

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Brindle made the following announcements:

“Prior to convening in regular session, there was an agenda session which was open to public and advertised.”

“The adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, was provided by the posting, mailing and filing of the annual notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Council on December 13, 2018. The notice was, on that date, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, mailed to THE WESTFIELD LEADER, and THE STAR LEDGER, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Westfield.”

PRESENT: Mayor Brindle, Council Members Habgood, Arena, Dardia, LoGrippo, Contract, Stokes, Mackey

ABSENT: Councilwoman Neylan

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Mackey followed by the flag salute.

PRESENTATIONS

Town Administrator's Reports

- Discussed the snowstorm that was predicted for today and stated that accumulations were less than expected;
- Discussed utility work being conducted by Elizabethtown Gas and explained that aging infrastructure is being replaced. Discussed the neighborhoods where work is occurring and the timeframes for each. Also discussed road patching that occurs when utility work is complete and explained that the Town is coordinating efforts for full road paving on some roads with Elizabethtown Gas upon its completion of utility projects;
- Provided an update of the revaluation process and stated that informal hearings would be concluded next week. In addition, notices of new assessments to property owners must be issued no later than March 15, 2019. Also discussed the appeal process for new assessments and the timeline for a new tax rate.

Mayor's Remarks

- Extended her congratulations to the Westfield Area Chinese American Association for hosting its fifth annual Chinese New Year celebration to celebrate the “Year of the Pig” and stated that Councilpersons Habgood, Contract and Mackey joined hundreds of attendees at a magnificent celebration. Also mentioned that this group would be honored with a certificate of acknowledgement this evening;
- Announced that she recently attended the NJ Conference of Mayors in Trenton where Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, Senate President Steve Sweeney, and Assembly

Speaker Craig Coughlin were speakers. Explained that the primary topic pertained to the state's finances and efforts to pass pension reform. Explained that while state elected officials do a great job of identifying the root of "our fiscal mess", the Mayors were unified in demanding political will to make the hard and creative decisions necessary to solve the state's fiscal crisis;

- Stated that she recently met with Union County Assistant Administrator Amy Wagner to request Union County's assistance in negotiating with parking and alternative transit companies in order to leverage Union County's economies of scale to achieve lower rates and better service. Explained, for example, the Town's discussions with companies like Lime Bike and Lyft, and with those that offer Mobile Parking solutions, which could benefit from the scale that Union County provides, while residents would benefit from being able to use the same parking app in all adjacent communities. To that end, the Town arranged for Lyft to sponsor a lunch for all of the municipalities in Union County to discuss a larger partnership. Stated that she remains committed to working on any and all solutions to the Town's parking shortage, which includes exploring alternative transit options;
- Stated that, as co-chair of the Raritan Valley Line Mayors' Alliance, (RVL) she is thrilled to announce a partnership with the Build Gateway Now Coalition, which is comprised of over thirty-five (35) significant civic, business and labor leaders, and has expanded the Town's reach and influence. Explained that the immediate focus is restoration of the off peak one seat ride, which is not moving forward this month as New Jersey Transit had originally promised, and the RVL Alliance continues to work with RVL Alliance senators to demand answers. Encouraged residents to like the RVL Alliance's Facebook page or follow to follow them on Twitter @mayorsRVL for information;
- Extended thanks to those who attended the public budget meeting hosted by Finance Chairwoman Linda Habgood for the purpose of soliciting input as the budget process gets underway. Stated that Councilwoman Habgood would be providing an update of that meeting in her committee report later, including clarification of some misperceptions that were subsequently reported online;
- Discussed her recent post on social media about the decision by Lerner David to relocate to Cranford after more than fifty (50) years in Westfield. Explained that she met with Lerner David's managing partner last summer, who expressed how much they wanted to stay in Westfield, but could not find more modern office space that could accommodate their needs, which included sufficient employee parking. Stated that she read that some took her words to mean this was solely a parking issue, and informed residents that is not so. Explained that the reality is that Lerner David had been looking for new space for quite some time, and she finds it disappointing that Westfield was in the unfortunate position of forcing one of its largest tenants to "walk out the door". Feels their office space in Westfield would be leased in due time, but also feels it should not be an "either/or" choice. Believes Westfield should be in a position to accommodate employers that want to be in Westfield, and to bring employees who spend their dollars locally. Stated that the Town is "fortuitously" beginning its Master Plan process and has the opportunity to establish a vision where retail, commercial and parking needs are aligned with an economic vision;
- Discussed the theme of the Master Plan process, "Westfield's Future: Plan it. Live it. Love it!", and announced that the process has officially begun. Stated that the Town hosted an initial visioning workshop with key stakeholders and launched an online public

