

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 11, 2017**

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Monday, December 11, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Skibitsky 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 November 23, 2017. 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 Skibitsky, Council Members Arena, Neylan, LoGrippo, Loughlin, Della Fera, Donnelly, Oliveira, Stokes

**ABSENT:**

Invocation was given by Councilman Della Fera

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Skibitsky presented the following proclamation:

# Town of Westfield

## Westfield, New Jersey

### PROCLAMATION

#### *2017 Westfield High School Blue Devils Football Team*

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2017, the Westfield High School Blue Devils football team won the New Jersey North Section 2, Group 5 State Championship at MetLife Stadium by a score of 20–7 over the Bridgewater-Raritan Panthers; and

WHEREAS, for the third year in a row, the Blue Devils were the Mid-State 38 Watchung Division champions, finishing their season with an unbeaten record of 12 – 0 and affirming their slogan, “Refuse to lose!”; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Westfield High School football team is ranked #7 in the state by New Jersey Advance Media (nj.com); and

WHEREAS, the Blue Devils' victory was not only its third North Jersey, Section 2, Group 5 title in a row, it was also its state-best 37th straight victory in a row; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Jim DeSarno, and Assistant Coaches Ken Miller, Joe Avena, Dave Hancock, Sam Haimann, Matt Andzel, Don Dayon, Don Casset, Jim McKeon, Bill Melliott, and Ron Thornburg, and trainers, Steve Barandica and Nicole Castellano, the football players represented their team, their school and their hometown with the highest standards of athleticism, integrity and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, all of the members of the team ~ Senior Captains Jacob Dayon, Shea Elliott, Jack McCauley, Adam McDaniel, and Jake Vall-Llobera; Seniors Francis Alliegro, Steven Barden, Jordan Barham, Aidan Boland, Benito Buontempo, Jason Cassett, Christopher Culhane, Sean Dwyer, Juandre House, Rory McGovern, Isaac Montez, Jacob Obsgarten, Christopher O'Connor, Drew Ortiz, Isaiah Reese, Joseph San Giacomo, Casey Scheper, Payton Schlewitt, and Russell Weber; Juniors Griffin Aslanian, Fernando Bejar, Luke Bigosinski, Jonas Dengler, Thomas DeRosa, Jack DeFilippo, Michael Fucillo, Jack Gerris, Dylan Howland, Anthony Iacoponi, Koury Kania, John Kwok, Noah Levy, Matt McIntyre, Tim Miller, Tommy Norris, John Ossman, Charlie Riley, Jacob Saltzer, Jordan Simpson, Emmett Smith, and Ethan White; Sophomores Tim Alliegro, Jonny Audino, Jonathan Bracco, Justin Chambliss, Greg Claiborne, Reid Colwell, John Czarnecki, Becket Dardia, Colin Freer, Jacob Harnisher, Will Kessler, Nick Martini, Declan McCauley, Henry Meiselman. Joseph Musilli, Matthew O'Connor, Griffin Rooney, Kevin Scheper, Hank Shapiro, and Danny Varano; with support from Water Boys and Girls Jacob Dayon, Prisilla Dayan, Riley DeSarno, and Richard DeRick ~ are deserving of recognition for their individual efforts as well as for their contributions to the success of the team; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Westfield wish to commend the coaches and the players of the Westfield High School Blue Devils football team for their sportsmanship and many successes during the 2017 season;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Mayor Andrew K. Skibitsky, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of the Town of Westfield, on this eleventh day of December, two thousand and seventeen, do hereby congratulate the 2017 Westfield High School Blue Devils Football Team on their successful season capped by capturing the New Jersey North Section 2, Group 5 State Championship title for the third year in a row, and do hereby applaud them for their exceptional dedication to the sport and to sportsmanship.

### **APPOINTMENT**

### **ADVERTISED HEARINGS**

Community Development Block Grant – Adult Special Needs Program Staff, Westfield Y - \$26,000.00

No discussion

Mayor declared the hearing closed

Community Development Block Grant – ADA Compliant Door Openers, Westfield Y - \$7,500.00

No discussion

Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Community Development Block Grant – Various Building Repairs -Westfield Community Center - \$35,000

No discussion

Mayor declared the hearing closed.

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2211**

“BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PLAYGROUND AT MINDOWASKIN PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Mayor Skibitsky declared the hearing closed.

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2090**

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWN’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Mayor Skibitsky declared the hearing closed.

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2091**

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Mayor Skibitsky declared the hearing closed.

**PENDING BUSINESS**

An ordinance entitled, "SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2211- BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PLAYGROUND AT MINDOWASKIN PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

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

Yeas: Arena	Nays:	Absent:
Neylan		
LoGrippo		
Loughlin		
Della Fera		
Donnelly		
Oliveira		
Stokes		
Mayor Skibitsky		

An ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2090 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWN'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS"

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

Yeas: Arena	Nays:	Absent:
Neylan		
LoGrippo		
Loughlin		
Della Fera		
Donnelly		
Oliveira		
Stokes		

Mayor Skibitsky

An ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2091 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD"

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

Yeas: Arena	Nays:	Absent:
Neylan		
LoGrippo		
Loughlin		
Della Fera		
Donnelly		
Oliveira		
Stokes		
Mayor Skibitsky		

### **BIDS**

### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilman Stokes seconded by Councilman LoGrippo, Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council Conference Session & Regular Meeting held November 21, 2017, with Council members Neylan & Loughlin abstaining.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **OPEN DISCUSSION BY CITIZENS**

Kenneth L. MacRitchie, 515 Trinity Place, extended best wishes to Mayor Skibitsky and those members of the governing body who are completing their terms. Feels Mayor Skibitsky was a great supporter of Downtown Westfield. Also commended Mayor Skibitsky and the Council for their efforts with the Town's affordable housing obligation.

### **BILLS AND CLAIMS**

Introduced by Councilwoman Neylan, seconded by Councilman Arena were adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED that the bills and claims in the amount of \$1,016,261.89 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 Neylan, Chairman of the Finance Policy Committee, seconded by Councilman Oliveira were unanimously adopted.

(266) RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$35.40 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 November 2017.

(267) WHEREAS, Hans Lee, 38 Normandy Drive, Westfield, NJ 07090, had placed the required cash bond of \$500.00 to cover Road Opening Permit #16-155 for 38 Normandy Drive, and

WHEREAS, Hans Lee has requested that this amount be returned, and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, has inspected the roadway excavation and has found the excavation to have been properly repaired.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to draw a warrant in the name of Hans Lee for \$500.00 and forward to 38 Normandy Drive, Westfield, NJ 07090

(268) WHEREAS, Young Hsu, 534 Summit Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090, had placed the required cash bond of \$500.00 to cover Road Opening Permit #17-232 for 534 Summit Avenue, and

WHEREAS, Joseph Spano has requested that this amount be returned because he no longer requires to open the road.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to draw a warrant in the name of Young Hsu for \$500.00 and forward to 534 Summit Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090.

(269) WHEREAS, Joseph Spano, Spano & Sons Landscaping, 114 Hawthorn Street, Roselle Park, NJ 07204-1813, had placed the required cash bond of \$500.00 to cover Road Opening Permit #16-294 for 160 Harrow Road, and

WHEREAS, Joseph Spano has requested that this amount be returned, and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, has inspected the roadway excavation and has found the excavation to have been properly repaired.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to draw a warrant in the name of Joseph Spano for \$500.00 and forward to 114 Hawthorn Street, Roselle Park, NJ 07204-1813.

(270) RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is directed to draw warrants in favor of the active Volunteer Firefighters named below, none of whom is otherwise personally compensated for their services as Volunteer Firefighters for the respective amounts opposite their

names; said payment to cover any losses they and each of them may have incurred in attending upon putting out fires in the Town of Westfield in the year 2017.

