

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 10, 2019**

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Tuesday, December 10, 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, Neylan, Contract, Stokes, Mackey

**ABSENT:** Councilman LoGrippe

### **INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

Invocation was given by Councilman Contract followed by the flag salute.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Administrator's Update**

- Provided an update of the leaf collection program and announced that the second pass is expected to be completed by December 11, 2019. Weather has enabled the collection to occur more quickly with the second pass being completed within six (6) weeks rather than eight (8) weeks. Also discussed street sweeping to occur upon completion of the leaf collection program, weather permitting;
- Discussed the road assessment that was conducted and stated that the results continue to be organized into road segments and scoring categories. Feels this will be helpful to the Town Council with its selection process for paving and road improvements;
- Discussed grant applications submitted to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for improvements to Scotch Plains Avenue and North Chestnut Street and announced that approximately \$299,000 was awarded to the Town for improvements to Scotch Plains Avenue, which would cover most of the cost of this project. North Chestnut Street was not selected and would require further consideration by the Town Council as to whether it would be included in the 2020 Paving Program.

#### **Mayor's Remarks**

- Welcomed all to the final Town Council meeting of 2019. Feels it has been a highly productive year on many levels and stated that she is proud of the work that was

accomplished together. Extended her thanks to Town employees for their efforts, as well as the members of the Town Council for their volunteer service to the community. Specifically, thanked Councilmembers JoAnn Neylan, Frank Arena, and Doug Stokes for their years of service as they complete their final terms and mentioned that they would be recognized for their contribution to the Town at the end of the meeting;

- Reminded everyone that the deadline for submitting volunteer applications to serve on many of the Town's boards and committees is December 13. Explained that most volunteers are needed for the many Westfield 300 initiatives that are planned, but there are many different opportunities to serve that have varying time commitments. Invited those interested in volunteering to submit an application through the Town's website;
- Announced that the Planning Board meeting and the vote to adopt the Master Plan Reexamination Report was rescheduled to December 19 and encouraged everyone to read the report, or its shorter Condensed Summary version, on the Town's website. Also encouraged residents to attend the meeting if possible. Explained that this report, which was a year in the making, lays out a very exciting long-term roadmap for Westfield;
- Discussed Nixle alerts, social media posts, and local press coverage concerning car thefts that continue to be an issue in Town. Explained that, despite repeated warnings, the vast majority of these thefts occurred with vehicles that were unlocked with keys or key fobs left inside, making Westfield an ongoing target and putting officers at unnecessary risk. Stated that while this issue is not exclusive to Westfield and continues to be problematic in some neighboring municipalities, feels there is no reason for cars to remain unsecured, allowing the problem to continue. More information would be provided by the Police Chief in the coming days as to specific steps the Westfield Police Department has been taking to address this issue;
- Announced that the Town Council would be revisiting the resolution to participate in the Union County Deer Management Program. Explained that after hearing very thoughtful feedback on both sides of this issue, the resolution was revised to include the area near the Conservation Center and Brightwood Park only, both of which are fenced and substantially larger than the area near Grandview Avenue that was also originally proposed. Referred to her comments from the previous meeting and explained that while this is not an easy decision, it is one that she believes takes some important steps, at no cost to the Town, toward addressing an increasing safety problem with the rapidly multiplying deer population;
- Discussed the Westfield 300 celebration to occur in 2020 and announced that the Steering Committee released its first set of official Westfield 300 merchandise, which will be sold at this Saturday's holiday festivities at the South Avenue train station. Merchandise includes baseball caps, winter hats, blankets, umbrellas, and drink tumblers. Feels all are great last-minute holiday gifts, while also raising money for Westfield 300 initiatives. Stated that all of the merchandise can be viewed on the Town's website. Discussed some of the events planned, including a celebration of the First Westfield Baby of 2020. The first new baby born to Westfield residents in the new year would be publicly recognized and included in the historical documentation for the Westfield 300 activities, while also receiving a special commemorative gift. More details will be available on the Town's website for those expectant parents interested in participating;
- Thanked the DWC for its enhanced holiday festivities this year and discussed the upcoming Winter Wonderland celebration at the South Avenue train station, which will include a DJ, gingerbread cookie decorating, a walk-in snow globe for family photos, an

ugly holiday sweater group photo, and an outdoor screening of An Elf's Story (written by Westfield's Kenneth Waddell). In addition, the annual Menorah Lighting will take place the evening of December 22 and will include a gelt drop this year;

- Closed by wishing everyone a very happy and peaceful holiday season with family and friends. Stated that It has been a privilege to serve as Mayor, and she is incredibly grateful for the support of this amazing community.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

## **ADVERTISED HEARINGS**

### **GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2152**

“AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 1737 NEVADA STREET, SHOWN ON THE TOWN TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 5604, LOT 5 AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Maria Boyes, 122 Ferris Place, read a prepared statement on behalf of the property owners, Carol and Frank Nolde. As per the Nolde's statement, John Henry Frazee, noted Westfield historian, resided at 1737 Nevada Street from 1927 until his death in 1972. During this timeframe, Mr. Frazee witnessed the destruction of many historical homes with great architectural importance, some of which were located across the street from his home, which is now known as Frazee Court. The Noldes feel Mr. Frazee would have been dismayed to know that upon his death, his son would sell his home to a developer, who divided the property into two (2) lots with the intention of building a house on Mr. Frazee's front lawn and tearing down Mr. Frazee's front porch to allow for the necessary distance between the homes. Mr. and Mrs. Nolde feel confident that Mr. Frazee would be pleased to know that they purchased his home, as well as the separate building lot, and spent forty-six (46) years restoring it. In addition, the Noldes feel Mr. Frazee would be grateful that his home would be designated as a historic landmark and congratulated the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission, as well as the Town of Westfield, for recognizing the importance of the Town's architectural inheritance.

Ms. Boyes also thanked the Noldes for being responsible stewards of their historic home. Explained that the Noldes attended one of the Historic Preservation Commission's speaker series and were inspired by the Historic Preservation Commission and the Town for the direction they were taking towards historic preservation. Mentioned that the Noldes have given back to the Town of Westfield as teachers in the Westfield schools and have now preserved their home for future generations.

Mayor Brindle thanked Ms. Boyes and the Historic Preservation Commission and mentioned that Ms. Boyes is the chair of the Commission. Stated that this is fourth designation in the past two (2) years and is hopeful that this will be positive reinforcement for future designations. Also stated that historic preservation was something that was heard “loud and clear” through the Master Plan process and reiterated her thanks to the Historic Preservation Commission for its efforts.

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

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2153**

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE II, TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 3, PERSONNEL POSITIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE, SEC. 2-12.28, ‘SCHEDULE’” (CWA).”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2154**

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2132 ENTITLED, ‘AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 2 ‘ADMINISTRATION’, ARTICLE II, TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 3, PERSONNEL POSITIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE’, SEC 2-12.28, ‘SCHEDULE’”.

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2155**

“AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND VARIOUS AMENDMENTS THERETO.”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

**PENDING BUSINESS**

An ordinance entitled, GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2152 - “AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 1737 NEVADA STREET, SHOWN ON THE TOWN TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 5604, LOT 5 AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK 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: LoGrippo
Arena		
Dardia		
Neylan		
Contract		
Stokes		
Mackey		
Mayor Brindle		

An ordinance entitled GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2153 - "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE II, TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 3, PERSONNEL POSITIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE, SEC. 2-12.28, "SCHEDULE"" (CWA)." by Councilwoman Habgood, seconded by Councilman Contract, was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

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

An ordinance entitled, GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2154 - "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2132 ENTITLED, 'AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 2 'ADMINISTRATION', ARTICLE II, TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 3, PERSONNEL POSITIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE', SEC 2-12.28, 'SCHEDULE'". by Councilwoman Habgood, 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: LoGrippo
Arena		
Dardia		
Neylan		
Contract		
Stokes		
Mackey		
Mayor Brindle		

An ordinance entitled, GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2155 - "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND VARIOUS AMENDMENTS THERETO." by Councilwoman Habgood, seconded by Councilman Dardia, was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

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

Mayor Brindle

## **BIDS**

### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilman Contract and seconded by Councilwoman Habgood, Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council Conference Session and Regular Meeting held November 26, 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.

Stuart Glassmith, 220 Brightwood Avenue, discussed the striping of a double yellow line on Brightwood Avenue after the recent repaving of the road. Stated that residents in the area are upset and feel the striping has caused the roadway to be similar to Route 22. Also feels cars have “taken over” the roadway and that it is unsafe for pedestrians. Explained that when he brought this issue to the attention of Ward 1 councilmembers, he was told that the Public Safety, Parking and Transportation Committee reviewed the matter and determined that the double yellow line had previously existed along the entire length of the road. Stated that this is not the case and that the double yellow line ended at Embree Crescent. Also stated that he has Google photos which support where the striping ended on Brightwood Avenue. Feels since the road was striped, cars are travelling along the road at an increased speed and pedestrians and bicyclists are now secondary to vehicles. Stated that there are many children in the neighborhood that walk to school, and many need to cross Brightwood Avenue. Expressed concern for children’s safety and urged the Public Safety, Parking and Transportation Committee to review this issue further. Also stated that residents would be willing to contribute to the cost to remove the striping.

