

**Meeting Minutes  
July 5, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Call to order**

**Roll Call**

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilwoman Worthy</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Deputy Mayor Whitfield</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Mayor McIntosh</i>	<i>X</i>	

**Prayer by** Muhamad Bakarr

**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 January 10, 2022, advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and was mailed to the Burlington County Times, the Intelligencer, and the Courier Times.**

**On January 10, 2022, 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.**

**PROCLAMATION**

- Designation Of July 15<sup>th</sup> As Park And Recreation Professionals Day
- Designation Of July As Park And Recreation Month

**SPECIAL TRASH UPDATE –**

**Mr. Harris** – Good evening staff and residents, you guys were notified in June about the Trash Issue going on which delayed trash pickup in most of the parks of the township. We have been working with Public Works to overcome this situation. It was not a Willingboro situation; it was a problem within the staffing at Republic. There were other towns that are dealing with the same situation. I did invite the General Manager Anthony Spirito of Republic services tonight to speak with the members of the governing body and community.

**Solicitor** – The bid was properly advertised in accordance with New Jersey law. The vendor is obligated to comply with the terms of bids steps as well as comply with the contract including performance, enforcement etc. There is a contract on file signed by the vendor.

**Anthony Spirito** – Thank you everyone for allowing me to attend your meeting tonight. In our industry, there's a shortage of truck drivers. It has been a struggle over the last year finding employees. That's not just Republic that's pretty much our surrounding competition as well. About two and a half weeks ago we had an unexpected situation involving six of our employees. It required us to have to part ways with those employees. That put us in a shortage. Three of those drivers were drivers for Willingboro Township. We had to scramble to get some help from neighboring areas. Throughout the country we are experiencing the same issue. We had emergency SOS drivers help us to get caught up. We have come up with a plan to resolve this issue. We decided to move three experienced drivers on a contract onto Willingboro. We have three steady drivers that will work through the routes and learn the routes. Those other drivers will be bounced around through contracts we have right now. I will ask, if you know anyone that has a CDL and is looking for a great paying career and job, please send them to our website.

**Councilwoman Perrone** – I receive a multitude of calls and emails from residents who homes were skipped over. This is upsetting to me because we have a business agreement and as far as I'm concerned, the trash needs to be picked up. With

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regards to council, at our last meeting quite a few residents came to the meeting, asked questions, and spoke about concerns. I tried to speak about the trash issue, but I was interjected by the Solicitor. We were told not to speak about the trash issue due to it being contractual. I had to yell over you guys during adjournment because you would not let me speak. It was unfair for council to not address our community. I even asked for an emergency meeting by the Mayor, but she declined. Multitude of residents and homes were calling me saying that Mayor you were not answering the phone and the Township Manager was not answering the phone. The only person besides myself who answered calls was Councilman Anderson. That is unacceptable as a council. I'm asking that we do better. As council we have an obligation to hold any business, we work with accountable to do their jobs and to speak with the community. Our next council meeting is not until August 2<sup>nd</sup>, should anything else happen with this trash issue, we as council should not wait until our next meeting. It takes nothing for us to address the public, listen to their concerns and try to work with each other.

**Councilman Anderson** – As Councilwoman Perrone spoke, we were given instructions by the solicitor to not discuss anything outside of executive session due because it is contractual which could get us in legal trouble. Public comment had already been done so there was nothing we could do with the public. It's an adjournment so there is no discussion. I appreciate Mr. Spirito coming to address us and let us know what is going on. I appreciate the communication we have been receiving from Mr. Harris. I also appreciate that Mayor did a Robocall to update the residents about the trash issue. I was updating social media so there was communication. This is not a Willingboro thing, it's a labor shortage it's happening all over. I've seen the updated routes from Mr. Brevogel. I do welcome solutions and help for us to resolve this issue. There's no need for us to fight back and forth. I do appreciate all the efforts that have been put into this, letting our residents know what happened and how we're going to get through this and the progress that we made. I just look forward to the continued progress and continued communication. My biggest complaints that I was receiving were residents weren't aware of what was going on. They just wanted to know what was happening. Once I explained what was going on they felt a little bit better. We are in this together. We were given instructions by the solicitor who we pay so that we stay out of legal trouble. You did call for an emergency meeting but at the time you called it was late. Everyone has a schedule. I made myself available on my ride home from my day job coming back home. I want to thank Republic and Mr. Harris communicating and getting the job done. Routes are getting picked up and hopefully were back on track.

**Solicitor** – Thank you for your comments they were both very well intentioned and placed. From a legal and practical matter, as indicated the motion on the floor last week was to adjourn. Any discussion would be limited to that issue the adjournment of the meeting, not other matters that have been discussed previously. I had conversations with Councilwoman Perrone with Mr. Harris regarding the scheduling of emergency meeting. It must be noted for the public and the members of the council, that the public meetings act in New Jersey has very strict requirements for an emergency meeting. This issue would likely not have qualified under the emergency exception, so we immediately went to plan B. In order to have a special meeting, there has to be adequate notice which is being interpreted as 48 hours. There was a lot of work in between.

**Mayor McIntosh** – With all due respect Councilwoman Perrone, there was a lot of work in between. I answered many phone calls, went to residents' homes, and rode down streets. Yes, I had availability on that Saturday but there was nothing to discuss, we were in talks with Republic at the time and we had a demand. However, Mr. Harris and DPW did a lot and that was by our direction. When I spoke with residents, they indicated they had a hard time getting through the system, so Mr. Harris instituted that everyone in the whole municipal had to answer the phone and give people directions concerning their trash. The greeting for the municipal telephone that was changed instead of having to go through the different extensions it explicitly stated what they need to do for the trash. We will try to rectify this issue and situation. We all live in Willingboro. I do not want trash in Willingboro either. The demand was for all of the trash to be picked up before the holiday. We worked hours after five. I want you to understand that we were working past the hours, and I was in my office way more. All of council was working our ends. They updated Mr. Harris and let him know what streets they rode down and what streets were picked up. Other municipalities called us saying they had the same issues. It's not just a Willingboro issue it's a regional issue. I think Willingboro was cleaned up faster than other towns. There was efforts from all councilmembers and the Municipal building.

**Councilwoman Perrone** - Regarding last week's meeting, when we came out of executive meeting Mr. Taylor and Councilman Anderson, when you come out of executive session and you have a motion to come out of executive session

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do we have a second, at that time, at that moment, after you received the second it is at that time when you have discussion not motion to adjourn. With regards to the special meeting, Mr. Taylor you did not say it is not an emergency meeting. You said I'm available, what days are you available for a special meeting? I told you I don't know; I will communicate with the rest of council. Councilman Anderson also stated he would make himself available at certain times. Mayor McIntosh said she could not be available until Saturday. This call was made Tuesday morning. I made the call because last week the trash was not picked up. I bring this up to say, once you have a disaster it becomes unsanitary with bugs, animals, and all over the community. If people are calling, I think we owe them that respect. We've had a multitude of special meetings that had to do with nothing but when the community is calling in about what's going on with the trash, I think we owe them that respect. I think we could have had a special meeting stating what was going on.

**Township Manager** – We have pretty much overcome this trash issue with Mr. Spirito and Republic. They came out on Saturday full force to do as much as they could. I think we are on our way back to full recovery. I rode down the streets this morning at 6am, there were a few minor issues but for the most part the Township was close or on their way back to full recovery. I do personally want to thank the Mayor and Deputy Mayor who have spent days here in the Township Hall working through Ms. Bligen and her staff. As well as the DPW and their staff and all of the employees who have received hundreds of calls. Not only phone calls but residents coming into the Municipal complex. We also had angry customers who were treated with respect and were given the truth about what is going on and how we plan to fix it. For DPW, we bought extra dumpsters for residents to place their trash in. If residents do not want to bring their trash to DPW's yard we have made arrangements to rent trash trucks so we can go out and pick up the trash for Republic and the collection services. We did everything that could be done to service this community.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Mr. Harris, can you indicate what penalties if any we have? There were delays.

**Township Manager** – In our Bid Specs there were provisions, for financial penalties in the amount of \$1,500 per day and per route. They are still being calculated. They are substantial. I do not have an definitive number, but they are substantial. I will give those numbers to the governing body later when they are more firm. As far as the residents, they can go out and begin to put their trash out on their regular scheduled date and I believe their trash will be collected.