Daniel Kelly                 \$400.00

(271) 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 year 2017 in the sum of \$5,930.00, which is now available from the Division of Highway Traffic Safety Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over grant; and

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

General Appropriations	
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant	\$5,930.00

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.

(272) WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is allocating matching grant dollars through a new grant program in 2017 called "Level the Playing Field" which is designed to assist in meeting the needs of the special needs population throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield has been working on a fully accessible playground project to be installed in Mindowaskin Park in celebration of the centennial anniversary of the park in 2018; and

WHEREAS, matching funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 will be certified by the Chief Financial Officer to be charged to account #5-600-076.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the proper Town officials be, and hereby are authorized and directed to file an application with the Union County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a "Level the Playing Field" grant in the amount of \$15,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper Town officials be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to enter into a contract as prepared by the Union County Law Department.

(273) WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield has resolved to join both the Suburban Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, following a detailed analysis and has been a member since 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of said funds require that each municipality appoint a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield solicited requests for proposals for such services in accordance with G.O. 1753 of the Town of Westfield; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate that the commission rate shall not exceed six percent (6%) of the Member's Annual Assessment; and

WHEREAS, Amalgamated General Agencies made a proposal to perform such services outlined for two and one half percent (2.5%) of annual assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the aforesaid Fund require that in such case the municipality will make payment for such professional services directly to the Risk Management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield has received the sum of \$33,270.78 drawn on the Administration and Expense Account of the Suburban Joint Insurance Fund which represents the second half of the installment of the six percent (6%) of the Annual Assessment for 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Town of Westfield be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to draw warrant to the order of World Insurance Associates, 115 Grove Street East, PO Box 2670, Westfield, NJ 07090-2670, in the sum of \$13,862.83 representing the second half of the commission payable for the year 2017 with \$19,407.95 representing the reduction in the first half of the annual assessment.

(274) WHEREAS, a need exists in the Fire Department to have Fire Headquarters and Station No. 2 buildings assessed to assure the buildings meet contemporary fire and rescue station design and industry standards; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held August 8, 2017, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield adopted Resolution No. 2017-196, authorizing an award of contract to the firm Lemay Erickson Willcox Architects, PC, 11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 16, Reston, VA 20190 for an initial assessment and report in connection with this initiative at a fee not to exceed \$29,500; and

WHEREAS, the initial assessment was recently completed and the Town desires to continue with the second phase of the assessment, and;

WHEREAS, the Town Treasurer certified to the availability of adequate funds for payment for the second phase of the assessment, which will be in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00, charged to the 2017 Fire Department Account, 125-231, under Purchase Order No. 17-03186 and prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 1.10; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification, Political Contribution Disclosure Form, and the Determination of Value received from Lemay Erickson Willcox Architects PC shall be placed on file along with this resolution in compliance with PL 2005, C271, N.J. S.A. 40A:11-51;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield will enter into a contract for the second phase of assessment of two fire stations; 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 and discharge of this Contract.

(275) 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 2017 to wit:

Honorable	Andrew Skibitsky
Councilwoman	Joann Neylan
Councilwoman	Ken Donnelly
Councilman	Douglas Stokes
Councilman	Frank Arena
Councilman	Sam Della Fera
Councilman	David Oliveira
Councilman	Keith Loughlin
Councilman	Mark LoGrippe

(276) 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, 2018, and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to make payment to, and draw warrants bi-weekly in accordance with the following schedule:

Name	Step	Hourly Rate
D. Gary	1	\$34.39
W. Moore, Jr.	1	\$34.39
J. Giordano	1	\$34.39
T. McCaskill	1	\$34.39
M. Glagola	1	\$34.39
M. Mecca	1	\$34.39
J. Russitano	1	\$34.39
R. Vastano	1	\$34.39
J. Handy	1	\$34.39
F. Watkins	1	\$34.39
G. Stabenow	1	\$34.39
T. Cuccaro	1	\$34.39
E. Maris	1	\$34.39
R. Watt	1	\$34.39
C. Calvello	1	\$34.39
B. Segebade	1	\$34.39
L. Scipioni	1	\$34.39
B. Cioffi	1	\$34.39
S. Chamberlin	1	\$34.39

G. Long	1	\$34.39
D. Clark Jr.	1	\$34.39
V. Brodo	10	\$20.10
C. Bohnyak	10	\$20.10
C. DePasquale	10	\$20.10
J. Louise	10	\$20.10
J. Steward	10	\$20.10
J. Giordano Jr.	10	\$20.10
J. Pafumi	10	\$20.10
T. Bryant	10	\$20.10
D. Sangston	10	\$20.10
K. Dachnowski	10	\$20.10
A. DiCosmo	10	\$20.10
C. Elliot	10	\$20.10
T. Vreeland	12	\$18.80
O. Lucas	13	\$18.15
C. Daniels	13	\$18.15
A. Graf	13	\$18.15
G. Gray - Survey Party Chief		\$69,517
G. Junkroft - Building Subcode Official		\$78,103

(277) 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 July 1, 2018, and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to make payment to, and draw warrants bi-weekly in accordance with the following schedule:

Name	Step	Hourly Rate
D. Gary	1	\$34.73
W. Moore, Jr.	1	\$34.73
J. Giordano	1	\$34.73
T. McCaskill	1	\$34.73
M. Glagola	1	\$34.73
J. Russitano	1	\$34.73
R. Vastano	1	\$34.73
J. Handy	1	\$34.73
F. Watkins	1	\$34.73
G. Stabenow	1	\$34.73
T. Cuccaro	1	\$34.73
E. Maris	1	\$34.73
R. Watt	1	\$34.73
C. Calvello	1	\$34.73
B. Segebade	1	\$34.73
L. Scipioni	1	\$34.73
B. Cioffi	1	\$34.73
S. Chamberlin	1	\$34.73
G. Long	1	\$34.73

D. Clark Jr.	1	\$34.73
V. Brodo	10	\$20.10
C. Bohnyak	10	\$20.10
C. DePasquale	10	\$20.10
J. Louise	10	\$20.10
J. Steward	10	\$20.10
J. Giordano Jr.	10	\$20.10
J. Pafumi	10	\$20.10
T. Bryant	10	\$20.10
D. Sangston	10	\$20.10
K. Dachnowski	10	\$20.10
A. DiCosmo	10	\$20.10
C. Elliot	10	\$20.10
T. Vreeland	12	\$18.80
O. Lucas	13	\$18.15
C. Daniels	13	\$18.15
A. Graf	13	\$18.15
G. Gray - Survey Party Chief		\$70,212
G. Junkroft - Building Subcode Official		\$78,884

(278) 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, 2018 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:

NAME	POSITION	JAN. 1, 2018
Christopher Battiloro	Captain	\$140,323
John Ricerca	Captain	\$140,323
Frank Padovano	Lieutenant	\$130,253
Leonard Lugo	Lieutenant	\$130,253
Jason McErlean	Lieutenant	\$130,253
Jason Carter	Lieutenant	\$130,253
Jason M. Rodger	Lieutenant	\$130,253
John Tango	Sergeant	\$121,200
Thomas Ostrander	Sergeant	\$121,200
Michael Walsh	Sergeant	\$121,200
Lauren Maloney	Sergeant	\$121,200

Marcin Kapka	Sergeant	\$121,200
Nicole Stivale	Sergeant	\$121,200
Bradford Beirne	Sergeant	\$121,200
Kevin O'Keefe	Sergeant	\$121,200

(279) RESOLVED that the payroll consisting of the following regularly salaried employees of the Police Department of the Town of Westfield represented by the PBA Local 90 for collective bargaining purposes be adopted effective March 1, 2018 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:

NAME	POSITION	March 1, 2018
Eric Lieberman	Detective 1G	\$115,584
Robert J. Riley	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Frank Moya	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Preston Freeman	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Donald Perkins	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Jefferey Johnson	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Steven Martinez	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Joseph Saunders	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Donald Domanoski	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Paul Ferry	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Eric Loffredo	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
William Kleeman	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Dennis DaSilva	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Paul Neri	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Michael McCarthy	Patrol Officer	\$104,307
Nicholas Bruno	Patrol Officer	\$96,044
Eric Popleik	Patrol Officer	\$96,044
Jason Merritt	Patrol Officer	\$75,848
Joseph Habeiche	Patrol Officer	\$75,848

Elizabeth Savnik	Patrol Officer	\$75,848
Nicholas Bagan	Patrol Officer	\$75,848
Pitor Wierzbiecki	Patrol Officer	\$69,882
John Swiderski	Patrol Officer	\$69,882
Timothy Donovan	Patrol Officer	\$69,882
Gregory Penn	Patrol Officer	\$63,916
Robert Desiato	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Kristopher Jackus	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Ryan Weiss	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Eric Carrero	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Ricardo Johnson	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Tiffany Kenny	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Ryan Shaughnessy	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Christopher Forcenito	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Andres Jaramillo	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Matthew O'Holla	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Richard Gill	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Joseph Natale	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Samuel Fourre	Patrol Officer	\$46,018
Christopher Santangelo	Patrol Officer	\$46,018
Michael Pollock	Patrol Officer	\$41,052

(280) WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Westfield Memorial Library, pursuant to authority granted to the Trustees by statute, has adopted a payroll for employees and the salary amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the payroll consisting of the following regularly salaried employees of the Westfield Memorial Library represented by the Communications Workers of America be adopted effective January 1, 2018 and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to make payment to, and draw warrants bi-weekly in accordance with the following schedule:

Name	Title	Salary
Marge Barkan	Senior Librarian	\$57,375

Jeffery Bennett	Senior Librarian	\$60,106
Amanda Richards	Senior Librarian	\$55,963
Patricia Sassoon	Senior Librarian	\$61,003

(281) 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, 2018 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:

Office/ Name	Title	2018 Salary
<u>Town Clerk's Office</u>		
Tracy Fooster	General Office Clerk	\$ 45,359
<u>Regional Board of Health</u>		
Loray Kozar	Secretary (Board of Health)	\$ 53,081
Tanya Moon	Sr. Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 79,179
Jesse Powell	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 65,965
Giselle Alfaro	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 62,775
<u>Finance Office</u>		
Mary Poon	Cost Analysis Clerk/QPA	\$ 53,068
Janey Chen	General Office Clerk	\$ 47,000
<u>Tax Assessor's Office</u>		
Sandra Giordano	General Office Clerk	\$ 34,457
<u>Tax Collector's Office</u>		
Henry Wang	Deputy Tax Collector	\$ 55,550
<u>Construction/Building Division</u>		
Viviane Guy	Building Code Processor	\$ 47,193

Recreation Office

Linda Johnson	Recreation Program Coordinator	\$ 41,762
Joanne Colaneri	Secretary (Recreation)	\$ 50,211

Pool Utility

Paul Checchio	Pool Maintenance Technician	\$ 67,115
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Police Department

Kim Sakr	Dispatcher	\$ 51,719
Edward Feins	Dispatcher	\$ 34,457
Nicole Grossmith	Dispatcher	\$ 34,457
Brianna Scotto	Dispatcher	\$ 34,457
Emma Jones	Dispatcher	\$ 34,457
Joseph Demico	Dispatcher	\$ 34,457
Andra Don	General Office Clerk (Police)	\$ 37,767
Dominick Sandelli	IT Technician	\$ 57,175

Planning & Zoning Division

Linda Jacus	Secretary	\$ 37,739
	Board of Adjustment	\$ 2,563
	Planning Board	\$ 2,563

Municipal Court

Ann Margetoes	Deputy Court Administrator	\$ 57,682
Barbara Sheldon	General Office Clerk	\$ 42,931
Mary Heeney	General Office Clerk	\$ 38,953
Maureen Gabriel	General Office Clerk	\$ 38,953
Fran Pelosi	General Office Clerk	\$ 38,953

Parking Administration

Helen Cicalese	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 42,667
Robert Denny	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 36,633
Nicholas Calello	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 33,590
David Went	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 33,590
Regina Powell	General Office Clerk	\$ 38,424

(282) 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 July 1, 2018 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:

Office/ Name	Title	2018 Salary
<u>Town Clerk's Office</u>		
Tracy Fooster	General Office Clerk	\$ 45,813
<u>Regional Board of Health</u>		
Loray Kozar	Secretary (Board of Health)	\$ 53,612
Tanya Moon	Sr. Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 79,971
Jesse Powell	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 66,625
Giselle Alfaro	Reg. Envir. Health Specialist	\$ 63,402
<u>Finance Office</u>		
Mary Poon	Cost Analysis Clerk/QPA	\$ 53,599
Janey Chen	General Office Clerk	\$ 47,470
<u>Tax Assessor's Office</u>		
Sandra Giordano	General Office Clerk	\$ 34,802
<u>Tax Collector's Office</u>		
Henry Wang	Deputy Tax Collector	\$ 56,106

Construction/Building Division

Viviane Guy	Building Code Processor	\$ 47,665
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Recreation Office

Linda Johnson	Recreation Program Coordinator	\$ 42,180
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Joanne Colaneri	Secretary (Recreation)	\$ 50,713
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Pool Utility

Paul Checchio	Pool Maintenance Technician	\$ 67,787
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Police Department

Kim Sakr	Dispatcher	\$ 52,236
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Edward Feins	Dispatcher	\$ 34,802
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Nicole Grossmith	Dispatcher	\$ 34,802
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Brianna Scotto	Dispatcher	\$ 34,802
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Emma Jones	Dispatcher	\$ 34,802
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Joseph Demico	Dispatcher	\$ 34,802
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Andra Don	General Office Clerk (Police)	\$ 38,145
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Dominick Sandelli	IT Technician	\$ 57,747
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Planning & Zoning Division

Linda Jacus	Secretary	\$ 38,116
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	Board of Adjustment	\$ 2,589
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	Planning Board	\$ 2,589
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Municipal Court

Ann Margetoes	Deputy Court Administrator	\$ 58,258
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Barbara Sheldon	General Office Clerk	\$ 43,361
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Mary Heeney	General Office Clerk	\$ 39,343
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Maureen Gabriel	General Office Clerk	\$ 39,343
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Fran Pelosi	General Office Clerk	\$ 39,343
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Parking Administration

Helen Cicalese	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 43,094
Robert Denny	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 37,000
Nicholas Calello	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 33,925
David Went	Traffic/Parking Enforcement	\$ 33,925
Regina Powell	General Office Clerk	\$ 38,808

(283) WHEREAS, there exist on the records in the Tax Collector’s office sewer fees for properties that are no longer exist and should be removed from sewer billing for 2016-2017:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to cancel the sewer fee billing below for the year 2016-2017:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Property Address</u>
Block/Lot	
8114-0	120 Harrow Road
4911/24	
8115-0	116 Harrow Road
4911-25	

(284) WHEREAS, there exist on the records in the Tax Collector’s office sewer balances for the year 2017:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to cancel the sewer balances below for the year 2017:

Account ID	Amount
114-0	\$0.48
946-0	\$5.00
977-0	\$1.54
1084-0	\$0.30
3189-0	\$7.00
4198-0	\$5.68
4239-0	\$0.40
4434-0	\$0.01
4640-0	\$5.00
5792-0	\$0.26
6285-0	\$0.02
6451-0	\$5.34
6861-0	\$1.86
6965-0	\$0.11

8066-0	\$8.91
8299-0	\$5.00
8647-0	\$7.69
9024-0	\$0.07
9435-0	\$4.88

(285) WHEREAS, there exist on the records in the Tax Collector's office tax balances for the year 2017:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to cancel the tax balances below for the year 2017:

