

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 24, 2023

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 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 13, 2022. 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, Councilmembers: Habgood, Parmelee, LoGrippo, Katz, Mackey, Contract, Dardia, Root

ABSENT:

Invocation was given by Councilman LoGrippo

Salute to the flag.

APPOINTMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Brindle has the honor of swearing in nine members of the Westfield Fire Department. Three of which are promotions due to retirements including two new Captains and a Deputy Chief as well as six new firefighters. Four of these six are replacement hires due to retirements and two new firefighters have been added to the department. With these promotions and new hires, the Town has reached some significant important milestones this evening for the Westfield Fire Department. It's all a great credit to the tremendous leadership of Chief Michael Duelks. The department has now reached its highest staffing level in sixteen years. Firefighter Aguirre who will be sworn in later is the first female firefighter in history of the department. The professionalism of the department, how well it is run and the accountability under the leadership of Chief Duelks. It's one of the many reasons why the Council feels really comfortable and confident providing the department with the resources that needed to be successful. The Council is very proud and incredibly thrilled to be here and wants to Congratulate everyone. Mayor Brindle gave a special thanks to Public Safety, Chair, Councilwoman Root and Finance Committee, Chair, Councilwoman Habgood that have all played a big role leading up to this point. With that Chief Duelks will introduce each of the nine department members as they are sworn in.

Westfield Fire Chief Michael Duelks Comments

Good evening and thank you for coming to tonight's swearing in ceremony.

Tonight, is a monumental evening for the Westfield Fire Department. We are celebrating nine members of this department to officially get sworn into their positions. Three promotions and six new hires have transpired in the last ten months.

Out of the six new hires, four of them have been replacements due to members retiring over the last year. The additional two hires are expanding this department's Sworn Personnel to a total of thirty-eight members. Allowing two of the four platoons to operate with 9 firefighters assigned to the shift. With the increased staffing permitted to the department, this will fill a sixteen-year hiatus of any platoon operation with nine members. This expansion will increase our department's capabilities, and ensuring we can maintain the highest fire and emergency response levels for our residents.

To Administrator Jim Gildea, Mayor Brindle and the entire council, I thank you for supporting these promotions and the appointments of new personnel to our department. As your Fire Chief, you truly demonstrated your commitment to this department and all the public safety entities of this community. I commend this administration for sharing similar visions and values in regards to delivering effective fire services in both emergency response and community risk and life safety. Thank you!

Starting in rank-and-file order, Deputy Chief Robert Sawicki will officially be sworn in first.

Robert began his career with the Westfield Fire Department as a volunteer back in 2002. In 2004 Robert was appointed to career status as a Firefighter/EMT. During Roberts tenure as a firefighter, he continued his education in the fire service obtaining many licenses and certifications. In 2015, Robert was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant and served the department as a company officer. In June of 2016, Robert was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief serving the department as a staff Chief in the Fire Prevention Bureau. Over the past seven years Robert has operated as a Chief level officer both in administration and operations. Throughout Roberts twenty years with the Westfield Fire Department, he has received numerous citations and awards including three Unit Citations in 2007, 2018, and 2021. Most recently Robert received recognition for leading the effort in preparing the American Rescue Plan Grant, obtaining 28,000 dollars to assist the department in purchasing personal protective equipment. Robert, I commend you on all your achievements and accomplishments with the Westfield Fire Department and wish you continued success. Please come forward to officially be sworn in.

Oath of Office administered by Mayor Brindle.

Our next member to be sworn in will be Captain John Gura.

John was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department as a Probationary Fire Fighter in October of 2015. Within his years as a firefighter John worked extremely hard challenging himself and furthering his education to be the best firefighter he could be. John has held positions in the union as well as many committees within the department, most notably as the Local 30s liaison to the St Barnabas Burn Centers A.C.B.C program. This past January, John was promoted to the rank of Captain, serving the department as a company officer on Tour 1. In May of this year, John received a Life Saving Award for his actions in saving a life with an AED and CPR. John, I commend you on all your achievements and accomplishments with the Westfield Fire Department and wish you continued success. Please come forward to officially be sworn in.

Oath of Office administered by Mayor Brindle.

Our next member to be sworn in will be Captain Craig Manning.

Craig joined the Westfield Fire Department as a volunteer back in 2000. In 2004 Craig was appointed to career status as a Firefighter/EMT. Craig is commonly known as the walking toolbox as he wears the hats of many professions. Craig incorporates all his skillsets and knowledge into the fire service as he has a well-rounded background in building construction, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and even as a master locksmith. In July of this year Craig was promoted to the rank of Captain, serving the department as a company officer on Tour 2. Since being promoted Craig has assisted in the responsibilities in maintaining the equipment and buildings of both Fire stations. Craig, I commend you on all your achievements and accomplishments with the Westfield Fire Department and wish you continued success. Please come forward to officially be sworn in.

Oath of Office administered by Mayor Brindle.

Probationary Firefighter Joseph Stulec will be our next member to be sworn in.

Joe was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department as a Probationary Firefighter in January of 2023. Prior to joining the Westfield Fire Department, Joe was a member of the Roselle Park Volunteer Fire Department where he attended the Union County Fire Academy and achieved his Firefighter 1 and 2 certifications. Since being appointed to career status, Joe has acquired his National and State of New Jersey EMT license. At the completion of the one-year probationary period, Joe will earn the title of Fire Fighter and proudly be awarded badge number 135. Joe, I hope that you will have a long and successful career with the Westfield Fire Department. Please come forward to officially be sworn in.

Oath of Office administered by Mayor Brindle.

Probationary Firefighter Benjamin Fishman will be our next member to be sworn in.

