MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2021

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Brindle made the following announcements:

"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 11, 2020. 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, Parmelee, LoGrippo, Katz, Mackey,

Contract, Dardia, and Boyes

ABSENT: None

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was held remotely through Zoom Webinar. The public was provided with access to join the webinar through Zoom.

FLAG SALUTE

PRESENTATIONS

Town Administrator's Update:

• Provided an update on the installation of a traffic signal at Lamberts Mill Road and Rahway Avenue and announced that Union County began installation on May 10, specifically underground work, which is a few weeks earlier than originally scheduled. No date has been provided as to when work would begin on the installation of the traffic signal on West Broad Street and Scotch Plains Avenue. Discussed road closures that would be necessary as the installation moves forward.

Mayor's remarks

Mayor Brindle provided the following remarks:

Good evening, everyone, and thanks for joining us virtually tonight. Please remember that public comment will only be accepted via Zoom, although we are live streaming for viewing only on Facebook. The replay will also be available afterwards on Facebook, YouTube, and TV 36.

Things may look a little different at this meeting. We are traveling back in time at the request of the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission to celebrate National Preservation Month. I'm speaking to you in front of the building on Prospect Street that functioned as Westfield's Town Hall and Police headquarters from 1910 until the new municipal building was erected in its current location in 1954.

I would like to thank the Historic Preservation Commission, the archives of the Westfield Historical Society, and Dr. Stanley Lipson for providing us with these wonderful Zoom backdrops. You'll be hearing from everyone else about their backdrops a little later.

COVID-19 UPDATES

- As you know, Governor Murphy recently announced the state will lift many of its major COVID-19 capacity restrictions on May 19 due to an ongoing improvement in the numbers as vaccinations increase. This includes removing indoor caps on restaurants, stores, and personal services, as well as all outdoor gathering caps -- with indoor masking and social distancing remaining in place, and venues required to keep groups six feet apart.
- Yesterday, the FDA authorized the Pfizer vaccine for adolescents aged 12-15, which must now go before the CDC for approval tomorrow. Governor Murphy indicated that the New Jersey Department of Health is currently finalizing guidance for parents, guardians, and practitioners, and they anticipate being able to transition to vaccinating eligible adolescents as soon as Pfizer receives its emergency use authorization.

■ The seven-day average for confirmed COVID-19 cases in New Jersey is down 29% from a week ago and down 67% from a month ago, and the rate of transmission is 1.07. More than half of New Jersey's adult population has been vaccinated. As always, more detailed information about statewide numbers is available on the NJ COVID-19 Dashboard.

LOCAL UPDATES

- Thanks to the Mental Health Council for putting together some wonderful community programming to recognize Mental Health Awareness Month. The CAKE Crumb Trail is a free, month-long, self-guided tour for participants of all ages that reinforces our commitment to being a stigma free community, with stops designed to highlight the importance of compassion, acceptance, kindness, and empathy as part of an ongoing focus on mental wellness and behavioral health. There will also be a free Zoom webinar on Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction on May 19 at 7:00PM. For details on both events, visit westfieldnj.gov/mentalhealthevents.
- This week is National Police Week, and I'd like to take a moment to extend my thanks on behalf of this Council and community to the extraordinary Westfield Police Department for their ongoing professionalism, dedication, and commitment to community policing. At a time when our community is experiencing a wave of car burglaries and thefts, our Police Department continues to do a tremendous job under very difficult and sometimes dangerous circumstances. As I hope you've seen, last week they issued a detailed advisory to the community about this activity. The department is operating with enhanced patrols throughout Town -- both in very obvious and less overt ways -- and they are using every tool at their disposal to address these criminal acts. However, they need your help to displace crime by staying vigilant and securing your cars and homes at all times. You can read the advisory on our website, which I encourage you to share with your neighbors, to find out more about the current policing efforts and what you can do to help keep Westfield one of New Jersey's safest communities.

And if you'd like to meet with members of the department, don't miss Pizza With the Police on May 20 from 4:00 - 6:00PM, where you can enjoy a slice and discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you to Outta Hand Pizza for hosting this event!

■ The Cannabis Commission will host a public meeting via Zoom on Thursday, May 13, at 7:00PM to provide an update on its activity to date, and will include the opportunity for public comment. I think it's important to provide the context that, under the new state law, all municipalities must take action to either opt in or opt out of permitting any class of cannabis establishment or distributor to operate in the municipality. Once a municipality permits cannabis establishments or distributor operations in their community (i.e., once they "opt in"), that action remains valid for five years. If a community opts out, it can thereafter decide to opt in, even before the expiration of the five-year period.

