

DECEMBER 15th, 2020

7:00PM

Call to order

Flag Salute

Statement -

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: On December 21, 2020 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex. On December 21, 2020 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 December 21, 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

<i>Councilmember</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>	<i>x</i>	
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>	<i>x</i>	
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>	<i>X 7:10</i>	
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>	<i>x</i>	
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>	<i>x</i>	

Proclamation

MUNICIPAL UPDATE REPORT - Acting Township Manager

See attached

PUBLIC COMMENT *AGENDA ITEMS ONLY*

Pat Harvey : 12 Hadley Lane – Are horizontal pages part of resolution 2020-179

Mr. Howard: TW MGR stated – yes; this resolution allows police to participate in program that provide them opportunity to get excess equipment for Department of Defense (DOD).

Director Lomon: That sheet is required by DOD to go with resolution.

TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO

RESOLUTION NO 2020 - 179

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO THROUGH THE WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE,

1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro that the Willingboro Township Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31 of the current calendar year from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Willingboro Township Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the Willingboro Township Police Department, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Willingboro Township Police Department, without restriction; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Willingboro Township Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire "DEMIL B through Q" property described in the attached DEMIL code chart, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Willingboro Township Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Willingboro Township Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be

valid to authorize requests to acquire “DEMIL A” property and “DEMIL B through Q” property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Councilmember	Motion	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Anderson			x				
Councilwoman Perrone			x				
Councilwoman Whitfield	x		x				
Deputy Mayor McIntosh		x	x				
Mayor Worthy			x				

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 180

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PRO CAPITAL FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LIENS AND VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES

WHEREAS, in 2019 and 2020, the Code Enforcement Officer of the Township of Willingboro attempted to notify the property owners of 28 Bloomfield Lane, 11 Tiber Lane and 18 Sedgewick Lane (collectively known as the “Properties”) of violations of Chapter 272 of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, following the attempted notification certain liens and/or vacant property registration fees were levied against the Properties;

WHEREAS, in 2019 and/or 2020, PC7REO LLC and PC4REO LLC (collectively known as “Pro Capital”) purchased and became the owner of the tax liens and/or deeds of the Properties; and

WHEREAS, following the purchase by Pro Capital of the Properties, Pro Capital contested either the validity, or amounts due, on the Properties for maintenance liens and vacant property registration fees levied on the Properties by the Township; and

WHEREAS, after review of the liens and/or vacant property registration fees placed on the Properties, the Township and Pro Capital negotiated a Settlement Agreement of the payments due by Pro Capital for the liens and/or vacant property registration fees on the property; and

WHEREAS, within ten (10) days of the execution of the Settlement Agreement, Township will cause for five hundred (\$500.00) dollars to be released to PC7REO LLC regarding the Properties and within ten (10) days following the release of the \$500.00, Pro Capital shall cause one thousand and three hundred (\$1,300.00) dollars to be released to the Township for liens and/or vacant property registration fees on the Properties; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of

Willingboro in the county of Burlington on this 15th day of December, 2020, in open public session that the Township Council authorizes the Mayor to execute a Settlement Agreement with Pro Capital that is consistent with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the settlement of this matter. The Township Solicitor shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this settlement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be provided to Pro Capital, at 2500 McClellan Avenue, Suite 200, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109.

Councilmember	Motion	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Anderson	x		x				
Councilwoman Perrone			x				
Councilwoman Whitfield			x				
Deputy Mayor McIntosh		x	x				
Mayor Worthy			x				

Discussion: Mr. Howard gave short explanation of the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 181

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO TO PLACE MUNICIPAL CHARGES ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR FAILING TO ADDRESS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer of the Township of Willingboro attempted to notify the property owners outlined in the attached “Schedule A” of violations of Chapter 272 of the Township Code; specifically the failure to remove high grass and weeds, brush, dying trees, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash, and debris structural soundness, general maintenance or similar substances; and

WHEREAS, the property owners of record set forth in “Schedule A” failed to respond to the Township of Willingboro’s Violation Notice or abate the outstanding property maintenance issues; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Willingboro in accordance with Chapter 272, subsequently made arrangements for the property maintenance violations to be abated on the properties listed on the above referenced “Schedule A,” which has been completed and subsequently inspected by the Township’s Code Enforcement Official; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-8 and Chapter 272 the Township of Willingboro shall send a copy of this Resolution to the property owner stating the costs incurred by the municipality to abate the violations on their property, which costs shall become a municipal lien

on the property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Willingboro in the county of Burlington on this 15th day of December, 2020, that the cost to abate the property maintenance violations as certified by the Township Manger that the Tax Collector shall be directed to add to and become a part of the taxes next assessed and levied thereon, and enforced and collected with interest upon the properties listed in “Schedule A” provided by N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 and in Chapter 272 of the Township Code of the Township of Willingboro.