BLQ	Amount
201/71	\$0.51
301/9	\$1.02
306/34	\$0.20
501/11	\$0.80
502/14	\$3.04
503/9	\$0.91
504/1	\$0.64
505/3	\$0.03
601/13	\$0.38
1004/20/C0028	\$0.01
1004/20/C0034	\$0.24
1107/1	\$0.30
1112/5	\$3.47
1304/31	\$9.25
1410/4	\$0.34
2202/3	\$0.08
2207/26	\$6.67
2211/10.03	\$1.03
2211/15	\$0.42
2401/15	\$2.00
2403/19	\$0.92
2405/18	\$0.01
2406/7/C0002	\$0.11
2606/8/C0003	\$0.75
2607/25	\$1.00
2704/10	\$0.04
2708/6	\$0.05
2708/10	\$1.28
2709/19	\$8.11
2818/13	\$0.60
2903/12	\$0.02
3003/12	\$0.14
3010/1/C0012	\$0.10
3106/3	\$0.60
3405/6	\$0.87
3410/5	\$0.55
BLQ	Amount
3412/1	\$0.10
3503/15	\$0.02

3601/35	\$0.02
3901/12	\$0.61
3906/4	\$6.37
4001/51	\$0.74
4001/58	\$0.10
4101/12	\$0.51
4101/23	\$0.60
4103/4	\$1.59
4103/24	\$0.63
4106/26	\$0.02
4206/28	\$0.02
4403/9	\$0.51
4504/9	\$0.01
4505/6	\$0.03
4604/14	\$0.16
4707/19	\$0.93
4707/32	\$0.70
5101/11	\$0.05
5207/6	\$0.91
5501/12	\$0.10
5503/30	\$0.01
5505/12	\$0.09
5509/17	\$6.69
5606/4	\$0.52
5607/5	\$0.03
5607/7	\$0.61
5607/17	\$0.04

(286) WHEREAS, there exist on the records in the Tax Collector’s office overpaid tax balances for the year 2017:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to cancel the tax balances below to surplus for the year 2017:

BLQ	Amount
401/27.01	\$0.30
509/17.01	\$0.01
1306/7	\$1.70
1405/8	\$0.01
3010/1	\$0.01
3501/42.02	\$0.40
4406/3	\$0.80
5004/62	\$0.01
5115/37	\$4.07
5117/12	\$1.00

(287) RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he hereby is authorized to draw warrants to the following persons, this amount being overpaid for 2016-2017:

Block/Lot/Qualifier

Quarter/Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4702/19	453 Grove Street West	1 <sup>st</sup> /2017
RODRIGUEZ, Wanda		\$2,778.68
4801/23	902 Central Avenue	2 <sup>nd</sup> /2017
MACK, Beverly		\$376.40
		3 <sup>rd</sup> /2017
		<u>\$1,293.00</u>
		<i>\$1,669.40</i>
4815/6	1020 Ripley Avenue	4 <sup>th</sup> /2016
BIEHL, Jason		\$378.26
<b>Mail to:</b>		
1022 Ripley Avenue		
Westfield, NJ 07090		
5108/9	120 North Cottage Place	4 <sup>th</sup> /2017
LOSA, Maria		\$9,181.18
<b>Check payable and mail to:</b>		
PHH Mortgage Tax Department		
95 Methodist Hill Drive		
Suite 400		
Rochester, NY 14623		
5112/5	51 North Cottage Place	4 <sup>th</sup> /2017
LIU, Min		\$17,368.53
<b>Hold check for pickup</b>		

(288) RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he hereby is authorized to draw warrants to the following persons, this amount being overpaid due to Veteran and Senior Citizen deductions for 2017:

Block/Lot

Owner Name/Address	Property Address	Deduction	Amount
3902/4	1400 EAST BROAD STREET	VET & SC	\$2,000.00

WYCHWOOD GARDENS COOP ASSOC INC

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P.O. BOX 545

CRANFORD, NJ 07016

(289) WHEREAS, there are certain improvement authorizations that were funded in total or in part by proceeds of bonds issued or through the utilization of Capital Surplus, and

WHEREAS, there are unexpended balances of aforementioned improvement authorizations and no further expenditures will be disbursed from said authorizations.

RESOLVED, that the attached listing of balances of improvement authorizations be cancelled and credited to either the Capital Improvement Fund, Capital Surplus or to reduce the amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued, as appropriate.

TOWN OF WESTFIELD GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS CANCELLED DECEMBER 11, 2017

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Ordinance Date	Original Authorized Amount	Total Cancellations	Capital Surplus	Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued
2103	Engineering Design Phase for Streetscape Improvements	06/15/04	75,000.00	57,020.00	57,020.00	
2153	Improve Parking Lots	08/07/07	236,790.00	3,395.65	3,395.65	
2179	Refunding Bonds for Tax Appeals	11/07/12	1,295,000.00	29,681.11	29,681.11	
2183	I.T. Equipment - Police	07/09/13	138,830.00	2,793.29	2,793.29	
2189	Public Improvements	07/09/13	40,000.00	5,215.00	5,215.00	
2194	Purchase of Vehicle - Fire Dept	06/13/14	40,000.00	10,107.71	10,107.71	
				<b>\$108,212.76</b>	<b>\$108,212.76</b>	

(290) WHEREAS, there remains on the General Ledger of the Town of Westfield amounts in a reserve for Accounts Payable that have been investigated and which can now be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following Accounts Payable balances is cancelled to Operations:

Department	PO #	Amount
Administration	14-17360	599.00
Administration	15-04657	5,200.00
Police Department	15-01988	<u>15,291.20</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>21,090.20</b>

(291) 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 \$179.81, are hereby cancelled:

Municipal Alliance on Alcohol & Drug Abuse	<u>\$179.81</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$179.81</b>

(292) 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 \$1,009.53, are hereby cancelled:

Enhanced 911 Systems	\$396.28
Union County Recycling Grant	<u>613.25</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,009.53</b>

(293) 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 in the total amount of \$ are hereby cancelled:

Account	Check Date	Check No.	Check Amount
Current Fund			
Michelene Lambros	11/10/16	69208	100.00

Hon. Andrew Skibitsky	12/31/16	69579	1.00
Hon. David Oliveira	12/31/16	69580	1.00
Hon. Doug Stokes	12/31/16	69581	1.00
Hon. Frank Arena	12/31/16	69582	1.00
Hon. JoAnn Neylan	12/31/16	69583	1.00
Hon. Keith Loughlin	12/31/16	69584	1.00
Hon. Mark LoGrippe	12/31/16	69585	1.00
Hon. Sam Della Fera	12/31/16	69586	1.00
Hon. Vicki Kimmins	12/31/16	69587	1.00
Hon. Andrew Skibitsky	12/31/16	69676	1.00
Hon. David Oliveira	12/31/16	69677	1.00
Hon. Kenneth Donnelly	12/31/16	69678	1.00
Hon. Doug Stokes	12/31/16	69679	1.00
Hon. Frank Arena	12/31/16	69680	1.00
Hon. JoAnn Neylan	12/31/16	69681	1.00
Hon. Keith Loughlin	12/31/16	69682	1.00
Hon. Mark LoGrippe	12/31/16	69683	1.00
Hon. Sam Della Fera	12/31/16	69684	1.00
Hon. Vicki Kimmins	12/31/16	69685	<u>1.00</u>
<b>Total for Current Fund</b>			<b>119.00</b>
Trust-Other Fund			
NB Properties	11/10/16	20076	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total for Trust-Other Fund</b>			<b>500.00</b>

(294) WHEREAS, there are no Council meetings scheduled after December 11, 2017 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 11 and December 31, 2017.

FURTHER RESOLVED that an itemized list of said transfer shall be provided to the Mayor and Council members for the first meeting in January, 2018 following the Organization Meeting with any objections or questions presented to the Treasurer or Administrator.

(295) RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$2,500 to the order of the United States Postal Service to replenish bulk mail permit no. 683 in order to process the Town's brochure.