The Town Administrator explained that the Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee has been reviewing this issue and discussed traffic science and speed data that are used to determine the type of striping needed on a roadway. Stated that additional 25 mph signage was recently installed to remind drivers of the speed limit change as you enter Westfield. In addition, speed studies were recently conducted and the Town is using speed boxes to gauge the volume of traffic, as well as average speeds, which are scientific measures taken to determine what the average speed of a road should be. Referred to a suggestion that the Town schedule a meeting with residents to discuss this matter and feels a meeting with residents would be worthwhile.

Councilman Dardia explained that the Public Safety, Parking and Transportation Committee has been studying this matter for the better part of a year. Discussed the decision for shoulder striping and historical photos that showed a double yellow line to Prospect Street. Explained that shoulder lines are intended for pedestrian and bicyclist’s safety but the Public Safety, Parking and Transportation Committee would continue to study the double yellow line. Discussed a recent meeting of the Public Safety, Parking and Transportation Committee at which it was requested that radar be monitored along the roadway and that additional speed limit signs be installed. Also stated that he would be happy to meet with residents to discuss this issue further.

Councilwoman Mackey stated that she would also be happy to meet with residents. In addition, she spoke to the Police Chief with respect to increased enforcement in the area and is hopeful that drivers would slow down once they realize there is enhanced enforcement along Brightwood Avenue. Requested clarification as to the section of the road where Mr. Glassmith feels the speeding is occurring.

Mr. Glassmith discussed travel along the roadway after the road was first repaved versus after the road was striped and feels speeding increased after the road was striped.

Councilwoman Mackey explained that speeding is also a “by-product” of a newly paved road.

Councilman Dardia discussed the change in the speed limit along the road from 35 mph in Scotch Plains versus 25 mph in Westfield. Feels, historically, many drivers do not adjust their speed once they enter the 25 mph zone in Westfield.

Mayor Brindle suggested that further discussion of this matter occur offline and that a meeting with residents would be a good next step.

Evan Topilow, 355 Orenda Circle, stated that he is a builder and feels the Building, Zoning and Engineering Departments in Westfield are excellent. Informed the Town Council that he would like to discuss the Master Plan as it pertains to the demolition of homes. Explained that he understands the need for preservation but feels from the perspective of a builder, there are homes that need to be torn down. Also feels there is a need for new construction. Discussed certain styles of homes that cannot be modified, such as split-levels and bi-levels, and explained that buyers are no longer interested in these styles of homes. Also discussed the ordinance which prohibits the opening of a road and feels these regulations make it difficult for both residents and builders.

Mayor Brindle assured Mr. Topilow that the Town is not intending to make it difficult for builders or residents and agreed that there are instances in which home demolition is appropriate. However, also discussed the impact home demolitions have to the schools. Invited Mr. Topilow to attend the Planning Board meeting for the discussion and vote on the Master Plan Reexamination Report.

Mayor Brindle also addressed Mr. Topilow’s comments concerning the Town’s road moratorium ordinance and explained that the intention is to preserve the roadwork that was recently done, but the Code Review and Town Property Committee is considering some modifications to the ordinance. Feels Mr. Topilow has a fantastic reputation and explained that the Town wants to reward builders who maintain their sites and comply with regulations.

Mr. Topilow also mentioned that there were thirteen (13) deer in his front yard and expressed his support for the proposed deer management program.

Debora Bresch, 730 Castleman Drive, discussed her opposition to the deer management program. Referenced the FAQ document concerning deer management that was posted on the Town’s website and expressed concern with a lack of transparency because of the timeframe in which the FAQ’s became available. Also feels it is evident that Union County is “pro-hunt” and

has an agenda. Believes it is unclear as to whether a hunt is a solution to the deer population issue or simply an opportunity to kill deer. In addition, stated that deer hunts lead to increased reproduction as a result of the reduction in “resources” for male deer. Stated that she understands that there are safety issues associated with deer but feels it is incumbent upon the Town Council to determine if this program is actually a solution to the problem. Feels bowhunting is “brutal” and discussed instances in which wounded deer have wandered to private residential properties. Urged the Town Council to consider non-lethal alternatives. Also stated that baiting deer causes accidents because deer will rush to the bait and cross a road they might not normally cross. Feels a pro-democracy approach is needed and is concerned that approval of this program is a rush to judgment. Lastly, Ms. Bresch discussed the cycles of estrus and rutting and feels a group of stakeholders from surrounding communities should be established to ensure appropriate action is taken to address the deer population issue.

Karen Langer, 12 Jacobs Lane, Scotch Plains, offered her condolences to the Police Chief with respect to the incident that took place in Jersey City earlier today.

Ms. Langer also discussed the proposed deer management program and stated that she lives adjacent to the Conservation Center. Also stated that locations included in previous Union County hunts were much larger areas than the Conservation Center area, and all were Union County properties. Believes Westfield is the first Town to cull deer. Asked Councilman Contract how many deer were counted in the area of the Conservation Center.

Councilman Contract explained that the spotlight counts that were conducted were by square mile.

Ms. Langer stated that she saw two (2) deer this morning. Explained that the property is narrow and the berm separating the Conservation Center from residences of Jacobs Lane is also narrow. Requested information concerning the location of the perch and the number of archers that would participate in the hunt at the Conservation Center. Also informed the Town Council that there is no fence separating the Conservation Center from residences, only the berm. In addition, asked if Tamaques Park was considered and discussed the number of deer in the park. Feels Tamaques Park is a more appropriate location for a deer hunt.

Councilman Contract stated that there would only be one (1) perch at the Conservation Center, but its location has not yet been determined.

Lastly, Ms. Langer discussed the process that occurs when a deer is hit by an arrow.

Tina Fairweather, 4 Jacobs Lane, asked why the Conservation Center was considered for the deer hunt. Discussed her property and its proximity to the Conservation Center and feels allowing a deer hunt creates an unsafe situation. Discussed the setbacks required for hunting in residential areas and feels Tamaques Park is a more appropriate location for a deer hunt. Also asked if anyone “walked” the area proposed for the hunt. Stated that there is no fence between the Conservation Center and residences. The only fencing is along Lamberts Mill Road and feels wounded deer would be running into residents’ yards. Believes it is a bad idea to conduct a hunt which is essentially in residents’ backyards.

The Town Administrator stated that representatives from Union County “walked” the property. Also stated that he is unsure as to where statements that the entire property is fenced in originated from but Union County representatives walked the property twice and he believes they are referring to the fence along Lamberts Mill Road.

Ms. Fairweather also feels it is unsafe to bait deer at the Conservation Center because deer will then cross Lamberts Mill Road. Stated that she is not opposed to deer management, but to the location proposed.

Alice Miller, Scotch Plains, stated that the Conservation Center is not fully fenced and explained that the area is more visible through the berm at this time of year. Feels the Town Council needs to walk the area of the Conservation Center in order to understand that the space is very narrow.

Ms. Miller also referenced Mr. Topilow’s comments and agreed that split-level homes are difficult to sell.

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia Street, Clark, stated that she lives in the Grandview Avenue area and understands that this area is no longer being considered for the upcoming deer hunt. Discussed the area and explained that it is a narrow tract of property that borders Cranford and Garwood. Stated that she has several questions which she hopes can be answered. Explained that it is her understanding that the hunt is “self-regulated” by the hunters and that representatives of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife would not be present. Asked if residents should contact local police, Union County police or the State if wounded deer encroach on residents’ property. Also asked which agency would have the authority to stop the hunt if wounded deer encroach on private property. Questioned how wounded deer would be killed if they are not killed instantly when hit and wander to private property, and how they would be removed from Town property once they are killed. Lastly, asked whether there is a targeted number of deer to be killed, and if so, whether the hunt would end once that number is reached.

The Town Administrator stated that many of the questions Ms. Delia has asked are covered in the FAQ document. Also mentioned that the FAQ document has been available on the Town’s website for two (2) weeks and was supplemented this past Friday after the Town received additional information from Union County. Stated that, at this point, there is no required amount or quotas of deer to be hunted and that Union County would report to the Town as to what those numbers are, if the program moves forward.

The Town Administrator also discussed signage that would be posted concerning the hunt and extra steps the Town would take, in conjunction with Union County, to notify homeowners in the surrounding areas, if the program should move forward.

Eric Leuthold, 214 Hazel Avenue, thanked Councilman Stokes for his service to the Town and to the residents of Ward 4. Feels he has served admirably and has done a great job. Also feels he has voted on issues based upon his belief that they were in the best interest of Westfield residents.

Peter Echausse, 651 Coleman Place, thanked the outgoing Town Council members for their service and acknowledged the former councilmembers in attendance this evening. Feels it is a unique “club” and that Westfield is a great community. Also feels Councilmembers Neylan,

Arena and Stokes exemplify everything a good public servant should be. Feels they are kind, approachable and sincere. Also feels they always had the best interest of the community in mind.