The meeting will also be streamed on Facebook Live, but, just as we do with Council meetings, anyone wishing to speak must join by Zoom. The meeting will be available for replay afterwards, and public comments are also being collected by email at CannabisComments@westfieldnj.gov through May 20. Details about the commission, its purpose, and its members can be found at westfieldnj.gov/cannabis_commission.

- Join us on May 20 at 7:30PM for the next panel discussion in our Facebook Live series with Streetworks about the future of retail. "Retail: (You Can't) Just Buy it Online" will take a closer look at this shifting landscape, the importance it plays in all communities, and the opportunities it presents for Westfield. In addition to Streetworks' Richard Heapes, the conversation will also feature DWC Executive Director Bob Zuckerman, Phil Abramson of Topology, and Mike Berne of MJB Consulting, one of North America's leading retail experts and futurists.
- Don't miss Greta's Run, a beloved annual community event to honor the late Greta Schoenemann. The run will be virtual once again this year, and participants are asked to run individually any time leading up to Sunday, May 16. All proceeds will benefit Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss. For more information and to register, visit imaginenj.org/gretasrun.
- Just 25 days until Memorial Pool opens! There is no wait list this year, and the fantastic staff is ready to deliver another safe and memorable season. To renew or join, visit westfieldnj.gov/pool.
- We have a busy agenda tonight as we are taking action on some great initiatives. Very

excitedly, we are voting on a resolution to award a contract for the 2021 road paving work, which will supplement the work scheduled to be completed by utility companies this year, totaling nearly 18 miles of paving this year. You can see the full list of roads scheduled to be completed through 2024 at westfieldnj.gov/roadimprovements.

- We will also vote on a resolution to implement retroactive salary increases for 2019 and 2020 as the result of the recently negotiated five-year collective bargaining agreement with our PBA Local #90.
- As I mentioned, it's National Preservation Month so it's timely that tonight we will vote on an ordinance on second reading to historically designate 923 Central Avenue, which will be the sixth designation since I took office. This home, built circa 1757, is believed to be the Cornelius Ludlum, Jr. homestead, which was built adjacent to the farm owned by his father Cornelius Ludlum, Sr. According to the HPC, the vernacular farmhouse reflects the simple construction of homes typical of the Revolutionary period. The house is shown on the "dot map" of Revolutionary homes that was compiled by Union County and local historians in the late 1960s. Although modified over the years, the central section of the home still displays original construction with peg and beam rafters and carpenter marks.

This designation is a great example of the homeowner being open-minded and learning about the history of a home, and why conversations should occur before a house gets demolished. I'd like to thank the HPC for their ongoing dedication to prioritizing voluntary designation and their passion for preserving these important pieces of Westfield's history.

While we're discussing history, let's hear from everyone else tonight about the historical backdrop behind them.

■ I have two proclamations to read tonight -- one recognizing Lyme Disease Awareness Month, and another recognizing the amazing work of our Vulnerable Populations Workgroup in vaccinating underserved populations.

With that, let's get to work. I want to remind everyone that I will once again be enforcing Robert's Rules this evening to ensure we stay on topic and the meeting runs efficiently.

National Preservation Month

Each councilmember and Town professionals included as a panelist provided a description of the historic photo used as their backdrop in recognition of National Preservation Month.

Mayor Brindle presented the following proclamations:

Town of Westfield Westfield, New Jersey Proclamation

Lyme Disease Awareness Month May 2021

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is the most commonly reported tick-borne disease in the United States, accounting for over 80% of all tick-borne illness; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is spread to people by the bite of an infected tick. Immature ticks become infected by feeding on small, infected mammals such white-footed mice. Once infected, the tick can then spread the disease to humans through its bite. Lyme disease is not spread person to person; and

WHEREAS, approximately 476,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with and treated annually for Lyme Disease in the United States, including approximately 4,000 in New Jersey alone according to the latest available data; yet it is known that Lyme Disease is an under-reported illness and therefore the actual number of people with Lyme Disease in New Jersey is likely much higher; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a complex, multi-system illness caused by bacteria which if caught early can be easily treated with antibiotics, but if left untreated can invade the nervous system, brain, heart, and multiple organs of the body causing years of pain, suffering, severe disability, and even death; and

WHEREAS, ticks that carry Lyme disease can carry several other pathogens and occasional co-infections have been reported; and

WHEREAS, while the risk of contracting a tick-borne illness can be year-round, the nymphal ticks, which are the size of a poppy seed, are most active in the spring and summer months; and

WHEREAS, people can reduce their risk of contracting Lyme disease by avoiding wooded areas with dense shrubs and leaf litter where ticks like to hide, making their yards less attractive to ticks by keeping their lawns mowed, using safe insect repellent on themselves and their pets to keep ticks from attaching to skin, and frequently checking themselves and especially children when in common tick-infested areas; and

