
TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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The Regular Meeting of the West Milford Township Council was called to order by Mayor Bettina Bieri.

Adequate Notice Statement

Mayor Bieri read the following statement:

Please note that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this Workshop meeting was advertised in the Herald News in its issue of January 1, 2012 copies were provided to the Suburban Trends, the Record, Star Ledger, and posted continuously on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Please also make note of all fire and emergency exits – located to the left, right, and rear of this room - for use in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bieri led all in attendance in a salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Ada Erik, Joseph Smolinski, Michael Ramaglia,
Edward Rosone, Luciano Signorino, Carlla Horton, Mayor Bettina Bieri.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Township Clerk Antoinette Battaglia, Township Attorney Frederick Semrau.

Agenda No. I

Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

Councilman Smolinski moved to adopt the October 5, 2011 Workshop Meeting as presented:

Moved: Smolinski Seconded: Rosone
Voted Aye: Smolinski, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino.
Voted Nay: None.
Abstain: Erik, Horton.
Motion carried.

Agenda No. II

Presentations

Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certification - Renee Alessio and members of Green Team joined Mayor Bieri at the podium. Mayor Bieri advised that at the NJLM conference in November she received pins for Sustainable New Jersey bronze certification. She gave the pins to the members of the committee and showed the award they received which was also presented to her at the NJLM conference. She turned the microphone over to Renee Alessio.

Ms. Alessio explained the Sustainable Jersey program and thanked Mayor Bieri for supporting this from beginning. She introduced Dave & Wendy Watson Hollowell and the members of the Green Team including Steve Sangle of the Environmental Commission. She stated that the West Milford Environmental Commission is one of the oldest in the state and they have been very supportive. Each member of the Environmental Commission Sustainable subcommittee worked hard. She mentioned each member by name. They brought us the community garden. She thanked the Presbyterian Church and Pastor Janet. The farmers market at Our Lady Queen of Peace is an important event as is the Greenfest and Ample Harvest founded by Gary Oppenheimer. She thanked the local churches for participating and advised that the newest program is the West Milford Time Bank. For information go to the Sustainable West Milford website. The high school green team has worked to improve recycling water and energy conservation. All these members and volunteers have dedicated countless hours. She commended and listed many local ordinances that protect the environment and complement the initiatives of the Green Team. She thanked municipal staff for help with grants and energy programs. Dave Stires and the Recycling & Beautification committee help in many ways. She thanked the Chamber of Commerce and encouraged everyone to shop locally. She thanked the bear group. Local news reporters Ann Genader, Linda Smith and Dave Zimmer support these initiatives with positive articles. She thanked the Town Council current and past, as well as the municipal clerk and attorney for work on resolutions and ordinances that promote sustainability. West Milford, she said is a regional leader. This is an ongoing project and the next goal will be to attain silver certification. She encouraged everyone to join the effort and the committee. They need grant writers.

Mayor Bieri thanked Renee Alessio for the countless hours she has devoted to these efforts. David Watson Hollowell stated that the certification was a result of the combined efforts of all involved.

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Proclamations

None.

Agenda No. VI

Unfinished Business Final Passage of Ordinances

~ Resolution No. 2012- 065 ~

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR WITH COUNCIL CONSENT

TABLED TO FEBRUARY 1, 2012 WORKSHOP MEETING

Councilwoman Erik made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Horton to place this resolution on the table for discussion.

Discussion: Councilman Smolinski stated that discussion is not appropriate to protect the privacy of the candidate. Mr. Semrau recalled that there was an executive session to discuss this possible appointment and with a motion to go forward it would allow discussion. If the discussion would affect that person's employment he would ask for the Council to proceed with discretion. He asked that the candidate's name not be mentioned because that person is gainfully employed. Councilman Smolinski stated there are other issues there. He stated that there is another town. Mr. Semrau stated that if the Council is going to discuss something specific that would disclose the identity of the person the discussion should take place in executive session. He cautioned not to give out information that would jeopardize the candidate's current employment. Councilman Rosone said that the Council had the opportunity to meet this person who was qualified. He said he would like to meet the other applicants instead of just one. It would be a disservice not to have a choice. This person is qualified but Council should meet more applicants and have a choice. Councilwoman Erik said that 10 days ago the Council interviewed a very intelligent person who wants to work for us. We have problems and this person is willing to come here knowing that. In the past 10 days, without computer experience, she did research on the computer and made calls. This person is a bargain. It is with same contract as prior administrator with a 90 trial period. To her it is a win/win. If we hire this person we quickly get an administrator. Last time it took 18 months and that was not good for West Milford. Let's stop looking, if she could get the research done in ten days, we can move forward. Councilwoman Horton stated that it is common for Mayor Bieri to engage in due diligence and bring forth a qualified person. She was impressed with the candidate interviewed.