survey which takes approximately fifteen (15) minutes to complete. Advised residents to go to Westfieldnj.gov/futurewestfield to complete the survey and to learn about the Master Plan process. Also asked residents to commit to attending at least one or more of the four (4) public meetings to be held over the next six (6) months, with the first one scheduled for March 21, 2019 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Edison Intermediate School. Stated that she would love to see a “packed house” because the end result would only be as good as the input;

- Announced that the Town also concurrently launched its Parks Strategic Plan process, which she feels is very exciting, and is an area in which she knows residents would be eager to provide valuable input. Explained that this is the first time the Town has undertaken a comprehensive look at its entire parks system and recreation components together, and stated that she is personally thrilled that the Town would have an overall view to guide a long-term vision that suits a variety of needs, including athletics, fields, open spaces, recreation, trails, and more. Encouraged residents to visit www.westfieldnj.gov/parksplan and complete the online public survey. Also stated that a longer, more in depth survey would be mailed to a representative random sample of two thousand (2,000) homes, and several public meetings would be held, two (2) of which would be integrated into the Master Plan meetings. Strongly encouraged as many as possible to attend these meetings, and also mentioned that there would be a booth at the Spring Fling for the public to take surveys and answer questions. Stated that Westfield has a unique opportunity to collectively shape its future and asked that residents make every effort to have their voices heard;
- Discussed various items included on this evening’s agenda, the first being a vote on an ordinance to modify the zoning map to change an area encompassing New England Drive from RS-12 to RS-16 in an effort to mitigate the risk of subdividing. Explained that this matter was brought to the Town’s attention by the residents of New England Drive as a result of a recent subdivision application. Upon review by the Town Planner, it was discovered that the current zoning was an oversight when zoning recommendations were made in 1991, and that the RS-16 designation is more appropriate and conforming than what currently exists. Thanked the New England Drive residents for their advocacy. Also thanked the Town Planner for his exceptional and thorough analysis, and the Planning Board for reviewing the ordinance and confirming consistency with the Master Plan. Stated that she is encouraged by how quickly this issue has been addressed from when it was first introduced to the Planning Board in November, to the resulting change to the Town’s zoning ordinance this evening. Also extended a special thanks to Code Review Chairwoman Dawn Mackey for making this a priority and facilitating a quick and appropriate resolution;
- Stated that she is pleased that an ordinance is being introduced to increase fines for violations of ordinances, specifically housing and zoning violations, up to \$2,000 per violation. Explained that these fines are consistent with many neighboring municipalities, and the Town wishes to “crack down” on developers and businesses who continue to operate at the expense of their neighbors. Stated that Westfield’s fines have been too low in many cases to serve as enough of a deterrent for noncompliance, and this ordinance is intended to rectify that. Assured residents that the Town would be vigilant about enforcement;
- Congratulated Jeff Perrella who is being appointed to the Recreation Commission tonight to replace a member who recently resigned. Stated that Mr. Perrella is a former WHS track star, was selected from the pool of applicants, and brings an in depth familiarity with all of the Town’s parks from the many miles he has logged on their trails;

- Lastly, announced that tonight she would have the privilege of swearing in the newest police Captain, Frank Padovano, who has been a highly decorated member of the Westfield Police Department since 1998. Also stated that the Town Council would be voting on a resolution to establish a Police Chaplaincy Program for the Westfield Police Department, and that she is honored to be able to swear in the first chaplains this evening, Deacon Keith Gibbons and Rabbi Doug Sagal.

Westfield Area Chinese American Association

Mayor Brindle presented a certificate to the Westfield Area Chinese American Association (WACAA) in recognition of Chinese New Year. Also recognized WACAA officers in attendance, including Lu Qiu, Comptroller, Claire Zhuang, Secretary, and board members Jeff Yang and Lei Chin.