**Mr. Spirito** – Just a reminder we are a day behind this week because of the holiday. Everything is pushed today we will be working through Saturday which will be Friday's collection.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Mr. Spirito if you can hang around for a few moments to address some of the public comments.

**Mr. Spirito** – Yes and Mr. Harris made a great point, we did put three dedicated drivers on the route. Today they did complete. All three of them worked together to make sure that the town was complete. If they missed a spot here or there, they could've they only get one shot to run a Monday route. There could be some growing pains the first two weeks but if there's a failure, we make note of that and go back on that map. There's a shortage everywhere and we need people. We are going to get this right. I do apologize for the turmoil I have caused in your town such as trash.

**Councilwoman Perrone** – Mr. Spirito, do you still have those 15 trucks or people that are going to pick up the trash continuously? Or was it just that one time? Are those trucks and those drivers still available or was that for that day or two days?

**Mr. Spirito** – There are three drivers and trucks back on the route for Willingboro. Those other drivers and trucks coming from other divisions will be helping out other towns where those drivers vacated. Based off our routing, there are three trucks and three drivers that have been there.

**Councilwoman Perrone** – The other trucks drivers are helping other towns?

**Mr. Spirito** – They are not helping they are scheduled on route. It's three permanent drivers instead of bouncing people around Willingboro. We put three steady drivers in Willingboro which will be there five days a week.

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### PUBLIC COMMENT – TRASH ITEMS ONLY – 2 MINUTES

**John Manuel**

**Tyburn Lane**

- I'm very disappointed in the council today. You guys are over there saying that especially you Mr. Harris. You said on the last meeting that Republic has terrible customer service, that they are not customer service friendly and then you get on a call today and you kissing up to this guy. Anthony Spirito your company is terrible, and you've been terrible since you got to our township. Everything Councilwoman Perrone has said has been absolutely correct. There has been failure after failure. Every time I have to call into this council, I always have to remind y'all, y'all always do great things and then soon as something happens you fail at acting. Nobody wants to hear that you drove down the streets. That's what DPW is doing. We want action. Why are you telling us to bring our trash to the yard? Send the DPW trucks around the neighborhood. I'm not putting trash in my car. This is totally unreasonable and unacceptable. You have had special meetings over nonsense before. This is not nonsense this is a serious situation. Stop telling me about other towns, I only care about Willingboro. Get DPW out with trucks to pick up the trash. Where is Rich Brevogel? He was the main one championing this now he's nowhere to be found. I don't want to hear about any driving through we can tell y'all where the trash hasn't been picked up. The fact of the matter is that you're failing to act.

**Mattie Mallory**

**5 Hudson Place**

- I have a suggestion regarding the trash debacle. Since we are imposing fines on Republic for their failure to uphold the contract. My suggestion would be to give those residents who are requesting a second trashcan, give it to them free for their aggravation through this whole process. That's my suggestion regarding this debacle.

**Steven Craig**

- I have been living in Willingboro, August will make 17 years. I haven't had as much as a roach in my house. In the last two weeks, I developed a mice problem. I have been fighting them, I bought an exterminator, I have to bring in a contractor to take the wall out, I want to know who's getting these bills? Somebody needs to be responsible for this. Mr. Spirito, if you're telling me you're going to take care of the bills then tell me where to send them to. If not, that money that y'all are fining them that they are not doing their job somebody. I'll invite all of council to my house to see I'll even send y'all pictures. This is ridiculous. I'm really frustrated but I'm not going to scream and yell. I get it there are shortages in business. Things do happen but now we need to fix it. Now we get to see what everybody is made of.
- My cellphone number is 609-372-8294, I'll be waiting on some phone calls. I will send pictures of what these rodents are doing to my house. I want to know what is going to be taken care of and who's going to pay for it. I will go to court, I will take Republic to court, I will take the Township to court if that's what I have to do. Somebody is going to pay to put my house back together. So, if anybody wants to speak up the floor is yours.

**Sarah Holley**

**Tioga Lane**

- Council you seem happy to not be raising taxes. I would like for you to rise my taxes. With my tax dollars, I want you to hire a different company and fire republic. Because they are not doing what we are paying them for. They need to be fired. There's no resident in this town who would not be willing to pay you in taxes.
- I live in Twin Hills; trash was picked up Monday. I had to cancel my fourth of July cookout because of this trash mess. All my neighbor's trash was out. Flies, gnats, and everything else. So, who's going to invite someone to your house for a cookout with all the nonsense going on. I was totally embarrassed. I've been here for 45 years, and this is ridiculous. Fire Republic because Republic is not doing what we the taxpayers are paying for.
- As councilwoman Perrone indicated, I don't want to hear about Cherry Hill, Delran, or any other community. I live in Willingboro. I pay enough taxes here in Willingboro to have my trash picked up so I can have my family over for a nice, good cookout in my backyard. So, fire Republic.

**Beuluh Williams**

**8 Botany Circle**

- I appreciate the email update from the Mayor. I also appreciate Mr. Harris' leadership. I know he said last time that Republic was not that respectful. As a Christian he realizes that when people turn over a new leaf or mend their ways you give them the respect that they deserve. He says that they are trying and been doing a better job. Kudos they deserve the respect that you've been giving them Mr. Harris. As to if they fail again, you have the oversight.

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- I also remember our president mentioning we have a shortage of drivers. The first time I had problems with my trash. Mr. Brevogel, I called and complained, and they actually came and picked up the trash. This time I waited a week, I did not complain. My trashcan was out there for a week, and they came, and they cleared it up. Thank you, I appreciate the compliments about the people, and you don't know until you walk in their shoes.
- Maybe Mayor you could consider ...

**Sharon Anderson**

**Belhurst lane**

- I find it hard to accept Republic Services excuses for not staffing properly. Simply put, you get what you pay for. Corporations are not defenseless. They choose their salary levels. The people can choose which job to take. If drivers can get better pay somewhere else, that's on Republic for falling short on their offers. Republic Services reported to Glassdoor that a truck drivers gets paid \$46,000 per year. They offered \$5,750 but in North Jersey not in Burlington County. At \$46,000 that worker has \$1,350 for rent or mortgage. They will never be a homeowner. I can completely understand them pursuing higher wages. Does Republic have a resource to pay? Well compare \$46,000 per year for a driver to \$45,720 in which the CEO makes in one day. Now the COO has to work harder, he has to work three days, but he gets an hour lunch break. There are twelve members of the board directory. Each member has a full time job outside of Republic Services. They attend quarterly meetings sometimes monthly meetings. From this they are paid 7.5 more than the drivers. They perform 4-6 days of oversight work. I'd rather have 91 years of driver time but that's not how Wall Street works. The median salary of all Republic Services employees approximately \$65,000. Lastly, Republic services distributed \$805,000,000 in 2021.

**R Witherspoon**

**Twin Hills**

- First and foremost, Ms. Perrone I absolutely trust and believe in what she's saying. She seems to be a very defined individual and one that is on the people's side.
- My question is, how many drivers are dedicated to the route here in Willingboro? Needless to say, the vehicles they drive they require maintenance. We pay taxes every year including the council and everyone including Republic they get paid weekly; monthly however everyone gets paid. We have Willingboro residents, and we pay taxes every year that goes to services that we are supposed to receive. We obviously haven't received the services that we have paid for. My question is, where is all of the money that goes to servicing these vehicles, that pays these individuals that are supposed to be servicing Willingboro, but they cannot? Where is all of this money going to? What happens to all of the money with all of the different services? What do we get out of this except no service?