Ben was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department as a Probationary Firefighter in January of 2023. Prior to joining the Westfield Fire Department, Ben was employed by the Union County Division of Emergency Services, where he was an Emergency Medical Technician as well as a Hazardous Materials Responder. Ben is currently an active Volunteer with the Boro of Garwood Fire Department and was graduate of the 2020 Union County Fire Academy class. At the completion of the one-year probationary period, Ben will earn the title of Fire Fighter and proudly be awarded badge number 136. Ben, I hope that you will have a long and successful career with the Westfield Fire Department. Please come forward to officially be sworn in.

Oath of Office administered by Mayor Brindle.

Probationary Firefighter Brian Richards will be our next member to be sworn in.

Brian was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department as a Probationary Firefighter in July of 2023. Prior to joining the Westfield Fire Department, Brian has been a member of the Berkeley Hights Volunteer Fire Department since 2017 where he performed the duties as a Fire Lieutenant and Fire Inspector for the Township. In May of 2022, Brian achieved his degree in Fire Science Technology from Union College. At the completion of the one-year probationary period, Brian will earn the title of Fire Fighter and proudly be awarded badge number 137. Brian, I hope that you will have a long and successful career with the Westfield Fire Department. Please come forward to officially be sworn in.

Oath of Office administered by Mayor Brindle.

Probationary Firefighter Sean Biglin will be our next member to be sworn in.

Sean was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department as a Probationary Firefighter in July of 2023. Prior to joining the Westfield Fire Department, Sean has been a member of the Scotch Plains Fire Department since 2019 where he received numerous certifications and responded to a countless amount emergency incidents within the Town. Currently Sean is in the process of completing his bachelor's degree in Fire Science at New Jersey City University. At the completion of the one-year probationary period, Sean will earn the title of Fire Fighter and proudly be awarded badge number 138. Sean, I hope that you will have a long and successful career with the Westfield Fire Department. Please come forward to officially be sworn in.

Oath of Office administered by Mayor Brindle.

I am excited to announce that our next Probationary Firefighter marks a major milestone not only for the Department but the Town of Westfield.

Valerie Aguirre was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department on October 9th, making her the first ever full-time female firefighter in our department's history. Prior to joining the Westfield Fire Department, Valerie was employed by the Scotch Plains Police Department where she was responsible for enforcing laws, maintaining public order, and managing public safety. Her Firefighter career began in 2015, with the Fords Fire Company where she achieved her Firefighter 1 & 2 certifications. At the completion of the one-year probationary period, Valerie will earn the title of Fire Fighter and proudly be awarded badge number 139. Valerie, I hope that you will have a long and successful career with the Westfield Fire Department. Please come forward to officially be sworn in.

Oath of Office administered by Mayor Brindle.

Probationary Firefighter Matthew Ridge will be our last member this evening to be sworn in.

Matthew was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department on October 9th, joining his long family history within the Department. Prior to joining the Westfield Fire Department, Matthew was employed by the Union County Department of Public Works. Within his tenure at the County Public Works, Matthew received a promotion to Road Supervisor where he managed staff and equipment within his division. Matthew is currently a member of the Fanwood Fire Department and holds the rank of Captain within the department. At the completion of the one-year probationary period, Matthew will earn the title of Fire Fighter and proudly be awarded badge number 140. Matthew, I hope that you will have a long and successful career with the Westfield Fire Department. Please come forward to officially be sworn in.

Oath of Office administered by Mayor Brindle.

Finally, I would like to recognize Chief Battiloro and all the members of the police department along with Chief Ellis and the Rescue squad. Public Safety is all about working together on the incidents we encounter everyday to accomplish the goal of success.

To the surrounding Fire Chiefs and Firefighters in attendance this evening, I thank you for taking time out on this evening to show your support to the members of the Westfield Fire Department. The leadership of this Department commends all its members for their dedication, resilience, and commitment to always get the job done.

Thank you and have a good night.

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor's Update

Good evening, and thanks to everyone who is joining us tonight both in person and online this evening. As a reminder, public comment will be accepted in person only, and we are live streaming for viewing only via Facebook. As always, the replay will also be available afterwards on Facebook, YouTube, and TV 36.

Before we discuss tonight's agenda, I'd like to briefly cover a few other issues of public interest. Above all else, I want to thank the many residents who joined the Westfield Clergy Association's community gathering for unity this evening at St. Helen's Church. This was a very moving evening for residents of all faiths, as we continue to stand in solidarity with our Jewish community in the aftermath of the horrific terrorist attacks by Hamas more than two weeks ago. I want to talk about how we, as a community, move forward amidst the pain and mourning that many of us are feeling as a result of these antisemitic acts of hate.

What often drives our fear and despair in times like these is the lack of control we have over unpredictable and unspeakable violence. In order to remain positive and hopeful, it's important that we focus on what we can control – and that is supporting our neighbors who are suffering, standing up against bias and hate in all forms, and living our shared values of inclusivity and community every day.

I'm grateful for the ongoing input I continue to receive from Rabbi Prosnit and our Jewish residents to help me better understand their pain, grief, fear, and trauma, so I can understand how every one of us in our community can be better allies. I recently spoke to a Jewish friend at length, who shared with me why many in the Jewish community are genuinely afraid, to the point where many think about where they can escape if attacked. Couples privately discuss which friends and neighbors will be brave enough to hide their families not if, but when, they believe that time will come. This fear is hard for many of us to comprehend, but for Jews, it's rooted in the generational trauma that has been passed down from the Holocaust.

That same day I read the following account in The NY Times which reiterated what she expressed to me and what Jews are experiencing everywhere "...in the Hamas attacks, many Jews saw an existential threat, evoking memories of the Holocaust and generations of antisemitism, and provoking anxiety about whether they could face attacks in the United States. And they were taken aback to discover that many of their ideological allies not only failed to perceive the same threats but also saw them as oppressors deserving of blame."