Mr. Echausse also expressed his appreciation to Councilman Arena, stating that he is his neighbor and friend and feels he is a great role model. Stated that they met at the Daddy/Daughter Dance and encouraged all fathers to attend this event. Feels Councilman Arena's legacy is his support of the Recreation Commission and feels he was an outstanding advocate for recreation projects because he had the best interest of children in mind. Stated that he understands that Mayor Brindle wants to "go bigger and better" and he looks forward to seeing that accomplished. Reiterated his appreciation to Councilman Arena for his service.

Tom Jardim, 251 Walnut Street, thanked the departing Town Council members for their service. Stated that all three have a combined thirty-two (32) years of service to the Town, with Councilman Stokes serving four (4) years, Councilman Arena serving twelve (12) years, and Councilwoman Neylan serving sixteen (16) years, and believes Councilwoman Neylan's service to the Town is a record. Explained that councilmembers not only attend Town Council meetings but also attend committee meetings and are constantly receiving and responding to email messages, text messages and phone calls. Also discussed the resolution authorizing the salary for Mayor and Town Council and feels all are worth much more than the \$1.00 per year salary that is authorized. In addition, discussed the resolution to cancel the Mayor and Town Council's checks and feels the outgoing councilmembers should keep those checks. Referred to Councilman Stokes' service and stated that although he was not reelected to another term, he hopes he will continue to stay involved because he feels he has much to offer.

Sam Della Fera, 540 Coleman Place, wished all happy holidays. Commended Councilmembers Neylan, Arena and Stokes for their service to Westfield, as both a resident and a colleague. Discussed some of their significant accomplishments during their tenure, including guiding the Town through the financial challenges of the Great Recession, guiding the Town through the financial and physical challenges of Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy, and for their involvement in achieving a favorable settlement of litigation for high density housing which helped preserve the character of the Town. Stated that Councilman Stokes was particularly instrumental in preserving the area of the Westfield Armory to ensure that there would be no high-density housing in that area. Extended his appreciation to the outgoing councilmembers and stated that he hopes that they will stay involved with the Town because he feels they are needed.

Rob Benacchio, 530 Forest Avenue, feels time is a gift and thanked Councilmembers Neylan, Arena and Stokes, as well as the entire Town Council, for all of the time they have given to the Town, especially those that have served for twelve (12) and sixteen (16) years. Also discussed the time spent at Town Council meetings as well as committee meetings and feels these individuals make Westfield a place that people want to call home. Discussed Councilwoman Neylan's encouragement that he volunteers and serve and feels she is an inspiration to all. Reiterated his thanks to the outgoing councilmembers, and also welcomed and thanked the incoming councilmembers for their willingness to serve.

Councilman Arena thanked Mr. Benacchio for his support over the years and mentioned that he served as his campaign manager four (4) years ago.

Pam Wiaczek, 729 Belvidere Avenue, stated that she has known Councilmembers Neylan, Arena and Stokes for nearly the entire time that she has lived in Westfield. Feels all embody what she believes to be real community spirit. Also feels they all served with honor and integrity and are a model to those who will serve after them. Stated that while councilmembers do not always agree, feels the outgoing councilmembers disagreed respectfully. Thanked them for their service and welcomed them home to spend more time with their families. Also wished everyone happy holidays.

Kristen Trapani, 237 Delaware Street, discussed the deer management program and referred to comments concerning this issue during the last Town Council meeting. Expressed her appreciation to the Town Council for the follow up that was conducted. Feels her concerns were heard and she appreciates that the Town Council researched this issue and obtained answers to the questions that were asked.

Jim Block, 1323 Summit Avenue, discussed the deer management program and stated that he is not supportive of hunting in general, and feels bowhunting is cruel. Discussed websites he searched concerning deer hunts and discussed a study that was conducted which indicates the number of instances in which a deer is hit but is not killed. Also discussed another study which indicated that it is difficult to recover wounded deer. Explained that when deer are hit but do not die, it is called a "gut shot". This type of shot compromises the digestive system resulting in the deer needing water. Stated that deer will typically seek water and then die from its wound twenty-four (24) to thirty-six (36) hours later. Feels that while the deer do not suffer for an extended period of time, they do suffer for at least one (1) to three (3) days. Feels the deer management program is a gruesome program and is not something that is wanted in Westfield. Discussed the first deer hunt that occurred several years ago which involved the use of shotguns and sharpshooters and stated that crossbow hunting is something that is relatively new to Union County. Asked if anyone knows the wound and kill rate for crossbow hunts.

Councilman Contract explained that based upon information shared by Union County, there are rules regarding these hunts to ensure that the arrows are effective in killing the deer immediately or within the space where the shot is taken, which is twenty (20) yards. The hunters are taught where the arrow should penetrate to disable the deer quickly or within the general vicinity of the shot. In addition, Union County has indicated that it has a near perfect recovery rate and if they cannot track the deer within the twenty (20) yards it is typically disabled, they have dogs that assist them. Union County wants to conduct a hunt safely and humanely and wants to ensure that wounded deer do not end up in people's yards. Also stated that Union County has had no experience with wounded deer encroaching in people's yards. Feels this is a question as to whether this is the right program for Westfield at this time.

Mr. Block feels there is a high chance that deer would be wounded and suffering with crossbows as opposed to sharpshooters using shotguns. Also discussed signage on Councilman Contract's property when he was running for office and feels his support of the deer hunt does not seem consistent with his campaign.

Greg Kasko, 434 Everson Place, discussed leaf pickup regulations, including where leaves should be piled, when they can be put at the curb, and the types of items that can be included in leaf piles. Stated that he followed all regulations and was informed that the Department of Public Works would be conducting leaf collection in his zone during the week of November 12. He

moved his leaves to the street for pick up but they were not collected because of vehicles parked behind and in front of the pile. Explained that he lives near Lincoln School and teachers and parents park on his street at that time in the morning. Stated that he contacted Councilman Contract to inform him that his leaves were not collected. Councilman Contract replied and informed him that there would be a Saturday pickup for areas near schools, but that did not occur, so he used the Westfield Connect app to contact the Department of Public Works. Stated that leaves were eventually picked up in the area of Lincoln School on Saturday, November 23. At that point, he felt the need to email Mayor Brindle, Councilman Contract, Councilman LoGrippe, the Public Works Director, and DPW Supervisor Rich Eubanks to let them know what was happening, and later that week, his leaves were picked up. Feels the positive aspect of this issue is that communication has improved. Feels the Westfield Connect app was a “bonus” for him

Mr. Kasko also thanked Councilmembers Neylan, Arena and Stokes for their service to Westfield.

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

### **BILLS AND CLAIMS**

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

RESOLVED that the bills and claims in the amount of \$664,222.71 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, and seconded by Councilman Stokes were unanimously adopted.

#### **Resolution No. 278**

RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is, authorized to draw warrant for unused parking permit fee as follows:

Lori Leon	Lot 4/Nite Owl	#19480021	\$20.00
15 Second Avenue			
Garwood, NJ 07027			

#### **Resolution No. 279**

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$6,000 to the order of the United States Postal Service to replenish bulk mail permit no. 683 in order to process the Town’s brochure.

#### **Resolution No. 280**

RESOLVED, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to refund the following fees to the following individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Noelle du Toit-Coletti 857 Village Green Westfield, NJ 07090	9-03-55-920-203 Swim Refund	Refund Swim Lesson Classes Anna Coletti/Saturday- Inter. Ethan Coletti/Saturday-Inter.	\$110.00 (\$55) (\$55)
Joan Robinson 1125 Tice Place Westfield, NJ 07090	9-05-800-000 Sr. Programs	Refund / Class Joan Robinson Forever Fit	\$20.00
Nancy Desimone 126 Riverside Drive Cranford, NJ 07016	9-05-800-000 Sr. Programs	Refund / Trip Nancy Desimone Casino Trip (12/13/19)	\$30.00
Barbara Tantillo 321 Centennial Ave Cranford, NJ 07016	90-05-800-000 Sr. Program	Refund / Trip Barbara Tantillo Casino Trip (12/13/19)	\$30.00
Eugene Ehrlich 642 Roosevelt Ave Westfield, NJ 07090	90-05-800-000 Sr. Programs	Refund / Trip Iris Ehrlich Casino Trip (12/13/19)	\$30.00
Lynn Driscoll 1129 Boynton Ave Apt 2009 Westfield, NJ 07090	90-05-800-000 Sr. Programs	Refund / Trip Lynn Driscoll Casino Trip (12/13/19)	\$30.00
John Marvosa 2132 Shady Lane Scotch Plains, NJ 07076	90-05-800-000 Sr. Programs	Refund / Trip John Marvosa Casino Trip (12/13/19)	\$30.00
Carmen Sbordone 908 Central Ave Westfield, NJ 07090	90-05-800-000 Sr. Programs	Refund / Trip Carmen Sbordone Casino Trip (12/13/19)	\$30.00
Joseph Koczur 1129 Boynton Ave Apt 3034 Westfield, NJ 07090	90-05-800-000 Sr. Programs	Refund / Trip Joseph Koczur Casino Trip (12/13/19)	\$30.00