**Rosella Morrison**

**31 Hopkins Lane**

- Mr. Spirito, I want to let you know of the service I received last week. One of your drivers came up Hopkins lane did one side of the street and proceeded to leave the trash on my side of the street. That has been the service that my neighborhood has been experiencing. I had to literally chase your driver. He went across Holyoke, and I met him on Hawthorne Lane, and I said to him you're leaving the trash on the other side of the street. You know what your driver said to me, he said "Did you chase me?" I said, "I most certainly did. I need you to go back up my street and get the trash off my neighbor's side of the street which is my side as well." He also said to me, "Do you want me to take it around the corner?" I said, "No you can do me a bigger favor by turning this corner then walk back up the street to get the trash off my side of the street." We've been experiencing that. One side of the street being picked up and one side being left. I don't understand that mathematics. I'm hoping that this Thursday, I'm going to do the same thing. I'm going to sit on my porch, I'm going to watch him come and I'm going to chase him to Hawthorne Lane. Typically, what I do is, I have Republic on the phone with me so if he decided to get nasty with me you guys can hear it. It is a tragedy what is going on here.
- To council, I am mortified of what I heard this evening. This is only my second year here owning a home in this Township. I moved here from Newark, NJ. The atmosphere is a tragedy.

**Shakira Murray**

**Wycoff Lane**

- I don't think we should be so forgiving to a company who has a habit of short comings contracts with towns. I think like everyone else we should find another company. I'm not sure what happened with the previous service company we had but they used to pick up every week, you could have out whatever you wanted and how much you wanted, and it was picked up regularly without any problems. I'm not sure what happened with that other company, but I don't

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understand why we couldn't just continue with them and why we had to find another company.

- Much like the other guy, I'm embarrassed to say that I do have friends in my home as well. I would like to be put on that list as well to find a remedy. I didn't sign up to share my house with rodents.

**Pat Lindsay Harvey      Hadley Lane**

- Last few weeks I've been doing research on different trash companies. While yes, there is a labor shortage of everybody, everywhere but Republic and Waste Management has the worst reputation. While sadly it's wages, benefits, workers' rights. Trash is a dirty and dangerous job. For them to be only making \$46,000 a year is really sad. I appreciate all the effort council has been putting forth and I understand the fact that you had to pick the lowest bidder, by law you have to do that. We've got to figure out another way around it. I hope we don't pick either one of these companies ever again if that's the way they treat their employees. Maybe we need to start investigating or exploring the option of doing our own trash. Getting our own trucks and getting our residents to work at these jobs. Maybe that's something we can explore because we're not getting it on the outside.

**Will Weston      44 Boswith Lane**

- The only question I have is, is Republic paying their fines?

**Public comment closed at 8:08pm**

**Mayor McIntosh** – Mr. Manuel, I do apologize that you don't think it was enough. We did everything we could and DPW was going around picking up excessive trash that was coming out of the bins for some of the people. I do apologize if you don't think it was enough. In the interim, we were trying to figure out other strategies on how to fix this problem whether in house and we called the county. We used some of their trucks to collect some of the garbage. We are still looking for other strategies to supplement or take over. It will still take time. The issue would have still been at hand for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Some of these things take 8 weeks, six months. This is not an excuse; this is an answer to what we were experiencing during last week. Mr. Harris, I don't know how the Township handles mice problems, as a result of garbage being delayed pickup, delayed collection.

**Township Manager** – If anyone feels they have been damaged because of activities in the Township, feel free to file a Tort Claim notice. They can reach out to me via email or come down to the Municipal Building and I will have the form available. We will process it and move along. That's the process. If you do have mice, I will send you the paperwork and submit your claim. Then it will just be processed accordingly. For anyone that has rodent problems because of this, that will be the process.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Ms. Holley iterated her distaste for Republic and hopes we hire another trash company. We understand that if this does continue, we have considerations to make for the benefit of our town.

**Township Manager** – We looked at temporary emergency services and we looked at renting trash trucks. We went as far out as companies in Ohio to rent trash trucks. They were willing to send them to us, but it would take sixteen weeks. We reached out to the county because the county was testing electric trash vehicles. They had some issues there. Their spare trucks were not available, but they connected with their supplier. We went in and filled out a credit application with them. They told us that the sooner any were available they would send them. Their anticipated time was and is anywhere between 6 – 8 weeks. I talked to trash callers from Pennsylvania, WM in north Jersey, we reached out to neighboring towns and asked if we could borrow their trucks off hours. We did a lot behind the scenes to try to alleviate this problem. Just because we weren't successful doesn't mean we did not take any action. Republics personnel were not customer friendly. I stand by that today. We have talked to some of the lower management for Republic. They are very nonresponsive and very non-giving in information. I have shared that information with Mr. Spirito. I believe it was because of the frustration behind our communication that I was actually able to communicate with him. As one of the residents said, now there were times when their trucks would go up one portion of the street and stop in the middle and then continue down another. It was insanity. I know through some of our communications, some of the same frustrations were being expressed on a lot of levels. We did do a lot to try to alleviate this problem. I cannot account for the salary Republic pays their employees or the wages that the corporate make. We are looking at alternatives and plan b's and other

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purposes in the community. It is not because we weren't going to it because we do not have the equipment to.

**Mayor McIntosh** – I would like for us to address Ms. Anderson and Mr. Witherspoon about compensation and fines.

**Township Manager** – We will give them the ascertained fines. They will be deducted from our payments, so the money is not going to leave our treasury. What the Township does with those monies that's a collaborative discussion with the body. If you want to use the money to hand out free trash cans that's your prerogative. That money isn't being allocated right now.

**Mr. Spirito** – Our drivers make between \$65,000 to \$85,000 a year. Some of them can make more than that. They also receive free benefits. Their benefits are paid for in our Mount Laurel division not including the salary I just gave you. We pay very competitive wages. Our frontline employees do a hard job, they are very well compensated. I can assure you that they do not make \$46,000 a year.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Mr. Spirito, can you address the driver picking up one side of the street and how drivers can speak to our residents with respect? I just want you to address that.

**Mr. Spirito** – The one side collection is due to the arm on the right hand side of the truck that can only pick up the right hand side. They have to go down and turn around and come back up. For the last two weeks, we have people who have been filling in who are not familiar with the town. When you're following a map, you do get turned around. You're trying to mark it on the map. They tend to try to confuse you. Sometimes they don't do a good enough job but having set drivers you should see that going away soon. Our drivers should not be talking to anyone disrespectfully. If there's an issue with anyone on route the best thing to do would be to contact someone in town to give me that information so that I can handle it. If there's any issues, please contact someone in the township or directly into our call center and that will allow us to address that.

**Mayor McIntosh** – In terms of the one sided street, I think that was an on-going issue. I think that happening now made things a lot more difficult. However, that was happening before we had this slow down. You can handle that because there's a lot of street and they are double sided. Your company understood that when they came in and said they could do the job. There are quite a bit of resident complaints about drivers taking one side. I just want to make sure that is dealt with immediately. Also, the streets, making sure you have the full map because there are some streets that have not had trash picked up in three weeks. There were few on the outskirts.

**Mr. Spirito** – With our three set drivers leaving the company, I never received any complaints. They were with the company for over a year. The last two and a half weeks has been catastrophic losing those three employees. However, with our three new drivers back on the route, you will see them get comfortable with the route.

**Councilwoman Perrone** – I did also receive calls from residents who were of senior age or disabled and could not take the trash to the Willingboro Public Dump. I too myself am in a boot. I'm not able to travel with trash. I wouldn't be able to fit it in my car either if both of my feet were working properly. Although that was a remedy, I think we need to discuss as a council, should something take place like this again and Republic is not available to pick up the trash, that our Public Works pick up the trash for those that are not able to do something like that. We just assumed that everyone could put trash in their vehicle and handle 75 or 55 pound bag of trash. That's not the case for a lot of people. Perhaps we can discuss that. In regard to my question that Mr. Spirito answered, I'm still deeply concerned because of the dilemma this company is currently in that this problem is going to persist. I understand that we contacted other townships or other businesses that could help for the next few weeks but however we need to discuss going forward and realistically what that would look like. There should be no home that their trash is not picked up. That's unacceptable and cannot continue. I know our next council meeting is not going to be until August. Perhaps since, we are at this meeting we can discuss it now if something were to happen between today and next week. We can take over what was leftover or not done by Republic. Perhaps we can have a business meeting with them during executive session, but that conversation needs to be had. The last thing I wanted to say is that we did receive an email from one of the residents who was planning to be away this week. She had sent an email to our Clerk to read her concern about the trash pickup. Based off of the notice that was

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received from our governor, which I read a few months ago, because we have our Zoom meetings all letters that are sent to council prior to the meeting, it is stated if they want that letter to be read during public comment then that letter should be read at the very meeting. I do have an email that was sent out and that needs to be read. It was not read during the public comment we had regarding trash. That person is Ms. Stephanie Nock.