Yesterday, Chief Battiloro and I shared information about flyers in Town that were removed and defaced and represented kidnapped Jews from Israel. As the Chief stated, we have a zero-tolerance policy for any and all forms of bias and the Police Department will thoroughly investigate any reported bias incidents. This incident, of course, serves as further trauma for the Jewish community and is completely unacceptable.

I mention all of this tonight so that we can all better understand and empathize with our Jewish neighbors and the fear they're experiencing, and to underscore the importance of reiterating over and over again our solidarity with our Jewish community, and why we must stand up against antisemitism and hate of any kind – publicly and forcefully.

Importantly, that also includes supporting our Muslim neighbors, and I want to acknowledge my own omission of public support for them. I am grateful for receiving the following email from a fellow resident who brought this to my attention.

“We are a Muslim family that moved to this town almost two years ago. When we moved to Westfield, we instantly fell in love with the town because of the sense of community, generosity, kindness, and unity but that is not what we feel currently.

My heart goes out to what is happening in the Middle East and praying for all the innocent families and lives that have been lost for both sides. It was disheartening to me to see that you didn't mention [in your last update] the Muslim families in your community who might be feeling sad or isolated.

I am aware that Muslims are a minority in Westfield and I understand how lots of families are feeling with the rise of antisemitism, but Islamophobia is on the rise as well. A 6-year-old Palestinian boy was killed due to a hate crime. I know the Facebook group is a public forum, but the level of Islamophobic comments I have seen on the Westfield Facebook groups makes me sad and scared. I am afraid to walk around with my daughters or to tell my neighbors we are Muslims.”

Everyone in this community should feel safe, included, and welcomed – a responsibility we all share. Let’s continue to stand up against hate in all its forms, including antisemitism and Islamophobia, and reject the small minds who perpetuate it. As a community, we rise and fall together and we must remember our children are watching how we respond. I want to once again thank our Police Department for all they are doing at this time to ensure all of our residents feel protected.

ONE WESTFIELD PLACE

Shifting gears, I want to take the opportunity tonight to provide an update on One Westfield Place, since there is a tremendous amount of misinformation circulating by some of the local political candidates during this election season.

I want to reassure our residents that One Westfield Place is moving full steam ahead. Numerous weekly meetings continue to take place among Streetworks and various professionals in preparation for the site plan application submission to the Planning Board, expected early next year. Just last night, a workshop was held with internal stakeholders and planning professionals to discuss concept plans for the project’s public spaces in advance of public sessions to be held soon. Our professional teams regularly meet with the NJ Department of Transportation, including the Commissioner herself, who is a big proponent of One Westfield Place, as are executives from NJ Transit and the state’s Economic Development Authority.

In spite of what any candidate may promise, the outcome of this election – or any future election for that matter – cannot change the Town’s obligation and commitment to moving forward with the entirety of One Westfield Place. This governing body’s approval for One Westfield Place in March of this year, including its financing, resulted in a signed and legally binding contractual agreement with Streetworks that cannot be renegotiated due to a change in elected officials. For

any candidate to imply that, if elected, they can undo or modify the binding agreement is naive at best and disingenuous at worst.

To be very clear, there is no further legislative action or votes to be taken by the governing body now or in the future on this project. I have seen claims circulating that only the Lord & Taylor property is under contract, but not the municipal lots. This is untrue – the entirety of the project is covered by the binding Redevelopment Agreement.

For the record, a binding agreement is standard practice for redevelopment projects, as it provides the developer with long-term certainty that is necessary to secure financing and plan accordingly. If redevelopment projects were subject to the whims of the election cycle, then no project would ever move forward.

Our role as elected officials going forward with this project is to ensure that Streetworks lives up to their obligations and that we continue to engage and inform the public about the project. We are excited about the progress that is being made and the strong support the project continues to receive from residents and business owners looking forward to the additional vibrancy that smart growth brings to a downtown district. Tenant interest in the office buildings has been exceptionally strong, validating our desire to include Class A office space into the project – which, for transit-oriented suburban communities, remains in demand. We look forward to future announcements by Streetworks and reviewing their full site plan application in the first quarter.

I also want to reiterate that there are absolutely no plans to develop the additional municipal lots that were designated areas in need of redevelopment, in spite of speculation and campaign claims to the contrary. As a matter of fact, we actually removed the parking lot across from the post office from the original Streetworks designation. To reiterate, the Town has no plans to develop any parking lot outside of the One Westfield Place project.

REDEVELOPMENT

Also, on the topic of redevelopment, tomorrow I'll be sharing a letter I've written that provides facts and detailed information about development in Westfield for those who seek to understand what is admittedly a very complex subject.

Many comments were raised last week after the Planning Board approved an application for a mixed-use, three-story building to replace the mostly vacant buildings and the adjacent long-abandoned gas station at 118-122 Elm Street, across from Addams Tavern. This application by a private property owner was for permitted use, which means the proposed mixed use project is something that is allowed under our current zoning.

For those who ask why there are so many apartments being built in Westfield, there are three factors that are driving these new residential developments, the biggest one being our affordable housing obligations. Many of the projects coming to fruition now are the result of the Town's 2017 court settlement which was negotiated prior to my first term in office.

The other two factors driving development are downtown revitalization efforts and permitted uses, all of which I explain at length in my letter.

I do want to reiterate that the recent, substantial investment in Westfield is a vote of confidence in our future. A growing community is a healthy community when managed and guided appropriately, and why all new projects, including inclusionary housing, are being developed on blighted properties, flat surface parking lots, and in place of aging and vacant buildings. These projects not only diversify our housing options, but they create downstream benefits in the form of expanded rateables, diversification of our tax base, infrastructure upgrades, streetscape enhancements, and increased foot traffic to support our businesses.

