
TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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The Workshop Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Michele Dale.

Adequate Notice Statement

Mayor Dale 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 December 30, 2018 and January 27, 2019; copies were provided to the Suburban Trends, the Record and 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.

Agenda No. I

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda No. II

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Ada Erik, Andrena Pegel, Marilyn Lichtenberg, Pete McGuinness
Luciano Signorino, Mayor Michele Dale
Absent: Patricia Gerst
Also Present: Township Clerk Antoinette Battaglia, Township Attorney Fred Semrau

Agenda No. III

Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

January 23, 2019 Regular Meeting

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, McGuinness, Signorino
Voted Nay: None
Absent: Gerst
Motion carried.

Agenda No. IV

Meetings

Mayor Dale noted the future meeting schedule:

February 20, 2019 Regular Meeting
March 6, 2019 Workshop Meeting
March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting

Agenda No. V

Executive Session

~ Resolution 2019 – 061 ~

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford on the 6th day of February, 2019 that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this **Workshop Meeting**, the Governing Body 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.

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- () b. (3) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
 - () 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.
 - (X) 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.
 - Investigation of Violations of the Law
 - (X) b. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
 - Contracts - Health Officer
 - Attorney-Client Privilege - MUA Sale
 - () b. (8) Personnel matters
 - () 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).

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Mr. Semrau said he would like to amend the discussion to also speak about pending litigation and that is the matter of West Milford Township verses Ligus.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried.

The Governing Body went into executive session at 6:34 p.m.
The Governing Body returned to the public meeting at 7:45 p.m. with all present as before.

Agenda No. VI

Proclamations

None

Agenda No. VII

Presentations

Eagle Scout, Jacob Lesch – Mayor Dale said she had the pleasure of attending Jacob’s Eagle Scout Ceremony. She invited Jacob to the podium. Jacob said his project was a mobile library for the school for kids with autism. Two of his brothers attend that school and he wanted to do the project because he found out that the school had no library. He held a book drive for the library and they collected a ton of books. Mayor Dale thought Jacob’s project was incredibly impressive and she thanked him for everything and the project he did for his school. Jacob’s mom, Kim Lesch, spoke about Jacob’s journey in Eagle Scouts. She noted that they collected 3,500 books for the mobile library that Jacob created. Jacob took the extra books and donated them to the people that were devastated by Hurricane Harvey.

Budget Discussion – Capital by Department

Ken Cuneo, President, First Aid Squad – Said they are requesting funds to re-chassis their Rig 46. It has 130,000 miles on it and when rigs get that old they get very costly to repair. The cost is \$140,000. He said they are also looking at a new rig which would be different; smaller, front wheel drive, van style that would cost \$100,000. Mayor Dale noted they could save \$40,000 if they go with the van size rig. Councilman McGuinness asked what they are losing as far as service. Ken said it would probably be utilized in the lake communities because it is a lot smaller and different and it will not be four-wheel drive. Councilwoman Erik asked if it will be similar to the ones Atlantic Health has and Ken said yes. Ken said if it was up to him he would go with the new smaller rig. Councilwoman Erik asked the turnaround time to re-chassis the current rig and the turnaround time to buy a new one. Ken replied to re-chassis the current rig is 6-8 months and less time to get a new one.

John Voli, Director, Community Services and Recreation – Expressed that the Recreation Center is in major need of a roof repair replacement. Mr. Casey noted the roof is listed under public buildings. Councilwoman Erik asked if the estimate from 6 months ago is still good. Mr. Voli noted that he provided a new estimate. Councilman McGuinness asked how many estimates Mr. Voli has and Mr. Voli said three. Mr. Voli explained that the estimate is for a repair on top of the roof that is already there.

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Mayor Dale expressed she wants to ensure they worked with the Building Department to conclude how the roof should be done. Councilman Signorino asked if there will be a warranty on the roof repairs and Mr. Voli said 10 years. Mr. Voli said he is requesting \$49,000 to complete the Nosenzo Pond lighting project. Councilwoman Erik asked which engineer looked at the site and Mr. Voli said Ferriero Engineering. Mr. Voli noted that he is also requesting \$25,000 to complete the Nosenzo Pond playground project. Councilman Signorino asked the timeframe for the projects. Mr. Voli said as soon as they get an approval of funds he will contact the vendors and the playground can get installed right away. Councilman McGuinness asked when he anticipates opening the park and Mr. Voli said August 12th. Mr. Voli said his final request is for the waterfront feature for Bubbling Springs Lake. He noted that pictures were provided to the Governing Body. Mr. Voli noted that the price includes shipping a maintenance kit and assembly assistance.