**Mayor McIntosh** – I spoke with her, and she didn't indicate that she wanted that read during the council meeting.

**Councilwoman Perrone** – I have the email. It says, "Please read this email during this council meeting."

**Mayor McIntosh** – Ok, that's fine we can read that during public comment.

**Councilwoman Perrone** – When would like to discuss plans? I heard Mr. Harris mention looking to purchase other trucks. Purchasing trucks is on the taxpayer's dollars. Mr. Harris, I know you said it can be 16 weeks. I read 6 weeks.

**Solicitor** – Excuse me, I would just like to state that Councilwoman Perrone accurately stated her response about us having a meeting in executive session. Mr. Harris your response should be held in the executive session. There are potential litigation issues that could come up. Our collective bargaining issues that may be triggered. There are procurement issues all of which will be appropriately discussed and legally required to be discussed in executive session.

**Mayor McIntosh** – I want to address Ms. Shakira's comment about Gold Medal. We haven't had two trash pickups in a week in about ten years. That was a decision made by previous council years ago. We did have Gold Medal she is correct. We were able to pick up more trash however at this time we decided to go with Republic because the industry is going that direction. I think Gold Medal has been bought by Republic. They no longer exist if I'm not mistaken. Any residents that have comments about the trash please ask during regular public comment. At that time, you will have four minutes to speak. Please just stick around for a little longer. Thank you, Mr. Spirito, for your time.

### MANAGER'S MUNICIPAL UPDATE

- Parks and Recreation – July 9<sup>th</sup> Community Wellness Center Barbeque, between 11am - 4pm at Christy Park, July 15<sup>th</sup> there's a Professional Day, July 23<sup>rd</sup> Sip and Paint with Go Grow Community Garden at the Kennedy Center between 1pm - 3pm the cost is \$20, July 30<sup>th</sup> AquaPOOLooza and dive-in movie will be at the Country Club Pool between 7pm - 10pm and the admission is \$5
- Pool season is showing continued growth with 1,227 daily pool tags being sold during the month of June
- Pennypacker pool was scheduled to be open on July 9<sup>th</sup>, will not be open because of some unforeseen delays, new open date coming soon
- Residents, please pick up a copy of the Parks and Recreation brochure as we have a number of events and programs that are scheduled throughout the summer
- The copies are available for pickup here in the Municipal building and at the Kennedy Center also available online at The Recreation Department website on willingbororec.com
- Inspections Department generated over \$91,000 in total revenue for the month, awarded a grant from PSE&G in the amount of \$15,000 for electrical vehicles to move this project forward
- Part of our agenda tonight is to award a contract to Bryant Electric for the installation of two ports electric charging stations here at the Municipal Complex, Inspections Department has agreed to make the two vehicles that you authorized their purchase this year to be electric vehicles, this will be a great step into incorporating more electrical vehicles in Willingboro as gas prices increase
- Our Fire & EMS department graduated 7 citizens on the 20<sup>th</sup>, the 8 Youth Fire Academy will commence on Monday, July 11, 2022 and will go through Friday, July 22, 2022
- There are 25 youth that have signed up for the course, this two week fire academy will expose Youth between the ages of 13 – 17 the different aspects of the Fire community, including activities that will help foster the experience in physical training, there will also be one field trip
- Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> the Fire Department swore in 5 employees
- Finance Department received just about 50% cash revenue of the total anticipated revenue for the years, as of June

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that equates to \$23,931,274.83 out of our \$47.8 million dollar budget

- Our expenditure as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, totaling \$21,308,603 which represents 48% of the total appropriations for the year, we are right off target as far as revenues received and a little below target for appropriations of expenditures
- Community Affairs department participated in 5 Food Distributions at the senior center, participating companies included the Willingboro Library, Amazon, Parkway Baptist Church, and the South Jersey Food Pantry. They also hosted two COVID – 19 clinics at the Reva Foster Senior Center
- Communications Department continues to function and support of all the departments for their Communications and Public Relations needs
- Town Highlights for June included Juneteenth, Story with a Cop for the Police Department, the Youth Police and Fire Academies, and the National Get Our Doors Day
- Mailing communication for the Public Works Department have been completed, which provided communications to residents relating to Trash Carts, Recycling and Cart Replacement
- We will begin placing the trash carts in the Rittenhouse section, we will continue to place the carts the rest of the week
- For Public Safety, the Bike Control has begun, additional five officers will be added to the unit, which will bring the total to that unit to 13
- Youth Police Academy applications are available at the Willingboro Police Department website which [www.willingboropolice.com](http://www.willingboropolice.com) , this is a free 3 week Police Academy Style program to expose high school students to the many different aspects of law enforcement professions
- Police Department continues to do Motor Vehicle enforcement in areas like Pennypacker Drive and Beverly Rancocas Road, Evergreen Drive, Charleston Road, and Levitt Parkway
- The community engagement unit participated in 6 community events during the month of June, Walk a Mile in My Shoes, Willingboro PLA Softball and Baseball Team Trophy presentations, participated in career day at the Willingboro High School the Juneteenth celebration in Millcreek Park and Story with a Cop in the Municipal Complex, there were several promotions during the month
- Personnel department there has been no part time or full time new hires this month, there was one worker's compensation in the Public Safety Department, 3 new COVID positive cases
- The department of Human Resources is maintaining all personnel records and maintained internal and external records, while keeping it in the doc headlines civil service rules and regulations
- For Public Works, I spoke about the trash cans we did receive our sweeper that was ordered back in 2021, it was finally delivered last week, the team and DPW will be receiving training from the manufacturer and that will be deployed to our much needed streets in Willingboro.
- A few months ago, we talked about the Plan Endorsement for Route 130 corridor , the state planning commission is continuing to give out their plan endorsements, we will be having a regional planning meeting to be hosted here in Willingboro on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, that will be for the community of Willingboro, Florence, and other neighboring towns, the information will be posted on the website, we encourage residents to come out and participate in this Route 130 Regional Visioning Session.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Mr. Harris for the Route 130 Plan Endorsement can you make sure that it is properly advertised? Just so we can get the maximum participation and a clear written explanation, so people understand what they're going to be talking about. Make sure you have an understanding of what the meeting is about.

**Township Manager** – Yes, I will do that. I believe it has been posted on the website. I will make sure there's some clear verbiage going on with that. I did send an advertisement to the Clerk's office to be advertised. You can participate live here at the Kennedy Center or during Zoom. I encourage all the residents to tune into this meeting. I know they are proposing some designated changes. The resident's voices need to be heard. I ask that you speak for Willingboro Township to the State.

**Mayor McIntosh** – For the letter that went out, about the trash I'm not sure if the residents know what that was because it was a little plain, so I just want to make sure that you reiterate that maybe online so that they look for that mailing because that one was plain.

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**Councilwoman Perrone** – My question is regarding the website and the forms. We're supposed to have automated forms people can type in whatever the forms are. I want to know where we are with that?

**Township Manager** – We are still digitizing forms. There are some digitized forms on the website. We are still in the process of digitizing of those that can be. Not all of the forms can be digitized because they need to be filled out and signed and emailed in. The website is continuing to evolve. We've had some discussions regarding the website and all of the elements that the council was looking for are available on the website that we have now. They have never been fully revealed. We are pulling back those layers one layer at a time. You'll see different modifications in the near future.

**Councilwoman Perrone** – My email address is not where it needs to be on the website. It looks like it's some sort of form people have to fill out in order to email me. I would like my email address to be on the website.

**Township Manager** – I will have our Communications team look at that. I don't know why your email address would have been relocated.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT** – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – 2 MINUTES

#### **Steven Craig**

- Why is it taking so long to get the Jazz Festival together?
- A good percentage of our residents are leaving Willingboro every weekend going somewhere else because of events going on all around us. There's no type of musical entertainment happening in our township. Last night, I went down to see the O'Jays in Camden County. The 22<sup>nd</sup>, I was in Mercer County to see Morris Day and The Time. Third War was coming here, but Camden County. Sugar Hill Gang is coming. These are all events for my age group, which is 58, 55, 60 that we could be doing right here bringing revenue into our township. Because when people come in to see these shows they use our gas stations, they use our local restaurants and everything else. Year after year, we end up with the same thing. A dead summer without any type of events. As far as this Jazz Fest goes, I know nothing of those groups that we have booked and paid money to, but I will tell you in Ocean County, George Benson will be taking the stage at the same time that our headliners will be going on in Willingboro. We don't even know who is on the line up and this show is five weeks away. Why do we keep doing this every year? It's frustrating. As somebody who has musical background, Willingboro is rich in musical talent, producers, artist, DJs, and people that can help this town. It's frustrating because I live here so I want to see us win. We said that when we come out of the pandemic, we were looking for something big and we fell right back into the same trap that keeps going on.