After the completion of One Westfield Place, and in the unlikely event that all of our required affordable housing projects are eventually developed, nearly 70% of Westfield's total land area will remain dedicated to single-family housing, unchanged from what exists today, AND our projected population will still be below what it was in 1970. We will always remain primarily a single-family residential suburb. To suggest we're being urbanized is inaccurate and a gross mischaracterization of what is actually happening.

With that as background, please look for my letter that provides facts about what's driving residential development in Westfield, including a detailed explanation of our affordable housing obligations, and which also addresses the concerns about the community impact of new development – the schools, traffic, Town services, and keeping our small town charm. I look forward to your questions and comments after you've had a chance to read it.

EDISON FIELDS

I want to remind everyone once again about the November 7 election and the Edison Fields referendum that will be on the ballot. Please take the time to read the extensive information about the project – including FAQs, the financing details, and environmental approval requirements, at westfieldnj.gov/edison-fields-project.

In response to questions in the community, I am continuing to share pertinent information for those seeking details ahead of the referendum. One of the most frequently asked questions we hear is why the Town can't simply upgrade and maintain its existing grass fields, which is not a viable solution without the supplement of artificial turf, and I think the information is worth repeating.

Over the past two years, we have obtained the input of three independent, professional experts to ultimately arrive at the current Edison Fields proposal and the conclusion that lighted turf fields are the most fiscally prudent option to achieve our field usage goal, grounded in the reality that it's not practical to rely solely on grass fields where demand far exceeds capacity.

Natural, well-maintained grass cannot sustain more than ~650-800 hours of use per year. Today, the Town & BOE teams currently utilize between 1300-2600 hours of use/year on our natural grass fields which explains why they're in such poor condition. No field maintenance professional or amount of money could adequately maintain our grass fields with the amount of play required.

For this reason, adding turf is critical to alleviate the current overuse of grass fields that already exist. Maintaining existing natural grass fields without the supplement of a lighted, turf field to relieve some usage capacity is not reasonable. With the addition of Edison Fields, the Town's field locations will still be approximately 85% natural grass.

Natural grass athletic fields are not rain-out proof as we've experienced in this rainy past month and also need to be rested, in spite of what some try to claim. There is a reason we have yet to identify a single municipality in New Jersey that relies primarily or solely on natural grass athletic fields.

As a reminder, the referendum is listed as Public Question #1, to the right of the candidates column. You can return your ballot by mail or, better yet, drop it in the secure ballot drop off box in front of the Union County Clerk's Office at 300 North Ave East.

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

In terms of tonight's agenda, I'd like to highlight an ordinance on first reading regarding stormwater regulation and flood prevention. This ordinance, from the Code Review & Town Property Committee, makes various changes to the Town Code in two different chapters to require more stringent regulations for soil disturbances, grading, drainage and sump pump discharges, and roof drainage to the street. More changes to the land use ordinance of this nature are being reviewed by the CRTP committee, but this is a good next step to continue to address our stormwater infrastructure. A big thank you goes out to Don Sammet, Frank Vuoso, Dave Battaglia and Tom Jardim's office for all of their input and expertise that was factored into this ordinance.

With that, let's get to work.

Administrator's Update

The Town Administrator announced leaf collection will start on November 6th. The Conservation Center is open during the week and on the weekends. The Town will also be providing free leaf bags at the Conversation Center with proof of residency. The Conservation Center will be open six Saturdays in a row in addition to the five days a week of collection which worked very well last year. Leaf collection period is from November 6th through December 16th. The Town will also be sending out Nixle alerts on the evenings prior to pick up to inform residents to move their vehicles off the street.

The Town Administrator stated the fourth quarter tax bills have been mailed out and are due on November 1st with a ten-day grace period. The Town Administrator thanked residents who have already paid.

The Town Administrator provided an update on road paving. The 2023 Various Road Improvement Project is complete which included all the roads the Town was scheduled to pave this year. There are two state aid projects that are pending including the entire length of Elmer Street and Summit Avenue from Park Street to Clifton Street. The Town received an update

today from the state allowing the Town to go out to bid and award a contract. The Town has also partnered with Union County to pave East Broad Street from Euclid to North Avenue. As expected, the County has many road paving projects underway, and the Town is waiting for an update to when this project will start. The handicap ramps have already been installed. The Town will advise the public through Nixle and the website on information pertaining to this project. Majority of the utility road work has been completed. Some utility infrastructure work is continuing to take place such as house connections on Coolidge Avenue. Once that's complete the streets will be set for paving and milling. There has been an extraordinary amount of paving done this year.

The Town Administrator discussed the PSE&G 69KV project on Central Avenue. Thanks to the Westfield Police Department the detours continue. The Westfield Police are managing traffic detours as best they can. The Town requested PSE&G to add more officers to the Central Avenue route and on the detour routes. In addition to that, the tree work that's going on that is moving up closer to South Avenue and Central Avenue should be finished on Central Avenue by the end of this week or early next week. The Town has also requested that PSE&G not work next Tuesday on Halloween Day. This will avoid any issues with detours and traffic issues, especially on the Boulevard as that is a very heavily traveled street for trick-or-treating.

Councilwoman Root, Chairwoman of the Public Safety Committee, provided an update that the Town successfully installed nine more radar speed signs. That makes a total of twenty-nine that have been installed for the past few years. There are signs on the westbound side on Brightwood Avenue, two on East Broad, First Street, Hyslip Avenue, Lamberts Mill Road, Lawrence Avenue, Prospect Street and Scotch Plains Avenue. These permanently marked speed signs really do a great job of enhancing safety by alerting drivers of their speed. The Police Department then collects the speed data to analyze over time. Councilwoman Root has heard from so many residents who are happy that the Council & Town are making this investment and will continue to invest in new road speed signs over the next year.