**Resolution No. 281**

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

<u>Block/Lot/Qualifier</u>	<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Quarter/Year</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>

3205/5

128 Sussex Street

4<sup>th</sup>/2019

LOGIUDICE, Daniela

\$814.85

**Resolution No. 282**

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he hereby is authorized to draw warrants to WYCHWOOD GARDENS COOP ASSOC INC, this amount being overpaid due to Veteran and Senior Citizen deductions for 2019:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Deduction Type</u>	<u>Deduction Amount</u>
Mueller	Senior Citizen	\$250.00
Viglianti	Senior Citizen	\$250.00
	Veteran	\$250.00
Tafelski	Surviving Spouse of Senior Citizen	\$250.00
	Widow of Veteran	\$250.00
Blyskal	Widow of Veteran	\$250.00
Fishkin	Veteran	\$250.00
Ring	Veteran	<u>\$250.00</u>
		\$2,000.00

**Check payable and mailed to:**

WYCHWOOD GARDENS COOP ASSOC INC  
 % FALKIN ASSOC  
 P.O. BOX 545  
 CRANFORD, NJ 07016

**Resolution No. 283**

WHEREAS, there exist on the records in the Tax Collector's office sewer balances for the year 2019:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to cancel the sewer balances below for the year 2019:

Account ID	Balance
768-0	\$0.68
1147-0	\$5.00
1673-0	\$4.22
1917-0	\$0.40
2696-0	\$7.66
3750-0	\$4.47
4046-0	\$5.00
5154-0	\$0.70
5345-0	\$0.51
6515-0	\$2.31
7245-0	\$7.22
8438-0	\$5.83
8482-0	\$0.37
8599-0	\$0.07

**Resolution No. 284**

WHEREAS, there exist on the records in the Tax Collector's office tax balances for the year 2019:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to cancel the tax balances below for the year 2019

Block	Lot	Qual	Balance
603	6		\$0.20
603	18		\$0.01
707	32		\$0.10
709	3		\$0.20
906	39		\$0.32
1001	35		\$0.03
1004	20	C0008	\$0.08
1004	20	C0012	\$5.10
1203	26		\$1.50
1303	18		\$0.80
1304	31		\$2.15
1407	3		\$0.20
2207	26		\$0.46
2211	10.03		\$0.40
2401	4		\$0.01
2404	58		\$0.01
2608	23		\$0.01
2706	28.01		\$0.32
2803	6		\$0.60
2815	6.3		\$9.00
2815	14		\$0.20
2816	25		\$0.01
2818	14		\$0.09
2912	15		\$0.01
3007	3		\$0.02
3007	4		\$0.01
3010	17	C0010	\$3.66
3103	11		\$0.01

Block	Lot	Qual	Balance
3105	6		\$0.85
3106	2		\$0.01
3108	10		\$8.00
3303	7.01		\$0.10
3303	42		\$0.05
3309	12		\$0.50
3506	22		\$0.09
3602	12		\$0.07
4103	18		\$9.00
4201	4		\$8.98
4301	67		\$8.83
4302	8		\$0.50
4401	59		\$8.55
4403	2		\$0.35
4503	47		\$0.30
4601	12		\$0.88
4706	41		\$0.01
5011	3		\$2.00
5104	8		\$0.60
5117	30		\$0.01
5207	12		\$0.62
5302	28		\$0.43
5601	13		\$0.50
5612	4		\$7.16
5701	6		\$5.71
5708	12		\$2.47
5712	1		\$0.01

**Resolution No. 285**

WHEREAS, the 2018 Operating Budget Appropriation Reserves contains encumbrances in certain appropriations that will not be paid until 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriation reserve balances be transferred to an Accounts Payable in the amount of and purpose set forth below:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fire Department	Feasibility Study	102,536.14
Police Department	Range	800.00
Public Works	Education	3,195.00
Planning Board	Master Plan	<u>6,935.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>113,466.14</b>

**Resolution No. 286**

WHEREAS, there are no Council meetings scheduled after December 10, 2019 and claims and bills may be presented which could require the transfer of appropriations from accounts which have an excess to those with a shortage to cover the payment of said claims and bills.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make the necessary transfer of appropriations for all bills and claims which are received between December 10 and December 31, 2019.

FURTHER RESOLVED that an itemized list of said transfer shall be provided to the Mayor and Council members for the first regular meeting in January, 2020, following the Organization Meeting with any objections or questions presented to the Treasurer or Administrator.

**Resolution No. 287**

WHEREAS, there are no Council meetings scheduled after December 10, 2019 and it is advisable to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to pay bills and claims which may be incurred after the December 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting bill payment cut-off date of November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and before years end.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to pay all bills and claims whose due date falls between November 29 and December 31, 2019, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an itemized list of said bills and claims shall be provided to the Mayor and Council members by December 27, 2019 with any objections or questions to be presented to the Chief Financial Officer by December 31, 2019 who shall answer said questions or pull the bill for further consideration at the first regular meeting in January, 2020 following the Organization Meeting, along with all other bills being paid.

**Resolution No. 288**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel receivable balances from the balance sheet for grants that have expired, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to cancel such receivables to Operations.

RESOLVED, that the following receivable balances, in the amount of \$35.55, are hereby cancelled:

Municipal Alliance on  
Alcohol & Drug Abuse

\$35.55

**Total** **\$35.55**

**Resolution No. 289**

WHEREAS, there exists various Grant Reserves on the balance sheet of the Current Fund, and

WHEREAS, the funds creating these reserves have been investigated and it has been determined that these reserves should be cancelled.

RESOLVED, that the following reserves, in the amount of \$14.57, are hereby cancelled:

Municipal Alliance on Alcohol and Drug Abuse	\$14.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14.57</b>

**Resolution No. 290**

BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19, the following appropriations for Interest and Debt Redemption charges for the year 2020 be and the same are hereby appropriated as follows:

MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE

Principal – Municipal Bonds	\$2,655,000.00
Interest on Municipal Bonds	<u>424,057.50</u>
	<u>\$3,079,057.50</u>

SWIM POOL DEBT SERVICE

Principal – Pool Bonds	\$325,000.00
Interest on Pool Bonds	<u>47,433.75</u>
	<u>\$372,433.75</u>

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT LOAN

Principal – DCA Loan	<u>\$27,000.00</u>
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**Resolution No. 291**

WHEREAS, there exists outstanding checks on the reconciliation of the following Funds, and

WHEREAS, these checks have been investigated and it has been determined that these checks should be cancelled;

RESOLVED, that the following outstanding checks are hereby cancelled:

Account	Check Date	Check No.	Check Amount
<b>Current Fund</b>			
Honorable Andrew Skibitsky	12/12/17	73315	1.00
Councilman David Oliveira	12/12/17	73316	1.00
Councilman Keith Donnelly	12/12/17	73317	1.00
Councilman Doug Stokes	12/12/17	73318	1.00
Councilman Frank Arena	12/12/17	73319	1.00
Councilwoman Joann Neylan	12/12/17	73320	1.00
Councilman Keith Loughlin	12/12/17	73321	1.00
Councilman Mark LoGripo	12/12/17	73322	1.00
Councilman Sam Della Fera	12/12/17	73323	1.00
EDU Power	7/10/17	75024	353.18
Amanda Richards	10/16/17	75912	14.29
Charles Elliot	11/20/17	76252	15.76
Honorable Michelle Brindle	12/31/18	76474	1.00
Councilman Doug Stokes	12/31/18	76475	1.00
Councilman Michael Dardia	12/31/18	76477	1.00
Councilwoman Dawn Mackey	12/31/18	76478	1.00
Councilman David Contract	12/31/18	76479	1.00
Councilman Frank Arena	12/31/18	76480	1.00
Councilwoman Joann Neylan	12/31/18	76481	1.00
Councilman Mark LoGripo	12/31/18	76482	1.00
Councilwoman Linda Habgood	12/31/18	76529	1.00
<b>Total for Current Fund</b>			<b>401.23</b>
<b>Trust-Other Fund</b>			
Monarch Homes	2/7/17	21033	500.00
Cathy Jones	8/29/18	21537	95.00
Monika Gupta	9/4/18	21555	198.97
Suzanne Cicia	9/11/18	21580	15.00
Beata Krownska	9/11/18	21598	15.00
Jamie McCabe-Dune	9/11/18	21605	15.00
Allegra Greeley	9/11/18	21632	30.00
Polamco Contracting, LLC	12/17/18	21717	500.00
Templeton & Shaw, LLC	12/17/18	21721	500.00
Verizon NJ, Inc.	12/17/18	21723	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total for Trust-Other Fund</b>			<b>2,368.97</b>
<b>Payroll Deductions Account</b>			
Westfield PBA	11/19/18	16383	2,750.00
<b>Total for Payroll Deductions Account</b>			<b>2,750.00</b>
<b>Swim Pool Operating Account</b>			
Stacy Meyer	9/11/18	7459	<u>25.00</u>

<b>Total for Swim Pool Operating Account</b>			<b>25.00</b>
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**Resolution No. 292**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by the law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$5,620.01, which is now available from the Department of Law and Public Safety, 2019 Body Armor Replacement Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum be, and the same is hereby appropriated under the following caption:

General Appropriations  
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues

2019 Body Armor Replacement Fund  
\$5,620.01

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one copy of this resolution be forwarded electronically to the Division of Local Government Services by the Chief Financial Officer.