Ms Qiu provided an overview of WACAA and its mission.

Councilman Contract stated that WACAA's New Year celebration was excellent and encouraged all to attend next year's celebration.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Brindle announced the following appointment:

Appointment of Jeffrey Perrella to the Recreation Commission to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Stokes, and seconded by Councilman Dardia, the appointment was adopted unanimously.

Oath of Office was administered to Frank Padovano, Captain within the Westfield Police Department by Mayor Brindle.

Police Chief's Comments

The Police Chief discussed the advancement of Frank Padovano to Captain. Provided an overview of Captain Padovano's initial appointment as a patrol officer in 1998, and his advancement through the various ranks during his tenure with the Police Department. Also listed various merit citations awarded to Captain Padovano and discussed his upcoming involvement with the Police Department's efforts to obtain accreditation.

ADVERTISED HEARINGS

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2122

**“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN ZONE BOUNDARIES AND
MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP”**

Advertised returnable this evening.

Louis Ackerman, 818 New England Drive, stated that he is very disappointed with the Town Council's decision to move forward with General Ordinance No. 2212. Explained

that the Town Planner provided him with information concerning the proposed zoning change, and that only sixty-two (62%) percent of the homes conform to the new RS-16 zone. Also explained that his home is at the end of the block and is one that is non-conforming to the RS-16 zone. Feels this would negatively impact his property value. Stated that he has been a Westfield resident since 1991 and has belonged to the Westfield Temple since he was in elementary school. Explained that he has no issue with residents wishing to obtain full value for their properties, which is why this ordinance concerns him. Feels there are only three (3) homes that this ordinance really impacts and believes it is a “cut out” because it is the only RS-16 zone in the area. Discussed the number of homes that would be non-conforming and referenced the current revaluation process, which indicated that the true value of his home is related to the land. Feels this ordinance could restrict builders because of new setbacks and would diminish the value of his property.

Gary Hall, attorney with the law firm of McCarter and English, representing Ruth and Ronald Villa, stated that he agrees with Mr. Ackerman’s comments. Referenced Mayor Brindle’s remarks and feels this ordinance is a “done deal”. Also referenced Mayor Brindle’s comments related to the Master Plan and questioned why the Town would be “rushing” this ordinance through when it intends to conduct a thorough, lengthy process with significant public input for the Master Plan. Questioned how many homes would be rendered non-conforming when this ordinance is adopted. Also feels because neighbors opposed development of one (1) home in the neighborhood, properties will now become non-conforming, and this will become evident when these property owners require a variance in order to put an addition on their home. Feels it is commendable that the governing body wants to be responsive to the public, but believes this ordinance needs further consideration since the Town is reexamining its Master Plan. Referred to the Town Planner’s assessment that sixty-two (62%) percent of properties would be conforming to the zone change, which is not much more than the majority, and questioned how many properties would be totally conforming if some categories overlap. Feels this ordinance is being adopted because residents do not want a new home in their neighborhood. Feels other categories could have been considered, such as an RS-14 zone. Feels there are legal issues with this ordinance that might need to be addressed at another forum. Urged the Town Council to take a “step back” and not “rush this through”.

Gerri Rothfleisch, 940 New England Drive, stated that she disagrees with the comments of the previous speakers and explained that at least ninety (90%) of the neighbors of New England Drive have been attempting to preserve the character of this neighborhood for some time. Also stated that neighbors are not opposed to new homes, but are opposed to excessive subdividing. Discussed the zoning designation and frontage requirements prior to 1991 versus the requirements proposed through General Ordinance No. 2122. Feels an RS-16 zone for this area is appropriate and discussed the amount of time spent by the Planning Board and the Town Planner reviewing this matter.

Amanda 902 Brouillard, 902 New England Drive, stated that she owns the oldest home on New England Drive and while her property would be non-conforming under General Ordinance No. 2122, she supports its adoption. Also stated that it is her understanding that there would be “grandfathering” for some properties that become non-conforming under General Ordinance No. 2122, which she also supports. Explained that residents wish to preserve the character of the street.