The Town Administrator also thanked the Finance Policy Committee in addition to the Public Safety Committee. The Town is investing every year in the capital budget for items like this among many other public safety items. These are in addition to the portable speed boxes the Town has and are used in hotspot areas which help gather information for the Police Department. The Town Administrator thanked Councilwoman Root.

ADVERTISED HEARINGS

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-30

“AN ORDINANCE REPEALING REDUNDANT PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ENCLOSURE OF PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS.”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

PENDING BUSINESS

An ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-30 – “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING REDUNDANT PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ENCLOSURE OF PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS.” by Councilwoman Parmelee seconded by Councilman Contract was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

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MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Mackey and seconded by Councilman Katz, Council unanimously approved the Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting held October 10, 2023.

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.

Colin Cimei, 414 Hillside Avenue, Sam Altman, 11 South Wickom Drive, are students at Westfield High School and expressed their support for the Edison School Turf Field Project. Sam and Colin are in major support of the project. Sam and Colin have heard many arguments about the environmental issues with the field from individuals who are not experts on the environment. They find this argument to be a front. They feel that athletes’ safety, well-being, and their quality of life is being sacrificed with this argument. Furthermore, if the environment is a big concern, then why aren’t the opinions of the students, parents, teachers, coaches, and athletic teams questioned. Lastly, there is also no conclusive evidence that the turf causes harm, and the athletes will continue to be playing on other municipalities’ turf even if this referendum fails. Athletes in New Jersey play in chilly, wet, and muddy weather conditions, not 70-degree sunny days. Under these conditions, turf will be safer for protecting injury as the grass would deteriorate over time and with weather conditions. Keeping grass fields is going to make it more dangerous for our athletes. The vast majority of people in the town who have kids that play sports or know people who play sports are overwhelmingly in support of this project in Colin & Sam’s opinion. They understand the complete lack of space for accommodating Westfield sports

resulting in parents driving kids thirty to forty minutes out just for their athletes to practice. They would like to convey to all the parents watching, when their kids grow up and if they play sports they will be exposed to the same conditions. The captains do not benefit from the turf fields being put in, but they care so much about this being done. They are willing to take time out of their evening when they could be practicing or completing college applications but instead are coming to address the public and speak to the Council. Colin & Sam voiced to the parents of Westfield, if they have younger kids that play sports or will eventually play sports, they will end up in the same situations as current athletes speaking before tonight. Colin and Sam respectfully request that everyone take time on November 7th to vote and support the Edison School Field Turf Project.

David Savransky, 517 Kimball Turn & Zach Preucil, 1044 Rahway Avenue, are Captains of the Westfield High School Soccer Team. They strongly support the Edison School Field Turf Project. David has experience playing on the grass fields at Tamaques when Kehler is not available and the conditions on Tamaques are often really poor. The grass is often bumpy, with mud which makes the players slip and interferes with the quality of the practices. The majority of the varsity sports play on turf fields and it is important to be able to replicate game like settings. For example, the Soccer team practiced today on Kehler since they have a State game tomorrow that will be played on Kehler. The Captains also mentioned that turf helps the prevention of injuries as playing on poor grass fields causes many injuries. Recently, the fields have been in awful shape due to the constant state of rain. It makes it easier for to roll their ankles and in bad cases tear the ligaments in their leg. David recalls his sophomore year a teammate who was coming back from an ACL injury, and within five minutes of playing on a grass field he hurt his ACL again and was out for the remainder of his senior soccer season which hurt his college recruitment. They feel having more options and more field time will help all the sports leagues. All the athletes in Westfield will be happy to be able to get more turf time. It will benefit all the future generations of athletes to come, foster more competitive sports program and contribute to the kids wanting to go out and play their sports on and practice on a turf field. Just yesterday, the boys' soccer team was forced to play on the poorly maintained baseball field behind Edison Intermediate School. This practice was two days before their first and arguably most important game of the season, the first State sectional game. The freshman boys' soccer team also must play every home game and every practice at the baseball field at Tamaques Park. These examples show the need for improvement that Westfield Athletics as a whole need the turf fields at Edison Intermediate School.

Nolan Daly, 2 Azalea Terrace, is a Senior at the Westfield High School and a member of the Marching Band. He urges residents to vote yes for the Edison School Field Project. The new turf fields behind Edison are an opportunity for Westfield teams to elevate the tradition of excellence. This season, numerous practices have been cancelled due to the unsafe conditions on the uneven, muddy fields behind Edison. Despite ensuring safe conditions for all, these fields pose a real hazard. Just recently, a Tuba player slipped in a divot and fell with the weight of the instrument

which is a genuine safety concern. These subpar facilities hinder the athletes and performers from reaching their full potential despite the exceptional staff, coaches, and equipment Westfield provides. By supporting the addition of turf fields, the Marching Band & sports teams can not only practice safely but also excel on a path to victory. A yes vote can make this transformation possible.

Avery Keith, 5 Stoneleigh Park, is a Senior and Captain of the Westfield High School Track and Field Cross Country Team and is in full support of the Edison School Field Turf Project. Avery provided some background on the track and field cross-country programs in Westfield. They are the largest school sports team in the school with about 200 boys and girls combined. That's roughly 10% of the entire high school population. Avery has no doubt a parent would want the best, safest environment for their child. Currently, the team is ranked sixth in the nation for cross country, indisputably the best athletic program in the school. It is not unreasonable for the athletes to ask for a track on which they can practice safely and consistently throughout the school year. Just as soccer should have soccer field to play on and yet, the track team does not have this. The Westfield Track & Field Team, a team whose sole requirement is to have a track to run on, does not have this basic necessity. Every day, the athletes are bombarded with issues that prevent them from practicing efficiently. It is a series of safety hazards to have lacrosse balls, soccer balls, and footballs hurled at the runners daily. There have been countless times where the athletes have been hit, tripped on, or disrupted by other sports. Not to mention, there are always athletes of various sports standing on the track in the way or their work. Oftentimes, athletes are banished to the unkempt fields behind Edison Intermediate School to warm up and train when there are practices or games on Kehler. Injuries are significantly more common on this uneven ground. The implementation of turf fields behind Edison would allow sports to practice and compete elsewhere allowing for the track and field team, the team who needs the track to perform and practice safely and effectively to use the track. Avery reiterated comments made by previous speakers that he has nothing to gain from this as he will have graduated by the time this is in place, but he hopes the other students and upcoming generations will benefit. He implores everyone as a contributing member of the Westfield community to vote in support of the turf fields.