Mayor Bieri advised said she had no other candidate to recommend. If she knows she is not going to recommend anyone else and we have a qualified candidate she is in favor of moving forward tonight. She did her research and found all good information. She feels she has done due diligence. She is prepared to move forward tonight and have this person start as soon as possible. Councilman Rosone said he did research too but feels it appropriate to have opportunity to meet other candidates or applicants who are qualified. To just have one choice is not a choice. It would be appropriate to afford Council an opportunity to meet more applicants. He is not saying this person is not qualified. This person is qualified. Council President Signorino said that he appreciates Councilman Rosone's comments. He has been unable to explain why he is having a hard time voting on an administrator at this time. He expressed his hardship to the Mayor and has discussed it at length several times. He is finding it hard to make a decision. He does not want to take from the Mayor her right to appoint a candidate. However, he has no basis for comparison; no data to compare to vote for advice & consent. There have been attempts to try to give him that information. At this time he would suggest that the Mayor find two other qualified candidates. Then council could help choose one of the three. He doesn't want to vote yes as a trial. Councilman Ramaglia stated that other than a few newspaper articles there was not much information online about this person. He would like to find a track record. He researched but there was very little. Councilwoman Erik stated that she researched 18 towns, comparing salaries and qualifications. Our candidate meets all qualifications but will work for less than most. West Milford, she said, does not have a large budget for this position. She is willing to vote for the Mayor's choice. Councilman Ramaglia stated that it is about the person who is taking this job.

Councilman Smolinski explained the prior processes that have worked for numerous mayors and councils in the past including himself. He has been involved in that process many times and it has always resulted in agreement. There have never been issues and they have always selected the best. That cannot be accomplished from a selection of one. Mayor Bieri said she interviewed several candidates none of whom, other than the person interviewed by Council at the last meeting, she is willing to appoint. Councilman Smolinski suggested calling those individuals back and afford Council their right to interview them to get the best fit for West Milford. There are things he would say about this applicant but that would violate the requested confidentiality. He accused the Mayor of not showing unity with the Council in this process. Councilwoman Erik stated that she has been sitting in the audience for more years than Mr. Smolinski has sat on Council. She recollected one time where a candidate had one interview and we got

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the best administrator ever. Councilman Smolinski stated that this form of government requires advice & consent to prevent one person having complete say. He said that Councilwoman Erik can go back as far as she wants, in the past there was a goal to work together for the best of the Township and this is a prime example of that. Interviews are part of that. He has done background checks in the past that have disclosed information. It makes it uncomfortable to be asked to vote under these conditions.

Mayor Bieri stated that she has a qualified candidate with credentials and experience who was interviewed by Council, except Mr. Ramaglia who chose not to stay. Last time we advertised and received a significant number of resumes. In good faith and wanting a cooperative spirit with the Council at the time, for the first time ever in the town's history, she formed two committees to allow each Council member to interview the candidates. It took over a year. In the end Council agreed there were three candidates. Despite her inclusionary efforts, she, the person who has appointing authority, the Mayor in 2009 was not given a choice. There were three candidates, all three claimed to be qualified; one individual was foisted upon her, he worked for political masters. She will now allow history to repeat itself. Consent from the Council should not be unreasonably withheld. The last contract was negotiated in a bar in Totowa. She is not willing to nominate any of the other candidates. They may be qualified but she is not willing to appoint them. She did not hear from the Council people who talked tonight with any questions or comments except Council President Signorino, despite the commitment each of the Council members made to reach out to her if they had such questions or concerns. She did due diligence for the past month and found one person to nominate. It was agreed on January 7, 2012 that Council would get back to her by Thursday if they had any comments. She heard from Councilwomen Erik & Horton and addressed concerns from Council President Signorino. Not hearing from the others as promised she assumed we would move forward. However, she will not move forward with an appointment she is not comfortable with.

Councilman Smolinski said that he cannot talk about background checks without breaching confidentiality. There are qualifications that are absent in this candidate. He does have questions. He stated that there was not an interview, it was a meet & greet without advance notice. She was a very nice person but it was not an interview. He said he will not respond to the other things.

Councilman Rosone agreed that the Mayor's recollection was correct. He is asking for more time and he wants her to find other qualified candidates. He suggested that she take a little more time to find choices that she deems qualified and give Council a choice. He did express his concerns in executive session. There should be more opportunity & time. Mr. Semrau stated that the questions that Councilman Smolinski has would be worthy of executive session. He asked if Council would want to have an executive session now. Councilman Smolinski said that everyone was in executive session last time and heard what was said. Rehashing it is a waste of time. Mayor Bieri said that Mr. Smolinski indicated that there were specific issues. He disagreed stating that there were issues last time. Council, he said, could interview other candidates during the next week and a decision could be made by the next meeting. That would not be a delay. We are going into budget season without an administrator. He lamented that the Township is without five or six department heads and stated that he believes this is a precedent the Mayor is trying to set. He said that this is an alarming and upsetting process. Working together in harmony is the way to go. Mayor Bieri noted that there are three department head vacancies now. She stated that she will bring forth qualified applicants for Council consideration. On occasions there may be more than one. For this position there is one candidate she will consider.

Councilwoman Erik withdrew her motion and Councilwoman Horton withdrew her second. Councilwoman Erik moved to go into executive session.