Josh Abrams, 908 New England Drive, feels it should be made clear that residents are not opposed to development, but feels development should be the right size for the property.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2123

“AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 603 CLARK STREET, SHOWN ON THE TOWN TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 808, LOT 26, AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2124

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2036 ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

PENDING BUSINESS

An ordinance entitled, GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2122 - “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2122 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN ZONE BOUNDARIES AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP” by Councilwoman Mackey, seconded by Councilwoman Habgood, was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent: Neylan
Arena		
Dardia		
LoGrippo		
Contract		
Stokes		
Mackey		
Mayor Brindle		

An ordinance entitled, GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2123 - “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2123 - AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 603 CLARK STREET, SHOWN ON THE TOWN TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 808, LOT 26 AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP” by Councilwoman Mackey,

seconded by Councilman Stokes, was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent: Neylan
Arena		
Dardia		
LoGrippo		
Contract		
Stokes		
Mackey		
Mayor Brindle		

An ordinance entitled, GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2124 - "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2124 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2036 ENTITLED, ‘AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT’" by Councilwoman Habgood, seconded by Councilman LoGrippo, was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent: Neylan
Arena		
Dardia		
LoGrippo		
Contract		
Stokes		
Mackey		
Mayor Brindle		

BIDS

MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Mackey and seconded by Councilman LoGrippo, Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council Conference Session, Executive Session and Regular Meeting and Executive held January 29, 2019.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

OPEN DISCUSSION BY CITIZENS

Mayor Brindle opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Lisa O’Dwyer, 20 South Wickom Drive, requested that Councilwoman Habgood provide clarification of information provided during the January 31 open public budget meeting with

respect to budget surplus. Explained that she watched the meeting on TV36 and understood from comments during the meeting that the Town intended to utilize approximately \$4.5 million to \$5 million of surplus for capital projects, while maintaining a \$9 million to \$10 million balance, but an article that appeared in Tap into Westfield seemed to indicate that the Town's full \$14 million balance would be utilized for capital projects. Also mentioned capital projects she would like the Town to fund, such as streetscape projects and sewer improvements.

Councilwoman Habgood feels many residents were confused as to the reporting that occurred after the public budget meeting. Explained that by year-end 2018, the Town had a balance of \$14.5 million in surplus, and approximately \$4.2 million to \$5.2 of this the total \$14.5 million is being recommended for investment in the budget. Also explained that the Town is still in the budget process and is continuing to accept requests and input from the public. Provided an email address for those interested in providing input. Confirmed that the Town does not intend on utilizing the full \$14.5 million of surplus because it feels it is necessary to preserve savings.

Cheryl Altman, 11 South Wickom Drive, requested that the Town Council reserve money for Green Team projects.

Logan Calder, Salter Place, discussed the ice rink at Gumbert Park and the fact that the trial period for the rink is ending. Discussed his support for the rink and his initial request in 2018 that the Town Council consider the rink on a trial basis in order to determine both the potential benefits and adverse effects. Stated that he and his advocates within the hockey community believed the ice rink would provide an opportunity for new skaters to become familiar with this sports and sports like it. Also discussed academic benefits that he believed would be achieved with the ice rink at Gumbert Park because those on hockey teams would have more time for homework, sleep and studying with less travel time needed to out of town rinks. Also discussed job opportunities the ice rink would provide for young people. Referenced comments his father made at a previous Town Council meeting in support of the ice rink because the lack of facilities was "stifling" ambitions of those wanting to play hockey or be involved in figure skating. Discussed the employment opportunities that were created for young people since the rink opened and feels they have been very valuable. Also feels every promise he made to the Town Council as to rink's potential came true. Discussed comments made at this time last year by opponents of the rink, and feels the concerns that were expressed showed a "demonstrable lack of evidence" to substantiate their claims. Listed the concerns expressed by opponents of the rink, such as the facility would be dirty, that congestive and/or dangerous traffic would be created, that loud whistles and noise from the cooling systems would be disruptive to neighbors, and that lighting for the rink would be an eyesore. Believes "nothing could be farther from the truth" with respect to these concerns and feels the sounds have been well muffled. Also feels the tent was well concealed within its surroundings. Discussed efforts of rink employees to keep the facility clean and to ensure parking rules are followed. Feels every effort has been made to be considerate of neighbors. Discussed the fact that the rink was installed for a trial period and stated that this was done to prove its value to the community, and to prove the inaccuracy of concerns expressed by neighbors. Feels neighbors were justified to be concerned, but feels they expressed their concerns with little frame of reference. Feels the facility benefits Westfield in innumerable ways with almost no hindrance.