Chloe Martin, 639 Summit Avenue, is a Sophomore at Westfield High School and is on the Field Hockey and Lacrosse team. She thanked the Seniors who spoke before her spent their time addressing the Council and public since they will not benefit from the fields project. She really appreciates their support. The Field Hockey team this year has had four home games and twelve away games. Countless hours have been spent on the bus travelling to municipalities over an hour away and are often left trying to find rides to the games due to a shortage of bus drivers. After a long day, the team gets back on the bus and arrives home no earlier than seven or eight o'clock only then to start hours of homework. Not only was this the reality for the Field Hockey team but also the boys' and girls' Soccer & Football teams. Girls' soccer had only three home games this season and boys' soccer and football only had four home games this season. Kehler

Stadium, the one turf field designated for the use of High School sports teams cannot fit all seven teams that need to practice on it in one day. This often leads to a small amount of home games and having nowhere to practice. She's gathered student athletes to help sell signs in support of the Edison School Field Project around town as well as pass out flyers. Chloe voiced that it has been amazing to see how much interest student athletes have in fighting for something they truly are passionate about. All the student athletes come together and are united at these events to support their fellow athletes and hope for a brighter future with turf fields. If anyone is unsure of how they will vote, Chloe asked people vote yes, vote yes for the kids, for more home games and more practice facilities, vote yes for the future of Westfield High School and all the amazing athletic teams that get to call Westfield their home.

Sean Smith, 605 Westfield Avenue, thanked Councilman LoGrippe for his neighborhood support and helping address several traffic concerns in and around the High School near his home. He also thanked the Council and especially Councilman Katz for his continued advocacy and leadership regarding the much-needed infrastructure improvements. More than eight years ago, Mr. Smith spoke at a Recreation Committee meeting and seven years ago, he spoke at his first Town Council meeting. At that time, he was advocating for the improvement of grass athletic fields. He admitted that was naïve and thought the Town could simply fix grass fields by waving a magic wand. He also thanked the Department of Public Works who explained to him how difficult it is to really maintain fields. He thanked the Town Administrator for educating him on how difficult it is to rotate fields with the size of the Town, large athletic programs, and the usage that the fields get on a daily basis with the school's children. He thanked the former members of the Board of Education from prior administrations who recognized over a decade ago the significant shortfall in field space at the schools and their inability to provide playable grass fields for the players. Mr. Smith also thanked some board members for recognizing that the Edison property was purchased by this town in the 1950's to be an athletic field complex, not the existing Edison Intermediate School. He thanked former Mayor Skibitsky and the previous administration who identified the Town's significant field shortages and who recommended the addition of two additional lighted turf fields at one of the public parks. To the current Town Council, Board of Education and Recreation Commission, Mr. Smith thanked them for not giving up on these needed improvements and working together to develop a joint plan to place two lighted turf fields behind the Edison Intermediate School. This is a much-needed project which includes stormwater management and improvements for the Knollwood neighborhood. Even though it is not often said, Mr. Smith thanked them. Contrary to the misinformation that's being spread, this process has been very transparent and has ultimately resulted in the first shared services agreement between the Board of Education and Town Council. Mr. Smith feels this will provide the much-needed additional field capacity that this Town Council recognized, the prior Town Council recognized, and the Board of Education have recognized. He thanked the countless volunteers and parents in the non-profit organizations who have volunteered their time to coach children and have been advocating for this type of project going back more than fifteen years. As this Council is aware, the Edison Field Project has the support of the High School

Band, the athletic department, Westfield Booster Association, the PAL, Westfield Soccer Association, Westfield Lacrosse Club, Field Hockey, Ultimate Frisbee, and others representing thousands of youths. These organizations would not support a project of this magnitude if any of them believed that the project posed a health risk to other members or their children. He continued by thanking the parents who have been driving their children to Garwood, Scotch Plains, Edison, Clark, and other towns for their home games and practices. Mr. Smith hopes that on November 7th, residents vote in support of this project. Mr. Smith asked residents to put politics aside and vote yes. Mr. Smith again thanked the Town Council for doing their best to educate the community about the facts behind this project in the face of a well-organized political opposition who is using fear tactics to derail a project that was supported by both political sides. This should never have been a political issue but unfortunately, like many things in Westfield and the overall community today, it became political. Lastly he asked everybody to please go to the Town's website, click on the Edison Fields Project page for an accurate description of the project, the timeline regarding the project, and the honest facts relating to its approval process.