~ Resolution No. 2012 – 066 ~

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford on the 7th day of January, 2012 that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this **Regular Meeting**, the Township Council shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s):
 - () b. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
 - () b. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
 - () b. (3) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.

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- () b. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
- () b. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
- () b. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
- () b. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
- (X) b. (8) Personnel matters.
 - Township Administrator
- () b. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.

2. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Adopted: January 18, 2012

Moved: Erik Seconded: Rosone
Voted Aye: Erik, Smolinski, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino, Horton.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

The Council convened in executive session at 8:19 p.m.
The Council returned to the public meeting at 8:38 p.m. with all present as before.

Councilwoman Erik made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Horton, to table Resolution 2012-065 to the February 1, 2012 Workshop Meeting.

Discussion: Councilman Ramaglia stated that he would like to have the candidate to come back to have an executive session interview after presentations at the next meeting. Council President Signorino stated that one of his concerns was to be able to compare this candidate to others. He would like to see other qualified candidates. He wants the selection to be done with more than one candidate.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Horton
Voted Aye: Erik, Smolinski, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino, Horton.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Agenda No. V

Public Comments

Mayor Bieri opened the meeting to the public after advising that there is a five-minute limit for each speaker.

Nancy Hunt, 1905 Clinton Road, Hewitt stated that she is a 33 year West Milford resident and president of Chamber of Commerce for two years. She has owned the tile & carpet store in town for 15 years. She stated that everyone wants to support local community and the ALF is good event that lends to that goal. She asked why this route cannot be available to pedestrian traffic all year. West Milford, she said, could learn from Warwick where they have installed sidewalks throughout the town. West Milford needs a village atmosphere. The EDC has some great people working on tourism. A beautiful village area would be good. The EDC wants sidewalks and a 25 mph speed limit. Those are long-term goals. In the interim, she suggested having a path from ShopRite to Bearfort, the ALF route. That would allow people to walk, push strollers, ride bikes and connect businesses. An asphalt path might be an affordable short-term option. There are eleven eateries along that route. It could be called the Bearfort trail. Belcher Run could have parking in the back and the Valley View pub could have outdoor events. West Milford has great resources but many people go to Warwick instead for convenience. Many believe the ShopRite mall is poorly designed and not aesthetically pleasing. The Chamber is trying to promote business. It would be nice to have a map or trail along the path. Also, the beautification of the town center would help. The town has spent time & money on a sign ordinance but there appears to be limited enforcement. She welcomed the new Council members saying that she is looking forward to everyone working together.

Richard Randazzo, 278 Wooley Road, West Milford enjoys these Council meetings. He wants the well ordinance taken one step further and he questioned who enforces that ordinance. The first application

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was just done this past April. It was a total disaster. He went before the Planning Board and they have no enforcement authority. His well was used in testing and the testing was stalled for three months. His well was being monitored without his permission. The well was tested to gather information for the developer. The developer was not given permission by him to use his well for these purposes. He was given permission to test the well not take the information to find other water sources. Monitoring equipment was in his well for 3 months. He wants to know who to contact. Mazer Consulting performed the tests. He wants to see all communications between the developer and Mazer Consulting regarding the results of the monitoring of his well. He is submitting amendments to well testing ordinance. The well ordinance was well written but it must be enforced. The information obtained from his well should have been brought to the Planning Board and made public. He has a right to that information. The testing was done in April, May and June 2011

Renee Alessio, Upper Greenwood Lake, West Milford noted that January was Radon Awareness month. She stated that there will be free radon tests available in the near future and she encouraged residents to look in newspapers for notices. At 4:00 pm tomorrow there is a Highlands Council meeting about the gas pipeline. One part will be about the current pipeline; the other part is future construction that has not been approved yet. She will be there because she is upset about work done in West Milford. She showed a photo of Lake Lookover where trees were felled and there is washout into the lake when it rains. She is concerned about the upcoming Spring rains. This should be remediated and mitigated. It is estimated that 58,000 trees have been cut down in Waywayanda State park. She urged people to fight attempts to privatize the profit and socialize the cost and the risk. She asked who is handling security for this pipeline. She accessed the site to take pictures without any question. There is a need to balance security with freedom. Councilman Smolinski asked what the goal of the Highlands Council is at this point. Ms. Alessio stated that the Highlands Council is simply hearing the application. The protesters are the people who are urging the use of the Highlands Act to stop this kind of damage. The Highlands Council is just hearing the application and must judge it based on the Highlands Act. Utilities are exempt. Councilman Ramaglia asked the Administration to reach out to TGP to address runoff problems.