#### **Sharon Anderson**                      **Belhurst Lane**

- Regarding the Animal Control Resolution, I commend Manager Harris for moving so quickly to ensure Animal Welfare coverage this last weekend which is the worst weekend for lost pets. I commend Manager Harris and Captain Bucs for the research that revealed the inequitable and unjustified higher rates before we got stuck with them. While we make this progress, I am concerned that solution being undertaken is indeed privatization. That is the same kind of action that took public good out of trash collection and replaced it with for profit motivation. In a previous public comment, I requested a public discussion so people can share contracted performance reputation of proposed company. Concern there are residents in the community who have firsthand concerns that didn't get heard but they haven't taken action. Mr. Harris does take calls.
- I do want to let the council know I am concerned there will be plausible performance clauses and I'm very concerned that the contract have a termination without penalty clause should public services share, or county services are available?

### **Public Comment Closed**

**Township Manager** – Regarding Mr. Craig concerns, the activities here in Willingboro I really cannot account for that. My time here in Willingboro is relatively new. Willingboro has done things in the past, but I will tell you that I have already had conversations with our Recreation department for next summer. Millcreek Park is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and I've already told her next year it's going to be summer in the park. We need to start planning now for that

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and having different activities and events. I encourage Mr. Craig that we further our discussion that we've already had to bring these types of programs. I have met with a few residents who have contacts with some of these performers and events. I encourage you to let's talk so we can make these things happen. Let's put together some programs and initiatives. You have a willing participant right here. Ms. Anderson thank you. I will check the contract to see if the verbiage is in there. Sometimes communities are better serviced through private areas. Sometimes they're not. Part of the difficulty was finding animal control officers and having the facilities to provide them the services that they need.

### ORDINANCE

Ord 2022 – 8

### **PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL READING –**

ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF LEVITT PARKWAY CR 629 TO VETERAN'S PARKWAY CR 629 IN WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP

#### **Public Hearing –**

**Mattie Mallory**

**5 Hudson Place**

- I just want to say it's a sad day for my church which is Saint United Methodist Church. It has been located at 201 Levitt Parkway almost 64 years. Now to know we're going to have to go through the process of changing all of our information because of the name change of Levitt Parkway.

**Will Weston**

**44 Boswith Lane**

- I appreciate the council moving forward on this. It's about time that Levitt Parkway was changed. Thank you for moving this forward.

**Pat Lindsay – Harvey**

- If we're going to change this name, I think Veterans Parkway is befitting name. There are so many Veterans that live in Willingboro. Thank you for changing the name to that.

#### **Public Hearing Closed**

#### **Final Reading –**

I need a motion

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

#### **Discussion –**

**Councilwoman Perrone** – Do we have a timeline of when this will take place?

**Township Manager** – There is no specified timeline. We do have to begin the coordination of making the street signs and coordinating with the County and with the state for the installation. I would hope to have this all done so we can have a celebration in November on Veterans Day.

**Deputy Mayor Whitfield** – I would like to stress the importance to Mr. Harris of ensuring that the change is made, and all of the private properties are notified in terms of Public Safety, Fire & EMS, so that mapping and all of those are taken care of. I would hate for there to be mix-ups because the name is not changed in all of the appropriate arenas.

### RESOLUTION

Res 2022 – 101

AWARDING CONTRACT TO THINK PAVERS HARDSCAPING LLC FOR PENNYPACKER DRIVE, PHASE II

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I need a motion

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

**Res 2022 – 102**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE BUCKINGHAM LANE CULVERT REPAIRS

I need a motion

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

**Discussion –**

**Deputy Mayor Whitfield** – Can we just ensure that the record reflects that, that is Buckingham Drive not Lane?

*Roll Call then suggestion from Councilwoman Perrone*

**Councilwoman Perrone** – Madam Mayor, can we group these resolutions together?

**Mayor McIntosh** – Sure, is there any resolution council would like to discuss before we group them all?

**Councilwoman Worthy** – Yes, if we group them, I would like to pull Resolution 2022 – 105. That would be the Bill list. I had a few questions about the Bill list.

**Councilwoman Perrone** – I make a motion that we group Resolution 2022 – 103 through 104, skipping Resolution 2022 – 105, skip Resolution 2022 – 106, through Resolution 2022 – 107 through 116.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Voiding Resolution 2022 – 109?

**Councilwoman Perrone** – Right, voiding Resolution 2022 – 109.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Second. Moved by Councilwoman Perrone to group Resolution 2022 – 103 through 104, 107 and 108 and 110 through 116.

*Roll Call – Council all votes yes.*

**Mayor McIntosh** – We need to make a motion to approve the grouping of Resolution 2022 – 103 through 104, 107 through 108 and 110 through 116.

**Councilwoman Perrone** – Yes, so I made the motion and Mayor second the vote.

*Township Clerk proceeds with roll call*

*Roll Call – Council all votes yes.*

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**Res 2022 – 103**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY ANIMAL CONTROL FOR THE PROVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

I need a motion

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

**Res 2022 – 104**

A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN PILOT PROGRAM

I need a motion

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

**Res 2022 – 105**

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT & RATIFICATION

I need a motion

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

**Discussion –**

**Councilwoman Worthy** – I had a question about page 5, I sent a note to Mr. Harris. There was a payment for \$38,971.50. I was curious about what the nature that payment was? If he could have an answer back tomorrow on that.

**Township Manager** – I believe that we received a payment on taxes for a property that was in bankruptcy foreclosure, and I believe that was returned. That tax payment was going to the corporate ceding, I will talk to the tax collector tomorrow and get confirmation of that for you.

**Councilwoman Worthy** – Ok, thank you. The other question I had was can you confirm what mode of payment ACB services, what form of payment are we paying them and for these two request that are about \$32,000 each?

**Township Manager** – Checks.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Do we need to hold up this approval for that one item?

**Councilwoman Worthy** - For me, I'm comfortable with voting everything except for bankruptcy payment. For me I can wait for that one item.

**Township Manager** – If it's okay with Dr. Worthy, I will hold off with that payment and provide an explanation to you. If it's satisfactory then we will go ahead with that payment.

**Councilwoman Worthy** – If that be the will of council, that's fine with me.

*Council all agrees with holding off with the payment.*

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**Township Manager** – We will hold off with that payment until there’s an answer satisfactory for Dr. Worthy and council. Then we’ll go ahead and make that payment.

**Roll Call** – *Council all voted yes with the exception of the bankruptcy payment.*

**Res 2022 – 106** RESOLUTION NUMBER VOIDED

**Res 2022 – 107** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO TO ENTER INTO THE NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

I need a motion

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

**Res 2022 – 108** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDOR FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

I need a motion

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

**Res 2022 – 109** RESOLUTION NUMBER VOIDED

**Res 2022 – 110** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE BOLTON AND BALFOUR LANE SINK HOLE REPAIR

I need a motion

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

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**Res 2022 – 111**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE RESURFACING OF BRADFORD LANE AND BLUEBERRY LANE

I need a motion

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

**Res 2022 – 112**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATIFICATION OF A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, Local 3827

I need a motion

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

**Res 2022 – 113**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATIFICATION OF A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO AND THE BURLINGTON COUNTY FIREFIGHTER’S ASSOCIATION, IAFF LOCAL 3091

I need a motion

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

**Res 2022 – 114**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH “HENRY HOUSE ENTERTAINMENT, INC” FOR A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AT THE 2022 WILLINGBORO JAZZ FESTIVAL

I need a motion

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

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**Res 2022 – 115** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

I need a motion

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

**Res 2022 – 116** APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BUCKINGHAM DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

I need a motion

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

**Treasure Report**

I need a motion

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

**MINUTES**

**060822**

**062122**

I need a motion to approve the revised minutes sent to you this evening

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

**MUNICIPAL CLERK UPDATE**

For the month of June, a total of 1174 calls were received in the Clerk’s office and 1153 calls were made. We did a total of bringing in \$7, 271.73 in revenues. 129 applications, death, marriage certificate, and birth. 69 licenses, mercantile and dog. Boards and commission are the same as we last spoke. We do have an upcoming 2023 rabies clinic for dogs. That is currently what I have today for an update.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Councilman Anderson** – I just want to follow up and find out if we have an update as it relates to the realtor’s conversation from the last meeting as well as any updates on the speed bumps.