The following resolution, introduced by Councilwoman Neylan, Chairman of the Finance Policy Committee, seconded by Councilman Della Fera was adopted by the following roll call vote:

(296) A resolution requesting permission for the Dedication by Rider for Affordable Housing Trust Fund Fees, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 et seq.

WHEREAS, permission is required for the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 et seq. provides for receipt of Affordable Housing Trust Fund Fees, by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from Electronic Receipt Fees hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Westfield, Union County, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Westfield Town Council does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 et seq. as amended for Affordable Housing Trust Fund Fees.
2. The Westfield Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Aye:

Arena  
Neylan  
LoGrippo  
Loughlin  
Della Fera  
Donnelly

Nay:

Absent:

Oliveira  
 Stokes  
 Mayor Skibitsky

The following resolution, introduced by Councilwoman Neylan, Chairman of the Finance Policy Committee, seconded by Councilman Donnelly was adopted by the following roll call vote:

(297) WHEREAS, the Westfield Town Council desires to amend the 2017 Capital Budget by inserting thereon the items shown in such budget for the Replacement of Mindowaskin Park Playground;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Westfield, Union County, State of New Jersey that the Purchase of Equipment and Capital Items in the 2017 Capital Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The 2017 Capital Budget of the Town of Westfield is hereby amended by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

Amendment No. 1  
 Capital Budget of the Town of Westfield  
 Capital Budget (Current Year Action)

1 Project Title	2 Estimated Total Cost	5d Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized
Replace Playground Equipment	1,250,000	60,000	1,190,000
Totals – All Projects	3,175,000	60,000	3,018,750

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the office of the Director of Local Government Services.

Aye:	Nay:	Absent:
Arena Neylan LoGrippo Loughlin Della Fera Donnelly Oliveira Stokes Mayor Skibitsky		

The following resolution, introduced by Councilwoman Neylan, Chairman of the Finance Policy Committee, seconded by Councilman Arena was adopted by the following roll call vote:

(298) RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to make the following transfer(s) in the 2017 budget accounts:

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>IN</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
7-01-100-205 (Other Expenses – O/E)	20,000.00	
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>		
7-01-102-101 (Salaries & Wages - S&W)		15,000.00
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>		
7-01-137-101 (S&W)		30,000.00
<b>LEGAL</b>		
7-01-120-217 (O/E)		60,000.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>		
7-01-125-102 (S&W)	55,000.00	
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>		
7-01-130-101 (S&W)	10,000.00	
<b>INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS</b>		
7-01-165-101 (S&W)	40,000.00	
<b>PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS</b>		
7-01-185-215 (O/E)	_____	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00

Aye:

- Arena
- Neylan
- LoGrippo
- Loughlin
- Della Fera
- Donnelly
- Oliveira
- Stokes
- Mayor Skibitsky

Nay:

Absent:

Public Safety, Transportation and Parking CommitteeCode Review & Town Property Committee

The following resolution, introduced by Councilman Della Fera, Chairman of the Code Review and Town Property Committee, seconded by Councilman LoGrippe were unanimously adopted.

(299) 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 2018 will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

(300) 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 2018 in the Administrative Conference Room in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 7:00 p.m., the said dates being the following Tuesdays:

January 16 and 30  
February 13 and 27  
March 13 and 27  
April 10 and 24  
May 8 and 22  
June 5 and 19  
July 10  
August 14  
September 4 and 25  
October 9 and 23  
November 6 and 20  
December 11

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 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 8:00 p.m. and will meet in the adjacent Council Conference Room for a preliminary meeting before the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m., which the public may also attend, the said meeting dates being the following Tuesdays:

January 16 and 30  
February 13 and 27  
March 13 and 27  
April 10 and 24  
May 8 and 22  
June 5 and 19

July 10  
August 14  
September 4 and 25  
October 9 and 23  
November 6 and 20  
December 11

Public Works Committee

The following resolution, introduced by Councilman Oliveira, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, seconded by Councilman Stokes were unanimously adopted.

(301) WHEREAS, T.R. Weniger, Inc., is under contract to the Town of Westfield for the 2016 Mindowaskin Pond Cleaning Project as authorized by S.O. 2206D, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30 provides for increases in the contract price for unanticipated adjustments through Change Order and Council Resolution, and

WHEREAS, site conditions encountered during construction necessitated additional work items and more material than had been anticipated, and

WHEREAS, Certificate of the Town Treasurer, certifying to the availability of adequate funds for the changed contract price, as described below, prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 1.10 has been furnished to the Town Clerk. Expenditure of funds to be charged to Special Ordinance 2206D.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$33,068.15 executed by Kris J. McAloon, Town Engineer, be authorized, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper Town Officials be, and they are hereby, authorized to make payment and to effect whatever actions are necessary in the execution and discharge of Change Order No. 1, for the 2016 Mindowaskin Pond Cleaning Project increasing the contract price to \$776,743.15.

(302) WHEREAS, T.R. Weniger, Inc., has completed all of the work necessary for the 2016 Mindowaskin Pond Cleaning Project as authorized by S.O. 2206D, and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer certifies that all of the work, totaling \$776,743.15 has been completed in a satisfactory manner, in accordance with the appropriate plans and specifications, and

WHEREAS, Certificate of the Town Treasurer, certifying to the availability of adequate funds has been furnished to the Town Clerk. Expenditure of funds pursuant to this Contract to be charged to S.O. 2206D.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper Town Officials be, and they are hereby, authorized to make final payment in the amount of \$66,568.73 and to effect whatever actions are appropriate by said acceptance for the 2016 Mindowaskin Pond Cleaning Project, with a final contract price of \$776,743.15.

(303) WHEREAS, Fischer Contracting Inc., has completed all of the work necessary for the 2017 Improvement of Boulevard as authorized by S.O. 2167 and S.O. 2203A, and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer certifies that all of the work, totaling \$312,866.01 has been completed in a satisfactory manner, in accordance with the appropriate plans and specifications, and

WHEREAS, Certificate of the Town Treasurer, certifying to the availability of adequate funds has been furnished to the Town Clerk. Expenditure of funds pursuant to this Contract to be charged to S.O. 2167 and S.O. 2203A under Purchase Order 17-02220, and

WHEREAS, the Town has been furnished with a Maintenance Bond, Lien Release and an Affidavit of Payment of Prevailing Wage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper Town Officials be, and they are hereby, authorized to make final payment in the amount of \$6,257.32 and to effect whatever actions are appropriate by said acceptance for the 2017 Improvement of Boulevard, with a final contract price of \$312,866.01.

(304) WHEREAS, to Denville Line Painting, Inc., has completed all of the work necessary for the 2017 Townwide Thermoplastic Striping as authorized by S.O. 2208B, and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer certifies that all of the work, totaling \$99,020.19 has been completed in a satisfactory manner, in accordance with the appropriate plans and specifications, and

WHEREAS, Certificate of the Town Treasurer, certifying to the availability of adequate funds has been furnished to the Town Clerk. Expenditure of funds pursuant to this Contract to be charged to S.O. 2208B under Purchase Order 17-03134.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper Town Officials be, and they are hereby, authorized to make final payment in the amount of \$99,020.19 and to effect whatever actions are appropriate by said acceptance for the 2017 Townwide Thermoplastic Striping, with a final contract price of \$99,020.19.