Ed Steines, Director, DPW – Requested a replacement loader for a 2003 Caterpillar that belongs in District 4, Upper Greenwood Lake. Mr. Steines expressed that it is currently out of service, worn out and in need of extensive repairs. If the Council chooses to replace this loader it will be the last request for a loader for many, many years. He said he is requesting 3 replacement dump trucks. There are two that are out of service and this puts him in a bind for the south end of town which is Newfoundland. One truck needs \$9,200 worth of engine repair and they just spent over \$5,000 worth of engine repair and it is still not running right. He noted that last year he requested 5 and only received 1. He needs a total of 5 replacements. He is in a tight spot with the two that are out of service. Mr. Steines said the original request in 2017 was for \$50,000 to purchase a brine maker and somehow they ended up with \$35,000 which is not enough to purchase the brine maker. He requests the additional funds to make their own brine. He said they requested a hydraulic hammer and explained that they have been doing a lot of extensive pipe drainage work. It seems like every 15-25 feet is rock so they are looking for their own hammer to have on site so if they are digging and hit rock they can reach over and get the hammer. He provided the Council with a quick breakdown of the renting services for the hydraulic hammer. Councilwoman Erik asked the life expectancy of the hammer. Mr. Steines said more than ten years. Mayor Dale asked why there was such an increase since 2018. Mr. Steines said they are doing more work and recently they have been in High Crest. He expressed that the contractor they hired is not always available. Councilwoman Lichtenberg asked if there is special training that the employees will need and Mr. Steines said no. He said they are requesting a stump grinder for the mower when they are taking down trees. Councilman Signorino asked if they had one now and Mr. Steines said no. Mr. Steines said that he does not like to leave the stumps when taking down trees. Mr. Steines said since they acquired the bucket truck they have taken down approximately 1,000 trees. He expressed that it does not look good leaving tree stumps in front of the residents' homes. Mayor Dale noted that the DPW removed 1,000 a trees and in the past they used to pay an average cost of \$684.00 per tree to be removed. What the DPW has done with that equipment is tremendous.

Tim Storbeck, Chief of Police – Said at this time they are seeking to replace the 911 phone system. He expressed that it is out of warranty and they pay a maintenance fee to the company that does the maintenance on it to be on call. He noted that the County can't support the Townships 911 system. The parts are hard to come by and it is outdated. Mayor Dale asked what the life expectancy is of the new system if it was going to be replaced by the Council. Chief Storbeck said basically five years just like a computer. He is in favor of extending the maintenance so they can be locked in. Mayor Dale asked what would happen if the system stops working tomorrow. Chief Storbeck said if the system crashes the calls will be directed to Pompton Lakes. Councilman Signorino asked about the costs associated with the system and what the two or five year extension would be. Chief Storbeck said the base system is approximately \$219,000 and for support an additional \$32,000. Councilwoman Lichtenberg said she feels that this is the number one priority for the safety of the Township. Parts are not replaceable and she has been hearing this request year after year. She said they are looking at a possible disaster as far as she's concerned. Councilwoman Erik noted in the Matrix report the price for the system was \$237,700 and now the price is \$278,800 which is a difference of \$41,000. Chief Storbeck said the difference is the warranty plan. Councilwoman Erik said she thinks they should approve it.

Eric Miller, Supervising Engineering Aide – Noted the amounts of all the state funding that was received. Councilman Signorino asked how long they have been getting money for the gas tax and Mr. Miller said just this year. Mr. Miller noted that there is a 20 year history in the Council's packets. He said according to the Matrix report, it states in general the Township has slightly underinvested in the surfacing and reconstruction of its paved surfaces. He expressed that they are not catching up with the road resurfacing; they are really falling behind. He mentioned that the weather pattern, freezing and thawing, is really not helping the roads. He said the next step is the Bradrick Lane stream cleaning. He explained that they did an intensive investigation and surveying with the Township Engineer. They had a pre application meeting in Trenton with the DEP discussing exactly what could be done. Councilwoman Lichtenberg asked if there would be easement problems. Mr. Miller said there is an easement there but getting in there with equipment is going to be a challenge. Councilman Signorino said if the Council was to consider funding most of this what could Mr. Miller do without the next few years. Mr. Miller expressed that residents' backyards are getting flooded, they are tax payers and their children can't play in their own backyards. He does not want to say what is least important. Councilman McGuinness asked about the Bubbling Springs dam. Mr. Miller spoke about the Town Hall storm hardening circuit. He said it will cost \$39,000 but he put \$50,000 in the line item.