**Resolution No. 293**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by the law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$5,000, which is now available from the 2019 Greening Union County Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum be, and the same is hereby appropriated under the following caption:

General Appropriations  
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues

2019 Greening Union County Grant                      \$5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one copy of this resolution be forwarded electronically to the Division of Local Government Services by the Chief Financial Officer.

**Resolution No. 294**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by the law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$52,400, which is now available from the Union County 2019 Kids Recreation Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum be, and the same is hereby appropriated under the following caption:

General Appropriations  
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues

2019 Union County Kids Recreation Grant                      \$52,400.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one copy of this resolution be forwarded electronically to the Division of Local Government Services by the Chief Financial Officer.

**Resolution No. 295**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by the law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of

revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$5,851.56, which is now available from the Department of Justice, Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum be, and the same is hereby appropriated under the following caption:

General Appropriations  
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues

2019 Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	\$5,851.56
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one copy of this resolution be forwarded electronically to the Division of Local Government Services by the Chief Financial Officer.

**Resolution No. 296**

WHEREAS, a need exists for the purchase of equipment for the Recreation Department as provided for in Special Ordinance No. 2216C, and

WHEREAS, the contract to purchase these is to be awarded to an authorized vendor through a New Jersey State Contract, and

WHEREAS, this equipment will be sufficient to meet the needs of the Department, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Public Contract Law 40A:11-3 states that when accepting an item under New Jersey State Contract #A88211, a resolution must be adopted by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the Town Treasurer certified to the availability of adequate funds for payment, which will be in the amount of \$29,781.50 charged to Special Ordinance No. 2216C, account number C-07-19-221-6C1 under Purchase Order #19-04693 prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 1.10.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield will purchase the following equipment from the indicated vendor:

DFFLM, LLC, T/A Ditschman/Flemington Ford  
215 US Highway 202  
Flemington, NJ 08822

(1) 2020 Ford F350 Transit High Top Extended Cargo Van	\$29,781.50
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper Town Officials be, and they are hereby authorized to take whatever actions are appropriate in the execution and discharge of this Contract.

**Resolution No. 297**

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield is seeking qualified business entities to provide fundraising consultant services for the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Town of Westfield (Westfield 300); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the aforementioned service through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and

WHEREAS, Solarverve, LLC, 1786 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060 submitted a proposal to perform said services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield does hereby award a contract to Solarverve, LLC for fundraising services in connection with the Westfield 300 celebration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper Town Officials be, and hereby are, authorized to take whatever actions are appropriate in the execution and discharge of this contract.

**Resolution No. 298**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has applied for and been approved for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Union, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield's Municipal Alliance Program has been approved to receive funding for the FY 2021 period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 for an amount of \$26,651 for each fiscal year period,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Town Council does hereby authorize the approval of the application for the FY2021 representing a total award of \$26,651 for the 12-month period, representing a cash match of \$6,663 and In-Kind of \$19,988 to the Westfield Municipal Alliance.
2. The Town Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

**Resolution No. 299**

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw warrants in the amount of \$1.00 to the following named Mayor and Council of the Town of Westfield in payment of annual salary in full for the year 2019 to wit:

Honorable	Michelle W. Brindle
Councilwoman	Linda Habgood
Councilwoman	Dawn Mackey
Councilwoman	JoAnn Neylan
Councilman	Frank Arena
Councilman	David Contract
Councilman	Michael Dardia
Councilman	Mark LoGrippo
Councilman	Doug Stokes

**Resolution No. 300**

RESOLVED that the payroll consisting of the following regularly salaried employees of the Town of Westfield represented by CWA Local 1040 for collective bargaining purposes be adopted retroactively effective to January 1, 2019 and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw warrants to their order, biweekly, as their names appear on the departmental payrolls, and that the Mayor and the Town Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized to sign a warrant in compliance thereto for the amount of the payroll biweekly:

<b><u>Office/ Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>2019 Salary</u></b>
<b><u>Town Clerk's Office</u></b>		
Tracy Fooster	General Office Clerk	\$ 46,729
<b><u>Regional Board of Health</u></b>		
Loray Kozar	Secretary (Board of Health)	\$ 57,234
Jesse Powell	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 67,958
Giselle Alfaro	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 64,670
Beau Preston	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 63,396
George Kornias	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 63,396
Christie Visokay	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 63,396
<b><u>Finance Office</u></b>		
Mary Poon	Cost Analysis Clerk/QPA	\$ 54,671
Janey Chen	General Office Clerk	\$ 48,419
<b><u>Tax Assessor's Office</u></b>		
Sandra Giordano	General Office Clerk	\$ 35,498

**Tax Collector's Office**

Maria Santos	General Office Clerk	\$ 36,838
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**Construction/Building Division**

Deborah McMahon	Technical Assistant	\$ 46,980
Carol Fedzina	Technical Assistant	\$ 43,000
Linda Nguyen	General Office Clerk	\$ 34,798

**Recreation Office**

Linda Johnson	Recreation Program Coordinator	\$ 43,024
Joanne Colaneri	Secretary (Recreation)	\$ 51,727
Lauren Harmer	Recreation Events Specialist	\$ 39,500

**Pool Utility**

Paul Checchio	Pool Maintenance Technician	\$ 69,143
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**Police Department**

Kim Sakr	Dispatcher	\$ 57,900
Edward Feins	Dispatcher	\$ 42,840
Brianna Scotto	Dispatcher	\$ 40,800
Joseph Demico	Dispatcher	\$ 40,800
Anthony Longo	Dispatcher	\$ 39,270
Sara Hayes	Dispatcher	\$ 39,270
Andra Don	General Office Clerk (Police)	\$ 38,908
Dominick Sandelli	IT Technician	\$ 58,902

**Planning & Zoning Division**

Linda Jacus	Secretary	\$ 38,878
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**Municipal Court**

Ann Margetoes	Deputy Court Administrator	\$ 59,423
Barbara Sheldon	General Office Clerk	\$ 44,228
Mary Heeney	General Office Clerk	\$ 40,130
Maureen Gabriel	General Office Clerk	\$ 40,130
Fran Pelosi	General Office Clerk	\$ 40,130

**Parking Administration**

Helen Elliot	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 43,956
Robert Denny	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 37,740
Michael Perrotta	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 33,421
Regina Powell	General Office Clerk	\$ 43,854

**Resolution No. 301**

RESOLVED that the payroll consisting of the following regularly salaried employees of the Town of Westfield represented by CWA Local 1040 for collective bargaining purposes be adopted effective January 1, 2020 and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw warrants to their order, biweekly, as their names appear on the departmental payrolls, and that the Mayor and the

Town Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized to sign a warrant in compliance thereto for the amount of the payroll biweekly:

<b><u>Office/ Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>2020 Salary</u></b>
<b><u>Town Clerk's Office</u></b>		
Tracy Fooster	General Office Clerk	\$ 47,664
<b><u>Regional Board of Health</u></b>		
Loray Kozar	Secretary (Board of Health)	\$ 58,378
Jesse Powell	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 69,317
Giselle Alfaro	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 65,963
Beau Preston	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 64,664
George Kornias	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 64,664
Christie Visokay	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 64,664
<b><u>Finance Office</u></b>		
Mary Poon	Cost Analysis Clerk/QPA	\$ 55,764
Janey Chen	General Office Clerk	\$ 49,388
<b><u>Tax Assessor's Office</u></b>		
Sandra Giordano	General Office Clerk	\$ 36,208
<b><u>Tax Collector's Office</u></b>		
Maria Santos	General Office Clerk	\$ 37,575
<b><u>Construction/Building Division</u></b>		
Deborah McMahon	Technical Assistant	\$ 47,920
Carol Fedzina	Technical Assistant	\$ 43,860
Linda Nguyen	General Office Clerk	\$ 35,494
<b><u>Recreation Office</u></b>		
Linda Johnson	Recreation Program Coordinator	\$ 43,894
Joanne Colaneri	Secretary (Recreation)	\$ 52,762
Lauren Harmer	Recreation Events Specialist	\$ 40,290
<b><u>Pool Utility</u></b>		
Paul Checchio	Pool Maintenance Technician	\$ 70,526
<b><u>Police Department</u></b>		
Kim Sakr	Dispatcher	\$ 59,058
Edward Feins	Dispatcher	\$ 43,697
Brianna Scotto	Dispatcher	\$ 41,616
Joseph Demico	Dispatcher	\$ 41,616
Anthony Longo	Dispatcher	\$ 40,055
Sara Hayes	Dispatcher	\$ 40,055
Andra Don	General Office Clerk (Police)	\$ 39,686
Dominick Sandelli	IT Technician	\$ 60,080