Committee As A Whole

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

(305) WHEREAS, Kenneth Donnelly has faithfully served the Town of Westfield as a Council member representing Ward 2 since May 3, 2016 when he was appointed to fill the vacancy left by a former Council member whose job forced a move out of state, and was subsequently elected later that year to complete the term ending in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Donnelly has unselfishly volunteered his time and talents to attend to the needs of the residents of the 2nd Ward and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Donnelly served as a member of the Public Works Committee (2016-2017) and the Code Review and Town Property Committee (2016-2017); and

WHEREAS, Councilman Donnelly has also served as Council Liaison to the Westfield Memorial Library Board of Trustees (2016-2017) and the Historic Preservation Commission (2016-2017); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned memberships, Councilman Donnelly demonstrated focus, leadership, and teamwork while serving as Vice Chair (2016-2017) of the Code Review and Town Property Committee; and

WHEREAS, though his time on the Council was brief and he chose not to run for re-election for personal reasons, Councilman Donnelly did contribute to the well-being and quality of life in the Town of Westfield, perhaps most notably by stepping in on short notice to fill a vacancy and thereby assuring the residents of Ward 2 of uninterrupted representation and advocacy; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017, I, Mayor Andrew K. Skibitsky, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of the great Town of Westfield, hereby offer sincerest thanks to Kenneth Donnelly for his generous service to the community and, in addition, hereby extend very best wishes to him for success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Councilman Donnelly made the following comments:

As my time serving on the Town Council comes to an end this month, there are many people to thank for their help and support during my tenure over the past 2 years. Unfortunately, I can't thank them all here now, but I would like to mention a few.

I would like to thank Mayor Andy Skibitsky for his leadership, strong principles, dedication, encouragement, and friendship. It is absolutely remarkable that Andy has served this town for 15 years and it was truly an honor to work with you.

I would like to thank my fellow council people for their support and friendship. Each council person has unique talents that enable them to serve the town so well and I learned much from each of them.

I would like to thank Jim Gildea, Russ Fineststein, Kris McAloon, Don Sammet, Greg O'Neil, Chief Wayman, Chief Kelly, Scott Olson, Claire Gray, and all of our Town Department heads and employees for their dedication and good work providing services to our town. It is truly appreciated. And especially to Jim Gildea. You really know every aspect of the town's workings, its history, and you keep things running so well.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that I have worked with on various boards and committees. It is their strong public service that supports and drives this town.

I would like to thank the residents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward for allowing me to serve them. I hope that all my efforts have contributed positively to you all.

And last, and most importantly, I would like to thank my family and friends for their love and support. Especially my wife, Lori, and my children, Caroline, Carson, and Amelia. I know that it was difficult when I was away from home serving the town and the residents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, but I appreciate your understanding this responsibility and commitment. I love you all very much.

Congratulations to Mayor Elect Brindle, Linda Habgood, Michael Dardia, David Contract, and Dawn Mackey. I wish you all luck in your new positions and hope that you continue the good work done by this group to keep Westfield the outstanding town that it is today.

Thank you very much and happy holidays!

(306) WHEREAS, David Oliveira has faithfully served the Town of Westfield as a Council member representing Ward 3 since January 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Oliveira has unselfishly volunteered his time and talents to attend to the needs of the residents of the 3rd Ward and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Oliveira has served in numerous capacities as a member of the Finance Policy Committee (2014, 2016, 2017), the Public Works Committee (2014-2017), and the Public Safety, Parking and Transportation Committee (2015); and

WHEREAS, Councilman Oliveira has also served as Council Liaison to the Westfield Regional Board of Health (2014-2017); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned memberships, Councilman Oliveira demonstrated focus, leadership, and teamwork while serving as Vice Chair (2014) of the Finance Policy Committee, Vice Chair of the Public Safety, Parking and Transportation Committee (2015), and Chair of the Public Works Committee (2016-2017); and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Councilman Oliveira contributed significantly to the well-being and quality of life in the Town of Westfield, perhaps most notably with his efforts to make improvements to the Conservation Center and lower the user fee for residents; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017, I, Mayor Andrew K. Skibitsky, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of the great Town of Westfield, hereby offer sincerest thanks to David Oliveira for his generous service to the community and, in addition, hereby extend very best wishes to him for success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Councilman Oliveira made the following comments:

Thank you everybody, just a couple of comments. One, I'd like to thank my wife Anne, and my two lovely children, Maura and Catherine. When I got home tonight, I was really touched. They told me they were going to come tonight. We hadn't discussed it, and it wasn't necessarily planned. For the last four years I have been coming out on Tuesday nights, and God only knows what they think I am doing, but they said they were going to come, and what was really nice was my wife had written up a resolution for me, and it was really nice. The gist of it was that they are going to be happy to have their hubby and daddy home. That was great. So thank you. It takes a lot of understanding and patience from them being out nights, weekends, serving the town. It is going to be a blessing that I will have more time at home with them.

Next, I'd like to thank Mayor Andy, Town Council, colleagues and all the town employees. I am really proud of what we accomplished together here on Council. A lot of great things for the town. I love this town. I love this community. More importantly though, lifelong friendships that we established with everybody in town, everyone I have had the pleasure and honor of working with. I might not be on Council, but I am sure I will see you around town, and I appreciate everything working with you.

Lastly, the residents of Westfield, and more specifically, the third ward, it was a life changing experience getting elected. I have been proud of my time and the four years here. It has been a great learning experience for me. I am happy with my time serving the town and I could not have done it without their support. I really do appreciate it, and I thank them for it.

Also, I'd like to wish luck to the incoming team, Shelley, David, who is here, and the rest of the team, good luck.

(307) WHEREAS, Keith Loughlin has faithfully served the Town of Westfield as a Council member representing Ward 4 since January 5, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Loughlin has unselfishly volunteered his time and talents to attend to the needs of the residents of the 4th Ward and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Loughlin has served in numerous capacities as a member of the Public Works Committee (2010-2015), the Code Review and Town Property Committee (2016-2017), and the Public Safety, Parking and Transportation Committee (2010-2017); and

WHEREAS, Councilman Loughlin has also served as Council Liaison to the Westfield Memorial Library Board of Trustees (2010-2011); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned memberships, Councilman Loughlin demonstrated focus, leadership, and teamwork while serving as Vice Chair (2010-2014) and Chair (2016-2017) of the Public Safety, Parking and Transportation Committee, and Vice Chair of the Public Works Committee (2015); and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Councilman Loughlin contributed significantly to the well-being and quality of life in the Town of Westfield, perhaps most notably with his work on implementing a reasoned and effective high school parking plan after many years of unresolved debate and his efforts to prevent the construction of a cell tower at the Armory; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017, I, Mayor Andrew K. Skibitsky, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of the great Town of Westfield, hereby offer sincerest thanks to Keith Loughlin for his generous service to the community and, in addition, hereby extend very best wishes to him for success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Councilman Loughlin made the following comments:

I just want to thank Mayor Andy Skibitsky for all of your work throughout the years, and most importantly, your friendship. I enjoyed tremendously working with you and all of the members of the Council, specifically Councilman Stokes. The past few years working with you have been outstanding, and please continue the hard work for our great fourth ward.

Councilman Foerst, I see that you are in the audience. Jim, you are one of my best friends. I loved working with you. We were a tremendous team, and thank you for all of your service to this town.

To our town employees, our professionals, Jim, our Chiefs, Russ, and Kris. Thank you for all of your service. To our outstanding Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments and all of our other employees, thank you for all of your service to our great town. It has been my honor to serve this great town. I love Westfield, and please Council, and the incoming administration, please keep up the hard work for our great town. Thank you.

(308) WHEREAS, Sam Della Fera has faithfully served the Town of Westfield as a Council member representing Ward 1 since January 5, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Della Fera has unselfishly volunteered his time and talents to attend to the needs of the residents of the 1st Ward and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Della Fera has served in numerous capacities as a member of the Finance Policy Committee (2010-2017), the Code Review and Town Property Committee (2010-2017), and as Alternate Acting Mayor (2016-2017); and

WHEREAS, Councilman Della Fera has also served as Council Liaison to the Westfield Regional Board of Health (2010-2013), the Planning Board (2016-2017), the Tree Preservation Commission (2014-2017), the Board of Education (2012-2017), and the Special Improvement District Board (2012-2017); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned memberships, Councilman Della Fera demonstrated focus, leadership, and teamwork while serving as Vice Chair (2011) and Chair (2012-2015) of the Finance Policy Committee and Chair of the Code Review and Town Property Committee (2016-2017); and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Councilman Della Fera contributed significantly to the well-being and quality of life in the Town of Westfield, perhaps most notably with his work on the Finance Policy Committee in helping to guide the Town through the recovery from the Great Recession, as well as his work on the Tree Preservation Commission in fostering the expansion of the tree planting program and updating the Tree Preservation Ordinance to preserve the Town's treasured tree canopy; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017, I, Mayor Andrew K. Skibitsky, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of the great Town of Westfield, hereby offer sincerest thanks to Sam Della Fera for his generous service to the community and, in addition, hereby extend very best wishes to him for success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Councilman Della Fera made the following comments:

Serving the residents of the First Ward, and the entire Town of Westfield, for the past eight years has been one of the great honors in my life. I could not have done it without the love and support

of my wonderful wife Sheryl and my kids, Stephen and Samantha, both of whom I am so very proud.