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Councilman Signorino asked what is going on with the ramp at the Police Station. He expressed that it is only getting worse. Mr. Miller said that he is not in charge of buildings. Mr. Miller spoke about the email he received from the DEP on dam safety and the Bubbling Springs dam loan. He said the dam is functioning, but it does not meet the DEP requirements so they will be forced to fix it. He noted that they will receive a loan to fix it. Councilman McGuinness asked about the guardrail replacement. Mr. Miller said the Township is responsible for certain areas. If someone hits a guardrail it is their responsibility to have it fixed. He expressed why he is hesitant about new guardrails. Mr. Miller spoke about the road assessment program. He asked to put in for half of the funding this year and half of the funding next year. He said the Council determines the payment schedule. Mayor Dale asked when the project will begin. Mr. Miller said in 2020-2021. Mr. Casey said the Council has to determine the roads for the bond ordinance.

Ed Steines, Fire Commissioner – Mr. Steines said they recently extended the railing on the handicap ramp so it could be used more permanently. The goal is to rip down the steps to get to the foundation to see what is going on before they come up with a solution. Mr. Steines said the Fire Department is requesting new replacement air bottles for the air packs. The air bottles are no longer usable and need to be replaced. The packs are 15 years old so they can replace the bottles now or replace the entire pack. He said three of the fire companies were able to obtain grants to replace their packs and they saved the Township over \$300,000. He said the issue is they switched to a different type of pack so now they have 3 companies using a different type which creates a problem with the firefighters going to different firehouses responding to calls. He said they could replace the 3 fire companies' packs or just the bottles only. He noted that a 4th company applied for a grant to replace the packs. Mr. Steines said the other request is a replacement piece apparatus for Upper Greenwood Lake Engine 5. Mr. Casey said they have been trying to figure out how to stretch out the equipment. He said the Fire Chiefs Association is asking for the Direct Aid to be increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Mr. Casey said he will provide the Governing Body with a memo outlining the law. Mr. Casey said the generator for the Recreation Center is line 138, \$70,000. Mr. Steines said the emergency shelter was moved to the Recreation Center which currently does not have a generator. They are in need of a generator at the Recreation Center. Without a backup generator at the Recreation Center that would mean that the High School would have to remain closed. Councilman McGuinness asked if there are grants available and Mr. Steines said no. Mr. Moscatello said the Fire Inspector vehicle needs to be replaced. He noted that there is no vehicle available from the Police Departments fleet.

Mayor Dale asked the Governing Body for consensus to move the meeting to public comments. The Governing Body gave consensus.

Agenda No. X

Public Comments

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

Tom Napiorski, 45 Alpine Court – Thanked the Council for moving forward with the roads. He became involved with this in February 2017 with his neighbor. He is concerned that it is taking so long. He does appreciate the effort and they are going to pay off their share according to the Road Assessment Program. Anything the Council could do to help would be greatly appreciated. If the Township takes over the roads and updates the maintenance it would be tremendous because the roads are in wicked shape. He said the neighbors will be very thankful.

Richard Randazzo, 278 Wooley Road – Said he will address the comments that the Council made at the last meeting after the public spoke. He noted when the Mayor had a chance to talk everybody interrupted her and that was highly unprofessional. He said this Council is not professional and they decided to be unprofessional removing the Township Administrator instead of giving her 90 days' notice until the position was filled. After the public spoke the Council decided to discuss it instead of discussing it in the beginning. He said the Council decided to take care of the budget and now they will have to put in for a new Township administrator at an extreme number. If he was applying for that job, he would say wait a minute; they got rid of someone who performed unbelievably, what are they going to do with me? He noted that he was assessed \$5,000 more on his property and home. He said homes are going down the tubes and they can't even sell them. If his house is worth this he wants to sell it today. He received a 1.4 increase in his assessment. He has to fight this now because all of a sudden his house changed. His increase last year was \$343.36 that was a 2.78% increase on his taxes. This year with the new assessment, provided the ratables stay the same, he has to pay another \$182.60 more. Thank you for taking care of the senior citizens which he happens to be. Everything that he heard about the budget he thinks the Township needs but the taxpayers are paying for everything. He does not want to pay another \$140,000 for a new Township administrator because that money is coming out of his pocket. He said this is a disgrace and it is unbelievable. He noted that he will say the same things at the next meeting until it sinks in. This Council is not for the people and he is very disappointed.

Alexandra Swander, 112 Timber Lane, Newfoundland – Mentioned that she sent the Council an email concerning the appearance in her neighborhood that also discussed the issues around it.