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**Township Manager** – Regarding the realtors meeting, the Tax Assessor is ready to move forward working with the realtors regarding the open permits and doing the research with them. They just need to come into his office and fill out the paperwork and they'll move forward with that.

**Councilman Anderson** – Is there a way we can communicate with these realtors? Letting them know the process they need to take.

**Township Manager** – Yes. Just a reminder the Tax Assessors office moved over to the Kennedy Center. If residents want to speak with the Tax Assessor that is where they are now. Residents can still leave paperwork or forms here at the Municipal Complex, so they don't have to go to the Kennedy Center.

**Councilman Anderson** –Based on our last call, that is in room 122?

**Township Manager** – Correct.

**Councilman Anderson** – Speedhumps? Any additional information regarding that?

**Township Manager** – There was \$30,000 into this budget for traffic common devices, but there has been no collaboration of final determination as to what those common devices are going to be. I know there were some residents on Pennypacker Drive who wanted some of those digital speed signs posted. We have looked into those. No, there has been no final determination as to what those speed calming methods would be, but we will continue to look into that.

**Councilman Anderson** – Before any decision is made, I would love for you to bring that back to council so we can make that decision. Whether it will be both devices. I would love to talk about methodically and strategically placing those speed signs.

**Mayor McIntosh** – What other streets? I know residents have indicated other streets like Tyler Drive and some longer streets in Twin Hills.

**Councilman Anderson** – Evergreen is another one.

**Township Manager** – We're going to have to look at cost and practical applications. There may be many on a block that would like a speed bump and there may be some that may not want a speed bump.

**Councilman Anderson** – I would like to have the process started. This conversation is long overdue. I just want to make sure that we keep moving it along.

**Mayor McIntosh** – When would you be comfortable giving an update?

**Township Manager** – Probably in September.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Madam clerk, if you can put this under unfinished business for the second meeting in September.

**Deputy Mayor Whitfield** – I also brought up working with the county for the crossing in Willingboro Lakes. That is also an area in need of speed calming or pedestrian safety.

**Councilwoman Perrone** – In regard to Deputy Mayor Whitfield comment, by the Willingboro Lakes is there is a way we can put a light there or yellow light? That is a heavy traffic area as people are approaching Route 130. Is that something we can ask about putting a light there possibly?

**Deputy Mayor Whitfield** – Maybe not a streetlight but what I have proposed is a signal pedestrian light.

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**Councilwoman Perrone** – Ok, I think that would be a good idea.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Mayor McIntosh** – To Councilwoman Perrone’s point, I want to make sure we keep up with the digitized forms. We can get an update on that. Are you okay with getting an update on that in the second week of September, Councilwoman Perrone?

**Councilwoman Perrone** – Yes that would be helpful to keep track of where we are with that.

**Township Manager** – We are moving forward with that process. When you say update, what are you looking for?

**Mayor McIntosh** – It’s to keep track so we don’t lose it. Just a check in.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**Mattie Mallory**

**5 Hudson Place**

- One of the things I want to summarize is that Willingboro is a great place to work. You can have an acting position as the top official, you can pick your own working hours and you can get a \$10,000 per year bonus. The other thing I want to summarize is the fact that depending on what position you’re in you can give yourself and your assistant/secretary a \$20,000 raise allegedly and the other thing is that you can actually appoint your family and friends to commissions and also pay them. I would say that anyone that’s looking for employment, Willingboro is a great place to apply for a job. What you can’t get is your trash picked up and if the township cuts a tree on your property, you can’t even get the whole tree cut down. It’s cut down to maybe 15 feet from the bottom but the whole tree is not even cut down. These are just some of the things a taxpayer should be aware of that are going on in the town. Mr. Harris you have my support if you don’t move to town. Why should you if no one else does? I commend you for what you’ve done so far. You fell into a position that was in disarray. I think you’re doing a good job.
- For those of us who are old enough to know who EF Hutton is, I rest my case until the next time. Thank you.

**Stephanie Nock**

**Windsor Lane**

- To Willingboro Council Members, I will not be in attendance at the July 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting therefore, I would like this letter to read publicly. I am extremely dismayed to see my trash still at the end of my driveway at 6pm, Friday June 24 which is my regular pickup day. Due to the outside heat, 82 degrees and the weather being in the 90’s over the weekend the trash still left on my street Windsor Lane will have a foul odor which is a public health issue. This also brings rodents which leads to disease. The trash not being picked up will lead to a trash buildup around the township. I also paid for the second trash can promised to be delivered in June. Where is the second trash can? When is the council going to get the trash situation under control? Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Nock. Windsor Lane

**Steven Craig**

**65 Belmont Lane**

- Mr. Harris, I’m going to take you up on your offer. Y’all really should take me up on this offer. I want to do a festival here and I talked to some of council about it, Mr. Harris, I mentioned it to you. I’m gone put it on the table. I will pay for the entertainment; I will pay for the stage. I already have the sound equipment; I will use my team to promote it. Only thing I need the township to do is make the space available, and make sure that you take care of all the red tape so we can have this. The people need something. I will put my money where my mouth is and it’s on the table. How much time do I need? 45 days. We can do something for late September. First week in October, I do want to look at the dates to make sure I pick a great weekend and let’s do it. Now I put your money where your mouth is, I need the township to match me. I will wait your response. Y’all know how to get in touch with me. Everybody’s got my number. If you can’t get in touch with me, my partner Mr. Grant will make this happen. The Township wants it, the people want it let’s make it happen. Music is therapy for everybody. Let’s make it happen.

**Sharon Anderson**

**7 Belhurst Lane**

- Continuing from earlier, I’m very glad the Republic Services administrator gave his perspective. He disputed the employer salaries reported on Glassdoor and said that drivers make \$65,000 to \$85,000. That’s not what Republic services itself reported to Glassdoor. As if someone in the company, reported it incorrectly. Let’s look at what drivers

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themselves posted on Indeed.com. Commercial driver \$24.16, driver \$21.10, dump truck driver \$29.56, route driver \$22.22, truck driver \$23.17 these are not \$65,000 - \$85,000 salaries. I conducted an extensive research for this meeting looking for salary information. There's nothing in the public sphere that supports \$65,000 as a salary. The only way to get even close is 30% benefits. That'll get them to 60. Unless or until Republic services publishes facts to the contrary any driver looking for a job anyone here on this call is right to assume the ballpark is \$46,000 based salary. Based on 2200 reviews on Indeed, benefits are rated at 3.5 out 5. Fact checking the representative attending tonight who entirely supports the 3 examples I provided earlier of where laborers stand when it comes to Republic services. So where is Republic services putting their money? Well, that's Wall Street and their making stockholders happy if that's their goal. In 2021, they distributed \$805,000,000 to shareholders. That is equal to 17,500 years of truck driver time. The promise of efficiencies has not served the public. Laborers and the work they do became a minor consideration. I provide this information the council and to the public, as I believe the public heat should be on Republic Services and not on our elected and appointed officials. Manager Harris is correct, if his focus is on what to be done here in Willingboro, I ask that the Willingboro leadership closely track performance and retain every right to cancel Republic Services contract should they not perform above the minimum expectation. I ask that all fines and reimbursements be collected to their fullest extent. Our community has been greatly troubled. We need help to rebuild community trust. I ask Republic to examine what their past investments can be made in Willingboro. It's time our municipality consider a public system for public trash.