Wayne Gottlieb, 20 South Ridgefield Road, Hewitt stated that he talked with the Tax Assessor for 1 ½ hours about the revaluation. The company has diced up the residential homes into various categories. His argument is relative valuation to other houses and things listed as lake properties. The relative valuation is out of whack in the new revaluation process. Those with "L" designation are getting hit with significant tax increases. The files on the website show that if you have an "L" category you are seeing an increase of about 15% to 35% while all others are all about 2% or less. The shift in tax burden is to lakefront properties. Some properties are undervalued putting a huge burden on lakefront properties. He is not casting aspersions on the revaluation company or the Tax Assessor but there is a recession and they have to do their job. He has done research. The revaluation company won't provide files in Excel format, they are in .pdf. The common property around lake boundaries in lake communities and vacant property including parkland property is not reflected on these .pdf files. He does not believe that his property is overvalued but he does believe that other properties are being undervalued thereby placing the burden on lakefront property owners. Without information about the value of parkland properties in Upper Greenwood Lake one cannot accurately ascertain if the tax burden is being fairly distributed. That parkland is crucial to the value because it is lakefront property. His house is being valued at \$225 per liveable foot compared to its prior value of \$125 per liveable foot. That, to him, does not make sense. He believes that the revaluation portion of the process should be held in abeyance until the market stabilizes and there is accurate comparable data available. At this time, sales data is down, the housing market has collapsed and this only proves that lakefront properties hold their value better than woodland property in a depression.

Doris Aaronson, 19 Bearfort Road, West Milford stated that she was shocked to read an article in the Trends about her appointment to the Board of Health. She quoted from the article. She said she never discussed her goals with the reporter. She disclosed what her goals are as a Board of Health member. Her first priority to seek to partner with the Veteran's Association to assist veterans returning from war zones. She stated that she has done some preliminary work to this end and will bring that information to the Board. She listed some of the services currently available to veterans that she was not previously aware of. The Board of Health would serve to educate people about resources available.

Jack Koeppe, 55 Van Orden Road, Newfoundland wants to echo Mr. Gottlieb's sentiments regarding the revaluation and he wants to alert Council to significant distortions. He has looked at the revaluation company's website. Some changes in valuation could result in unfair changes to tax bills. He wants to lodge a complaint about the lack of transparency in the process. When numbers showed up in the mail there was no explanation. Obtaining answers required research and meeting with the company. At his meeting he learned that his particular property value was declining but his taxes were rising. They could not readily explain that. He spoke to neighbors on Van Orden Road. Many saw their taxes remain flat while he saw a 20% increase. It seems out of whack. One comparable used to determine his value was

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bigger with twice the acreage. That property saw its taxes stay flat. He requested that the Township look at the revaluation and set it aside because certain areas were disproportionately hit. He reviewed some recent sales.

Kevin Todd from NJ Emergency Vehicles representing Smeil Fire Apparatus reviewed the process by which he recently bid for a fire truck in West Milford. He tried to contact the fire commissioner and financial officer to determine if there were questions about the bid but received no reply. Smeil was about \$10,000 less than other bidder. And they submitted a request for a trade in. Smeil also offered a prepay option. He stated that he wants a list of items where Smeil was not compliant and he wants that in writing. He asked if the trade in option was accepted. He asked that bids be re-reviewed.

Andrew Gargano, 40 Apshawa Crossroad, West Milford commended Renee Alessio for her work on the Sustainable certification which involved a lot of work. He stated that 64% of the people who voted in November voted for Mayor Bieri. That would indicate that she has the support of 2/3 of the Township when she makes decisions. People trust her based on her past practices. He finds it hard to understand that her motives are always questioned. He has known her for years and considers her a friend, yet he can state objectively that her motives are never biased. She always has the best interest of the Township at heart. He believes that no matter who the Mayor seeks to appoint certain Council members will have objections. He questions any person who states that the former administrator was best for West Milford because he does not believe that to be the case. In the years he has lived in West Milford he has seen good administrators. He suggested that the Council can draw from that list and those experiences to determine if they have a candidate worthy of advice & consent. If the Mayor has interviewed a number of candidates and found only one person who she will nominate, the Council must recognize that the voters have vested that trust in her. The Council made the last choice and it was very poor. Councilman Ramaglia interjected that he was not on Council at that time and Councilman Smolinski advised Mr. Gargano that he finds the comments made to be despicable. Mr. Gargano took exception stating that it is inappropriate for an elected official to classify residents in such a manner. He continued that certain Council members will not give advice & consent to the Mayor's appointment for the sole reason that they do not want her to succeed. That sets the Township back. He questioned the motives of such Council members.

There being no more comments from the public Councilman Rosone moved to close the public portion of the meeting.

Moved: Rosone Seconded: Ramaglia
Voted Aye: Erik, Smolinski, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino, Horton.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Agenda No. VIII

Council Comments

Mr. Semrau advised that he has an extensive letter from Mr. Steines outlining the deficiencies to the technical specifications contained in the bid submitted by Smeil for the fire apparatus. We do have until February 18th to award so, if Council is amenable, he will speak with the representative and go over the technical deficiencies. They cannot be changed. He asked the Council to table the resolutions until the next meeting. He stated that it is important that everyone is aware that the governing body has no control over the assessment and revaluation process. There are always concerns because there is a long time between revaluations. He met with the Tax Assessor, Mr. Townsend, on Friday after speaking with residents on Thursday. There is transparency. Years ago there was none. Now all data is on the website. The process continues and the Tax Assessor has the ultimate call. The governing body has no say in the process. He encourages residents to go to the meetings. When someone's value goes up more than others in the neighborhood one must seek out the reason. If there is no reason and adjustment must be made. If there is a reason, it is often related to the permitting process. The governing body charges the revaluation company to inject fairness in the process and overseen by the Tax Assessor. If someone has missed a hearing opportunity they should call the Tax Assessor. The well ordinance is lengthy and was adopted a few years ago. A lot of oversight is through the planning board and the process. He asked the governing body for consensus to have him contact the planning board attorney to determine what transpired and if there is any responsibility for the governing body. He will report back. Councilman Smolinski asked for an explanation of the well ordinance. Mr. Semrau reviewed the history of this ordinance advising that it applies to new developments to address concerns that there would be sufficient water and availability would not affect existing homes. Sustaining water for both the development and the existing homes is achieved through this process. He highlighted some specific requirements for testing.

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Councilman Ramaglia stated that he is troubled that Mr. Randazzo did not give permission for the testing from April through June on his well. He questioned the deficiency in the process and asked where the data is. Mayor Bieri stated that Mr. Randazzo brought this to the planning board and she asked that Mr. Semrau include those queries in his discussion with the planning board attorney.

Councilman Smolinski stated that Nancy Hunt's comments about sidewalks were on point. The lack of sidewalks in our town center is a hindrance. A sidewalk from Greenbrook Estates to A&P would also be positive. We are addressing a sidewalk right now but we are not looking at the Township in its entirety. True bike paths are also a problem. These things should be addressed. The planning board should address this and the entire streetscape. We should encourage business, existing and new. The EDC & Chamber could work together and get more business. Her points were very well spoken. Our link to our businesses is vital.

Councilwoman Horton noted that Nancy Hunt mentioned the need for a B&B and/or places to stay locally. The issue of well water has been a concern for many years. She stated that she is delighted with Ms. Aaronson's goals for the Health Advisory Board. She hopes that all is fine with the bid process because the public should have confidence in our processes.

Mayor Bieri stated that ShopRite did come before the planning board a couple of years ago and obtained approvals but they have had delays. They may need to reapply because of difficulties encountered with logistics. She is looking forward to the proposed renovations becoming a reality. She commended the Planning Board noting that they did an excellent job with the application. She is confident that they will do likewise if Shop Rite reapplies. The streetscape does need to move forward. And there is a need to include sidewalks in many areas in town. However, it takes a lot of money. It was neither the planning board nor its chair that caused delays in the streetscape project. All planning board reviews have been completed. Our former Township administrator was to schedule meetings with property owners to discuss easements. Those meetings did not occur. She has an email that she has been carrying for months where she asked Kevin Boyle for status updates on this project and specific information on various projects. She read the email. She never received a response. She will follow up with new administrator.

Councilman Ramaglia stated that he would like to know how much grant money we got for the Lincoln Hill sidewalk project, meeting with property owners, and engineering input.

Agenda No. VII

New Business, Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions

The Township Council took action on the following items:

Agenda No. VII 1

~ Ordinance No. 2012- 001 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE IX CHAPTER 15-49 "J." COMPOSITION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that Chapter 15-49 Article J of the Township Code be amended as follows:

ARTICLE IX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

§15-49 Division of Police

- J. Composition of Police Department
- (1) One Chief
 - (2) One Captain
 - (3) Three Lieutenants
 - (4) Six Sergeants
 - (5) Patrol officers as assigned by the Chief
 - (6) Detectives as assigned by the Chief
 - (7) Domestic Violence Team members (volunteers) as assigned by the Chief

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This Ordinance is being introduced tonight. A second reading and public hearing for the Ordinance is set for the Regular Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for February 22, 2012.

Moved: Ramaglia Seconded: Rosone
Voted Aye: Erik, Smolinski, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino, Horton.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Agenda No. VII 2

~ Ordinance No. 2012- 002 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SCHEDULE XVIII OF CHAPTER 10, TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP BY AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF WARWICK TURNPIKE AND LAKESHORE DRIVE SOUTH

WHEREAS, construction of the Municipal Aid project at Warwick Turnpike and Lakeshore Drive South is now complete; and

WHEREAS, a final as-built plan and certification from the Township’s consulting traffic engineer has been received by the Township with respect to roadway and traffic control improvements at the said intersection; and

WHEREAS, the consulting engineer has certified to the Township that the installation of the traffic control signal at the said intersection is consistent with the current standards prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; and

WHEREAS, it in the best interests of the public safety and the expedition of traffic that the traffic control signal at said intersection be authorized and enforced by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the intersection in question is wholly contained in the Township of West Milford; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-197 authorize the adoption of ordinances to regulate the passage or stopping of traffic at certain congested street corners or other designated points without the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation provided the aforesaid standards have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of West Milford as follows:

- SECTION 1.** Schedule XVIII, Traffic Signals, of Chapter 10, Traffic, of the Code of the Township of West Milford, shall be amended and supplemented by the addition of the following: “Warwick Turnpike at the intersection with Lake Shore Drive South.”
- SECTION 2.** The intersection of Warwick Turnpike and Lakeshore Drive South shall be controlled by a Traffic Control Signal in accordance with the plan bearing the As-Built date of 1/3/2012, shall conform to the provisions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and shall be maintained in operable condition.
- SECTION 3.** All ordinances of the Township of West Milford which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- SECTION 4.** If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.
- SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED: January 18, 2012

This Ordinance is being introduced tonight. A second reading and public hearing for the Ordinance is set for the Regular Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for February 22, 2012.