I also could not have been an effective advocate for my neighbors without substantial help from others, and I'd like to thank them tonight.

When I first took office eight years ago, I have to admit that I was a bit skeptical of local government. I expected to find many examples of waste, nepotism, and mismanagement. Instead, I found Jim Gildea. Our Town Administrator is simply the best in the business, and he ensures that our Town government is run fairly, efficiently, and effectively.

Jim grew up in Westfield, and his love for his hometown is evidenced by his passion for the well-being of its residents, employees, and our entire community.

Many of my accomplishments, and those of this Council, are directly attributable to Jim's insight, experience, and advice. The same is true for many of the accolades and awards that the Town has received. I fervently hope that the new administration will appreciate and rely upon the considerable knowledge and experience of all our highly qualified departments heads and staff, first and foremost among them Jim Gildea. Thank you Jim.

As I said, Jim is ably assisted by Westfield's dedicated and talented department heads, employees, and professional staff, who helped me to better serve my constituents. I want to say a special thank you to all of them, and to the many volunteer board and committee members with whom I have worked over the years. With one exception, I won't name names, because I am sure to miss one or more people, but many of you are here tonight. The exception is our late Fire Chief Dan Kelly. His love for Westfield and the safety of its residents ran deep, as did his faith, his character, and his humanity. It was my honor to know him.

It was also my honor to share this dais for eight years with Joann Neylan, Frank Arena, and Keith Loughlin. Joann and Frank have been, and will continue to be, great assets to this community, and great friends to me. Keith and I were first elected together and we will now leave together, which is appropriate because we always worked together for the betterment of Westfield.

I worked for a shorter time with Mark Ciarrocca, David Haas, Vicki Kimmins and Jim Foerst, and the other current members of this Council - Mark LoGrippe, David Oliveira, Ken Donnelly, and Doug Stokes. I learned something valuable from each of you. Together, we governed this town honestly and equitably, and ensured that it remains the envy of so many other communities in NJ and beyond.

Of course, throughout my time on Council, Westfield has been ably led by the man seated to my right on the dais, who has had such a positive impact on my life and on the lives of all Westfield residents.

I first met Andy Skibitsky when I was being vetted as the First Ward council candidate for the 2009 election. After exchanging pleasantries and sitting down in Andy's living room with him and Jon Bramnick, Andy promptly reminded me that four years earlier I had co-hosted an event for his mayoral opponent. Then, as Andy likes to do when making a point with someone, he sat

there silently staring at me. I stammered my way through some weak explanation and, thankfully, our relationship has grown and improved ever since. In fact, I attended his daughter's wedding this past Friday night.

Not with standing my prior indiscretion, Andy entrusted me with substantial responsibility in his administration, and I hope, Mayor, that you feel that trust was rewarded. You gave me the opportunity to serve my neighbors and to have a positive impact on this outstanding community, which is not my original hometown but will forever be my children's'. As a Westfield councilman, I have enjoyed a multitude of special and unique experiences, and have met countless local residents, businesspeople, and other elected officials throughout the state, many of whom I now count among my closest friends and associates, including you and your lovely wife Debra.

Mayor, you have served Westfield honorably and with integrity, so that her residents are proud to tell others where they live. You have earned the admiration and respect of political and business leaders near and far. You have done more good for this Town than its residents will ever know. As a resident myself, I thank you for your faithful service Mayor.

Finally, to the incoming Mayor and Council members, I say that you have been given a great privilege and a great responsibility: to help govern and maintain what we can all agree is one of the finest communities in this state, if not in the entire country. May you continue the success that this Mayor and Council has worked so hard to achieve. As we did, may you always seek, in the words of JFK, not the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer.

So again I thank you Mayor, I thank you fellow members of the Council, I thank you James, and I thank you Westfield.

(309) WHEREAS, Andrew K. Skibitsky has faithfully served the Town of Westfield for fifteen years – beginning as a Council member representing the 3rd Ward from January 7, 2003 to June 21, 2005 at which time he was sworn in as Mayor to complete the term of the previous Mayor who relocated for family reasons; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2005, Andrew K. Skibitsky was elected to serve his first full term as Mayor, and was reelected in 2009 and again in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Skibitsky's devotion to family, faith, and community provided the foundation for his dedication and service to the residents of the Town of Westfield; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Skibitsky unselfishly volunteered his time and talents 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for over 12 years to attend to the needs of the Town, tirelessly demonstrating his steadfast commitment to protecting and advancing the quality of life in the Town; and

WHEREAS, not long into his first term, the nation fell into the "Great Recession", and with revenues significantly reduced and a new state "cap" law contributing to the challenges of the time, Mayor Skibitsky focused on developing a sustainable financial plan to ensure the long

term integrity of the Town's financial status that also safeguarded the delivery of all municipal services; and

WHEREAS, in addition to leading the Town through the recession and all the way to the current Triple A rating from Standard and Poor's, the Mayor has overseen many actions, policies and improvements during his tenure that will have a positive impact on the Town and its residents for years to come, such as establishing the first "Quiet Zone" in the State, reducing parking enforcement hours, introducing "Westfield First" in 2009, upgrading and improving the Town's parks and recreational facilities, successfully advocating for "one seat" NJ Transit rides, expanding the tree planting program, honoring history by adding numerous Memorials, forming several task forces made up of members of the public and the Town's professionals to address emerging issues, expanding recycling opportunities, navigating the complex legal web known as COAH to carefully manage growth while meeting the Town's obligations, spearheading improvements to the Tree Preservation and Historic Preservation Ordinances, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Skibitsky saw the community through many extreme weather events, including 4 of the top 10 snowfalls ever recorded in this region, an autumn ice storm, a hurricane, and a "Superstorm", with the response to the latter becoming the model for other communities; and

WHEREAS, during Mayor Skibitsky's tenure of service, the Town of Westfield earned many accolades from a variety of independent sources, including the Downtown named a "Great Place in New Jersey" by the American Planning Association – NJ Chapter, national realtor Movoto ranked Westfield #3 in its top ten Best Cities in New Jersey, Neighborhood Scout named Westfield the 30th safest city in America, *New Jersey Monthly* named Westfield "Our Favorite Downtown", WalletHub.com named Westfield the 73rd Best Small City in America, and Gannett New Jersey proclaimed, "Out of all of the busy Main Streets throughout the Garden State, Gannet New Jersey voted Westfield – an upscale Union County town that offers Old World-charm as well as modern sophistication – as the best destination for shopping."; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the efforts, the energy, the devotion, the integrity, the grace under pressure, and all that has been accomplished under his leadership, the Town Council wishes to honor and thank Mayor Andrew K. Skibitsky;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017, the Town Council, on behalf of the citizens of the great Town of Westfield, offer our collective thanks to Mayor Andrew K. Skibitsky for his service to the community, and, in addition, express our deepest appreciation for all that he has accomplished during his tenure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council, on behalf of the Westfield community, wishes Mayor Skibitsky much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

### **Council Comments**

Councilman Arena commended Councilman Della Fera for his service to Westfield and acknowledged Councilman Della Fera's expertise and guidance on many issues. Feels Councilman Della Fera has been an asset to the Town and will be missed.