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She is here to call for a telecommunications urgency ordinance that will give West Milford the best defense against the current rollout of the next generation of wireless network known as 5G. She spoke about what appeared in her neighborhood. She expressed that small boxes have been installed on their new fiber optic lines. She confirmed with the State that Optimum (owned by Altice) owns the cable lines and the boxes are owned by Sprint. They are emitting wireless radiation at a pretty significant level and they have been installed every 500 feet. She has been speaking with Altice, she met with the field supervisor and he confirmed that Sprint owns the boxes and they emit radiation. She expressed that she loves the beauty of this Township but wireless radiation will destroy various features of the Township. The equipment is big, bad and ugly. She said the equipment is a scaled down cell tower and people should not let the equipment fool them. She volunteered to help the Council create a committee and put an ordinance in place as quickly as possible.

Lisa Swarbrick – Noted that she was here as the NJ representative of International Advocacy Group for safe technology. She said they are called wearetheevidence.org. She provided her background and what she learned studying health the past 12 years. She said industry will tell people that this is safe but it is simply false. There are studies from all over the world that are easily accessible from databases that will illustrate the health hazards from wireless radiation technology. She said it is an invisible pollution that people can't see or hear. She expressed that this is a huge environmental stressor for our children and our health. She urged the Council to look at all the information. All it takes is a \$180.00 meter to see the radiation. She noted that there are scientists and engineers on her board.

Kelly Hart, Forge Road, Hewitt – Spoke about stigma-free initiative. She noted that she is on the Municipal Alliance and she is the Director of the Highlands Family Success Center. She said the program has been adopted by almost all of the municipalities in Passaic County. There are four townships left that have not adopted the stigma-free initiative. The Highlands Family Success Center would like to spearhead this initiative along with the Health Advisory Board and Municipal Alliance. She provided stigma-free tool kit packets to the Governing Body and she expressed that it is really about spreading awareness.

Robert Nolan, 1 Winding Way – Mentioned that he was recently appointed to the CASA Committee and he is also a member of the Passaic County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Board. He expressed that stigma is a barrier to treatment and you need treatment in order to recover. Stigma-free promotes public awareness and helps to eliminate stereotypes. He noted that suicide is the second leading cause of death for people between the ages of 10-24. He mentioned that each day 22 Veterans in the US commit suicide. He thanked the Council for their consideration.

Dorrie Torp, 24 Binnacle Avenue – Noted that she is the Chairperson for the Health Advisory Board. She said she is looking for a stigma-free resolution. The Health Advisory Board would like to express their commitment in taking an active role towards helping West Milford join the rest of Passaic County in the stigma-free movement. The movement has been recognized and supported by the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Passaic County Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Mental Health Association in Passaic County. They understand the importance of individuals who are struggling with mental illness to seek the help that they need. On behalf of the West Milford Health Advisory Board, they are looking forward to being part of the movement that hopes to create a culture that individuals feel safe to get the support they need and not feel that they have to suffer alone in silence. They hope that the resolution gets passed and they can get the movement started.

Bob Nicholson, 20 Hyde Road – Said as a member of the Jersey Access Group, 5G is a very valuable subject. The biggest effect is financially because these companies are challenging the land use fees. It is a large sum of money that the Township will lose in revenue. The 5G group is very active with congress to allow this to happen. He said that there is a lot of money requested in the capital budget and he does not want to spend an additional \$120,000 to hire an administrator. Personalities should not come in to play; it is a matter of economics. If they could prove to the public that Antoinette was not doing her job he would stand behind hiring a new administrator. He said the Council should reconsider thinking where they are going to be with this financial situation.

Robert, Upper Greenwood Lake – Thanked the Council for everything that they do for the residents. He noted that he is Tom's neighbor and he thanked Eric Miller who is helping them. He said he has lived in Upper Greenwood Lake for two decades. He loves West Milford and he is proud to live here. He has been blessed with wonderful neighbors and people in the community. He expressed that the roads where he lives are in very bad shape; it is like a war zone. For many years he would go out on the roads with his neighbors with shovels filling in potholes. He said West Milford is majestic but the road conditions are worrisome. He said his little girl can't even ride a bicycle on the streets. He expressed that he is asking for the Council's help and he wants to keep investing in West Milford. He feels the homes are depreciating because of the surrounding infrastructure. He wants to know if anyone has ever said to Eric Miller that they miss the dirt roads and the potholes. They need the Council's help because he is getting older and he does not know how many more potholes he can fill.