Marc Herzog, 325 North Chestnut Street, has a daughter who is in the Marching Band and could not be in attendance as she is doing homework. Mr. Herzog was joined in attendance by other band parents to show support. Mr. Herzog stands before the Council in his capacity as a Westfield High Band Parents Association Board Member. This weekend was the penultimate competition weekend of the Marching Blue Devils Band. The Band will compete three times in nine days, including a national competition and New Jersey State Championships on back-to-back days this coming weekend. Mr. Herzog is a band parent that is part of the crew that moves equipment on and off the fields. Between instruments and props, the Marching Band uses approximately \$250,000.00 worth of equipment purchased primarily by families of band members and augmented by school budgets. Since this fall was extraordinarily rainy, the fields at Edison Intermediate School are not in any condition to safely rehearse the routine with full equipment and props and have not been for entire the competition season to date. As a matter of fact, the first time the band was able to perform their entire show with full equipment was during a competition on a turf field this past weekend. While it was not ideal to perform the full show for the first time during a competition, the band needed to at least showcase it once before their national competition on Saturday. Even if the field was dry, every field they compete on is a turf field and doesn't have ruts, holes, or other blemishes one might find on a grass field. Many have asked why turf fields cannot be placed elsewhere. The simple answer is because the band performs at football games and rehearses after school, they need a place to practice that is centrally located to Kehler Field and within walking distance of the High School. To practice anywhere else means the band would have to transport \$250,000.00 worth of equipment to and from practices and games multiple times per week. This both increases expenses and transportation costs and increases the likelihood of equipment breaking and failing, which increases costs even more. After performing at football games, they normally practice again before leaving for competitions in the evening. If the band were to practice anywhere else, this

would mean losing valuable time to load vehicles, transport, and offload again before final practice. In conclusion, Mr. Herzog reiterated the Westfield High School Marching Blue Devils need a turf practice field, and they need it at Edison Intermediate School.

Beth Saad, 514 North Chestnut Street, is the Director of the Westfield United Fund. She announced the return of Westfield United by Light, a luminary sale to raise money for local mental health services. On the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the Westfield United Fund invites all to illuminate their sidewalks and pathways with the glow from these candles and every kit sold will result in a donation that will directly impact the journey to wellness for so many individuals in town. The goal is to raise enough money to provide grants to five deserving agencies. Group grief counseling to children and parents at Imagine, affordable mental health counseling at Jewish Family Services and youth and family counseling services, the 24/7 suicide prevention and crisis hotline at Caring Contact and art therapy classes for teenage victims of domestic violence through the YMCA Union County. The impact of these organizations is immeasurable, and support will directly translate into their ability to continue their vital work. The details on how to purchase these candle kits and how to participate can be on the Westfield United Fund website www.westfieldunitedfund.org. Each lit candle represents a neighbor who cares deeply and someone who has chosen to be part of the solution. Come together on the Sunday after Thanksgiving to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of fellow community members. The deadline to order is November 6th and pickup dates are November 14th-November 17th at Memorial Pool.

Jim Boyes, 122 Ferris Place, received an alert on his Westfield Connect App that a request he had entered had been resolved. This was in reference to an issue he had registered more than five months ago related to what Mr. Boyes explained as the apparent lack of enforcement of the Town's property maintenance ordinance at the structures at the corner of Prospect and Ferris commonly referred to as James Ward properties. Mr. Boyes explained that he has witnessed the downward spiral of these once well-maintained properties for than a decade. He said the property had trash and overgrown grass when he filed his request. As of today, he is not aware of any recent cleanup efforts occurring on either of these properties. He asked what basis the Department of Public Works deemed this request resolved. He further asked if the current condition of the Ward properties is what the Town considers to be acceptable or was the Department of Public Works clearing away unresolved issues to make the slate look clean. From where he stands, that issue is decidedly unresolved. He's aware that Sophia Project is under litigation, but that should not absolve the developer from compliance with all applicable town codes. This is not the first time he stood before the Council to complain about these properties falling into disrepair. Moreover, two years ago, this Council voted unanimously to historically designate Pierce Ferris Home. Mr. Boyes voiced the Council touted the inclusion within the Redevelopment Plan of a cultural center that would serve to benefit all Westfielders. Mr. Boyes feels the developer has allowed that structure to decay and questions the developer's true commitment to preserving that property. He encourages everyone to pay a visit to those

properties at the corner of Prospect and Ferris across the street from Trader's Joe's. This property owner appears to have ample resources to maintain these properties, he simply chooses not to, and the town allows it. Mr. Boyes also asked for an update on the Town's negotiations with the Trader Joe's property owner to mitigate traffic congestion that results in cars circling through their parking lot. Mr. Boyes mentioned this has been brought up before the Council as part of the sales pitch for the Sophia Project. The administration assured the public that they would undertake measures to address this long-standing problem. Mr. Boyes would greatly appreciate an update as cars continue to back up across multiple crosswalks at the intersection causing roadway congestion, imposing a safety hazard for pedestrians.

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

Mayor Brindle thanked all the students who were in attendance and spoke at the meeting on a school night.

Mayor Brindle addressed comments related to the Edison School Field Project and reminded residents to vote on November 7th.

The Town Administrator is going to look into the Westfield Connect App complaint that Mr. Boyes mentioned.

The Town Administrator explained the Town has reported updates previously in reference to the improvements to the Prospect Street area and the Trader Joe's lot. Improvements have been made by the Town to the public right of way, loading zone changes, hour changes, and no left turns. Some of the improvements (crosswalk shortening, bump outs, etc) that were also slated in that area are part of the Sophia Project which is currently in litigation. The Town has been speaking with Trader Joe's and although they have not been fruitful thus far the Town will continue to speak with them.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

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

RESOLVED that the bills and claims in the amount of \$1,708,133.38 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, seconded by Councilman Parmelee, were unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 210

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Michael Fisher	Overpayment Paid \$25 extra by credit card	\$25.00 Credit Card
Joseph Martucci	Overpayment Paid \$25 extra by credit card	\$25.00 Credit Card

Resolution No. 211

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Sandy Dang	Withdrew	Adult Pickleball/Fall/Session 2 Sandy Dang/Beginner	\$104.50 Credit Card
Mary Nowak	Withdrew	Adult Pickleball/Fall/Session 2 Mary Nowak/Intermediate	\$104.50 Credit Card
Brett Druger	Class Canceled	CSI Workshop/Fall Benjamin Druger Spencer Druger	\$110.00 \$110.00 Credit Card
Bisola Ashira	Class Canceled	CSI Workshop/Fall Tiwa Filchak	\$110.00 Credit Card
Ying Liu	Class Canceled	CSI Workshop/Fall Jessie Gong	\$110.00 Credit Card
Ling Xu	Class Canceled	CSI Workshop/Fall Alvin Zeng	\$110.00 Credit Card
Maria Johnson	Class Canceled	Brightwood Park Youth Nature Class Eleni Johnson / Oct 19	\$10.00 Credit Card

Resolution No. 212

RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to draw warrants to the order of the following persons, this being the amount taxes were overpaid for the years 2019-2022 pursuant to the Tax Court of New Jersey:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	3101/3	430 South Avenue West	2019	\$1,870.22
	MIDAS INT'L CORP		2020	\$1,876.86

Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC	2021	\$1,879.34
280 Raritan Center Parkway	2022	<u>\$1,875.20</u>
Edison, NJ 08837		\$7,501.62

Resolution No. 213

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Town of Westfield to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield has determined that there is a continuing need for personnel policies and procedures to ensure that employees and prospective employees are treated in a manner consistent with these laws and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield that the Employee Manual & Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the personnel policies and procedures shall apply to all Town officials, appointees and employees. In the event there is a conflict between these rules and any collective bargaining agreement, personnel services contract or Federal or State law, the terms and conditions of that contract or law shall prevail. In all other cases, the policies and procedures shall prevail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the firm of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. (Frederick Danser, Esq. & Arthur R. Thibault Jr., Esq.) have been previously appointed as Employment Attorneys to advise the Town in personnel matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Administrator and all managerial/supervisory personnel are responsible for these employment practices. The Employment Attorney shall assist the Town Administrator in the implementation of the policies and procedures in this manual.

Resolution No. 214

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 2023 in the amount of \$25,000.00, which is now available from the

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Water Resources Planning Management Stormwater Assistance grant; and

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

General Appropriations	
Stormwater Assistance grant	\$25,000.00

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. 215

WHEREAS, the following applicant has posted monies to be held in escrow to cover expert advice and testimony in connection with Board of Adjustment application(s) on said property; and

WHEREAS, expert advice and testimony was given; and,

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

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

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-20-029</i>	<i>Michael Margiotta</i>	<i>757 Kimball Avenue</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>757 Kimball Avenue</i>	<i>560-816</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-20-030</i>	<i>Sean Garnhart</i>	<i>732 Willow Grove Road</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>732 Willow Grove Road</i>	<i>560-817</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-20-031</i>	<i>Ernest Fantini</i>	<i>787 West Broad Street</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>787 West Broad Street</i>	<i>560-818</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-20-033</i>	<i>Anthony DeFoe</i>	<i>714 Austin Street</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>714 Austin Street</i>	<i>560-820</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-20-034</i>	<i>Bryan Domenick</i>	<i>207 Welch Way</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>207 Welch Way</i>	<i>560-821</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-22-031</i>	<i>Megan McCann</i>	<i>857 Winyah Avenue</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>857 Winyah Avenue</i>	<i>560-965</i>	<i>\$1,484.62</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-22-040</i>	<i>Paul Persiani</i>	<i>239 Scotch Plains Avenue</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>239 Scotch Plains Avenue</i>	<i>560-974</i>	<i>\$740.72</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-22-044</i>	<i>Elshiekh Enterprises, LLC</i>	<i>612 Downer Street</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>	<i>Elshiekh Enterprises, LLC</i>	<i>12 Via Vitale Kenilworth, NJ 07033</i>	<i>560-978</i>	<i>\$692.32</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-22-045</i>	<i>George Lyons</i>	<i>718 Warren Street</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>718 Warren Street</i>	<i>560-979</i>	<i>\$720.96</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-22-046</i>	<i>Ken Kandigian</i>	<i>123 Hyslip Avenue</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>123 Hyslip Avenue</i>	<i>560-980</i>	<i>\$566.06</i>

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<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-22-049</i>	<i>Clint Rekemeier</i>	<i>732 Mountain Avenue</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>732 Mountain Avenue</i>	<i>560-983</i>	<i>\$740.72</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-23-007</i>	<i>Matthew Norquist</i>	<i>705 St. Marks Avenue</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>705 St. Marks Avenue</i>	<i>560-995</i>	<i>\$681.44</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-23-008</i>	<i>Noraiz Khan</i>	<i>226 Lynn Lane</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>226 Lynn Lane</i>	<i>560-996</i>	<i>\$760.48</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-23-011</i>	<i>David Palmisano</i>	<i>134 Jefferson Avenue</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>134 Jefferson Avenue</i>	<i>560-999</i>	<i>\$701.20</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
<i>ZBA-23-012</i>	<i>Michael Bange</i>	<i>1059 Coolidge Street</i>		
<i>Return to:</i>		<i>1059 Coolidge Street</i>	<i>560-000</i>	<i>\$464.08</i>

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	<i>Refund Balance</i>
ZBA-23-020	Marnix Godschalk	805 Ramapo Way		
<i>Return to:</i>		805 Ramapo Way	560-008	\$681.44

Total Disbursement	\$10,484.04
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Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee

Code Review & Town Property Committee

General Ordinance No. 2023-33

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement: I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-33 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING STORMWATER REGULATION AND FLOOD PREVENTION”.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Contract.

General Ordinance No. 2023-33 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Record of Vote – Introduction General Ord. 2023-33				
	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Habgood	X			
Parmelee	X			
LoGrippo	X			
Katz	X			
Mackey	X			
Contract	X			
Dardia	X			
Root	X			
Mayor Brindle	X			

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2023-33 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 8th day of November at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Public Works Committee

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn, made by Councilman Contract and seconded by Councilwoman Habgood at 9:39 P.M. was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Lawshe, RMC

Town Clerk