Mayor Brindle discussed that fact that Mr. Calder lives on Salter Place and informed him that some opponents of the rink also reside on Salter Place. Asked Mr. Calder to discuss his experience as a neighbor of the rink in terms of traffic and other issues.

Mr. Calder stated that he has noticed no difference, except for hockey players wheeling their equipment to the rink, which he feels is “charming”.

John Nieroda, 625 South Chestnut Street, discussed the ice rink at Gumbert Park and explained that the neighbors are not against the rink, but they do not feel Gumbert Park is an appropriate location. Stated that the Town used a Green Acres park and “changed the rules”. Discussed issues with parking and stated that users of the rink are parking on residents’ lawns. Also stated that there is noise, such as with idling buses, and neighbors need to complain in order for the rules to be followed. Feels the municipal pool is a suitable location for the ice rink.

Mayor Brindle asked Mr. Nieroda how far his home is from the rink.

Mr. Nieroda stated that he resides five (5) houses from the rink.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Brindle closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

On motion by Councilwoman Habgood, and seconded by Councilman LoGrippe, bills and claims were adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED that the bills and claims in the amount of \$344,854.71 per the list submitted to the members of this Council by the Chief Financial Officer, and approved for payment by the Town Administrator be, and the same are hereby, approved and that payroll warrants previously issued by the Chief Financial Officer be ratified.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Policy Committee

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilwoman Habgood, Chairwoman of the Finance Policy Committee, and seconded by Councilman Contract, were unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 43

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$930.00 to the order of New Jersey Department of Health, P.O. Box 369, Trenton, New Jersey for Dog Licenses issued by the Town Clerk for the month of January 2019.

Resolution No. 44

WHEREAS, the following applicants have posted monies to be held in escrow to cover expert advice and testimony in connection with Board of Adjustment and Planning Board applications on said property; and

WHEREAS, expert advice and testimony was given, and

WHEREAS, all bills for these applications have been submitted and paid; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has requested in writing to have the balance of escrow monies be released to them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to draw a check for the balance of the escrow monies as follows:

App #	Name	Address	G/L	Refund Balance
BOA 18-44	Marcus Acord	835 Wallberg Avenue	9-05-560-707	\$421.71
Return to:	Marcus Acord	835 Wallberg Avenue	Westfield	07090
BOA 18-55	Marcus Acord	835 Wallberg Avenue	9-05-560-718	\$78.29
Return to:	Marcus Acord	835 Wallberg Avenue	Westfield	07090

Resolution No. 45

WHEREAS, Donald and Christine Harrington, made an application for a construction permit for an in-ground pool located at 935 Minsink Way, Block 306, Lot 31, Westfield, New Jersey.

WHEREAS, Donald and Christine Harrington, remitted \$817.00 for aforesaid permit.

WHEREAS, Donald and Christine Harrington, subsequently requested not to do the above mentioned project.

WHEREAS, Donald and Christine Harrington, has made an application for refund of eighty percent (80%) of permit fee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be, and hereby is authorized to draw a warrant in the sum of \$653.60 payable to Donald and Christine Harrington, 935 Minisink Way, Westfield, NJ 07090.

Resolution No. 46

WHEREAS, there is a need to communicate information to the public in the form of tax assessment notices to the property owners, and

WHEREAS, payment for the postage to the United States Postal Service is required prior to the mailing of the assessment notices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare warrants for postage payment in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 charged to the Tax Assessor's postage account.