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Mike Chazukow, 67 Pinecrest Trail – Noted that the road he lives on is a dirt road and he loves it. He said don't touch his road. They moved there because it's quaint. He supports the neighbors that want their roads paved. He neglected to say that he appreciates the Council's time and he knows that politics are hard. He is tired of talking about Antoinette losing her Administrator position. He said that he hopes the Council has come to a resolution about the administrator so they can move forward. He said he would like to hear the Council's plan for the Township's debt which is over the annual budget. He thanked Mr. Nolan and the ladies that represented stigma-free community. He noted that the resolution will not cost the Township anything. He mentioned that a resolution has come before the Council in the past and they chose not to adopt it. His expressed that his family has been impacted by mental illness and everyone in this community needs to feel that they are a part of the community so he urged the Council to adopt it.

There being no more comments from the public, Councilwoman Erik moved to close the public portion of the meeting.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried.

Agenda No. XI

Council Comments

Councilman Signorino – Noted that there is lot of merit to what was said about the 5G. He will look to get information. It is an education process and it takes time. He said maybe they can add this to an agenda for a discussion to be on top of the topic. He appreciates the time that they took to go around alerting the people about it.

Councilwoman Erik – Councilwoman Erik asked speakers to provide sample ordinances for the 5G issue.

Councilwoman Pegel – Said she agrees that the 5G is a very important topic. Peoples live are being compromised and it will only get worse as more companies attach their boxes. She said a resident was correct about the young children playing in the streets and over time it will grow and be a hazard.

Mayor Dale – Asked Mr. Semrau to address the FCC Memo discussion. Mr. Semrau said he is aware of the legislation and he advised the Governing Body in January. The Governing Body put this on the agenda tonight to discuss. He already got an answer to perhaps get some ordinances. He expressed that they have to move quickly. He said he is trying to get educated on this. He mentioned that an ordinance from the Township of Millburn would not address some of the Council's concerns. He will get some legislation that is out there to try to tailor a draft for the Governing Body for a discussion at the next meeting. The Governing Body gave consensus.

Councilman McGuinness – Said they do the best that they can to balance the budget and service the public. He expressed that being called unprofessional is a matter of opinion. He mentioned that senior citizens can apply for a tax freeze so their taxes don't increase each year.

Mr. Semrau – Said there was no reassessment issue. There should not be any changes in assessments and if there is there should be a reason for that change. He noted that there was no reassessment throughout the Township.

Agenda No. VIII

Discussion Items

1.	Discussion: Stigma Free: Councilman Signorino said he appreciates the people who spoke and advocated stigma-free and he would support the initiative. The Council said they support it too. Councilwoman Pegel asked if the signs that she sees in other Townships are included and Mayor Dale said yes. Councilman Signorino said he noticed the stigma-free signs driving down Otterhole Road and into Bloomingdale. He said that does not alleviate the problem. If there is a problem in the Township they don't want to be in denial about it. He appreciates the time that the people took to explain it. Councilwoman Lichtenberg said there is a sample resolution and she urged that they get the resolution moving. The Governing Body gave consensus.
2.	Discussion: Mount Glen Lakes: Mr. Semrau said there was an ongoing dam restoration project. The association is very anxious to move forward. He has an updated legal description that he received from the association's attorney. He recommended a resolution affirming this. He noted that the Council already authorized the transfer. He said he has to get the okay from the Township Engineer and the Engineering Department. If there are any issues he will contact the association. The Governing Body gave consensus.

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Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances

None

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Action Items

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~ Ordinance 2019 – 002 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 135 “FEES,” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES AMENDED

BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

§ 135-2 Department of Community Services & Recreation

The Department of Community Services & Recreation is authorized to charge the following fees:

A. Bubbling Springs Membership and Badge:

	<u>Resident Rate</u>	<u>Non-Resident Rate</u>
(1) Family Membership (Consists of parent(s) and all children, up to and including full-time students living at home)	\$265.00	\$365.00
(2) Parent/Child Membership (One adult and One Child under the age of 18 living in the same residence)	\$225.00	\$325.00
(3) Individual Membership (Ages 13 to 61)	\$125.00	\$175.00
(4) Senior Individual Member (Age 62+)	\$25.00	\$35.00
(5) Senior Couple Membership	\$40.00	\$60.00
(6) Swim Team	First child \$100.00, Each Additional Child \$90.00	

B. Bubbling Springs Park Guest Membership (per person/per day):

- (1) A person under 2 years of age: No charge
- (2) A person from 2 years to 17 years of age: \$5.00
- (3) A person from 18 to 61 years of age: \$10.00
- (4) Seniors (Ages 62+): \$3.00

