BOROUGH OF WEST READING – BOROUGH COUNCIL

Special Meeting

January 20, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

West Reading Borough Council held a special meeting at Borough Hall on Friday, January 20, 2012 with the following persons present: Council President Kevin M. Conrad; Vice President James J. Gallen Jr.; Council Members Elizabeth L. Heckler, Nathalie R. Kulesa, Deborah Hutcheson, Amy B. Good-Ashman, Philip C. Wert; Mayor Shane J. Keller; Borough Manager Richard J. Sichler; Administrative Assistant Cathy L. Hoffman.

VISITORS: Carl Garman Resident

Amber Rambo Resident Edward Fabriziani Police Chief

- 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> Council President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.
- 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.
- 3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council recessed to Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss personnel. When the meeting reconvened at 7:08 p.m., Council took action on these personnel matters:

Moved by Mrs. Heckler and seconded by Mrs. Kulesa to terminate Sgt. Matthew Beighley effective immediately. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Mrs. Kulesa and seconded by Mr. Wert to terminate Sgt. Ryan Phillips effective immediately. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Ms. Hutcheson and seconded by Ms. Good-Ashman to terminate Officer Nick Karetas, effective immediately. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Mr. Gallen and seconded by Mrs. Kulesa to suspend without pay Officer Matthew Nguyen for a period of 30 working days effective immediately. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Mrs. Heckler and seconded by Mr. Gallen to accept the resignation of Officer Chris Sacks dated January 20, 2012 effectively immediately.

4. **RESIGNATION OF RECREATION COORDINATOR:** Mr. Conrad said that unfortunately Council has received a letter of resignation from the Recreation Coordinator and that she has been able to secure employment with another municipality. He then read the letter of resignation into the record.

Moved by Mrs. Kulesa (with deepest regrets) and seconded by Mrs. Heckler to accept Daphne Klahr's resignation effective February 7th, 2012. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Conrad noted that Daphne has been an asset to this community and she will be missed.

- 5. **FIRE TRUCK SALE:** Mr. Sichler told Council that the "Agreement of Donation" was drafted by Mr. Becker and includes all of the stipulations that Council had discussed previously such as restricting the scrapping or sale of the vehicle as well as the indemnification. **Moved** by Mrs. Kulesa and seconded by Ms. Hutcheson to authorize the donation of the fire truck to the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and the execution of the agreement. **Motion carried.**
- 6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Ms. Good-Ashman and seconded by Mrs. Heckler to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. **Motion** carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hoffman Administrative Assistant