WHEREAS, if a tick is found attached to their skin, people should remove it as soon as possible and disinfect the bite area. Proper removal of a tick within 48 hours of being bitten can reduce the risk of infection; and

WHEREAS, people need to be aware of the early symptoms of Lyme disease – a rash that looks like a bull's-eye, tiredness, fever, headache, stiff neck, muscle aches, joint pain – because when treated early, antibiotic therapy for 3 to 4 weeks is generally effective; and

WHEREAS, so as to avoid the potentially serious long term serious health effects, it is essential to educate the community about preventative steps to avoid contracting Lyme disease as well as the effectiveness of early treatment should they inadvertently contract the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Mayor Michelle W. Brindle, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as *Lyme Disease Awareness Month* in the Town of Westfield and in doing so, I encourage all community members to take advantage of the comprehensive resources available from the N.J. Department of Health (https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/lyme.shtml) and from LymeDisease.org, one of the oldest Lyme disease advocacy organizations in the country, to help to spread Lyme disease awareness and prevention education.

Town of Westfield

Westfield, New Jersey **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, COVID-19 was declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued its first Emergency Use Authorization for a COVID-19 vaccine, and on December 14, 2020, the N.J. Department of Health implemented its comprehensive Vaccine Education and Prioritization Plan; and

WHEREAS, initially, in order to receive the vaccine, appointments at designated vaccination sites were required and, because demand was so high, they were very difficult to secure; and

WHEREAS, in early February of 2021, a Vulnerable Populations Work Group was formed to engage community members in helping to identify vulnerable persons who may need assistance with obtaining COVID-19 vaccinations and to provide education to those who may have questions about the vaccine; and

WHEREAS, meetings were held in February and March to identify the areas to focus on to encourage and assist with vaccination registration; and

WHEREAS, two education webinars, one sponsored by Lifelong Westfield and one by the Westfield Regional Board of Health, were held to advise and answer questions about vaccine development, hesitancy, side effects and the importance of vaccination to help protect those most vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a drive-by registration effort was coordinated by the Westfield Neighborhood Council which registered several residents who were then able to receive the COVID-19 vaccination; and

WHEREAS, in working with our County partners, the Vulnerable Populations Work Group was able to hold a COVID-19 vaccination pop-up site on March 26, 2021 in the Community Room of the Westfield municipal building. In order to do so, members of the group worked tirelessly within a short 48 hour time frame to identify our African American, Hispanic, senior, and handicapped neighbors who may have wanted the vaccine but were unable to secure an appointment. The group's outreach was very successful – approximately 200 persons were vaccinated at the pop-up clinic that day; and

WHEREAS, for those vulnerable residents without transportation to the pop-up site, members of the Westfield Police Department provided round trip transportation; and

WHEREAS, the members of Vulnerable Populations Work Group are deserving of our recognition and appreciation for their compassionate and successful endeavor – Megan Avallone, Director/Health Officer of the Westfield Regional Health Department; Dr. Ellen Shelley, Vulnerable Populations Coordinator for the Westfield Regional Health Department; Lauren Harmer, Recreation Programs & Events Specialist for the Town; Westfield Police Chief Chris Battiloro; and the selfless volunteers, Dr. Pamela Brug, Brad Chananie, Deidre Gelinne, Vertina Graves, Sylvia Hicks, Carol Mercer, Joyce Allen Pretlow, Ahisha Quallis, Velvet Roger, Dr. Elizabeth Talmont, and Elizabeth Wolf;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Michelle W. Brindle, Mayor of the Town of Westfield, do hereby acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of the Vulnerable Populations Work Group and thank them for all they have done to ensure the health and welfare of our residents most in need.

Comments:

Aisha Quallis thanked all involved with this initiative and for providing the opportunity to help those in need become vaccinated.

Ellen Shelley, Vulnerable Populations Coordinator of the Westfield Regional Health Department, provided an overview of how the program began and the outreach to members of the community that occurred. Feels this program was very instrumental in helping those in need become vaccinated.

Mayor Brindle discussed the outreach that was conducted to inform those of the opportunity for vaccination. Also feels this could serve as a model to increase vaccination rates across the country. Lastly, commended Lauren Harmer of the Recreation Department and Dr. Pam Brug for their involvement and assistance with this program.

Councilman Contract expanded on the outreach that was conducted for vaccination registration and discussed a visit he made with Dr. Brug to a local car wash to inform employees of the opportunity to become vaccinated. Feels this is the type of effort that is necessary in order for everyone to become vaccinated.

APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by Councilman Dardia and seconded by Councilwoman Mackey, Council accepted the following appointments:

Recreation Commission

Roselle Schjong

Unexpired Term ending December 31, 2023

ADVERTISED HEARINGS

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2214

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 923 CENTRAL AVENUE, SHOWN ON THE TOWN TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 4813, LOT 32 AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

PENDING BUSINESS

An ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2214 – AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 923 CENTRAL AVENUE, SHOWN ON THE TOWN TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 4813, LOT 32 AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP." by Councilman Parmelee, seconded by Councilman Boyes, was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Town Council comments:

Councilwoman Habgood discussed efforts of the Planning Board, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Town Council and the property owner to move this designation forward. Discussed the fact that the property owner originally sought to demolish the property through a subdivision application submitted to the Planning Board. The history of the home was subsequently learned, and the property owner was agreeable to restoring the home rather than demolishing it. Also discussed the unique subdivision of the property that was approved to allow the historic home to remain. Thanked the property owner and stated that she is anxious to see how the home will be preserved. Lastly, provided history on the home which was built in 1797 and believed to be Cornelius Ludlum Jr.'s homestead which was adjacent to the farm previous

owned by Cornelius Ludlum Sr. Explained that its construction is typical to that of the revolutionary period and is shown on the map of revolutionary homes completed by Union County in the late 1960's. Discussed some of the original construction aspects of the home that still exist. Feels the designation of this home is a great example of the property owner being open-minded to learning the history of the home. Encouraged residents to have conversations about their homes before demolition is contemplated.

Yeas: Habgood Nays: None Absent: None

Parmelee LoGrippo Katz Mackey Contract Dardia Boyes

Mayor Brindle

BIDS

TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID WEDNESDAY, May 5, 2021 2021 VARIOUS ROADS

<u>Amount of Bid</u>

DLS Contracting Inc.	\$1,705,560.00
36 Montesano Road	
Fairfield, NJ 07004	
Reivax Contracting Corp.	\$1,695,600.00
68 Finderne Avenue	
Bridgewater, NJ 08807	
Topline Construction	\$1,740,139.49
22 Fifth Street	, ,
Somerville, NJ 08876	
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4 Clean Up Inc.	\$2,200,221.25
4501 Dell Avenue	. , ,
North Bergen, NJ 07047	
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CCM Contracting	\$1,520,532.00
336 US-22	
Green Brook Township, NJ 08812	
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Fischer Contracting	\$1,535,158.00
10 Short Hills Court	
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076	
Black Rock Enterprises, LLC	\$1,725,000.00
1316 Englishtown Road	
Old Bridge, NJ 08857	
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P & A Construction	\$1,514,106.00
PO Box 28	
Colonia, NJ 07067	
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Stilo Paving/Excavating	\$1,628,794.50
2907 South Clinton	
South Plainfield, NJ 07080	
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Smith-Sondy	
150 Anderson Avenue	\$1,820,832.25
Wallington, NJ 07057	+-,,
Stayola	
175 Drift Road	
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724	
AJM Construction	\$1,828,162.50
300 Kuller Road	
Clifton, NJ 07011	
Meco, Inc.	
37 Prodelin Way	
Millstone, NJ 08535	
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American Asphalt & Milling Services LLC	\$1,640,332.00
96 Midland Avenue	
Kearny, NJ 07032	
DM Construction Com	¢1 520 125 00
P.M. Construction Corp. 1310 Central Avenue	\$1,529,125.00
Hillside, NJ 07205	
J.A. Alexander Inc.	\$1,691,894.50
130 John F Kennedy Drive North	Ψ1,071,074.50
Bloomfield, NJ 07003	
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Schifano Construction	\$1,541,396.00
1 Smalley Avenue	, ,- ,-> ->
Middlesex, NJ 08846	
Riverview Paving	\$1,751,887.50
Hackettstown, NJ	

MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Mackey and seconded by Councilman Parmelee, Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council Regular and Conference Meeting held April 20, 2021.

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.

Hugh Giordano, 57 Argyle Avenue, Blackwood New Jersey, representative of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (USCW Local 452), provided comment concerning the consideration of cannabis operations. Explained that the USCW is the official labor union that represents cannabis workers in sales for both medical and adult use. Stated that they are also working with the building trades in New Jersey for the retrofit and build out of these facilities. Discussed the unionized jobs to be created. Feels New Jersey has the best labor laws in the country with respect to cannabis and commended the Governor for setting this precedent. Stated that an apprenticeship program is also being organized and feels it provides a great opportunity for more jobs. Suggested the Town review an ordinance recently adopted by the City of Bayonne, which he shared with Councilman Parmelee, and commended Councilman Parmelee for his efforts with this issue. Hopes that Westfield would do research before making a decision and also suggested that Town representatives visit the Garden State Dispensary. Feels it is one of the most open and transparent cultivation sites in the State. Discussed the New Jersey League of

Municipalities' opposition to cannabis operations and thanked the Town Council for not rushing to a decision on whether to opt-in or out of cannabis sales.

The Town Attorney mentioned that non-residents are permitted 3 minutes to speak during public comment.

Kelly Kessler, Historic Preservation Commission, feels the Town did a wonderful job in celebrating Westfield's historic Downtown. Feels it is the "crown jewel" of Westfield and the Town's recognition of its history indicates that protection of this history is a priority.

Ms. Kessler also discussed the historic designation of 923 Central Avenue and stated that the process occurred before the Town amended its historic preservation ordinance. Feels it was a test case for the demolition regulations of the ordinance and how they could work. Feels many residents were upset with the lack of notice that was provided prior to a demolition and believes the amendments to the historic preservation ordinance allows for communication between the builder and the Historic Preservation Commission prior to demolition occurring.

Maria Boyes, 122 Ferris Place, thanked the Town Council for the support it has shown for historic preservation. Feels the success of the Historic Preservation Commission can only be possible with the openness encouraged by the Town Council. Discussed a letter by the owner of a property recently designated on Prospect Street in which the owner indicated that she attempted to have her home designated in previous years but there was no follow up to her request. Also noted that there were revisions to design guidelines, which are available on the Town's website, and stated that architects and builders have commented on how helpful they are.

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

Mayor Brindle addressed the comments made and informed Mr. Giordano that Councilmembers Parmelee and Dardia would be providing an update of the Cannabis Commission later this evening.

Mayor Brindle also thanked Ms. Kessler and Ms. Boyes for their leadership on historic preservation. Noted that if the property owner of 923 Central Avenue had not gone to the Planning Board for approval of a subdivision, the house would have been demolished. Feels the revisions to the historic preservation ordinance requires that a conversation take place for a creative solution.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

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

RESOLVED that the bills and claims in the amount of \$565,268.97 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 Contract, were unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 106

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$58.20 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 April 2021.

Resolution No. 107

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

Name	Account	Class	
Brian Heath 1055 Coolidge Street Westfield, NJ 07090	1-03-55-920-202 Pool	Refund Pool 2021 Membership Resident Family of 4 or less	\$520.00 w/ Childcare
Brad Fradenburg 765 Belvidere Ave Westfield, NJ 07090	1-03-55-920-202 Pool	Refund Pool 2021 Membership Resident Family of 4 or less	\$420.00
Heather Fisher 232 Watchung Fork Westfield, NJ 07090	T-05-600-071 Tennis/Rec	Refund Track/Spring Session 2/Sund Elaine (\$75)/Brian (\$75) Michael (\$75)/Matthew (\$75	-
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Brian Paul 25 Sunnywood Drvie Westfield, NJ 07090	T-05 -600-071 Tennis/Rec	Refund LEGO Spring Session 2 Julian Paul	\$165.00
Sally Wilt 825 Boulevard Westfield, NJ 07090	T-05-600-071 Tennis/Rec	Refund Adult Pickleball / Advance Session 2	\$66.00
Jay Schuster 120 Barchester Way Westfield, NJ 07090	T-05-600-071 Tennis/Rec	Refund Adult Pickleball/Advance/Se Jay Schuster (\$66) Shari Schuster (\$66)	\$132.00 ession 2
James Weinberg 834 New England Dr. Westfield, NJ 07090	T-05-600-071 Tennis/Rec	Refund LEGO Adventures w/Corey Devin Weinberg	\$165.00 – Session 2
Joerg Koglin 755 Winyah Ave Westfield, NJ 07090	T-05-600-071 Tennis/Rec	Refund \$100.0 CPR/AED Professional Rescue Simone Koglin	
Amy Berman 64 Tamaques Way Westfield, NJ 07090	1-03-55-920-202 Pool	Refund \$15.00 Overpayment of Pool Memb Amy Berman	

Resolution No. 108

WHEREAS, D. Villane Construction, LLC, 2376 South Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, had paid the required Tree Preservation bond in the amount of \$4,000.00 for Tree Permit 19-021, 14 Stanley Oval, and

WHEREAS, D. Villane Construction, LLC has requested that this amount be returned because he has satisfied the requirements of the Tree Preservation Commission's determination and General Ordinance 2137.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to draw a warrant in the name of D. Villane Construction, LLC for \$4,000.00, and forward to 2376 South Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Resolution No. 109

LET IT HEREBY BE RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to draw a warrant for refund of dumpster security payment(s) as follows following final inspection and approval by Town Engineer for return of deposit:

High Caliber Renovations LLC 417 Madison Avenue Rahway, NJ 07065

Amount of refund: \$975.00

Resolution No. 110

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant to the following persons for a refund due to the cancellation of the Westfield Food Handler Course on April 7, 2020:

Name	Amount
Annette Venturo	\$40.00

Mail to:

Annette Venturo 100 East Roselle Ave. Roselle Park, NJ 07204

Resolution No. 111

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 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:

Name	Position	January 1, 2019
Francisco Moya	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Preston Freeman	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Donald Perkins	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Jeffrey Johnson	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Steven Martinez	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Joseph Saunders	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Donald Domanowski	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Paul Ferry	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Eric Loffredo	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
William Kleeman	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Dennis DaSilva	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Michael McCarthy	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Paul Neri	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Nicholas Bruno	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Eric Popleik	Patrol Officer	\$107,815
Jason Merrit	Patrol Officer	\$81,814
Elizabeth Savnik	Patrol Officer	\$81,814
Nicholas Bagan	Patrol Officer	\$75,848
Pitor Wierzbicki	Patrol Officer	\$75,848
John Swirderski	Patrol Officer	\$75,848
Timothy Donovan	Patrol Officer	\$69,882
Gregory Penn	Patrol Officer	\$69,882
Kristopher Jackus	Patrol Officer	\$63,916
Robert Desiato	Patrol Officer	\$63,916
Ryan Weiss	Patrol Officer	\$63,916
Eric Carrero	Patrol Officer	\$63,916
Ricardo Johnson	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Tiffany Kenny	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Christopher Forcenito	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Andres Jaramillo	Patrol Officer	\$57,950

Matthew O'Holla	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Ryan Shaughnessy	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Richard Gill	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Joseph Natale	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Samuel Fourre	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Christopher Santangelo	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Michael Pollock	Patrol Officer	\$46,018
Nicholas Callelo	Patrol Officer	\$46,018
David Went	Patrol Officer	\$46,018
Fortunato Riga	Patrol Officer	\$41,052

Resolution No. 112

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 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>	Position	January 1, 2020
Francisco Moya	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Donald Perkins	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Jeffrey Johnson	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Steven Martinez	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Joseph Saunders	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Donald Domanowski	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Paul Ferry	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Eric Loffredo	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
William Kleeman	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Dennis DaSilva	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Michael McCarthy	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Paul Neri	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Eric Popleik	Patrol Officer	\$110,402
Jason Merrit	Patrol Officer	\$87,780
Elizabeth Savnik	Patrol Officer	\$87,780
Nicholas Bagan	Patrol Officer	\$81,814
Pitor Wierzbicki	Patrol Officer	\$81,814
John Swirderski	Patrol Officer	\$81,814
Timothy Donovan	Patrol Officer	\$75,848
Gregory Penn	Patrol Officer	\$75,848
Kristopher Jackus	Patrol Officer	\$69,882
Robert Desiato	Patrol Officer	\$69,882
Ryan Weiss	Patrol Officer	\$69,882
Eric Carrero	Patrol Officer	\$69,882
Ricardo Johnson	Patrol Officer	\$63,916
Tiffany Kenny	Patrol Officer	\$63,916
Christopher Forcenito	Patrol Officer	\$63,916
Andres Jaramillo	Patrol Officer	\$63,916
Matthew O'Holla	Patrol Officer	\$63,916
Ryan Shaughnessy	Patrol Officer	\$63,916
Richard Gill	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Joseph Natale	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Samuel Fourre	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Christopher Santangelo	Patrol Officer	\$57,950
Michael Pollock	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Nicholas Callelo	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
David Went	Patrol Officer	\$51,984
Fortunato Riga	Patrol Officer	\$46,018
Michael DiBella	Patrol Officer	\$41,052
Markovy Jacques	Patrol Officer	\$41,052
Anthony Perconte	Patrol Officer	\$41,052
Donald Picciano	Patrol Officer	\$41,052

Resolution No. 113

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council ("MCCPC") was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of

educations, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency to renew its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.

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

- 1. The Town Council of the Town of Westfield hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2016 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said Agreement is for renewal of membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.
- 2. The Town of Westfield Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
- 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.
- 4. All appropriate Town of Westfield officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this resolution.