### **Will Weston                    44 Boswith Lane**

- I would like to commend the council considering the history of this town. Looking at it socially justice lens, I appreciate moving forward with the changing of the name Levitt Parkway and also thank you to the residents who instigated that. Thank you, Deputy Mayor Whitfield, for the reminder to do that change recently in order. You want to make sure everything is done properly. I also looked at the tapes from last meeting, Robert's Rule, a debate was attempted on the motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn is not debatable or amendable.

### **Beuluh Williams            8 Botany Circle**

- We do have some talented musicians living right here in Willingboro. Mr. Bernard Edwards, this man just makes the saxophone talk and walk. Just talented. That's just one.
- I'm concerned that we're not listening to the council that we have enough; we have an attorney there that I think he's paid to keep the council out of trouble from people suing community and we say the wrong things and put ourselves in jeopardy. I think we should listen more, and he should advise the community what his job is and why he's there. He's there at all the meetings. Why is he there? Maybe that would be helpful. I know the previous occasions where people sue the township. We are the citizens that are paying for the community. I ask, what is the work that is to be done in Buckingham Park? I would like clarification on that. I would also like to thank all of council you are all doing a great job.

### **Rosella Morrison            31 Hopkins Lane**

- I just want to ask about the DPW and the offer to drop-off trash until we get the issue with the garbage under control. I'm not hopeful. It did not sound like Mr. Spirito really took these as legitimate concerns. To me he just looked at it as complaints, I'm not very hopeful. I want to talk about the DPW drop-off trash. Last week, I went to do that, and I was turned away by the gentleman telling me that it was only Wednesday through Saturday from 7:30am to 2:30pm. I had told him that the website didn't state what days and I wouldn't know what those days are because I'm fairly new to the Township. He refused to take the trash. I work with Councilwoman Perrone and made calls to Mr. Brevogel. He said he would get back in touch and let me know. Is there any thoughts of expanding the time, Wednesday to Saturday, Monday to Saturday till this gets under control? Right now, I don't want to put my organic garbage in the garbage can because it will sit and rot and stink, so I rather take it to the DPW. That's just an idea if you can extend it. Definitely something we can do for those who are disabled and can't make it there. That is a huge concern especially for those who are elderly.

### **Terina Williams                    8 Botany Circle**

- Since we will not be having a council meeting for a matter of time, Mayor can you or Deputy Mayor Whitfield have our Wednesday weekly updates? When Mayor Worthy used to that it would be so nice. We would gain updates of

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what's going on cause as you know things could happen in the blink of an eye. It would keep us as residents informed of what's going on.

- Congratulations to Captain Donofrio. Thank you, Township Harris, for the information.

**Sarah Holley**

**Tioga Lane**

- Ms. Bligen, I guess the taxpayers are going to have to buy you a new clock because the clock you have tonight is not effective. We can barely see it. I wanted to take a time to commend Mr. Harris for doing an effective job and going over and beyond working with Republic and council. Our Department of Public works at least got our trash picked up even though mine wasn't picked up until 11 o'clock 4<sup>th</sup> of July which I was not happy about. As it relates to heat on elected officials, I don't really consider it heat. I consider it holding our elected officials accountable. If we don't call you and talk to you about the services, we're not receiving who else are we going to talk to. We don't have a direct pipeline of Mr. Harris. He reports to you guys. You guys' report to us.
- Mr. Harris is it possible for the community to know what organizations are renting space at JFK? How much renting they're paying over there for renting space? If there's any organizations over there that are living over there free without paying rent? The lack of collecting rent from those organizations that over there, it impacts the tax space. If they're not paying the marketable rates, then the taxpayers are picking up the difference. I would like to have a list of all of the organizations that have space at JFK and exactly how much they're paying. If I need to put in an OPRA request to get that information, please tell me to do so and it will be forthcoming. Get a new trash company and fire Republic.

**Public Comment closed at 10:03 pm**

### **Township Manager addresses Public Comments**

- Ms. Mallory made comments about Willingboro being a great place to work. I absolutely agree with her. Not necessarily for the reasons she outlined. I am loving being here in Willingboro and I have already moved to Willingboro Ms. Mallory. I will tell you each and every day I love this community more and more. Although it wasn't a good experience it was a beneficial experience for me regarding the trash debacle. I have experienced more of the inner streets in Willingboro, and they are beautiful. When the community expresses their outrage because of the trash, I get it because you have a beautiful community. You manicure your lawns and take care of your homes. You don't deserve being ill-treated in regard to your trash collection.
- Ms. Nock in her letter did mention her collection and I believe that current her trash has been collected by now. She mentioned that there was a promise to have the second cans delivered by June, I don't know if that was actually a promise, we were scheduled to receive the second cans in June which we did. We are actually looking to distribute those cans sooner. Unfortunately, this whole situation arose, and we just didn't think it was prudent to move forward in that process at this time for a lot of different reasons. Those cans are going to begin being distributed to the residents.
- Mr. Craig, I will be in my office tomorrow all day and every day for the rest of the week. We will be talking before the week is out. I promise you.
- Ms. Anderson again, we received information that you shared regarding Republic and their salaries. Those issues are outside of the parameter of our control. The only thing we can incur is if someone goes to look for employment that they consider all factors.
- I don't really have a response to Mr. Weston's comments nor Ms. Beulah Williams comments.
- Ms. Rosella, I just want to share with you, what happened with you at DPW that morning was unfortunate. It was by chance that I was actually in the office when that young gentleman had come in and shared that he had an encounter with a resident. I did not know it was you. I did clarify it with DPW that that should have never occurred. If you as a resident took the time, energy, and effort to drive down to DPW with three bags of trash in your vehicle there's no

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reason whatsoever we could have not taken those three bags of trash and put it into that dumpster. DPW will until further notice will receive trash in their yard Monday through Saturday. If this situation does not correct itself, we may need to extend hours later into the evening. We are ready and willing to do that. First, accept my apology that did happen. I ensure you that it should never happen again.

- Ms. Terina Williams, her comments were expressed directly to the Mayor regarding the weekly update. The Mayor wants to work on that. We will be more than happy to help her facilitate that.
- Ms. Holley, I have an open door policy. You can come into the Town Hall and see me anytime. You can feel free to call anytime. I will not promise that I will always be here or readily available but if I am, I will make time to stop and talk with any resident. As part of our request, you can submit an OPRA request with the Township Clerk if you choose to with that information you requested.

### Mayor McIntosh addresses Public Comments

- I want to address Ms. Beulah Williams' concern about the Buckingham Park, there are people in Buckingham concerned that there are blockades up and no work being done.
- Also, Mr. Harris, can you clarify what recreation has done to reach out to local talent? They have reached out to local talent.
- Mr. Taylor if you want to explain your job on why you're here every meeting.

**Township Manager** – On Buckingham Drive there is a Culvert that is collapsing. That is going to be replaced and repaired near house 65. There's a sizeable sinkhole that's developed there. It's related to the townships stormwater system. The township has been temporarily filling that sinkhole over the past few years. It fills and it washes away. We decided over the week that we're actually going to corner off that street and do a permanent repair. That is out for bid now. We are waiting for the return for those bids. Hopefully that project will begin as far as construction late August very early September. There was another sinkhole on Bolton and Balfour Lanes. My understanding is that there are a lot of sinkholes here in Willingboro. Again, we are preparing the bid to do some road rear repair with 6inch to 8 inch concrete base asphalt for a 22 foot area. The existing pipes there were replaced years ago but they have failed, and we have to go in and make those repairs as required. Then again, we're doing the resurfacing on Bradford and Blueberry Lane which is funded the NJTOT Municipal Aid Grant. That's what's going to be happening in the Buckingham Park section.

The talent here in Willingboro have been contacted. We had to wait on some finalized contracts. Dealing with artists and managers can be time consuming. The lineup will be out and available shortly. I do know that some of the contracts that you approved came with a long list of demands from these performers. They wanted limousine transportation, cocktails, and cash payments. Things the township is not going to do. Once we got over these obstacles' bumps and hurdles, we were able to execute the agreements. We're going to be announcing the lineup shortly.

**Solicitor** – Generally speaking in accordance with Willingboro Townships Municipal Ordinances Section 3 -33. The solicitor's role is to give general legal advice to the Municipal council and governing body as well as to the Township Manager and various other directors. The role is very expansive. One of which is to attend regular meetings. I serve the pleasure with the governing body, but it is required to be at meetings to advise on government issues, legal issues, personnel issues, potential litigation matters and other matters that may come up including managing a public comment what's legal and what's appropriate. The publics benefit also protection of the municipality. We readily consult with the administration. Provision of legal advice, analysis, litigation support etc.