Moved: Ramaglia Seconded: Horton
Voted Aye: Erik, Smolinski, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino, Horton.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Resolutions 2012-046, 2012-051 and 2012-054 were moved together.

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Moved: Ramaglia Seconded: Rosone
Voted Aye: Erik, Smolinski, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino, Horton.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 046 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A CARETAKER AGREEMENTS WITH RICHARD ASHLEY NICHOLAS CHRISTIAN LOPES TO SERVE AS CO-CARETAKERS OF WESTBROOK PARK

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford previously authorized caretaker agreements for Westbrook Park with Richard Ashley and Nicholas Christian Lopes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute caretaker agreements with Richard Ashley and Nicholas Christian Lopes to serve as co-caretakers of Westbrook Park for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.
2. The Chief Financial Officer shall receive a copy of the aforementioned agreements and make appropriate adjustments with respect to any 1099 reporting to the IRS.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: January 18, 2012

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 051 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, INC. TO SERVE AS RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Morris Joint Insurance Fund (MJIF); and

WHEREAS, the West Milford Insurance Committee has recommended that the Township of West Milford retain professional risk management services; and

WHEREAS, Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement with Professional Insurance Associates, Inc., with offices located in Carlstadt, New Jersey to serve as the Township's Risk Management Consultant from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.
2. Compensation for the provision of these services shall be at 5% of the Municipality's annual assessment as promulgated by the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund.
3. Compensation shall be made to the Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. through the Morris Joint Insurance Fund pursuant to their customary payment schedule, as is standard practice in the industry.
4. The Township Commissioners to the Morris Joint Insurance Fund shall keep themselves apprised of these payments by virtue of the regular payment of bills which are authorized and approved at the regular meetings of the MJIF.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: January 18, 2012

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 054 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC COUNTY,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING A CONTRACT TO TILCON NY INC. THROUGH THE MORRIS
COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 9 FOR ROAD MATERIALS (STONE)**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council awarded the Contract for Road Materials (Stone) for the 2011 year to Tilcon New York, Inc. and said contract was awarded through the open competitive bidding process and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11 et seq., Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need for additional road materials in 2012 to continue emergency repair work as a result of 2011 storms; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has submitted a written recommendation for the award of this contract to Tilcon NY Inc. through the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council Contract No.9 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has noted in his recommendation that the Township will be bidding for the 2012 full contract for Road Materials (Stone) in the usual manner in order to determine the lowest prices for the materials; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that encumbrances for these services shall come from account number 1-01-46-886-595.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, the following:

1. The Township Council hereby awards a contract to Tilcon NY Inc., 625 Mt. Hope Road Wharton, New Jersey 07885 through the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council Contract No.9 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for road materials to continue the ongoing emergency repair work necessary due to 2011 storms.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Tilcon NY Inc., in accordance with the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council Contract No. 9 for Road Materials (Stone).
3. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
4. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: January 18, 2012

Resolutions 2012-052 and 2012-053 were both tabled to the February 1, 2012 Workshop Meeting.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Horton
Voted Aye: Erik, Smolinski, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino, Horton.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Agenda No. VII 5

~ Resolution No. 2012- 052 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF
NEW JERSEY REJECTING BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE TANKER/PUMPER**

TABLED TO FEBRUARY 1, 2012 WORKSHOP MEETING

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 053 ~

**Resolution OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PIERCE MANUFACTURING FOR ONE (1)
TANKER/PUMPER FOR WEST MILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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Consent Agenda

~ Resolution No. 2012- 055 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PASSAGE OF CONSENT AGENDA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed Resolutions and Applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Resolutions and Applications on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved:

Resolutions:

- a. **2012-056** - Refund Escrow Funds
- b. **2012-057** - Refund Other Liens
- c. **2012-058** - Refund Overpayments
- d. **2012-059** - Refund Recreation Fees
- e. **2012-060** – Reinststate Taxes
- f. **2012-061** – Hours for Collection of Taxes
- g. **2012-062** - Rescind Resolution 2011-436
- h. **2012-063** - Various 2012 Licenses

Applications:

- 1. Application for Tricky Tray Raffle License No. 2012-08 for the West Milford LaCrosse Booster Club for February 25, 2012.
- 2. Application for On Premise 50/50 Raffle License No. 2012-09 for the West Milford LaCrosse Booster Club for February 25, 2012.
- 3. Application for On Premise 50/50 Raffle License No. 2012-10 for the West Milford Basketball Booster Club, Inc. for February 9 & February 14, 2012.
- 4. Application for Off Premise Draw Raffle License No. 2012-11 for the Paradise Knoll Parent Teacher Association for March 31, 2012.

Adopted: January 18, 2012

Moved: Erik Seconded: Horton
 Voted Aye: Erik, Smolinski, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino, Horton.
 Voted Nay: None.
 Motion carried.