Resolution No. 114

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield requires specialized legal services in connection with the authorization and issuance of bonds or notes of the Town of Westfield (the "Town) related to potential redevelopment projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for said Services through a fair and open process under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq., and

WHEREAS, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC submitted a proposal dated April 21, 2021, indicating that it would provide the above-referenced Services based on the fees set forth in the firm's cost proposal; 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; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer, certifying the availability of adequate funds for this contract, prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, will be furnished to the Town Clerk. Expenditure of funds pursuant to this contract is to be charged to Developer's Escrow Account T-05-400-000 under a Purchase Order to be established at the time of issuance of said bonds or notes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, 75 Livingston Avenue, Second Floor, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 be and hereby are awarded a contract to provide Redevelopment Bond Counsel Services.
 - 2. The term of the contract will be for a period ending December 31, 2021.
- 3. This contract may be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, at the Town's discretion.
- 4. The estimated total fees for each year are not expected to exceed \$25,000, with this expenditure charged to the Developer's Escrow account T-05-400-000.

5. This contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process under <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.5, <u>et seq</u>.

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

Resolution No. 115

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield and the Board of Trustees of the Westfield Memorial Library_hereby certify that permission has been granted to apply for the project entitled the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, in the amount of: \$650,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the filing of this application was authorized at the official meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield held on May 11, 2021.

Resolution No. 116

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, THERFORE, 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 2021 in the sum of \$10,000.00, which is now available from Union County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and

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

General Appropriations
Union County CDBG – Senior Activities

\$10,000.00

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. 117

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;

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield anticipated \$95,000 of the Strengthening Public Health Capacity Grant in the adopted 2021 Operating Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer has been notified that the amount of the award is \$142,236, requiring us to add the difference through N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87.

NOW, THERFORE, 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 2021 in the sum of \$47,236.00, which is now available from the NJ Department of Health, Office of Local Public Health, Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program 2021; and

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

General Appropriations

Strengthening Public Health Capacity Grant - 2021

\$47,236.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total amount of the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program 2021 is \$142,236, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded electronically to the Division of Local Government Services by the Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution No. 118

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, THERFORE, 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 2021 in the sum of \$4,244.35, which is now available from the Division of Criminal Justice Body Armor grant; and

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

General Appropriations Body Armor

\$4,244.35

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. 119

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, THERFORE, 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 2021 in the sum of \$4,198.13, which is now available from the Division of Motor Vehicles, Drunk Driving Enforcement 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

Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund \$4,198.13

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. 120

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, THERFORE, 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 2021 in the sum of \$100,000.00, which is now available from the NJ Department of Health, Office of Local Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding grant; and

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

General Appropriations
COVID 19 Vaccination Grant

\$100,000.00

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. 120A

WHEREAS, Vali Construction placed the required cash bond of \$500.00 to cover Road Opening Permit #20-057 for 846 Summit Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Vali Construction is entitled to have 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 Vali Construction for \$500.00 and forward to 54 Portland Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023.

Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee

Code Review & Town Property Committee

The following resolution, introduced by Councilman Parmelee and seconded by Councilman Habgood was adopted with Councilman LoGrippo voting against Resolution No. 121.

Resolution No. 121

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield that the Mayor is authorized to execute an amended settlement agreement with the Fair Share Housing Center.

Public Works Committee

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilman Contract and seconded by Councilwoman Mackey, were unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 122

WHEREAS, Fischer Contracting Inc., has completed all of the work necessary for the 2020 Improvement of Scotch Plains Avenue as authorized by S.O. 2216A under Purchase Order #20-02934, and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer certifies that all of the work, totaling \$288,951.02 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. 2216A, and

WHEREAS, the Town has been furnished with a Lien Release, an Affidavit of Payment of Prevailing Wage, and a one year Maintenance Bond against defective workmanship and materials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper Town Officials be, and they are hereby, authorized to make final payment in the amount of \$23,256.76 and to effect whatever actions are appropriate by said acceptance for the 2020 Improvement of Scotch Plains Avenue, decreasing the contract price to \$288,951.02 (increased \$4,873.57).

Resolution No. 123

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2021, by resolution 83-2021, the Town of Westfield awarded a contract to NAVA Construction, LLC for the 2021 Miscellaneous ADA Ramp & Drainage Improvements in Westfield, New Jersey as authorized by S.O. 2216A1 and S.O. 2216A2, and

WHEREAS, site conditions encountered during construction necessitated additional work items and more material than had been anticipated, 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, 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 S.O. 2216A1 and S.O. 2216A2, under Purchase Order #21-00829.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$15,395.00 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 2021 Miscellaneous ADA Ramp & Drainage Improvements increasing the contract price to \$243,795.00.