**Planning & Zoning Division**

Linda Jacus	Secretary	\$ 39,656
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**Municipal Court**

Ann Margetoes	Deputy Court Administrator	\$ 60,611
Barbara Sheldon	General Office Clerk	\$ 45,113
Mary Heeney	General Office Clerk	\$ 40,932
Maureen Gabriel	General Office Clerk	\$ 40,932
Fran Pelosi	General Office Clerk	\$ 40,932

**Parking Administration**

Helen Elliot	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 44,835
Robert Denny	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 38,495
Michael Perotta	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 34,090
Regina Powell	General Office Clerk	\$ 44,731

**Resolution No. 302**

RESOLVED that the payroll consisting of the following regularly salaried employees of the Police Department of the Town of Westfield represented by the Superior Officers Association PBA Local 90A for collective bargaining purposes be adopted retroactively effective to January 1, 2019 and that the Treasurer be authorized to draw warrants to their order biweekly as their names appear on departmental payrolls, and that the Mayor and the Town Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign a warrant in compliance thereto for the amount of the payroll biweekly:

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>JAN. 1, 2019</u></b>
John Ricerca	Captain	\$144,404
Frank Padovano	Captain	\$144,404
Jason McErlean	Lieutenant	\$134,133
Jason Carter	Lieutenant	\$134,133
Jason Rodger	Lieutenant	\$134,133
Leonard Lugo	Sergeant	\$124,899
John Tango	Sergeant	\$124,899
Thomas Ostrander	Sergeant	\$124,899
Michael Walsh	Sergeant	\$124,899
Marcin Kapka	Sergeant	\$124,899
Lauren Maloney	Sergeant	\$124,899
Nicole Stivale	Sergeant	\$124,899
Bradford Beirne	Sergeant	\$124,899
Kevin O'Keffe	Sergeant	\$124,899
Preston Freeman	Sergeant	\$124,899
Nicholas Bruno	Sergeant	\$124,899

**Resolution No. 303**

RESOLVED that the payroll consisting of the following regularly salaried employees of the Police Department of the Town of Westfield represented by the Superior Officers Association PBA Local 90A for collective bargaining purposes be adopted effective January 1, 2020 and that the Treasurer be authorized to draw warrants to their order biweekly as their names appear on departmental

payrolls, and that the Mayor and the Town Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign a warrant in compliance thereto for the amount of the payroll biweekly:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>JAN. 1, 2020</u>
John Ricerca	Captain	\$148,057
Frank Padovano	Captain	\$148,057
Jason McErlean	Lieutenant	\$137,580
Jason Carter	Lieutenant	\$137,580
Jason Rodger	Lieutenant	\$137,580
Leonard Lugo	Sergeant	\$128,162
John Tango	Sergeant	\$128,162
Thomas Ostrander	Sergeant	\$128,162
Michael Walsh	Sergeant	\$128,162
Marcin Kapka	Sergeant	\$128,162
Lauren Maloney	Sergeant	\$128,162
Nicole Stivale	Sergeant	\$128,162
Bradford Beirne	Sergeant	\$128,162
Kevin O'Keffe	Sergeant	\$128,162
Preston Freeman	Sergeant	\$128,162
Nicholas Bruno	Sergeant	\$128,162

#### **Resolution No. 304**

RESOLVED that the payroll consisting of the following regularly salaried employees of the Fire Department of the Town of Westfield represented by FMBA Local #30 for collective bargaining purposes be adopted January 1, 2020 and that the Treasurer be authorized to draw warrants to their order biweekly as their names appear on departmental payrolls, and that the Mayor and the Town Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign a warrant in compliance thereto for the amount of the payroll biweekly:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>January 1, 2020</u>
Scott Miller	Battalion Chief	\$133,247
James Ryan Jr.	Battalion Chief	\$133,247
Timothy Brennan	Battalion Chief	\$133,247
Robert Sawicki	Battalion Chief	\$133,247
Michael Duelks	Battalion Chief	\$125,359
Rick Jurgens	Bataillon Chief	\$125,359
James Dannevig	Captain	\$119,407
Michael Sawicki	Captain	\$122,763
Thomas Ryan	Captain	\$122,763
Matthew Pereira	Captain	\$122,763
Aldo Tammaro	Captain	\$122,763
Lou Cherchio	Captain	\$122,763
Ben Corbin	Captain	\$122,763
Karl Kelber	Captain	\$114,101
Kevin McCormack	Captain	\$114,101
Christopher Love	Fire Fighter	\$108,089
David Mazza	Fire Fighter	\$108,089
Angelo Bencivenga	Fire Fighter	\$108,089

John McCormack	Fire Fighter	\$108,089
Michael Skubish	Fire Fighter	\$108,089
Craig Manning	Fire Fighter	\$108,089
Jason Garcia	Fire Fighter	\$63,028
Brian Piccola	Fire Fighter	\$63,028
John Gura	Fire Fighter	\$63,028
Thomas Bottini	Fire Fighter	\$63,028
Kevin Guidici Pietro	Fire Fighter	\$63,028
Bryan Crawford	Fire Fighter	\$57,516
Ryan Dullea	Fire Fighter	\$57,516
Daniel Genovese	Fire Fighter	\$57,516
Daniel Tammara	Fire Fighter	\$52,004
Richard Alloco	Fire Fighter	\$41,052
Michael Sawicki	Fire Fighter	\$41,052
Anthony Grasso	Fire Fighter	\$41,052
Gerard Peyton	Fire Fighter	\$41,052
Patrick Carey	Fire Fighter	\$41,052

**Resolution No. 305**

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, 2020, 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>
W. Moore, Jr.	1	\$36.13
J. Giordano	1	\$36.13
M. Glagola	1	\$36.13
J. Russitano	1	\$36.13
R. Vastano	1	\$36.13
J. Handy	1	\$36.13
F. Watkins	1	\$36.13
G. Stabenow	1	\$36.13
T. Cuccaro	1	\$36.13
E. Maris	1	\$36.13
R. Watt	1	\$36.13
C. Calvello	1	\$36.13
B. Segebade	1	\$36.13
L. Scipioni	1	\$36.13
S. Chamberlin	1	\$36.13
G. Long	1	\$36.13
D. Clark Jr.	1	\$36.13
V. Brodo	7	\$22.30
C. Bohnyak	7	\$22.30
J. Steward	7	\$22.30
J. Giordano Jr.	7	\$22.30

J. Pafumi	7	\$22.30
D. Sangston	7	\$22.30
C. Elliot	7	\$22.30
T. Vreeland	9	\$21.00
A. Graf	10	\$20.35
F. Scalera	11	\$19.70
K. Muller	11	\$19.70
D. Youcus	11	\$19.70
E. Rawles	11	\$19.70
B. Glagola	11	\$19.70
J. Smith	11	\$19.70
J. Guarino	12	\$19.05
M. Johnson	12	\$19.05
N. Natale	12	\$19.05
M. Perricone	12	\$19.05
M. Eagan	12	\$19.05
G. Pellino	12	\$19.05

G. Gray - Survey Party Chief \$73,048

G. Junkroft - Building Subcode Official \$82,071

### **Resolution No. 306**

RESOLVED that the payroll consisting of the following regularly salaried employees of the Town of Westfield be adopted effective January 1, 2020 and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw warrants to their order, biweekly, as their names appear on the departmental payrolls, and that the Mayor and the Town Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized to sign a warrant in compliance thereto for the amount of the payroll biweekly:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	
James H. Gildea	Town Administrator	\$189,514
Joan Thermann	Executive Assistant	\$ 88,152
Scott Olsen	Chief Financial Officer	\$157,332
Jessica Wang	Payroll/Benefits Manager	\$ 80,739
Tara Rowley	Town Clerk	\$106,625
Maureen Lawshe	Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 64,374
Anmarie Switzer	Tax Assessor	\$100,549
Henry Wang	Tax Collector	\$ 78,989
Steve Freedman	Construction Official	\$123,099
Keith Allara	Electrical Subcode Inspector	\$ 81,854
Michael Cuppari	Custodian	\$ 45,827
Chris Battiloro	Police Chief	\$157,721
Raeann Anthony	Administrative Secretary	\$ 69,674
Scott Mersereau	Parking Services Director	\$ 79,779
Anthony Tiller	Fire Chief	\$153,611
Kris McAloon	Town Engineer	\$145,651
Chris Roth	Engineering Inspector	\$ 71,411
Kathleen Neville	Zoning Officer	\$ 85,500

Kathleen Nemeth	Assistant Zoning Officer	\$ 59,806
Paul Horta	Town Surveyor	\$102,579
Donald Sammet	Town Planner	\$114,320
Gregory O'Neil	Director of Public Works	\$116,035
Craig Gibson	Supervisor–Public Works	\$ 86,667
Eugene Watkins	Supervisor–Public Works	\$ 86,667
Richard Eubanks	Supervisor–Public Works	\$ 86,667
Robert Kosciolk	Supervisor–Public Works	\$ 86,667
Don Bogardus	Director of Recreation	\$102,317
Heather Ferratti	Assistant Director of Recreation	\$ 75,740
Carol Salvaggio	Municipal Court Administrator	\$ 87,880
Parag Patel	Municipal Magistrate	\$ 61,085