The following resolutions were included in the consent agenda:

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 056 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW MONIES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that, based upon the report and request of the Township's Land Use Administrator, the following Escrow monies be refunded:

Name & Address	Application No.	Amount of Escrow	Amount Refunded
Gary Gallucci 8 Hilton Court Hewitt, NJ 07421	ZB10-10-11	\$950.00	\$455.30
Francesca Nelson 81 Warwick Tpk. Hewitt, NJ 07421	ZB06-11-11	\$450.00	\$124.50
TOTAL REFUND			\$579.80

Adopted: January 18, 2012

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 057 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OTHER LIEN

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes has reported receiving the amounts shown below for the redemption of the respective lien.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of West Milford that the proper officers be and are hereby authorized and directed to pay the indicated amount to the holder of the lien certificate as hereinafter shown below:

Certificate No	Certificate Date	Block/Lot/Qual	Reimbursement Amt	Pay to the Lien Holder
10-079	03/23/2010	07512-001	\$41,952.02	Royal Tax Lien Services LLC 115 West Avenue Ste 300 Jenkintown, PA 19046
10-089	03/23/2010	07801-052.02	\$31,125.83	Clemente Enterprises, LLC PO Box 141 Wyckof, NJ 07481
TOTAL			\$73,077.85	

Adopted: January 18, 2012

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 058 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records an overpayment as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the overpayment was created by reasons stated below and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund of such overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayment as shown below:

- REASONS:**
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Incorrect Payment | 4. Homestead Rebate |
| 2. Duplicate Payment | 5. Tax Appeal |
| 3. Senior Citizen/Veteran Deduction | |

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
2307-13	Chris & Dorothea Richardson 12 Pleasant Road, Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$250.00	2011	3
2701-9	Robert & Carol Erb 147 Lakeshore Dr, Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$250.00	2011	3
3503-46	Eric & Carol Louer 1925 Union Valley Rd. Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$2,530.19	2011	5
3509-5	W. & C. Romeo 24 DeHart Avenue, Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$250.00	2011	3
4010-7	Matthew & Sandra Luogameno 56 Wanaque Road, Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$250.00	2011	3
5201-1	Daniel & Susan Swarts 88 Ridge Road, West Milford, NJ 07480	\$250.00	2011	3
5312-3.18	Virginia R. Weisbecker 4 Richmond Road Ste 318, West Milford, NJ 07480	\$250.00	2011	3
5315-2.02	Jerry Nieto 7202 Richmond Road, West Milford, NJ 07480	\$250.00	2011	3
5317-1.13	Margaret Casey 9 Highview Avenue, Florida, NY 10921	\$250.00	2011	3
6502-13	Sandra Ofshinsky & Albina Pounding 11 Rutgers Avenue, West Milford, NJ 07480	\$250.00	2011	3
10502-27.01	Alexander & Patricia Roiz 9 Hancock Drive, West Milford, NJ 07480	\$250.00	2011	3
10901-15	Gerald & Susan Kerns	\$250.00	2011	3

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Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
	32 Pondview Drive, West Milford, NJ 07480			
13701-26	Mary Metz 26 Navajo Trail, West Milford, NJ 07480	\$250.00	2011	3
14301-15	George & Catherine Gardner 14 Misty Lane, West Milford, NJ 07480	\$250.00	2011	3
TOTAL		\$5,780.19		

Adopted: January 18, 2012

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 059 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF RECREATION FEES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following recreational fees upon the report of the Director of Community Services and Recreation be refunded:

Children Ceramics		
Annie Krukis	\$15.00	Jaime Yanofsky 7 Bearfort Terrace Ringwood, NJ 07456

Adopted: January 18, 2012

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 060 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REINSTATEMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records receipt of payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes recommends the reinstatement of taxes due to reasons stated below.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to reinstate as listed below:

REASON: 1. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

BLOCK/LOT	NAME	AMOUNT	YEAR
202-17	Ernest & Rosemarie Relyea	\$1,928.00	2011
TOTAL		\$1,928.00	

Adopted: January 18, 2012

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 061 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PROVIDE FOR THE HOURS OF COLLECTION OF TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that the following shall be the hours for the collection of taxes, assessments and other monies due the Township:

1. West Milford Town Hall – Open Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. prevailing time except Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays.
2. West Milford Town Hall – Hours for Collection, 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. daily prevailing time except Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays.

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 062 ~

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RESCINDING THE PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1615-33-034-006 LA ROCCA, INC. TO THE INN AT FARMCREST LLC

WHEREAS, an application for the Person to Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1615-33-034-006 LaRocca Inc. was submitted and reviewed for the 2010- 2011 License year; and

WHEREAS, this application requires the submission of the original affidavit of publication and a Closing Statement from the purchaser’s Attorney prior to the Council Meeting or by purchaser at the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution No. 2011- 436 for transfer of this License was placed on the December 21, 2011 anticipating the submission of the above referenced documents;

WHEREAS, purchaser did not attend the meeting and subsequent correspondence with the purchaser’s Attorney has yielded no response;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2011 – 436 authorizing the Person to Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1615-33-034-006 LaRocca, Inc. to the Inn at Farmcrest LLC is hereby rescinded, and will be resubmitted by resolution at a future meeting following receipt of the original affidavit of publication and a Closing Statement as required.