**Mayor McIntosh** – Thank you Mr. Taylor. Mr. Harris, Ms. Mallory indicated that Willingboro is cutting trees on people's property. Is that correct?

**Township Manager** - They can't cut trees on private property, so I don't specifically what Ms. Mallory is referring to. I will engage her in conversation and get more detail.

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**Mayor McIntosh** – Ms. Holley, I think every council member agrees to holding council accountable. We do appreciate residents offering solutions and productive conversation. I think every council member is open and willing to take the heat. You are right we are supposed to hold our elected officials accountable. I think we all agree on that. In terms of the DPW trash, this is strictly for people who want to take their trash. You do not have to take your trash if you don't want to. There have been many residents who are willing to take some trash to alleviate some of the pressure that we're having from our trash collection services. DPW yard is open for those who want to take their trash. If your neighbor needs some help and you want to take trash, this is the time to help out your neighbor. The DPW is not for those who can't or do not want to take their trash to dump.

**Councilwoman Perrone** – We must create an avenue for those who are not able to take their trash to DPW. I'm hoping we can come up with something tonight because I'm fearful that our next meeting in which we only meet once a month in the summertime. I'm hoping that we do not dismiss this issue. We must do something. We cannot avoid or ignore the community. I'm here to make sure that we as council communicate and work together. It's not our fault that we didn't pick up the trash, but it is our fault that we didn't address the community and come to a resolution.

### COUNCIL COMMENT

#### **Councilman Anderson -**

- I would like to thank everyone for coming out and participating in this meeting. Especially with the tough topic about trash. As the Mayor said, we are here as public service we ask for your votes to elect us and when issues happen we expect you to come to us.
- I would like to say congratulations to the Fire Department and Police Department for all the well deserved promotions.
- I would like to do a personal thank you to Dr. Neely Hackett for her services as Superintendent for Willingboro School District the past two years and also congratulate her on becoming the first African American Superintendent in Voorhees School District K – 8.

#### **Councilwoman Worthy –**

- Good evening, Willingboro, thank you for coming to the meeting today. I appreciate the continued feedback about the trash situation. While every council person may not respond in the same way I do believe that each person is committed to making sure that the problem is resolved, and this trash issue does not continue to persist. I do also want to mention that while I was not in favor of having a special meeting because of the work that was already being done. The updates that the Manager was giving to us. It wasn't because I did not want to hear from the public or to update the public. In fact, I advocated for and supported additional communications going out to the residents. I felt that having a special meeting in the middle of trying to solve the crisis wasn't the best course of action. I'm here to take the heat and develop solutions alongside my colleagues and administration. I look forward to continuing to work together. Mostly, I look forward to this trash situation being resolved.
- On a positive note, I would like to wish a happy belated birthday to Ms. Reva Foster.

#### **Councilwoman Perrone –**

- This trash situation is concerning me. I don't feel that it is resolved. I'm glad that they presented themselves today at this meeting. Again, when I called for Special meeting that was already a week in a half the trash was not being picked up. At our council meeting, we did not come up with a resolution. It concerns me because he said he hired trucks last week to get it picked up. It sounds like has been picked up, I did not get a report today. The last report was on Friday. I'm hearing during this meeting some places are still not picked up that's concerning to me. I just want us to all work together. To hold them accountable and we need to bring them to a special meeting. I received multiple promises that it was going to be done the next day. It did not happen. I am passionate about our community, and a beautiful community. I want to uphold responsible the businesses that we hire. I don't have anything additional.

#### **Deputy Mayor Whitfield -**

- Just to clear the record, I did provide availability for a special meeting. I will attest to the Mayor and I, Mr. Harris working with Republic very diligently to rectify the situation. Things I know that the Mayor were not expected to do

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we were in fact, when we got calls and reports of trash not being collected. We also talked to specific residents and answered hundreds of calls. We're doing our best to handle this situation in Willingboro. It is not acceptable the behavior and the service we've been getting from Republic. We're doing our very best to hold Republic accountable. Assessing the cost, it has placed on the township, the extra man hours and holding that and including that in our fines and penalties that should be levied against the company. I also like to thank and commend Mr. Harris for his fervor and fierceness and his interactions with Republic. There were many emails sent back and forth. In fact, holding them to task and raising our concerns to the council, not only via email but text message putting us in direct contact with those representatives so we could voice problems areas that we were knowledgeable of directly. I thank you Mr. Harris and your team for your work on that. We are not taking this situation lightly. If the trash issue is persistent in the area is imperative that you let us know. We are doing our best and DPW is doing their best. Mr. Harris is going out to add those surveys. The Mayor and I are going out and driving those surveys. We are doing to ensure that the full township is taken care of and not just taking Republics word for what has been or not been collected. By no means is it an expectation for residents to take their trash to DPW. We just want to provide as many possible options that we know as we are trying to rectify the situation.

- I want to congratulate all the Fire Service men for their dedication and promotion. I appreciate all of the work and service that they do here in Willingboro. Also, it was mentioned earlier in the meeting, the Youth Police Academy is upon us. I encourage our residents to sign their youth up, it is a tremendous experience. I know Dr. Worthy's daughter participated last year. The experience is not only for those interested in Public Safety positions, but it really does instill a sense of pride and responsibility outside of being a resident in Willingboro to our youth. It really does help to improve patience between our police department and the community. We really are making huge strides in efforts with our Community Engagement officer Sally Landrum. Making sure that the relationship between police and the community is strong.
- I am really excited that the streetsweeper has come in. I am looking forward to its deployment amongst our current troubles.

### Mayor McIntosh –

- I think it was important to bring up surrounding communities because that shows some of the magnitude of the problem. It's not just a Willingboro problem. All council members went to the table battling for Willingboro. Every single one of the council members. I think it's relevant information that other towns and other demographics, other sides of town understand what may be happening and what we're up against. Last week, I came in contact with a whole lot of residents. At least a hundred and the issue was that the people were frustrated. Majority of the residents understand that it is a business issue. Many of them were frustrated that the communication had gaps. Which I think we tried to address quickly. People just didn't know what was happening. No one, not one council member or employee thinks that this is not important. However, once majority of the residents understood what was happening, they were more agreeable, and they just wanted better communication.
- In alignment with Mr. Harris, we did start to make sure communication was there. We mentioned that communication needs to be broader and the opening statement for when people call in. There was a lot of work and while people will say we don't want the Mayor driving around at this point. I think it was very critical to drive around and talk to the resident's face to face and answer questions. No one was hiding, I didn't want to hide from this. We did go to residents, and we did surveys. We did hear a lot of people saying that trash was overflowing in the middle of the street. Some streets were. There's some problem areas in Willingboro. There's some streets where there was nothing. When we're trying to prioritize what streets need to be looked at first you know we did go around. DPW worked until certain hours, so we went after that because it was an ongoing problem. I say that to say. I want everyone to know that the council as a whole as well as this township is serious about trying to make sure this is solved. We don't control Republic. We did do our best. I am grateful for the residents and some businesses that came through if Republic did not come through on Saturday. They were willing use their dump trucks and come and help. To me that is community. This is not the first and last problem or serious problem that Willingboro will have. Mr. Harris worked really hard talking to Republic. I did too. We had the Mayors call and demand letter. We were very stern with Republic. There were residents who volunteered their trucks especially in Rittenhouse and Buckingham that were three weeks overdue. It was good to see the community come together in a time of need. If someone is willing to help your neighbors and go to the dump work as a community to get this settled. To Councilwoman Perrone's point, what is our

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strategies. We are trying to avoid half-baked promises and half-baked solutions. I do sincerely appreciate all of council’s vigor and Township Manager and DPW. The complaints are wanted, and they are heard. We also work on doing a better job communicating, if I have to do weekly updates then I will do that. I do appreciate all of our councilmembers for working hard.

**Res 2022 – 117 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

I need a motion to go into executive session

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

I need a motion to come out of executive session

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

I need a motion

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

**Meeting adjourned at 11:36 pm**

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