Resolution No. 124

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received by the Town Clerk on May 5, 2021 for the 2021 Various Road Improvements in Westfield, New Jersey as authorized by S.O. 2221A, and

WHEREAS, the low bid, in the amount of \$1,514,106.00, submitted by P&A Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 28, Colonia, NJ 07067 has been analyzed and found to be in conformance with the appropriate plans and specifications, and

WHEREAS, Certificate of the Town Treasurer, certifying the availability of adequate funds for this 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 Special Ordinance 2221A, account C-07-21-222-1A1, under Purchase Order #21-01374.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a Unit Price Contract in the amount of \$1,514,106.00 be awarded to P&A Construction, Inc., and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall notify the Contractor by letter requesting submittal of appropriate Performance Bond and Certificate of Insurance, so as to further execute the Contract documents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cannabis Commission

Councilman Parmelee provided an update of the Cannabis Commission ("Commission") and announced that a public meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2021. Explained that municipalities have the decision to either opt-in or opt-out of cannabis operations by August 21, 2021. This includes outright prohibition, or limiting the number of establishments, distributors or delivery services, and the location, manner, and times of operation, and establish civil penalties for violations. Once a municipality opts in, the decision is in effect for 5 years. If a municipality opts out, it could opt-in at any time. Further explained that it is not limited to retail operations and that there are 6 types of licenses issued, including a cultivator's license, manufacturer's license, wholesaler's license, distributor's license, retail license and delivery license. Discussed the composition of the Town's Cannabis Commission and explained that only 2 elected officials are members, with the remaining majority being volunteers. Part of the Commission's goal is to obtain public input. Also explained that the Commission recognizes the conflict between responses to the Master Plan questionnaire, whereby the majority of Westfield residents were opposed to cannabis operations in Westfield, versus Westfield's support to legalize cannabis as indicated in the election results of November 2020. The meeting scheduled for May 13 is to obtain public input and would be held via Zoom and Facebook Live. Those wishing to speak must participate via Zoom. Input could also be provided via email through May 20, 2021. Feels it is important to note that there is no current proposal to permit a dispensary in Westfield. The concept being considered is whether to opt-in or opt-out and the meeting would not include a debate on the appropriateness of cannabis or to keep it out of Westfield. Further explained that the State law does not allow municipalities to prohibit or restrict cannabis delivery services. As such, irrespective of the Town's decision to opt-in or opt-out, delivery of cannabis must be permitted in Westfield under State law. Also pointed out that nearby municipalities, including Scotch Plains, have already opted in. Stated that he looks forward to hearing everyone's comments and reviewing those received via email.

Mayor Brindle thanked Councilman Parmelee for his update. Feels it is not clearly understood what the Commission's role is and believes its task has been oversimplified. Stated that some residents believe that the Town is deciding whether or not to allow a retail dispensary as if one is already being considered. Explained that the decision is much more nuanced and complex than that and the Town is attempting to be thoughtful and consider everything before a decision is made.

CAKE Crumb Trail

Councilwoman Habgood mentioned that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and discussed the Westfield Mental Health Council's (MHC) sponsoring of the CAKE (Compassion, Acceptance, Kindness, Empathy) Crumb Trail. Hopes people would participate in the event which involves stops at various Town landmarks. Discussed the brochure related to this event

and information that is also available on social media. Also discussed participating businesses in Town which would have the CAKE emblem displayed in their window, with most having prizes to distribute. Mentioned that MHC members would be meeting at the Farmer's Market and would be spreading the news of CAKE throughout Town and that t-shirts would be sold at the Farmer's Market to raise money for the Mental Health Council in the State of New Jersey.

Public Safety

Councilman LoGrippo requested an update of the recent meeting held regarding the increased car and home burglaries and the potential purchase of technology to address the issue.

The Police Chief stated that the Police Department's internal discussions have always included the feasibility and practicality of License Plate Readers (LPR). Meetings with vendors have occurred and a recommendation to the Town Council would be made at some point in the near future. With this being said, feels it is important to note that cameras and LPR's would not solve the problem the Town is currently experiencing. Explained that car burglaries are a chronic, suburban New Jersey problem that is not unique to Westfield.

Councilman LoGrippo thanked the Police Chief for considering additional technology that might be available.

Councilwoman Habgood thanked the Police Chief for the bulletin that was prepared and for advising residents of this issue. Stated that councilmembers shared the bulletin with neighbors, and residents were appreciative of the time the Police Chief spent to explain and answer questions at the meeting recently held regarding this issue.

The Police Chief stated that he is happy to meet with residents and discussed additional meetings that have been scheduled. Assured all that the Police Department is working hard to address this problem.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn, made by Councilman LoGrippo and seconded by Councilman Parmelee at 9:06 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC Town Clerk