Adopted: January 18, 2012

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~ Resolution No. 2012- 063 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS LICENSES FOR THE LICENSE YEAR 2012

WHEREAS, applications have been made for the renewal of various Licenses 2012; and

WHEREAS, reports of recommendation have been received from applicable Township Departments recommending the issuance of said licenses as listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford does hereby approve the issuance of 2012 Licenses as listed below:

License No.	Applicant Name
2012 POOL TABLE LICENSES	
2012 – 04	Normtra LLC, t/a Big John’s Pub Newfoundland, NJ
2012 – 05	Sharon Ann McKeage’s Tavern, Inc. t/a McKeages Tavern, West Milford, NJ
2012 CLOTHING BIN LICENSES	
2012 – 10 a, b, c, d	NJ/NY Volunteer Fireman’s Association H & M Leasing Corp. 4 bins at Bearfort Plaza
2012 – 11	American Red Cross-Northern NJ Chapter 2 bins at A & P Shopping Center
2012 DEALER IN PRECIOUS METALS LICENSE	
2012 - 2	Jewelry Repair Center LLC Linda Leaman 1602A Union Valley Road
2012 AUTOMOBILE JUNKYARD LICENSE	
2012 – 4	Concourse Auto Recyclers II, LLC Carl DelCampo 1894 Route 23 North
2012 AUTOMOBILE JUNK SHOP LICENSE	
2012 - 2	Concourse Auto Recyclers II, LLC Carl DelCampo 1894 Route 23 North

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Approval of Expenditures

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**~ Resolution No. 2012- 064 ~
 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has submitted to the members of the Township Council a report listing individual disbursement checks prepared by his office in payment of amounts due by the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Treasurer's report of checks prepared by him be approved and issued as follows:

Acct #	Account Name	Amount
1	Current Account.	\$768,479.36
2	Reserve Account	103,209.23
3	Animal Control Trust	2,228.23
6	Capital.	38,756.37
7	Grants.	51,572.91
8	Refuse.	0.00
9	Refunds.	78,858.04
12	General Ledger.	20,970.70
16	Heritage Trust.	0.00
14	Open Space Trust	2,875.00
17	Trust	197.40
18	Development Escrow.	0.00
19	COAH	0.00
20	Special Reserve	0.00
Total		\$1,067,147.24
Less Refund Resolution		-78,858.04
Actual Bill List		\$988,289.20
Other Payments Ck		
Total Expenditures		\$988,289.20

Approved: January 18, 2012

Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino
 Voted Aye: Erik, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino, Horton.
 Voted Nay: None.
 Absent for vote: Smolinski
 Motion carried.

Agenda No. XII

Reports of Mayor, Administrator, Council Members, Attorney and Clerk

Councilwoman Horton recognized the passing of Assemblyman Alex DeCroce. She commended his work on behalf of crime victims. She recognized those who volunteer especially those who worked so hard for the Sustainable certification. She acknowledged CASA and their recent dinner. She urged parents to spend 15 minutes a day speaking with their children. She thanked CASA for welcoming her as liaison. She is involved with various groups in the community including an organization for kids in distress. She recognized Carters who donated 28 cartons of new baby clothes which will be distributed. She is picking up more this weekend. She stated that she loves this country and believes that we have lurched from our beginnings to become the nation we are today. Martin Luther King's birthday was recognized on Monday. There should be equality for all and she is proud that West Milford is fair and welcoming to all.

Councilwoman Erik conveyed condolences to the DeCroce family. Assemblyman DeCroce was a close friend. She is on Beautification & Recycling and reported the numbers, commending the residents who recycle. She volunteers at the VA. She stated that many veterans become depressed because they have to constantly have to wait even for basic services. They have put their lives on the line. We must all stand up for them.

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Councilman Smolinski thanked Assemblyman Alex DeCroce for his service and conveyed condolences to his family. He will be sorely missed.

Agenda No. XI

Appointments and Resignations

Councilwoman Erik nominated James Rogers as Citizen Member 7 to the Beautification / Recycling Task Force Committee (Advisory) seconded by Councilman Ramaglia. Councilman Ramaglia made a motion to close and confirm.

Moved: Ramaglia Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Erik, Smolinski, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino, Horton.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Mayor Bieri appointed the following members Steve Sangle, Chairman, Donald L. Weise Citizen Member 3 and Douglas T. Dalton to Citizen Member Alternate #1 to the Environmental Commission.

Agenda No. XIV

Executive Session

None.

Agenda No. XIII

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Township Council adjourned the meeting at 10:01:55 p.m.

Moved: Ramaglia Seconded: Horton
Voted Aye: Erik, Smolinski, Ramaglia, Rosone, Signorino, Horton.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Approved: May 2, 2012

MAYOR BETTINA BIERI
PRESIDING OFFICER

ANTOINETTE BATTAGLIA
TOWNSHIP CLERK