The following resolution, introduced by Councilwoman Habgood, seconded by Councilman Contract was adopted by the following roll call vote:

**Resolution No. 307**

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to make the following transfer(s) in the 2019 budget accounts:

	<u>OUT</u>	<u>IN</u>
<b><u>CURRENT FUND</u></b>		
Administrative & Executive		
9-01-100-101 Salaries & Wages (S&W)		8,500
Legal Services		
9-01-120-211 Other Expenses (O/E)		30,000
Fire Department		
9-01-125-256 (O/E)	20,000	
Parking Administration		
9-01-131-101 (S&W)		3,000
Engineering		
9-01-135-101 (S&W)		1,300
Board of Health		
9-01-150-101 (S&W)	30,000	
Insurance		
9-01-183-222 (O/E)	72,800	
Public Buildings and Grounds		
9-01-185-215 (O/E)		80,000
	<u>\$122,800</u>	<u>\$122,800</u>

	<u>OUT</u>	<u>IN</u>
<b><u>SWIM POOL FUND</u></b>		
Swim Pool Salaries 9-03-195-101 (S&W)		\$6,300
Client Analysis Charges 9-03-195-202 (O/E)	\$4,000	
Chemicals 9-03-195-212 (O/E)	4,300	
Social Security 9-03-250-211 (O/E)		2,000
	<u>\$8,300</u>	<u>\$8,300</u>

Yeas: Habgood

Arena

Dardia

Neylan

Contract

Stokes

Mackey

Mayor Brindle

Nays:

Absent: LoGrippo

**Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee****Code Review & Town Property Committee**

The following resolution, introduced by Councilwoman Mackey, Chairwoman of the Code Review & Town Property Committee and seconded by Councilman Contract, was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 308**

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40-45A-1, the Organization Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield for the year 2020 will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey.

**Resolution No. 309**

NOTICE that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield will meet in Conference Session, at which meeting the public may attend and make comments, and address Council to discuss and consider matters of public business, upon which no formal action will then be taken but which may subsequently be acted upon in a regular Council Meeting, on the following dates in 2020 in

the Administrative Conference Room in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 7:00 PM, the said dates being the following Tuesdays:

January 14 and 28  
February 11 and 25  
March 10 and 24  
April 14 and 28  
May 12 and 26  
June 9 and 30  
July 14  
August 11  
September 8 and 22  
October 13 and 27  
November 10 and 24  
December 8

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield will meet in regular public meeting, at which the public may attend and participate, on the following dates in 2020 in the Council Chambers of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 8:00 PM, the said meeting dates being the following Tuesdays:

January 14 and 28  
February 11 and 25  
March 10 and 24  
April 14 and 28  
May 12 and 26  
June 9 and 30  
July 14  
August 11  
September 8 and 22  
October 13 and 27  
November 10 and 24  
December 8

**Resolution No. 310**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation Complete Streets Design Guide defines complete streets as follows: “Complete Streets are streets designed for all users, all modes of transportation, and all ability levels. They balance the needs of drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, emergency responders, and goods movement based on the local context”; and

WHEREAS, while the primary benefit of complete streets is improved safety, particularly for people who walk or bike who are the most vulnerable users of the street, there are other positive outcomes. Complete streets create better places to live, work, and do business. They can help improve the health of a community by encouraging people to walk and bike, bolster the local economy by generating foot traffic in business districts and provide greater mobility options for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Westfield adopted a Complete Streets Policy on November 26, 2013;  
and

WHEREAS, the planning for and implementation of improvements consistent with complete streets guidelines is consistent with the Mayoral declaration of 2019 being the “Year of the Pedestrian” within Westfield; and

WHEREAS, through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority’s FY2020 *Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program*, Sustainable Jersey will coordinate and the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University will provide planning-level technical assistance services to municipalities for a specific project related to advancing a complete streets initiative in their communities; and

WHEREAS, although no direct funding is provided, selected municipalities will receive free direct technical assistance services to complete a specific task related to advancing a complete streets initiative in their communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of The Town of Westfield authorizes the Town Planner to submit an application to the *Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program* to receive free direct technical assistance services to complete a specific task related to advancing complete streets, and also commits pertinent municipal staff to coordinate and collaborate with Sustainable Jersey, Voorhees Transportation Center and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to support the successful and timely delivery of technical assistance services.

Yeas: Habgood

Nays:

Absent: LoGrippo

Arena

Dardia

Neylan

Contract

Stokes

Mackey

Mayor Brindle

### **Public Works Committee**

The following resolution, introduced by Councilman Contract, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, and seconded by Councilman Stokes, was unanimously adopted.

### **Resolution No. 311**

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2019, under Resolution 64-2019, a Unit Price Contract was awarded to Northern Nurseries of New Jersey, Inc., for the purchase of various landscape materials, including trees, at unit pricing in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2019, under Resolution 209-2019, the original contract was amended by \$60,000 to an amount not to exceed \$135,00 in response to continuous evaluation in the field, and

WHEREAS, under further evaluations made in the field and following the award and subsequent amendment of the original contract, a need exists for a further amendment for the purchase of additional landscape material for use by the Department of Public Works, as provided for in Public Works account 137- 254 in the amount of \$25,000, and

WHEREAS, Certificate of the Town Treasurer, certifying to the availability of adequate funds for this Amended Contract, prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 1.10 has been furnished to the Town Clerk. Expenditure of funds pursuant to this Contract to be charged to Public Works account 137-254, under Purchase Order PO# 19-00729, in an amount not expected to exceed \$160,000, an increase of \$25,000 over the amended contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Unit Price Contract originally awarded to Northern Nurseries of New Jersey, Inc., as amended by Resolution 209-2019, be and is hereby further amended in an amount not to exceed \$160,000 (increased \$25,000) and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper Town Officials be, and they are hereby, authorized to take whatever actions are appropriate in the execution of discharge of this Contract.

**Resolution No. 312**

WHEREAS, a need existed for improvements to Memorial Park, which involved the installation of a building foundation and various utility service connections to accommodate delivery of a pre-fabricated bathroom, and

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded to T.R. Weniger, Inc., 1900 New Brunswick Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854 to provide the necessary services as indicated, by Resolution 210-2018 on August 14, 2018, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the advertising of the original project the utility provider, PSE&G, made modifications to the method of delivering power to this facility, which required conduit trenching, pavement and lawn area repair and sidewalk accommodations to provide for the appropriate transformer placement, and

WHEREAS, this additional work was outside the scope of the original contract and required the solicitation of quotes from various vendors in order to achieve this work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a Contract in the amount of \$23,000.00 be awarded to T.R. Weniger, Inc., charged to Budget Account 8-01-185-217 under Purchase Order 18-03033, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper Town Officials be, and they are hereby, authorized to take whatever actions are appropriate in the execution of discharge of this Contract.

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

Resolution No. 313-Town Council Comments:

Councilwoman Neylan discussed the deer management program and the fact that the Grandview Avenue area was removed from the hunt. Referred to Ms. Trapani's comments in which she expressed her appreciation to the Town Council for the follow up that was conducted and questioned if this is because the area that specifically impacted Ms. Trapani was removed from the program. Councilwoman Neylan also stated that she was not satisfied with the process and feels that the program is more troubling to her now because it was drastically changed as a result of the concerns that were raised. Stated that she understands that there is a deadline in order to participate in the program but feels further review is needed to ensure that no one is put in harm's way.

Councilman Contract stated that he supports the deer management program. Feels the process worked well and explained that he received a number of complaints from residents regarding the increase in deer, which resulted in the matter being reviewed and ultimately brought to the Town Council for a vote. Also explained that he was not comfortable voting on this resolution at the last Town Council meeting because he believed the questions that were raised deserved further exploration. Stated that while delaying a vote on a resolution is not typical, feels the process was appropriate. Stated that this is a difficult decision and he understands that not all residents will be satisfied with the final vote, but believes a dangerous issue exists that must be addressed, and the Union County Deer Management Program is the best option available to the Town. Also feels removing the Grandview Avenue area from the hunt was the right decision despite the fact that the original requests to address the deer population issue came from residents of that area. Feels the Union County Deer Management Program is safe, humane and well-run.

Councilman Stokes mentioned that he is vice-chair of the Public Works Committee and was supportive of moving forward with the program when the committee met with Union County. However, when questions were raised at the last Town Council meeting, he believed more information was needed. Discussed the conference call with Union County that was held last week to address the questions that were raised. Feels because of the diversity of opinion

concerning this matter and the additional concerns that have been raised by both Westfield residents and residents of neighboring communities, he is not convinced that enough research has been conducted. Feels it is still unclear as to how far a deer might run when it is hit. Also discussed the potential for wounded deer to run to private properties and across busy roads after being hit. In addition, referenced a comment related to deer hunts and the possibility that they could result in an increase in the deer population. Stated that for these reasons, he does not support the deer hunt and feels more follow up is needed in order for him to make a confident decision.

