentage increase is negotiated with the respective Union. So in that respect the employee is in a union it doesn't necessarily matter if there's a range or not per se.

The range I would say is more important for those non-affiliated non-bargaining employees. So you can track and kind of control what their compensation levels are.

Councilwoman
Whitfield

But in this ordinance some of the titles have been removed from the salary ordinance as a part of the I guess collective bargaining or Union agreement. So is it permissible to still

include those in the salary ordinance even though they are no longer considered part of the ordinance.

Solicitor

I apologize. I don't have that document in front of me. I'm going to wasn't included in the attached my got so I can't follow with what you're looking at. But I would say that if the if the name is or the title rather is no longer on the salary ordinance and it sounds like from what you indicated it's not on the ordinance because that title is covered or rather recognized by a union than I don't see any harm or any procedural deficiency to the individual employee and or to the township with that title not being recognized in a particular salary ordinance. Because again, those salaries are typically governed by the collective bargaining agreement.

Councilwoman
Whitfield

right, So it's reversed that in this the title is in the salary ordinance. Okay, no longer part of the salary ordinance. But it's still recognized in the written and codified ordinance. I'll forward you the document.

Mayor

Yeah, I just yeah, I just forwarded them over.

Mr. Taylor

think based on what information we received from the manager's office. And is that the positions were removed from the salary ordinance by the collective bargaining units prior to an update to the ordinance. So now we have ordinance that doesn't represent moving positions out of the ordinance into the collective bargaining agreement.

So even if we don't touch the salaries, we don't have an ordinance that accurately captures which positions are covered by salary ordinance and which ones are captured by collective bargaining agreements.

Solicitor

All right, so thank you for that clarification Mayor. So a couple things one. So again in the title, this ordinance is not contractual employees. So again if the employee is in a union where they have a title is recognizing the union. It doesn't necessarily have to be in this ordinance because it says not contractual employees and officials. The second question is whether some of these titles still exist or not within your organizational structure. I do believe that over the last

several years. There have been certain titles that are no longer in existence. They have been essentially abolished it since they no longer exist. There was a move to have unrecognized from the Union contract and or taking out the ordinance, you know alternatively there may be titles that are recognized that have to be added to an ordinance or added to a contract. I think that what should occur is we can simply cross reference this ordinance any other historical records or documents with all of your recognition clauses from your contracts, they were contracts and we can kind of make sure both documents coincide with one another.

Mayor

But can we do that and not touch the money like we're updating the ordinance. Can we make those changes and not address salary?

Solicitor

Yes, because I mean the salary have all these classifications great last vacations. We went through a corresponding titles and then the salary just goes along with whatever grade those persons are in and so there's no requirement to up early or downwardly adjust salaries through this ordinance. And if any of these titles by any chance are in a union the governing body needs to negotiate those salaries, you have to negotiate those salaries with the unions and so even if you did establish a million dollar annual salary something to go. She ate that celery with the new year.

Councilwoman
Whitfield

And is there any risk of leave any risk associated with leaving titles in the salary ordinance that are no longer governed by the salary ordinance?

Solicitor

No, just take up space in the ordinance. It's almost no risk or liability.

Mayor

Okay. Thank you. Okay, any other discussion or comments on the salary ordinance before we move to the next order of old business?

Okay. So the next one was live updates regarding the pandemic each Wednesday at noon. I started last Wednesday. I'll be addressing the community with other

comprehensive updates. We do have the landing page on the web. We have more Communications coming through Facebook. We have the robo calls. In addition to that, I'll provide a comprehensive update to the community Wednesdays at noon until further notice as we move through this. In addition to increasing communications along with information about the census. The next item, we will be doing more information, more pushing out of communication.

The township manager has shared that more census information will be coming out and councilwoman Whitfield will begin doing updates on the census using Facebook live also to address the residents and just today there were census bags. And since this Flyers handed out at the food pantry and I believe Dr. Rogers. Is that something that happens on a recurring basis at the food pantry? Yes. Okay, so the bags and the Flyers that's occurring. Just continue to keep the census upfront for our resident, so thank you. Dr. Rogers for helping us to keep that top of mind with so many things going on at one.