Councilman Arena also thanked Mayor Skibitsky for his leadership and for his service to Westfield. Feels Mayor Skibitsky had a vision for Westfield, and through his leadership, made Westfield one of the most enviable places to live. Also discussed the many challenges faced through the years, such as Hurricane Irene, Hurricane Sandy, and the financial crisis, and feels the town came through these crises with Mayor Skibitsky's leadership.

Councilwoman Neylan Stated that it is with a very heavy heart that she says goodbye to the outgoing Council members and Mayor Skibitsky. Extended her best wishes to the incoming administration and stated that she looks forward to working with them. Also stated that the friendships and opportunities she has had to govern with the Mayor and members of Council has been a tremendous part of her life. Feels the word integrity describes each of them, and thanked each member of Council for their service and friendship.

Councilwoman Neylan also thanked Mayor Skibitsky for his service. Feels many do not realize the time and effort Mayor Skibitsky committed to the Town, and stated that he always served with pride, integrity and for the best interest of Westfield and its residents. Feels Mayor Skibitsky is one of the best leaders she has ever met, and one of best men she has ever met, and pledged to continue her friendship with Mayor Skibitsky and Council members.

Councilman LoGrippe Extended his best wishes to Councilman Oliveira. Stated that he will miss working with him serving the residents of the third ward. Also extended his best wishes to Councilman Donnelly.

Councilman LoGrippe also discussed when he first met Mayor Skibitsky and stated that he knew from that day that he wanted to be part of the team to serve Westfield. Stated that he was a new resident at that time and everyone was very welcoming. Also thanked Mayor Skibitsky for his leadership and his friendship.

Councilman Stokes feels Mayor Skibitsky has the ability to find talent, and believes that to be evident by the accomplishments listed in each resolution presented to the outgoing elected officials.

Councilman Stokes also commended Councilman Loughlin for his service and extended his appreciation to Councilman Loughlin for all that he has learned from him. Stated that he looked to all of his fellow Council members for guidance, and feels he has a special relationship with each of them. Feels that they all have done a great deal for Westfield and its residents.

Councilwoman Neylan opened the meeting for additional public comments and invited residents to come forward and extend best wishes to Mayor Skibitsky and outgoing Council members.

Lisa Bertone, 260 East Broad Street, spoke as a resident and former business owner in Downtown Westfield. Thanked all Council members for their service to Westfield and extended her best wishes to each of them.

Jim Foerst, former Westfield Councilman, discussed his experience as a Councilmember and stated that he left office by choice two years ago. Stated that there is thirty-five years of combined experience on the dais that is leaving and he is saddened by that. Stated that Mayor Skibitsky was a mentor to him and stated that it was a pleasure to serve with him. Extended his thanks to Councilman Della Fera, Councilman Loughlin, Councilman Oliveira and Councilman Donnelly. Feels all have served with grace and dignity and that is a testament to their character, and to the Town.

Alicia Barker, 416 Elm Street, stated that it was an honor to work with Mayor Skibitsky and his family, as well as all of the Council members on their campaign. Also stated that getting to know Mayor Skibitsky and his wife, Debbie, was a privilege. Feels they are two of the finest people she has met, and one of the finest couples she has had the privilege to know. Also stated that she enjoyed working with each of the Council members. Regrets she will not be able to work with them any longer in their capacity as elected officials, but considers them as friends.

Mayor Skibitsky made the following comments:

First, to my wife, the “first lady” of Westfield and of my life. I was able to pursue what I believed in because you believed in me. Deborah, thank you from the bottom of my heart. I could never have done it without your love and support. I know you love this town as much as I do.

Deb, these roses are for you.

There are 15 of them – 1 for every year you supported me while I served this great town. Two days from now we will be celebrating our 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. So for nearly 50% of our married life you have been amazingly supportive of my public service.

Deborah, it has been a great run and thank you for everything. You are an amazing woman and terrific partner

And thank you Drew, Hope, Shane and Troy, our children, for sharing your dad with others and for understanding and supporting my belief in the honor of public service.

I especially want to thank all of the volunteers, past and present, who have served on the various boards and commissions where so much important work of the town gets done. From the recreation commission that planned for the construction of a state of the art aquatic center to the planning board and board of adjustment whose judicious decisions have survived every court challenge, from the library board of trustees that oversees the busiest library in union county to the board of health that works tirelessly to safeguard the public’s health and well-being, and all the advisory boards, the town is so fortunate to have an amazing source of volunteers willing to dedicate their time and talent in ensuring Westfield’s extraordinary quality of life.

To all of the town council members I have served with, thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the residents of your respective wards and the entire town, and thank you for your candor and your fellowship as we worked through many difficult issues and events. And thank you to the families of all the town council members – I know that you sacrificed family time with

your loved ones as they tended to the town's business, so thank you for your support and for your community spirit as well.

For outgoing council members, Sam Della Fera, Ken Donnelly, David Oliveira and Keith Loughlin. Thank you for being wonderful public servants. The four of you have served Westfield for a nearly 22 combined years. You served Westfield with integrity, with energy, with results that will carry on far beyond your terms. You embody the true spirit of leadership and public service. Even with difficult decisions, you respected your constituents and based your decision on facts, never compromising your commitment to do what's best for the town and always working to minimize our residents' tax burden.

Upon taking office, you took an oath to faithfully; impartially and justly perform all duties of your office. You did so with grace.

Thank you.

To the department heads and all of the employees of the town, thank you. Over the years, we have worked together under a variety of circumstances, including some very challenging times – from the great recession to multiple hurricanes and blizzards. I have witnessed first-hand your commitment to your work and, most importantly, to the people of this town. I truly appreciate your dedication, determination, professionalism, your sense of team work, and, of course, your accomplishments.

I want to thank our town administrator, James Gildea. A town could not ask for a more professional, knowledgeable, effective, caring and skilled administrator. I have often said that Jim is the best administrator in the state. Westfield is blessed with your leadership.

Westfield is more beautiful and greater now than it ever has been. To be sure, no mayor accomplishes success alone. I have often said that what truly defines us as a great community are the people – the people who, with great pride, call Westfield their hometown. It's about the hundreds if not thousands of volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents to coach and guide our youngsters in sports, scouting, and other activities. It's about our senior citizens, many of whom contributed to making Westfield what it is today and now stay to be close to the families they have raised. It's about all of the hard-working merchants, professionals, restaurateurs, and proprietors who have invested in Westfield and have chosen it as their business home. Thank you to each and every one of you for your contribution to making Westfield the truly unique and remarkable place that it is.

It has been an absolute honor to serve this great town for 15 years.

Thank you and god bless.

### **Reports of Department Heads**

Report of Steve Freedman, Construction Official, showing monies collected for permits in the amount of \$89,742.00.00 for the month of November 2017 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 \$12,472 representing monies collected during the month of November 2017.

Report of Carol Salvaggio, Certified Court Administrator, stating that she had turned over to the Chief Financial Officer check in the amount of \$58,974.82 representing fines and costs collected in the Municipal Court and Violations Bureau during the month of November 2017 was received, read and ordered filed.

Report of Tara Rowley, Town Clerk, showing fee collected in the amount of \$11,664.00 during the month of November 2017 was received, read, and ordered filed.

Report of David J. Kelly, Chief of the Fire Department, showing Fees collected in November 2017 in the amount of \$4,575.00 was received, read and ordered filed.

Report of David C. Wayman, Chief of the Police Department, showing fee collecting in the amount of \$1,692.40.72 during the month of November 2017.

Reports of Henry Wang, Deputy Collector of Taxes, showing taxes total collections of tax and sewer \$30,071,283.20 during the period November 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017.

Upon motion by Councilman LoGrippo, seconded by Councilman Donnelly the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Tara Rowley, RMC

Town Clerk