C. Day Camp: Children (Kindergarten through Eighth Grade).

(1) Fees:

EARLY BIRD: Through April 15: 10% Off Regular Price when paid in full at time of registration

	<u>Full 8 Weeks</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Before Care</u>	<u>After Care</u>
REGULAR PRICE (through May 31)	\$1,220.00	\$165.00	\$35.00/week	\$35.00/week
LATE FEE (After June 1)	\$1,420.00	\$190.00	\$40.00/week	\$40.00/week
CAMP HOURS: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM				
BEFORE CARE: 7:00 AM–9:00 AM				
AFTER CARE: 4:00 PM–6:00 PM				

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Introduced: February 6, 2019

Adopted:

Effective Date:

Second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance is set for the Regular Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for February 20, 2019. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the Herald News on or about February 10, 2019.

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg
Voted Nay: McGuinness
Abstain: Signorino
Absent: Gerst
Motion Carried:

Mayor Dale asked to move resolutions 2019-062 through 2019-068.

Councilman McGuinness said he would like clarification on Resolution 2019-064. He asked if they need another Class II. Mayor Dale noted that someone retired so it was a replacement.

Agenda No. XII 2

~ Resolution 2019 – 062 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF THE FORMER WEST MILFORD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2018, the Township of West Milford closed on the transaction of the sale of the assets of the West Milford Municipal Utilities Authority to Suez Water New Jersey, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Township adopted Resolution #2018-357 which designated the dissolution date of the West Milford Municipal Utilities Authority to be January 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received from the West Milford Municipal Utilities Authority a listing of all outstanding customer accounts receivables as of January 31, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford in the County of Passaic that the Treasurer shall collect these receivables from the customers of the former West Milford Utilities Authority and those monies be deposited in the Current Fund of the Township of West Milford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these customers have 60 days from February 15, 2019 to pay amounts previously billed by the former West Milford Municipal Utilities Authority to the Township of West Milford without further penalties and interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all unpaid billings after April 16, 2019 will be subject to tax sale in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54-5-1 et seq.

Adopted: February 6, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 063 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING RESOLUTION 2017-168 TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR FOOD CONCESSIONS AT BUBBLING SPRINGS TO THE JOSHUA TREE

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution 2017-168 adopted on May 3, 2017 and Resolution 2018-098 adopted on March 26, 2018 the Township Council did authorize the contract for food concessions at Bubbling Springs to Shawn Leonardo, owner of The Joshua Tree; and

WHEREAS, the existing contract with The Joshua Tree expired on December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the bid specifications as written the contract may be extended for one (1) year for the Food Concessions at Bubbling Springs at the sole option of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has been advised that the Department of Community Services does recommend extending the existing contract until December 31, 2019 and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford will receive revenue from the award of a contract to The Joshua Tree for the management and operation of the Bubbling Springs Food Concessions in the amount of \$3,335.06 which includes the five percent (5%) increase per year as permitted above for the extension of the contract for this year; and

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WHEREAS, this resolution serves as the Addendum to the contract and is available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Township Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to approve the amendment to extend the existing contract to December 31, 2019 with The Joshua Tree for the food concessions at Bubbling Springs in accordance with the contract for same.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: February 6, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 064 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SLEO II) FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

WHEREAS, the West Milford Police Department has recognized the need for a Class II Special Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Nichole R. Hanrahan, based on her qualifications, has been recommended to serve in the position of Class II Special Officer for the West Milford Township Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby appoints Nichole R. Hanrahan to serve as a Class II Special Officer pursuant to Special Law Enforcement Officer's Act (*N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 et seq.*)

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~ Resolution 2019 – 065 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS LICENSES FOR THE LICENSE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, applications have been made for the new licenses and the renewal of various Licenses for the 2019 license year; 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 2019 Licenses as listed below:

License No.	2019 PEDDLER LICENSE
2019-01	Schwan's Home Service, Inc. - Michael R. Gresik
License No.	2019 SOLICITOR LICENSE
2019-01	Edward Jones Investments – Kenneth J. Quazza
License No.	2019 SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METALS
2019-02	J Alexander Fine Jewelry LLC – Alexandria Randolph & John Pytleski

Adopted: February 6, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 066 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that, upon the report and request of the Township's Engineering Department, the following Performance Guarantee be refunded as follows:

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Name & Address	Block & Lot	Amount Refunded	Amount Remaining
Majed Tayer 7105 5 th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11209	14113 & 44	\$1,200.00	\$300.00

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~ Resolution 2019 – 067 ~

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

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayment as shown 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:

- REASON:**
- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Incorrect Payment | 5. Homestead Rebate |
| 2. Duplicate Payment | 6. Tax Appeal CB |
| 3. Senior Citizen | 7. State Court Tax Appeal |
| 4. Veteran | 8. 100% Disabled Veteran |
| 9. Replacement Check | 10. Reduced Assessment |
| 11. Erroneous Amount | |

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
2018 / 5	West Milford Fire Bureau 1480 Union Valley Road West Milford, NJ 07480	\$50.00	2018	11
TOTAL		\$50.00		

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~ Resolution 2019 – 068 ~

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:

Lacrosse		
Theo	\$120.00	JT Bolger 112 Lincoln Ave. West Milford, NJ 07480
Rec Basketball		
Kyle	\$75.00	Christine Schouten 1 Vanessa Court West Milford, NJ 07480
Rec Basketball		
Jonathan Rowe	\$75.00	Helena Chandler 7 MacDonald Road Hewitt, NJ 07421
Sr Chair Yoga		
Susan Morris	\$33.00	Susan Morris 50 Banker Road Hewitt, NJ 07421
Chair Yoga 1		
Pauline	\$33.00	Pauline Fogerty 2204 Richmond Road West Milford, NJ 07480

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Moved: Erik Seconded: McGuinness
 Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, McGuinness, Signorino
 Voted Nay: None
 Absent: Gerst
 Motion carried.

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Consent Agenda

None

Agenda No. XIV

Approval of Expenditures

~ Resolution 2019 – 069 ~

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 this office in payment of amounts due by the Township.

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

Acct #	Account Name	Amount
1	Current Account	\$63,749.42
3	Reserve Account	153,611.77
2	Grants	9,124.70
6	Refunds	1,586.00
1	General Ledger	5,525,678.87
26	Refuse	133,535.81
4	Capital	27,541.47
19	Animal Control	1,010.00
19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	37,582.81
19	Scala Trust	0.00
16	Development Escrow	127.50
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	0.00
Total		\$5,953,548.35
Less Refund Resolution		-1,586.00
Actual Bills List		\$5,951,962.35
Other Payments		
Payroll		554,385.82
Anthony Ingravallo		6,208.31
Total Expenditures		\$6,512,556.48

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
 Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, McGuinness, Signorino
 Voted Nay: None
 Absent: Gerst
 Motion carried.

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Reports of Administrator, Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Dale – Said she is seeking to form a Board of Education Subcommittee. They received a letter from the Board of Education asking to continue a conversation in regards to the Hillcrest Building and the field and options of what they can do to work together to retain the field and allow the Board of Education to use that building. She noted that she reached out to Councilwoman Pegel and Councilwoman Lichtenberg to ask them to serve on the committee with her. She will be following up with the school system about that.

Discussion:

Councilman Signorino said the last committee was himself and Councilman McGuinness and these are issues that they have been working on for years. He asked Mr. Semrau how the Mayor appoints people to a subcommittee. Mr. Semrau said if the Mayor is asking for a subcommittee then it is in the purview of the Council to decide if they want one and who would serve on it. Councilman McGuinness made a motion to have a subcommittee with the Board of Education, seconded by Councilman Signorino. He nominated himself to serve on it and Councilman Signorino along with Mayor Dale.

Moved: McGuinness Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: McGuinness, Signorino
Voted Nay: Erik, Lichtenberg
Abstain: Pegel
Absent: Gerst

Councilwoman Erik made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Pegel and Councilwoman Lichtenberg to the subcommittee, seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg
Voted Nay: McGuinness, Signorino
Absent: Gerst
Motion carried.

Mayor Dale cont. – Said the Superintendent of Schools reached out to her after the last storm and complimented the DPW staff on the road conditions considering the extreme weather. There were very few escalated complaints and that was nice to see. She received an email from the Freeholders about the introduction of the 2019 County Budget; it is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, 2019 with a public hearing and adoption set for Tuesday, March 12, 2019. She noted that the recommended budget will have no increase to the County tax levy for the second time in the past three years. She said the Environmental Commission received funding from the New Jersey Highlands Council to revise the existing restoration plan for the Greenwood Lake Watershed. She was glad to see that the Council supported the stigma-free resolution.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg – Wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. She noted that she was not on the Council when the Administrator was removed. She voiced her opinion when she was in the audience and she still stands by her opinion.

Councilman McGuinness – Said in the past they had a Snow Committee and he asked if they can put together a committee again. He said it is an important issue and a large ticket item in the budget. He asked the Council if they would appoint him as the Council President in their absence and then they can form a subcommittee with one or two council people so they can continue to discuss and update and figure out if the brine is working.

Discussion:

Mayor Dale said she is not looking to form a subcommittee from a day to day operational standpoint and she would be happy to address any questions from the Council. Councilwoman Pegel expressed that in light of the importance of the snow and the DPW, they need to organize and set a Snow Committee. Mayor Dale explained that the day to day operations of the Township is not the Council's purview. The Council is creating the budget to work with. Councilwoman Erik said the original Snow Subcommittee was to investigate the brine; which they did. She said the Snow Committee turned out to be power stuff afterwards. It has nothing to do with removing snow; it had to do with getting the information about brining. Councilman McGuinness said he was part of it and he saved the Township over \$200,000 instead of dumping the grits. They had the grit pile tested and the pile is still there. He believes the subcommittee is a positive committee.

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Councilman McGuinness made a motion that all Department Heads attend every single Council meeting with reports so they can discuss the daily activity to be discussed in the public, seconded by Councilman Signorino. Mr. Semrau noted everybody has a point and it is in the Mayor's purview to have a subcommittee to meet with Department Heads. She runs the day to day operations of the Township. He noted that the Council does have a right to request Department Heads to attend Council meetings. Councilwoman Pegel said there is information that is not being trickled down to the Council so they can make qualified decisions on behalf of the residents. Mayor Dale asked for an example of the information. Councilman McGuinness asked the average cost of the brine. Councilwoman Lichtenberg noted that these reports are on the cloud all the time. Councilman Signorino said information comes to the Council after they ask for it. He said the Mayor is advocating for subcommittees and then destroying them. He said this is unnecessary and they can work together. Mr. Semrau said there is a motion on the table for all Department Heads to attend the Council meetings with reports. Councilman McGuinness clarified that he made a motion to require all Department Heads to attend every Council meeting with reports during the budget season, seconded by Councilman Signorino. Councilwoman Erik asked Councilman McGuinness to clarify budget season and Councilman McGuinness said until they approve the budget.

Moved: McGuinness Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Pegel, McGuinness, Signorino
Voted Nay: Erik, Lichtenberg
Absent: Gerst
Motion carried.

Councilman McGuinness cont. – Said he hopes that they are still working on moving the voting site from Paradise Knolls. He expressed that he wants the site moved before the next election because it is a hazard to the children. He said this is his report and they can comment afterwards. He requested to continue to discuss the host fees to make compliance with the recycling companies in the Township. He requested to have the Battinelli Litigation on the next executive session. He would like information on the Marshall Hill Bridge because he heard that the bridge will be closed again in the spring. He made a motion for all of his requests mentioned above, seconded by Councilman Signorino. Mr. Semrau clarified to add the requests to the agenda for a discussion at the next meeting. Mayor Dale said she is in favor of what Councilman McGuinness requested about the voting site. When the meeting occurs about a possible different location she will provide the Governing Body with an update.

Moved: McGuinness Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, McGuinness, Signorino
Voted Nay: None
Absent: Gerst
Motion carried.

Councilman Signorino – Promoted the museum and the Heritage Committee. He thanked the Greenwood Lake Commission and Environmental Commission for all their hard work. It is good to see that people are involved. He commended them for helping the Township become a better community and for cleaning up Greenwood Lake. He spoke about the meeting and said it was well attended. He thanked them for their time and to keep up the good work.

Councilwoman Erik – Noted that yesterday was the Building Standards Board meeting. She said they were discussing the abandon house ordinance. She said there are two falling down houses that belong to the State of New Jersey on the Ironworks property. There is yellow tape around the houses and there was someone in there the other day pulling boards down. She stopped and said that is against the law and the building might fall on his head. They wanted antique souvenirs. It was brought up and said by our professionals that when it was reported to the Township the State came and put the yellow tape up and there is nothing they can do because their answer was we outrank you.

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Appointments and Resignations
Planning Board

Councilman Signorino nominated Matt Conlon, seconded by Councilman McGuinness.

Matt Conlon

Moved: McGuinness Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, McGuinness, Signorino
Voted Nay: None
Absent: Gerst
Motion carried.

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Municipal Alliance Committee

Councilwoman Lichtenberg made a motion to appoint Nicholas Morales, seconded by Councilwoman Pegel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Nicholas Morales

Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 11:21 p.m.

Moved: McGuinness Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried.

Approved: March 6, 2019

Respectfully submitted:

Sherry Zbrzeski, Keyboarding Clerk I

MICHELE DALE, MAYOR

ANTOINETTE BATTAGLIA, TOWNSHIP CLERK