Recorded Vote	Motion	2nd	Yea	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Anderson	x		x			
Councilwoman Perrone			x			
Councilwoman Whitfield			x			
Deputy Mayor McIntosh		x	x			
Mayor Worthy			x			

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 182

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO TO CANCEL THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF CERTAIN 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, the municipal budget of the Township of Willingboro (“Township”) for the year 2020 was approved by the Township Council on the 30th day of March 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, pursuant to Resolution 2020-79, the Township Council amended the 2020 municipal budget of the Township; and

WHEREAS, there are currently unexpended balances of certain 2020 budget appropriations which are not necessary to be carried into the subsequent budget year for 2021, as enumerated in Exhibit A, attached; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-60, the Township Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township that these balances for certain 2020 budget appropriations are canceled and credited to the Township’s Fund Balance; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Willingboro in the county of Burlington on this 15th day of December, 2020, in open public session that the Township Council authorizes that the remaining balances contained within Exhibit A, attached, are canceled and refunded to the Township’s Fund Balance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be maintained by the Office of the Clerk. .

Recorded Vote	Motion	2nd	Yea	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Anderson		x	x			
Councilwoman Perrone			x			
Councilwoman Whitfield	x		x			
Deputy Mayor McIntosh			x			
Mayor Worthy			x			

Approval of Raffle: Corpus Christi Church

Recorded Vote	Motion	2nd	Yea	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Anderson	x		x			
Councilwoman Perrone		x	x			
Councilwoman Whitfield			x			
Deputy Mayor McIntosh			x			
Mayor Worthy			x			

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Whitfield : Update- Planning Board; moving forward with the Master Plan.

Councilwoman Perrone: Where are we with hiring a new Township Manager? Major Worthy stated we haven’t discussed this situation as a body. Solicitor (Afshon Ajmiri) stated this is an item for executive session because it involves personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Lindsey Harvey – 12 Hadley Lane

- Thank you, Mr. Howard and not just for your report but for your candor at the end of your presentation.

Thomas Floyd –

- Apologize for not recognizing new township clerk. Stand ready to support
- Blessed to live in this town. The report tonight is sentiment to what he has been saying for many years. Mr. Howard stated the fact. He is very pleased with township leadership.
- Mr. Floyd stated that this is the first year he has ever been given this much information and he has been here over 50 years. Great job to “Expect More Team”.

Shirley Dilworth – 36 Newport Lane

- Blessed to live in Willingboro. However, will feel better if Public Works will improve their game.
- Concern about leaf collection. Don't mind working in her community but need support from public works department. It is not functioning properly.
- Believe each park needs it's own code enforcement officer. That needs to be re-established.

Mrs. Williams

- She too appreciates Mayor and Council for taking the helm. She sees powerful women on council.
- Tree in back yard that have been there for weeks.

Jackie Mack – 70 Maplewood lane

- Thank you to TWP MGR for the wonderful report. Hope to get a hard copy.
- Thank you, Council for a great job. Some folks worried that you were too young, but job well done.
- Happy Holiday and Happy New Year. Let's get it started.

RESPONSE FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO:

- Leaf Collection with 2nd passage was completed Nov 16 -30
- Broken sweeper due to bricks in leaves
- Code Enforcer have 2 to 3 parks each. We would have to hire 4 more people. This will be part of the budget discussions.
- Hard copy of Annual Report will be available and well as digital.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Whitfield:

Thank you for sticking with us and please help us by sending in your citizen leadership form.

Councilwoman Perrone:

Thank you for attending the meeting. Your comments are always helpful. Thank Ms. Bligen and Mr. Howard.

Councilman Anderson:

Thank everyone for tuning in. Thanks to the "Expect more team. Thanks to Mr. Howard and Brenda. Rebecca, I appreciate you. Happy Holidays!

Deputy Mayor:

What a year! I'm grateful to serve you. I'm convince we are suppose to be here as a team of 5. I'm proud to have serve you and Happy Holidays.

Mayor

Recap of the year (pros, cons and accomplishments) Happy Holidays Willingboro!

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 183

**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 15th day of December, 2020 to convene a closed Executive session consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b; and

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

- _____ 1. Any matter which, by express provision of federal law, state statute or rule of court is rendered confidential or excluded from the public portion of the meeting.
- _____ 2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive funds from the United States Government.
- _____ 3. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes and unwarranted invasion of privacy as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (3).
- _____ 4. Any Collective Bargaining Agreement or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any Collective Bargaining Agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees.
- _____ 5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real estate with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussions of such matters were disclosed.
- _____ 6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public and any investigations of violations or possible violations of law.

- _____ 7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which Township Council is or may become a party.
- X
_____ 8. Any matters falling within the attorney/client privilege to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise his/her ethical duties as a lawyer.
- _____ 9. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment and other categories set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(8).
- _____ 10. Any deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of specific civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:9-12b(9).

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

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.

Motion to go into executive session

<i>Councilmember</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Recuse</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>	x		x				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			x				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>			x				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>		x	x				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>			x				

Motion to come out of Executive Session

<i>Councilmember</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Recuse</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>							x
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>							x
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>		x	x				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>			x				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>			x				

STATEMENT FROM MR. HOWARD

Discussion on salary increase from a previous meeting was incorrect. Salary increase (2%) is not optional per our ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

<i>Councilmember</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Recuse</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>							<i>x</i>
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>							<i>x</i>
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>	<i>x</i>		<i>x</i>				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>		<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>			<i>x</i>				