Councilman Arena feels this is a difficult decision and the Town Council has heard from “both sides”. Discussed an accident he was involved in where a deer ran into his car. Explained that he was fortunate that he was not seriously injured and feels the deer population needs to be addressed.

The following resolution, introduced by Councilman Contract, seconded by Councilman Stokes was adopted by the following roll call vote:

**Resolution No. 313**

WHEREAS, the overpopulation of white-tailed deer in Brightwood Park and the wooded area of the conservation center has resulted in over browsing of native vegetation in this area, damage to greens and ornamental vegetation and created safety hazards for the public, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield feels it is in the best interests of the Town to evoke services of individuals who are licensed crossbow hunters to manage the deer population in the aforementioned areas during the Winter January-February 2020 Deer Management Control Program administered by the County of Union;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby requests the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorize the County of Union staff to conduct deer management activity on the aforementioned town properties, to remove white-tailed deer from said property, in the manner prescribed by the Fish and Game Code of the State of New Jersey, during the Winter Season of 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield authorizes the execution of a shared services agreement with the County of Union for the services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield authorizes the Director of Public Works to coordinate with the County of Union through the County Department of Parks and Community Renewal, to provide adequate oversight and coordination in the conduct of the deer

removal activity, to maximize the success of their efforts while ensuring the safety of Brightwood Park and the wooded area of the conservation center; and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Board of Chosen Freeholder of the County of Union, the County Manager, and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Yeas: Habgood

Arena

Dardia

Contract

Mackey

Mayor Brindle

Nays: Neylan

Stokes

Absent: LoGrippto

#### Committee As A Whole

The following resolutions, introduced by the Council, seconded by the Council were unanimously adopted.

#### **Resolution No. 314**

WHEREAS, Douglas Stokes has faithfully served the Town of Westfield representing Ward 4 from January 2016 to December 2019; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Stokes has unselfishly sacrificed his time and talent to attend to the needs of the residents of the 4th Ward and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Stokes has served in several capacities as a member of the Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking Committee (2016-2017), the Public Works Committee (2016-2019), and the Finance Policy Committee (2018-2019); and

WHEREAS, Councilman Stokes has also served as Council Liaison to the Westfield Memorial Library Board of Trustees (2019) and the Historic Preservation Commission (2018-2019); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned memberships, Councilman Stokes demonstrated focus, leadership, and teamwork while serving as Vice Chair of the Public Works Committee (2016-2019); and

WHEREAS, during his term on the Town Council, Councilman Stokes earned the respect of his fellow civic leaders and the gratitude of his constituents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby expresses its deepest appreciation to Councilman Douglas Stokes for his service to the Town of Westfield and wishes him every success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be permanently memorialized by incorporating it within the minutes of the Westfield Town Council meeting of December 10, 2019.

Councilman Stokes thanked Mayor Brindle and Councilmembers. Also thanked the Town Attorney for his comments. Discussed his involvement with the PSE&G 69kV project and stated that he would like to remain involved if that is possible.

In addition, Councilman Stokes thanked his wife, Josephine, for her support and thanked his four (4) children. Also extended his gratitude to Mr. Leuthold for his comments, to the former councilmembers in attendance this evening, and to Town employees, specifically the Town Administrator, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Town Engineer and the Town Clerk. Feels Westfield is a great Town and he has enjoyed serving its residents. Stated that he would continue to be involved and encouraged current and incoming councilmembers to continue to do what is best for Westfield and not what is popular or along party lines.

**Resolution No. 315**

WHEREAS, Frank Arena, has faithfully served the Town of Westfield representing Ward 1 from January 2008 to December 2019; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Arena has unselfishly sacrificed his time and talent to attend to the needs of the residents of the 1st Ward and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Arena has served in numerous capacities as a member of the Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking Committee (2008-2019), the Public Works Committee (2019), the Finance Policy Committee (2014-2018) and the Code Review and Town Property Committee (2008-2013); and

WHEREAS, Councilman Arena has also served as Council Liaison to the Board of Health (2008-2009), the Special Improvement District Board (2008-2010), the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (2018-2019) and the Recreation Commission (2011-2017); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned memberships, Councilman Arena demonstrated focus, leadership, and teamwork while serving as Chair of the Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking Committee (2010-2015) and as Vice Chair of the Finance Policy Committee (2016-2018), Code Review and Town Property Committee (2008-2009), and Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking Committee (2019); and

WHEREAS, during his three terms on the Town Council, Councilman Arena earned the respect of his fellow civic leaders and the gratitude of his constituents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby expresses its deepest appreciation to Councilman Frank Arena for his service to the Town of Westfield and wishes him every success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be permanently memorialized by incorporating it within the minutes of the Westfield Town Council meeting of December 10, 2019.

Councilman Arena stated that it has been an honor to serve these past twelve (12) years and thanked those who have supported him. Also thanked Town employees, including the Director of Public Works, the Town Engineer, the Town Planner, the Health Officer, the Recreation Director,

the Chief Financial Officer, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief. Also thanked Mr. Echausse and the former Recreation Director Bruce Kaufmann. Feels many have a vision for what they want their town to be and believes that Westfield is that vision for many other communities. Also feels Westfield is a very special place with very special people and believes that if all put the Town first and politics aside, it will continue to be one of the greatest towns in the land. Thanked Mayor Brindle, as well as Mr. Della Fera, Mr. Benacchio and Mr. Jardim for their comments. In closing, Councilman Arena discussed the Town Administrator, stating that Mr. Gildea is admired and the envy of many communities, and thanked him for the tremendous job he has done.

**Resolution No. 316**

WHEREAS, JoAnn Neylan has faithfully served the Town of Westfield representing Ward 2 for an extraordinary sixteen years - from January 2004 to December 2019; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Neylan has unselfishly sacrificed her time and talent to attend to the needs of the residents of the 2nd Ward and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Neylan has served in numerous capacities as a member of the Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking Committee (2007, 2010-2017), the Public Works Committee (2004-2009), the Finance Policy Committee (2008-2019), and the Code Review and Town Property Committee (2004-2006, 2018-2019); and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Neylan has also served as Council Liaison to the Board of Health (2018-2019), the Tree Preservation Commission (2004), the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (2005-2015), the Municipal Alliance (2004-2017), and the Westfield Memorial Library Board of Trustees (2008-2009); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned memberships, Councilwoman Neylan demonstrated focus, leadership, and teamwork while serving as Chair of the Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking Committee (2010-2015), the Public Works Committee (2005-2009), and the Finance Policy Committee (2016-2017), and as Vice Chair of the Finance Policy Committee (2018-2019) and the Public Works Committee (2004); and

WHEREAS, from 2008 to 2011, Councilwoman Neylan served as the Alternate Acting Mayor, performing the official duties of the Mayor when the Mayor and Acting Mayor were not available; and

WHEREAS, from 2012 to 2017, Councilwoman Neylan served as the Acting Mayor, performing the official duties of the Mayor when the Mayor was not available; and

WHEREAS, during her four terms on the Town Council, Councilwoman Neylan earned the respect of her fellow civic leaders and the gratitude of her constituents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby expresses its deepest appreciation to Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan for her service to the Town of Westfield and wishes her every success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution be permanently memorialized by incorporating it within the minutes of the Westfield Town Council meeting of December 10, 2019.

Councilwoman Neylan stated that her service to Westfield has never been a sacrifice, it has only been a privilege. Feels she could never thank everyone sufficiently that she has had the privilege of working with over her sixteen (16) years as a councilmember. Thanked the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Town Administrator and Town Engineer and stated that she has the utmost respect for them. Also stated that while councilmembers might sometimes disagree, she has the utmost respect for their position and sense of duty. Also thanked her friends on the Town Council, former councilmembers in attendance this evening, and the Town Clerk. Lastly, extended her sincerest thanks to the residents of Westfield.

### Reports of Department Heads

Report of Anthony Tiller, Chief of the Fire Department, showing Fees collected in November 2019 in the amount of \$4,275.00 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 \$11,845.00 representing monies collected during the month of November 2019.

Report of Tara Rowley, Town Clerk, showing fee collected in the amount of \$11,988.00 during the month of November 2019 was received, read, and ordered filed.

Report of Steve Freedman, Construction Official, showing monies collected for permits in the amount of \$74,718.00 for the month of November 2019 was received, read and ordered filed.

Report of Christopher Battiloro, Chief of the Police Department, showing fee collecting in the amount of \$1,283.35 during the month of November 2019.

### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brindle feels tonight's meeting is an example of how everyone should work together and collaborate. Also feels that while councilmembers do not always agree, they all want to serve the residents to the best of their ability. Feels most cannot appreciate how difficult an elected official's job can be, and she has tremendous respect for those willing to run for office and for those who serve. Lastly, stated that she hopes that all will remain involved with the Town in some capacity.

A motion to adjourn, made by Councilman Contract and seconded by Councilman Arena at 10:11 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC  
Town Clerk