Mayor

Any other old business? Yes any other old business?

Councilman
Anderson

Yes, I had asked Dr. Rogers for our next meeting. We can have some information as it relates to the liquor license. We spoke about that some time ago. My thought process is speaking with Dr. Rogers that we would Target. I guess it's the grade-a supermarkets. The big ones such as the Acme's. The question was I know we tried to work with the golf course, but because they don't have a physical brick and mortar structure. It's a 10. I didn't know if there was any way we could spend the openness to include golf courses without everybody putting up a tank. If not, I would like to just move forward with the supermarkets and we can always go back. I think we just need to show ourselves friendly right now. We have liquor licenses. It's a way to generate revenue and I just don't want it to fall between the cracks.

Solicitor

If I may Mayor,

Mayor

yes.

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Solicitor

All right. Councilman Anderson. Thank you for re visiting this issue. My office has been in contact with Dr. Rogers and other representative of administration over the last several days to look at not just whether liquor can be sold and consumed with the golf course, but also with the new question as to whether there can be a license for a grocery store. I think the Acme in particular. I do have some preliminary research. I'll be happy to perhaps if I can give you a call tomorrow. I can kind of go through you give you a status update and we can be prepared for the next council meeting to present the council with options through the administration as to what can be considered in the word done to either create new licenses or permits and or to issue any that may be existing. There are various criteria under the law based upon population.

Based upon the type of structure in terms of the golf course, whether it's publicly owned or privately owned Etc that we have to look at.

Councilman Anderson

All. Right. Did your office have an opportunity to price out the liquor licenses that we currently hold?

Solicitor

Yes. Bear with me one second here. It looks like you're currently charging your ordinance for plenary retail consumption license between 250 to \$2,500 per year. Club license is only a hundred and eighty-eight dollars per year. Those are the fees that I have jumping out right in front of me.

Councilman Anderson

Okay, All right, the next item on the old business is I believe early on Council did ask for the creation of a living document so we can track all of the items that we've brought to the table. From week to week they all don't show up under old business. So with a living document we can track when it was brought to the table, the process, and where we are. It also acts as a safety net. So they don't fall between the cracks. So, Dr. Rogers, is there any updates on that document or when we can expect one?

Township MGR

No, I don't have an update on that living document to track items. So I had a document that was I provide it to you at the last council meeting which showed the projects and the

update of where each one was. Are you talking something more specific to the council meeting up there?

Councilman
Anderson

Well, pretty much a digital document so that we can see the process we can see the time it has been sitting, why it been sitting that's what we are looking for.

Township MGR

the digital document we're waiting for the budget and the purchase of the software for that. So I don't, I can't create something in Google Docs or Office 365 or anything because we haven't made that purchase. So that's why everything is still on paper right now, but we're prepared once we get a budget and can make the purchase we can roll it straight into that.

Councilman
Anderson

All right. Well, can I at least from council meeting to council meeting we can you know just have an update whether it's the print out an email format showing us, you know what's on the table? Because what tends to happen is we forget about things and especially with the pandemic. This has been our focus but then there's other things that we bring to the table because we don't see it. We kind of lose sight of it.

Township MGR

Absolutely. Yes.

Councilman
Anderson

Alright, then the third piece on the old business is I received your email as relates to the solar panels and I see that we have approximately 2001 panels on the roof of the JFK Center and it's a estimated cost of 1.8 million. Is that to take them down and put them back up for roof repair. Is that correct?

Township MGR

That's correct.

Councilwoman
Whitfield

It was my understanding that it was just to remove it that 1.8 million just for removal

Township MGR

Doug. Are you on the phone the engineer?

Dough (RVE)

Good evening. No, that was at the request. I believe it was what was the cost to remove the panel's completely just get them off the roof so that 1.8 million would be to remove the panels and if it would say, we remove the panels and went back to a ground Mount system. And the cost is that

high because they would be essentially a two-fold installation or D insulation you have after remove everything from the roof and then put it all in the ground.

If it's the cost to remove and then put back up that's a different conversation. I'll have to get a number from the vendor again. That's just question.

Councilwoman
Perrone

And we spoke which is what I was speaking to my concern about the entire thing is that and I did some research on after our meetings the last council meeting and it speaks to prior to putting solar panels on the roof. The roof is to be inspected and not to place solar panels on our roof. That's at least 12 or 10 years old depending on the roof, of course. So because the solar panels were placed on the roof and now it's going to cost us a million dollars to remove it.

I feel that there should be some sort of responsibility as far as looking at the contract and for us coming together to make some sort of contractual agreement negotiation on the cost of this because Willingboro as a council that is not our area of expertise, we all agree with that. So we all agree solar panels were going to decrease our expenses however the fact that this project was implemented and completed and now have to retract to redo because of other safety measures regarding the roof. I feel that we should discuss this in more detail as far as the cost of what this is going to cause, and I felt like your company should help us, but that's not necessarily our entire fault and we do have to pay to fix the roof. So and to Deputy Mayor comment of last meeting. This is what I was speaking of. We have to fix the roof. However, the mount is going to cost to remove it. We've already paid this company to put these could be solar panels on the roof. So we're paying double. Triple time and I just think we need to discuss this further. I would like for us to really discuss this and see what we can do, come up with because I feel like we're getting the short end of the stick here and it's not fair for our taxpayers to pay for this three times.

Mayor

I agree with Councilwoman Perrone and the other but I'd like to add to that. I feel like we're getting piece meal responses. I think Council is doing a great job asking questions trying to anticipate questions to ask but we're

getting bits and pieces and triples of information so just with this recent discovery of 2001 solar panels and the associated costs of the 1.8 million. I'd like to see what are the options based on RVE your expertise the discussions you're having with the vendor. Can you put together some options for us understanding the challenges were having with roof repair? You are a Township engineer. You understand what our constraints are you understand what happened in the past to get those things mounted on can you do some due diligence and provide us some scenarios so that we're getting comprehensive things and comprehensive Solutions. So we can figure out the best step that we need to take as a Council. I'm disappointed that we're continuing to get trickles of information and we have critical decisions to make. Dr. Rogers is relying on you all to give us what we need because we don't have that expertise. So if Doug if you all could take that as an action to please come back with some more holistic comprehensive proposed solutions. So that we can move we can figure out how we need to move forward.

Councilman
Anderson

in addition to what both counsel women said the Mayor and Councilwoman Perrone. What I would like to see is some form of accountability from a standpoint of we need to track this process to see where the ball got dropped for purposes of correcting it to make sure it does not happen again. With the pieces of trickle-down information we're hearing this , we're hearing that but I think Council needs to you know, we need to consider putting a process together so we can get all individuals involved to the table so we can hear the story from beginning to end so that we understand where the ball drop. How it was drop. To make sure this does not happen moving forward because the only way to correct something is understanding how it happened.

Councilwoman
Whitfield

And the had I'd also like to see additional options other than just ground mounts at the JFK Center.

Deputy Mayor
McIntosh

And along with the report, can we get a break down and the cost? I just need it's just hard for me to understand the cost versus the real value of having the solar the whole solar system 1.8 million almost two million dollars will be ever

even prevent that just take my stuff on what would we ever get that back in value, you know by having these solar panels. So I mean, those are the kind of questions we all looking at along with what Councilwoman Perrone and Mayor Worthy have indicated. So yeah, I think we're just missing some key components to make a wise decision.

Councilman
Anderson

right? Because I know with us looking at the capital budget and determining what are the next steps for the Performing Arts Center that portion of the roof we have to do that before we can do anything inside. So if we can possibly get numbers to remove those panels than we can repair that section. I would like to see what that number looks like as we try to move forward through this process as well. Such as we're doing for OEM. We're pulling out that section you gave us a number to see what it would look like

Doug

the numbers to fix that portion of the roof over the Performing Arts Center for the not only repair the roof, but removal and reinstallation of panels if that's the way the council will be incorporated in that contract cost. So within that budget to make the fit out of The Performing Arts Center includes any of the strawberry total replacement of the roof expect her to make those repairs. So we wouldn't fit out the hormones are not fixing the roof there or updating the roof.

Councilman
Anderson

Okay. Thank you for the clarification.

Doug

Yep, as far as the remainder of the roof it was during the preparation of the documents that you know after the bids were pulled that there were issues with the roof and that's when the men came the vendor proposed putting them on the ground, but the council at the time had elected to put them on the roof. There were some minor repairs done to certain sections of the roof and that's why that's kind of where I create the amendment for that contract because of the issues with the roof that were discovered after the proposal was awarded.

Mayor

Okay, if you would include that in your report along with the proposed solutions so we can have that and then Dr. Rogers, I don't know if you have additional information or insights from people who were involved with the decision making not the decision making but the recommendations how we got to this point. If you have any of that then maybe we can pull together

how we got here and deconstruct this process so that we can avoid that from happening again. So I think it will need insight from both but it sounds like I'm council is saying we want proposed solutions. We want those recommendations. We want to figure out how we got here and Councilman Whitfield mentioned other than the ground Mount at JFK. What are some other solutions? Deputy Mayor what was your? Was there something in there that you requested? Also. Just want to make sure it's clear for Doug and for Dr. Rogers.

Deputy Mayor
McIntosh

I know we've been getting prices. What is the cost per I don't know like get the

Mayor

value. So how long will it take to recoup if we're going to spend this amount of money? What are we going to recoup in value

Councilwoman
Whitfield

or if we will ever recoup it?

Deputy Mayor
McIntosh

Yes, and also the cost. The cost just seems without being an expert at solar panels seems very random. Where are they getting the cost from?

Dough

Mainly it's the cost that he's kind of basing off of current labor costs and material costs. So those costs vary from year to year as prices increase. As far as alternatives based upon how the PPA is written to my knowledge. It's either remove the panels from the roof and put them back on the roof or remove them from the roof and put them on the ground.

Mayor

So we will look forward to seeing that in your written report with all comprehensive so we can see and please Doug use this as an opportunity to be Innovative to think outside the box. To talk to other people to leverage Lessons Learned to look at Best Practices. See what's happening in the industry and really advocate for Willingboro. Please don't just send something lags, something over the fence, please use this as an opportunity to help advocate for Willingboro. This is a big deal.

Councilwoman
Perrone

I understand Lessons Learned. However, I'm interested more at the money factor and I would like for you to

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discuss some sort of discount or something where they are going to knock off the top. Whatever and we're going to take care of this at that cost this is what we worked some sort of numbers where we are getting some sort of financial discount because of the situation at hand.

Mayor

So thank you Doug for advocating for Willingboro. We appreciate that. Any other old business? Okay. So at this time there's no other old business. We can move to public comment. So public comment is four minutes madam clerk you have your clock? So for public comment, please raise your hand or put a note in the chat box. I see Miss Pat Lindsay Harvey has her hand up first in queue. You have four minutes.

Public Comment

Pat Harvey

12 Haley Lane, first about the liquor license, so I was heavily involved in that when that initiative passed. I remember that there was one license that was held out for the golf course, but it was stipulated that they had to build a clubhouse in order to get the license. That was one. I'm a little fearful that if we allow and I'm not against Supermarkets having a license. I'm just thinking Okay. Now what's going to be next liquor stores? That I'm not for and lastly the solar panels this really sticks in my craw. I'm really angry about this because I remember and I've been coming to Council meetings a long time that roof has been an issue for a very long time. It was not something that just popped up all of a sudden and I just feel like we've been we were giving them a bill of goods. I remember when the vendor wanted to put the panels on the ground and I asked the question. What if you're going to put them on the ground? Why can't we have canopies and our engineer said Oh, they're too expensive. Well, I really don't care if they're too expensive for them to charge us another penny. So if you're going to put on my left half canopies. And that's the where it should have gone and I'm really upset about this whole 1.8 million dollars that I think we've been bamboozled because I don't think they really wanted to put them on the on the roof in the first place. And this whole thing is a total and I'm really very angry about it. I'm just tired of people coming in our town and just dictating what they want us to have because they think this is what we

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deserve we deserve a far better and we expect more. That's it for my comments.

Mayor

Thank you, Miss. Lindsay Harvey. Any other public comment? Again, you can raise your hand using the chat feature where you can put a note in the chat box.

S. Warner

Thank you council. I just wanted to introduce myself Shannon Warner. I'm not actually a Willingboro resident, but I wanted to introduce myself behalf of A. R. H Associates. We do have a few other members of my team video now as well. We recently were appointed Consulting engineer and under normal and better circumstances. We would have been coming in to introduce ourselves in person in town hall, but given the situation. Just wanted to be able to say hello and thank you for the opportunity and just say that we're looking forward to working together with the township.

Mayor

Thank you. Thank you for joining us tonight. Thank you. Any other public comment? Do you see any questions or hands up on your end? So with that then public comment is now closed.

Council Comment

Councilwoman
Whitfield

Good evening Willingboro. It is a pleasure to be back virtual Forum serve the residents and small businesses as we navigate through this covid-19 pandemic. A couple updates or things that I would like to say this evening. I want to encourage residents to continue to social distance. We know that it is working. We have seen our reporting numbers across the state start to decline and to take a mantra from Governor Murphy personal health leads to economic health. So we hope that by continuing to social distance we will ourselves healthy keep our community healthy and be able to re invigorate our economic industry as we come out of the pandemic. Also, I as you know, I've been a strong proponent and advocate for our complete count in Willingboro regarding the senses.

I have two interviews or media segments coming up regarding the census one will be this Friday at 5 p.m. It will be an interview on Borough TV. So look out for that be a Facebook live as well as some updates and a

comprehensive another comprehensive overview via the township on Monday the 27th at noon. So keep a look out for both of those. Media spots regarding the censuses currently we are at 54.3% counted and that's simply not good enough as I stated before previously in 2010 we had about 75% of our community counted and even that is not enough to do the work that we do and to see the adequate funding that we need to serve all of our residents. Our numbers were to stay the same. We would be charged with serving 100 percent of the residents with 53 or 54 percent of the federal funding that is associated with those residents. So just your by the sheer numbers, you can see that that would be difficult to do to serve a hundred percent of the people with only 50 percent of the funding. So just keep that in mind as we go through our days. I know some of us have more time at home now amid the crisis. So I encourage you to take up a Grassroots effort and expect more of yourself and advocating for your community. We know we expect more from ourselves and advocating for you on the municipal level, but we need you to do your part as well. So expect more of yourself text or call 10 friends and let them know about the census how important it is to funding our schools, funding our infrastructure and countless other things within our municipality and not just within our municipality, but across the United States black and brown communities are highly underrepresented in the counts. We see very low numbers with our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico currently. So if you know anyone who you don't think knows about the census or would respond to the census, please reach out to inform them of the importance of this effort and help us to get a complete count with in Willingboro and across the United States. That's all I have for tonight. Stay safe. Stay healthy continue to social distance and thank you very much.

Mayor

Councilwoman
Perrone

Thank you Councilwoman Whitfield.

Thank you. I just wanted to acknowledge and say thank you to Dr. Rogers for all of her work as well as you Mayor. You have been doing a great job of keeping the community informed with the coronavirus epidemic and I don't have any complaints on that end. So definitely keep up the good work with that and not to belabor council too much. And I know we have to go in executive session. Just everyone

stay safe and again wash your hands stay inside as much as possible, but that's all I have for this evening. But thank you and thank you, Dr. Rogers and your staff.

Mayor

Thank you

Councilman
Anderson

Some of my comments Dr. Rogers mentioned earlier. But since I took the time to write them down, I'm just going to reiterate. I like to first thank the residents, you know for taking time out the employees for attending the meeting special thanks to department heads for the job that you've been doing through this crisis. I have to take this personal opportunity here to welcome. Dr. Neely Hackett the new Superintendent of the Willingboro Board of Education. Yesterday was her first day on the job. She hit the ground running and we look forward to Bridging the Gap between the school district and the township as we always do with the superintendent. I like to thank Reva Foster, Tyreke and the alsea mosque for the food pantry the effort they put out as Dr. Rogers mentioned there was about 400 boxes given out and it was like just seeing the people Come by. They were just so thankful. We take so many things for granted, but just looking at the faces of those coming through those who needed it. It was just a great feeling for myself to just be there to assist kudos to public safety director Loman and his Department. There's been several great stories. Dr. Rogers touched on the 95 residents that were provided groceries this week. I also read in the paper where officer Thomas was patrolling the Produce Junction. He saw a child sitting in the car. The Mother wasn't there. So as he entered Produce Junction, the mother came running out explained she was there because she didn't have a mask. So instead of giving a ticket or anything he went to his car and he provided them to mass. So that's what we talked about with the community. You know, I just want to say Kudos I get calls about officer Sally Landrum how when there's something going in the community. She's there. She's doing a great job representing and I'm pretty sure there's more officers who are doing the same but these are the ones who were actually brought to my attention. So I wanted to make sure I gave director Lowman kudos for his department and what they're doing. Keep it up. Now. This

is a personal moment here. This is my proud dad moment. He my son Brandon. He was named Holy Cross High School player of the decade, which it took us by storm. We didn't know that and then this week he'll be participating in NFL draft. So we're looking for him to grow between rounds 4 and 7 which will take place on Saturday at 12 noon on ABC ESPN or NFL network if you want to tune in. As it relates to the comments made by Miss Pat Harvey, you know the decision to put the panels on the roof. We were going between that and ground mount and I do know that you were one of the strong voices saying do not put it on the ground. So the choices we had you know where they were but at the same time I can't blame a professional for the work that was done. The decision was made there were things that happened in that process that we didn't find out to after the fact. So once again, I just don't want to seem like it's the vendors fault. It's the engineers especially I don't want to point that finger because the township and the community came out to participate in the meetings was like they didn't want ground mounts whatsoever.

It was proposed in light of the roof. We understood the roof, but the community and you was one of the loudest voices no ground mounts. So we went with the option we went with and when we made that decision, everything was okay. It wasn't until after that that we found out certain things that affected everything else. Thank you. Have a good evening everyone.

Mayor

Thank you proud dad. Councilman Anderson.
Congratulations.

Deputy Mayor
McIntosh

I just want to take the time I'm glad Shannon introduced yourselves. I want to welcome ARH to the Willingboro family. We look forward to working with you. So I'm glad you did join us on the are far on your own our council meeting this in terms of Willingboro as we continue to practice gratefulness. I know there's a lot going on. This is really getting some people down. But as we you know, some of us were blessed and have our families around just want to make sure we uplift the families that have lost loved ones coronavirus covid related and unrelated. This is like a my heart breaks for the people who are going through

deaths in the families and not being able to properly bury or properly celebrate their life.

Just want to make sure as a community we continue to uplift each other. We continue to reach out to our neighbors and we continue to pray or you know, whatever sin by sin hugs or you know, virtual hugs and also keep in keep in mind our health care workers who are going through a lot even in their own homes when they're getting when they're getting home going through a lot of some turmoil that they had a they don't have a normal family life because they're on the front line something. Some of them can't see their kids. Some of them can't take their house normally. So I just want to make sure we as a community continue to uplift, you know, the people have lost some loved ones and we continue to uplift our health care workers were on the front line and also our police and thank you. I do have to give a shout-out. I don't normally do shoutouts, but shout out to you know, the Willingboro Township for handling this. Our Safety director, Dr. Rogers and your team. Thank you. When I go to the office every so often. I see some people there and they are working hard still for this Township to keep it running. So just want to give thanks, you know for that and we appreciate you thank you.

Mayor

Thank you Deputy Mayor. I wanted to thank Freeholder director Hopson for joining us as many of you know, she is a Willingboro resident continues to advocate for Willingboro and to bring information to us. So we appreciate her joining us. That information as she shared will continue to push that so that you have the phone numbers and the information that she shared that's very important to all of us. I'd like to thank the public safety director Loman for the proactive measures that he and his entire team and taken during this covid-19 pandemic he can let you know that if you see something say something is working they're able to respond rapidly and help too.

We are reinforcing the social distancing. So thank you for that. Thank you to the Willingboro Township employees who are remaining flexible and accountable to doing their jobs. During this time given everything that's going on. A lot of sacrifices are being made and we are grateful for our Township employees that are still working hard to do their

jobs. We just want to reiterate that this time we're experiencing is giving us an opportunity to all work together as a community to tighten an existing bonds to forge new relationships to explore new opportunities and to remind us that Willingboro is very resilient. We are resilient community and we are going to be stronger and better as we decisively fight covid-19. Thank you to Dr. Rogers for responding to council's challenge to use covid-19 as an opportunity to grow through it and to grow from it so that we are able to be better as a municipality going forward.

Covid-19 has created a space for us to quickly identify strengths, weaknesses opportunities and threats in terms of how we conduct business in our municipality. So it's helped us to really expedite re-evaluating how things are done and given us an opportunity to move forward in a direction that is beneficial to all of Willingboro. This council is united to our commitment to serve the best interests of Willingboro and responding thoughtfully, proactively and strategically to covid-19 is part of our responsibility tomorrow at noon. I'll provide a comprehensive update on covid-19 and that information will be available on our Township Facebook page and Township website. I'm excited about the work that we continue to do in Willingboro. There's lots to be done. But so many great things that are being done. So just want to continue to encourage the residents and the township employees to just let's continue to fight this thing together and let us be stronger together.

Executive Session

Madam Clerk

I need a motion to move into executive session

Councilman
Anderson

I forgot one comment. I want to make sure I thank director Rich Brevogel and public works, we were on the Public Safety call this week John Carroll indicated how they came together to clean the cards and the Public Works was a huge part of you know this effort as well. So I overlooked that but I do want to thank Rich and your team.

Mayor

Yes, no worries. Thank you. yes, thank you. Mr. Brevogel. All right, I need a motion to move into executive session. So move. Oh, I'm sorry madam Clerk.

Solicitor State for the record that the topics for closed session.

Mayor Yes, please.

Solicitor The top is for closed session or the discussion of Spelman versus Willingboro Township procurement and contractual matters regarding a resolution on the agenda as indicated earlier 2020-66 Verizon versus Hopewell litigation matter, King versus WMU and Township of Willingboro litigation matter as well as a Personnel matter.

Minutes will be taken and released to the public if and when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Action may be taken by the council when it reconvenes in public session and other matters of attorney-client privilege may also be discussed in closed session. Thank you Mayor.

Roll Call	Councilman Anderson	yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	yes
	Councilwoman Whitfield	yes
	Deputy Mayor McIntosh	yes
	Mayor Worthy	yes

Motioned carried

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

Motion to table Resoluition 2020—66 until next meeting was done by Mayor Worthy and seconded by Councilwoman Whitfield.

Roll Call	Councilman Anderson	yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	yes
	Councilwoman Whitfield	yes
	Deputy Mayor McIntosh	yes
	Mayor Worthy	yes



Motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2020—64.

On motion by Councilman Anderson
Seconded by Councilwoman Whitfield

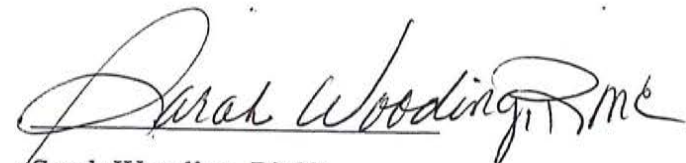
Roll Call	Councilman Anderson	yes
	Councilwoman Perrone	Abstain
	Councilwoman Whitfield	yes
	Deputy Mayor McIntosh	yes
	Mayor Worthy	yes

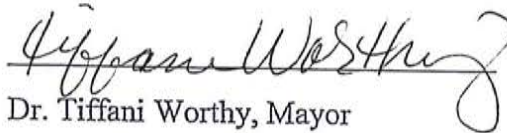
Motion carried

Adjournment

On motion by Councilwoman Whitfield and seconded by Councilman Anderson. All in favor and none opposed.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM


Sarah Wooding, RMC


Dr. Tiffani Worthy, Mayor

Township Clerk