Resolution No. 47

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he hereby is authorized to draw warrants to the following persons, these amounts being overpaid for 2018-2019:

Block/Lot/Qualifier Name	Property Address	Quarter/Year Amount
3605/12 NIGAM, Avinash & Ansuya 70 Hill Hollow Road Watchung, NJ 07069	900 Cranford Avenue	3 rd & 4 th /2018 \$11,016.61
5002/7 BRACCO, Christopher 1015 Summit Avenue Westfield, NJ 07090	7 Tudor Oval	4 th /2018 \$4,078.06
5712/15 COSENZA, Christine	240 Connecticut Street	1 st /2019 \$4,499.75

Resolution No. 48

WHEREAS, the Town Council passed General Ordinance No. 2034 pursuant to which Sections 20-23 and 20-25 of the Town Code were amended and a schedule of maximum annual sewer user fees for properties in the Town was established; and

WHEREAS, the sewer user fee for a single-family residence was set to not exceed \$195.00 per annum; and

WHEREAS, the sewer user fee for commercial and industrial properties was set to not exceed \$875.00 per annum; and

WHEREAS, the sewer user fee for each multi-family unit on a property was established to not exceed \$125.00 per annum; and

WHEREAS, Section 20-25 of the Town Code provides that by February 24 of each year, the Town Council, by resolution, shall determine the exact sewer fee for the then calendar year, subject to the maximum amounts set forth in Section 20-23.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following sewer fees are hereby established for the calendar year 2019:

- a. The sewer user fee for a single-family residence shall be \$165.00.

- b. The sewer user fee for a commercial and industrial property shall be \$415.00.
- c. The sewer user fee for each multi-family unit on a property shall be \$100.00.

Resolution No. 49

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield that the Mayor is authorized to sign the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westfield and the Local 469 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for the years 2019-2022.

Resolution No. 50

RESOLVED that the following stated rates of pay for employees of the Department of Public Works, and the Engineering and Construction Official's office represented by Local 469 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for collective bargaining purposes be adopted effective January 1, 2019, and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to make payment to, and draw warrants bi-weekly in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
D. Gary	1	\$35.43
W. Moore, Jr.	1	\$35.43
J. Giordano	1	\$35.43
T. McCaskill	1	\$35.43
M. Glagola	1	\$35.43
J. Russitano	1	\$35.43
R. Vastano	1	\$35.43
J. Handy	1	\$35.43
F. Watkins	1	\$35.43
G. Stabenow	1	\$35.43
T. Cuccaro	1	\$35.43
E. Maris	1	\$35.43
R. Watt	1	\$35.43
C. Calvello	1	\$35.43
B. Segebade	1	\$35.43
L. Scipioni	1	\$35.43
S. Chamberlin	1	\$35.43
G. Long	1	\$35.43
D. Clark Jr.	1	\$35.43
V. Brodo	9	\$21.40
C. Bohnyak	9	\$21.40
J. Steward	9	\$21.40
J. Giordano Jr.	9	\$21.40
J. Pafumi	9	\$21.40
D. Sangston	9	\$21.40
C. Elliot	9	\$21.40
T. Vreeland	10	\$20.10
O. Lucas	11	\$19.45

C. Daniels	11	\$19.45
A. Graf	11	\$19.45
F. Scalera	12	\$18.80
K. Muller	12	\$18.80
D. Youcus	12	\$18.80
E. Rawles	12	\$18.80
B. Glagola	12	\$18.80
J. Smith	12	\$18.80
G. Gray - Survey Party Chief		\$71,616
G. Junkroft - Building Subcode Official		\$80,461

The following resolution, introduced by Councilwoman Habgood, Chairwoman of the Finance Policy Committee, and seconded by Councilman Dardia, was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 51

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to make the following transfer(s) in the 2018 Budget (Appropriation Reserve) accounts:

	<u>OUT</u>	<u>IN</u>
<u>CURRENT FUND</u>		
ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE		
8-01-100-210 Other Expenses (O/E)	\$8,000	
COLLECTION OF TAXES		
8-01-105-101 Salaries & Wages (S&W)	500	
8-01-105-250 O/E		\$500
FINANCE		
8-01-115-101 (S&W)	5,000	
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
8-01-125-102 S&W		25,000
PUBLIC WORKS		
8-01-137-102 (S&W)		8,000
8-01-137-211 (O/E)		20,000
INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS		
8-01-165-101 (S&W)	30,000	
GROUP INSURANCE		
8-01-183-222 (O/E)	10,000	
	\$53,500	\$53,500

Yeas: Habgood
Arena

Nays:

Absent: Neylan

Dardia
 LoGrippo
 Contract
 Stokes
 Mackey
 Mayor Brindle

General Ordinance No. 2125

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilwoman Habgood made the following announcement:

I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2125 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2011 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT” be approved on first reading.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Stokes.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent: Neylan
Arena		
Dardia		
LoGrippo		
Contract		
Stokes		
Mayor Brindle		

Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee

The following resolution, introduced by Councilman Dardia, Chairman of the Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee, and seconded by Councilman Arena, was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 52

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police seeks to establish a Police Chaplaincy Program for the Westfield Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chaplaincy Program will seek to utilize ordained members of the local clergy to assist Westfield Police Department members and their families, as well as members of the general public, in their times of need; and

WHEREAS, the Westfield Police Department has implemented written directives which establish and govern the administration of a Police Chaplaincy Program; and

WHEREAS, Police Chaplains will provide ministry, counseling, guidance, comfort and support to persons in need on a voluntary basis; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield recognizes the need for a Police Chaplaincy

Program; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to appoint qualified person(s) as Police Chaplains pursuant to the Westfield Police Department's Chaplaincy Program; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police does hereby recommend the appointment of certain qualified persons to the position of Police Chaplain.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that that Town of Westfield does hereby declare its support for the Westfield Police Department's Police Chaplaincy Program and, furthermore, does hereby appoint Deacon Keith Gibbons of the Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity Church of Westfield and Rabbi Douglas Sagal of Temple Emanu-El of Westfield to the position of Police Chaplain, to report to and serve at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

Police Chief's Comments

The Police Chief thanked the Town Administrator, Mayor Brindle and the Town Council for supporting the establishment of the Police Chaplaincy Program and discussed recent events which he feels warrants the need for this program. Introduced Rabbi Sagal and Deacon Gibbons and provided an overview of each of their backgrounds.

Mayor Brindle administered Oaths of Office to Rabbi Sagal and Deacon Gibbons and congratulated them on their appointment as Police Chaplain.

Code Review & Town Property Committee

General Ordinance No. 2126

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilwoman Mackey made the following announcement:

I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2126 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AS IT RELATES TO THE HOURS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION ON AND OFF PREMISES" be approved on first reading.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Contract.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood

Nays:

Absent: Neylan

Arena

Dardia

LoGrippo

Contract

Stokes

Mayor Brindle

General Ordinance No. 2127

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilwoman Mackey made the following announcement:

I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2127 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION FENCING" be approved on first reading.

Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Habgood.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent: Neylan
Arena		
Dardia		
LoGrippo		
Contract		
Stokes		
Mayor Brindle		

General Ordinance No. 2128

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilwoman Mackey made the following announcement:

I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2128 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD PERTAINING TO THE COMMERCIAL USE OF ROOFTOPS" be approved on first reading.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Arena.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent: Neylan
Arena		
Dardia		
LoGrippo		
Contract		
Stokes		
Mayor Brindle		

General Ordinance No. 2129

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilwoman Mackey made the following announcement:

I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2129 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 21 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AS IT RELATES TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE" be approved on first reading.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Arena.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood

Arena

Dardia

LoGrippto

Contract

Stokes

Mayor Brindle

Nays:

Absent: Neylan

Public Works Committee

Reports of Department Heads

Report of David J. Kelly, Chief of the Fire Department, showing Fees collected in January 2019 in the amount of \$4,874.00 was received, read and ordered filed.

Report of Steve Freedman, Construction Official, showing monies collected for permits in the amount of \$98,981.00 for the month of January 2019 was received, read and ordered filed.

Report of Carol Salvaggio, Certified Court Administrator, stating that she had turned over to the Chief Financial Officer check in the amount of \$45,418.65 representing fines and costs collected in the Municipal Court and Violations Bureau during the month of January 2019 was received, read and ordered filed.

Report of Tara Rowley, Town Clerk, showing fee collected in the amount of \$12,704.00 during the month of January 2019 was received, read, and ordered filed.

Report of Kris McAloon, Town Engineer, stating he had turned over to the Chief Financial Officer check in the amount of \$11,699.00 representing monies collected during the month of January 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn, made by Councilman Contract and seconded by Councilman LoGrippto at 9:15 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk