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I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the attached document(s) are true electronic copies of the executed collective negotiations agreement(s) and the included summary is an accurate assessment of the collective bargaining agreement for the term beginning 1/1/2022 thru 12/31/2024.

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County: Warren

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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO
AND
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON
(WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY)**

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024

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AGREEMENT

PREAMBLE

This Agreement, made and entered into in the Borough of Washington, New Jersey, this 1st of January, 2022, between the Borough of Washington, in the county of Warren, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Borough or employer and the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the Union represents the complete and final understanding on all bargainable issues which were or could have been the subject of bargaining between the Borough and the Union.

WITNESSETH

In consideration of the following Mutual Covenants, it is hereby agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I: LEGAL REFERENCE

Nothing contained in this agreement shall alter the authority conferred by law, ordinance, resolution and administrative code upon any Borough officials, or any way abridge or reduce such Authority.

ARTICLE II: RECOGNITION

The Borough hereby recognizes the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, as the sole and exclusive representative of all employees serving in the job classifications listed in "APPENDIX A" for the purpose of collective negotiations with the respect to terms and conditions of employment. "EMPLOYEES" for purposes of this agreement shall be defined as full - time employees and part-time employees regularly scheduled to work twenty (20) hours or more per week. Excluded from this agreement are all managerial executives, professional employees, confidential employees, police and supervisory employees within the meaning of the act and all other employees of the Borough

ARTICLE III. EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

1. Pursuant to Chapter 303, public laws 1968, as amended, the Borough hereby agrees that every employee shall have the right to freely organize, join and support the Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, and its Affiliates for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations or to refrain from doing so. There shall be no discrimination by the Borough or any of its representatives against any of the employees covered under this agreement because of their membership or non-membership in the union or because of any lawful activities of such employees on behalf of the Union. The Union, its members and agents shall not discriminate against any employees covered under this agreement who are not members of the Union.
2. One (1) elected representative of the Union shall be permitted time off without loss of regular straight-time pay to attend discipline / grievance sessions, provided the efficiency of the department is not affected thereby. Two (2) elected representatives of the Union shall be permitted time off without loss of regular straight-time pay to attend contract negotiation sessions.
3. An employee shall have the right to inspect his or her personnel file, by giving seventy-two (72) hours, but not less than two (2) working days' notice, in writing, to his or her department head. Inspection and copying of material may take place during normal working hours which are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. The employee may inspect his / her personnel file and copy material only during their non-working hours. Cost for copying shall be in accordance with Chapter 39 of the Code of the Borough of Washington. The employee shall have the right to prepare written statements for submission into his or her file to rebut, or clarify information prepared and placed in the file by the employer provided such statements submitted no later than 10 days after the employee has inspected his / her personnel file containing the information.

ARTICLE IV: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 1. It is recognized that the management of the Borough, the control of the properties and the maintenance of order and efficiency, is solely the right of the Borough. Accordingly, the Borough retains the right, including, but in no way limited too:

- (a) Determine the number of employees in the unit;
- (b) Select and direct the working forces, including the right to hire, determine hours of work, assign, promote, transfer or subcontract. The Borough also may discipline, suspend or discharge employees for just cause.
- (c) Determine the amount of overtime to be worked;
- (d) To relieve the employees from duty because of lack of work, or other legitimate reasons with appropriate notice;
- (e) Decide upon the number and location of its facilities;
- (f) Determine the work performed with the unit, maintenance and repair, amount of supervision necessary, machinery and tools, equipment, methods, schedules, work, together with selection, procurement, designing, engineering, and the control of equipment or materials;
- (g) Purchase services of others by contract or otherwise. However, the Borough agrees to negotiate with the Union before making such purchases if they would result in lay-off of current bargaining unit employees.
- (h) To make and promulgate rules and regulations.

Section 2. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities, by the Borough the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith, shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this agreement and then only to the extent such specific and express terms conform with the laws and constitution of New Jersey and the United States.

Section 3. Nothing contained therein shall be construed to deny or restrict the Borough of its powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities, under N. J. R. S. Title 11A, 40 and 40A or any other national, State, county, or local laws or ordinances.

ARTICLE V: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE, ARBITRATION, AND DISCIPLINE

A. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE and ARBITRATION

1. In the event that any difference or dispute should arise between the Borough and the Union, or its members employed by the Borough, over the application and interpretation of the terms of this agreement, and earnest effort shall be made to settle such differences in the following manner, provided the written grievance filed within 10 working days of the event giving rise to the grievance (or within fifteen (15) working days where and are in the calculation of salary payments is alleged) with the appropriate Department Head and/or Manager. A written grievance shall state the facts surrounding the filing of the grievance, the alleged contractual provision violated and the remedy sought. If a written grievance is filed personally, a receipt must be given to be valid. If a grievance is filed by mail, it must be mailed to the Borough Manager, 100 Belvidere Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882 with the postmark and signed receipt within the above time limits. Meeting shall be held during normal working hours of the Borough between:

Step 1: The aggrieved employee, with or without the steward, and the department head. The department head shall render written decision in the matter within 7 calendar days of the meeting.

Step 2: If no satisfactory agreement is reached at Step 1, a meeting should be held within 15 working days between the aggrieved employee and the Borough Manager or his designated representative. The Borough Manager or his designee shall render written decision in the matter within 14 calendar days after the meeting.

Step 3: In the event the no satisfactory agreement is reached at Step 2, the matter may be submitted within 14 calendar days to the Borough Council. A conference will be held with the aggrieved employee, C. W. A. Representative and the Borough Manager within 28 calendar days. The Borough shall render a written decision on the matter within 14 calendar days after the meeting.

Step 4: Should the Union be dissatisfied with the decision of Step 3, the Union may, within 7 calendar days request arbitration. The arbitrator shall be chosen in accordance with the rules of the New Jersey State Board of Mediation. No arbitration hearing shall be scheduled sooner than 28 calendar days after the decision in Step 3. In the event the Union elects to pursue the grievance through the Department of Personnel, the arbitration shall be canceled, the matter with drawn from the board of mediation and the Union will pay whatever cost may have been incurred in processing the case.

2. The arbitrator shall be limited to the issue presented, and shall have no power to add to, subtract from, or modify any of the terms of this agreement, or to establish or change any wage rate. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding subject to N. J. S. A. 2A: 24-1 ET seq. The arbitrator shall be required to determine initially whether they have jurisdiction to hear the dispute at issue. The arbitrator shall hear only a single issue presented at a time, unless settled by the parties, the arbitrators shall conduct a hearing and shall render their decision in writing with findings of fact and conclusions.

3. It is especially understood and agreed that the arbitration shall not be obtainable as a matter of right if the grievance (a) involves the existence of an alleged violation of an agreement other than the present agreement between the parties; (b) involves issues which were discussed at negotiations but not expressly covered by the terms and conditions of this agreement; (c) involves claims violation in an allegedly implied or assumed obligation; (d) would require an arbitrator to rule on, consider, or decide that the appropriate hourly, salary or incentive rate at which an employee shall be paid, or the method by which pay shall be determined; (e) would require an arbitrator to consider, rule on, or decide any of the following:

(a) The elements of a job assignment;

(b) The level, title or other designation of an employee's job classification;

(c) The right of management to assign or reassign work;

(d) Matters pertaining in any way to the establishment's administration, interpretation or application of insurance, pension, savings or other benefit plans and which covered employees are eligible to participate.

4. Any fees or administrative charges for the arbitrator shall be borne equally by both parties. Witness fees and other expenses shall be borne by the parties respectively. In the event the Union requires the attendance of Borough employees as Witnesses at arbitration hearings, the Borough agrees to release the witnesses as requested, without pay. The Union may, if it so wishes, reimburse employees for their lost time.

5. Unless extended by mutual agreement in writing, the failure to observe the time limits herein shall

constitute abandonment of the grievance and settlement on the basis of last answer. Whenever any act is required under this article to be done or performed within a specified period of time, if the final day of compliance time period is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday in which action must be taken; the time will be extended to include the next regularly scheduled work day.

6. Nothing in the procedures set forth in this article shall be deemed to abrogate, modify or otherwise change in any other part of this agreement without the mutual consent of the parties hereto in writing.

7. The provisions of this agreement requiring payment of any sum of money are subject to approval by the Municipal Council by Ordinance. This agreement is further subject to appropriations being available for any of the purposes herein above-mentioned, and if not available the Borough agrees to exert its bona fide and lawful efforts to obtain such appropriation.

B. Discipline

1. As outlined in N.J.A. C. 4A: 2-2, discipline shall be divided into major discipline or minor discipline.

2. Major discipline shall be defined as listed in N.J.A.C. 2-2. 2. The Borough agrees to impose major discipline according to the rules listed N. J. A. C. 4A: 2-2. An employee may appeal the Borough's final decision to impose major discipline only to the New Jersey Department of Personnel, with the exception of tenured employees who shall be entitled to due process protections under applicable State statutes.

3. Minor discipline shall be defined as listed in N. J. A. C. 4A: 2-3 .1 (2) classified employees receiving minor discipline may appeal such discipline to the grievance procedure, Article V but not beyond Step 2 of these procedures. Unclassified employees receiving minor discipline of less than four days may appeal such discipline through the grievance procedure, Article V but not beyond Step 3 of these procedures. Only suspensions of four (4) or five (5) days or fines equal to four (4) or five (5) days' pay for all employees may be arbitrated in accordance with Step 4 of these grievance procedures.

4. All discipline shall be for just cause and where reasonable, appropriate, and practical, progressive in nature. Discipline for this purpose means any penalty greater than an oral reprimand. Nothing shall prevent the Borough from denying tenure to unclassified employees in accordance with State law.

ARTICLE VI: LABOR-MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

A committee consisting of the Borough and the Union shall be established for the purpose of reviewing the administration of this agreement and to resolve problems, including issues of safety and health, that may arise. Said committee will meet if so, requested by either party. These meetings are not intended to bypass the grievance procedures or to be considered contract negotiation meetings.

ARTICLE VII: SAFETY AND HEALTH

Section 1 – Employer Obligation

The Borough agrees to provide for the safety and health of its employees during the hours of their employment. Health and safety issues shall be brought to the attention of the Department Supervisor who shall then discuss with the Union how the expressed concerns can be dealt with, and over what time frame solutions can be implemented.

Section 2 – Safety Equipment

1. The Borough agrees to provide fluorescent jackets to employees should their work environment require the use of this type of equipment.
2. The Borough agrees to provide work gloves as needed to employees. Employees must return used gloves to the Borough before replacement will be issued.
3. The Borough agrees to provide safety toed shoes as provided in Article XV: Section 3 – (b)Clothing allowance.

ARTICLE VIII: TRAINING

The Borough has the responsibility to see that the employees are trained to perform the work required of them. Employee's skills shall be reviewed to assure compliance with the requirements of department and

Borough procedures. The Borough shall periodically conduct safety seminars and will provide funds for attending training conferences and special schools for its employees where a need exists.

ARTICLE IX: UNION SECURITY

A. Upon receipt of a lawfully executed written authorization from an employee, the employer agrees to deduct the regular monthly Union dues of such an employee from their pay and remit such deduction by the 10th day of the succeeding month to the official designated by the Union in writing to receive such deductions. The Union will notify the employer in writing of the exact amount of such regular membership dues to be deducted. Such deductions are defined and shall be made in compliance with "Title 2 of the Revised Statutes" as amended by chapter 345, P.L. 1981. The authorization shall remain in effect unless terminated by the employee who must give written notice of such cancellation (notice of withdrawal) to the employer and the Union. Such termination of dues deductions shall take place as of the January 1st or July 1st next succeeding the date on which written notice of withdrawal is filed by an employee with the employer and the Union.

B. Any employee in the bargaining unit on the implementation date of this agreement who does not join the Union within thirty (30) days thereafter, any new employee who does not join within thirty (30) days of the initial employment within the unit, any member who subsequently resigns from the Union membership, or any temporary employee who does not join at the completion of a three(3) month period following the beginning of employment, shall as a condition of employment, pay a representation fee to the Union by automatic payroll deduction. The representation fee shall be in an amount equal to 85 percent of the regular Union membership dues, fees and assessments as certified by the Union to the employer.

The representation fee in lieu of dues only shall be available to the Union if the procedures hereafter are maintained by the Union.

The burden of proof under this system is on the Union.

The Union shall return any part of the representation fee paid by the employee which represents the employee's additional pro-rated share of expenditures by the Union that is either in aid of activities or causes of a partisan political or ideological nature only incidentally related to the terms and conditions of employment, or applied toward the cost of any other benefits available only to members of the majority representative.

The employee shall be entitled to review of the amount of the representation fee by requesting the union to substantiate the amount charged for the representation fee. This review shall be accorded in conformance with the internal steps and procedures established by the Union.

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If the employee is dissatisfied with the Union's decision, they may appeal to a three- member board established by the Governor.

The Union agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Borough harmless against any and all claims, demands and suits or other forms of liability that shall arise out of, or by reason of action taken by the Borough in reliance upon the Union in supplying to it information concerning the names of the employees and the amount of dues to be deducted.

The Union's entitlement to the representation fee shall continue beyond the termination date of this agreement so long as the Union remains the majority representative of the employees in the unit, provided that no modification is made in this provision by a successor agreement between the Union and the employer.

The determination of the appropriate representation fees, those employees covered, payroll deduction provision, challenges to fair share fee assessments, time for fair share payments, and all other questions related to the Agency Shop Law and its proper interpretation shall be made in accordance with Public Law 1979, Chapter 477, and N. J. S. A. 34: 13A5.4, et. al.

C. Dues deductions and agency fees for all employees covered by the terms and conditions of this agreement, along with a list of said employees and the amounts deducted, shall be sent to:

Communications Workers of America
67 Scotch Road
Ewing, NJ 08628
Attention: Local Treasurer

Dues and agency fee deduction shall be remitted to the Union no later than the tenth (10) day of the succeeding month for which the deductions were made.

ARTICLE X: UNION RIGHTS

- A. The Borough agrees to provide space for bulletin board, supplied by the Union, at the Borough Garage, and Borough Hall.
- B. A representative of the Communications Workers of America will be permitted access to the Borough premises for the purposes of contract administration and grievance investigation. During working hours access to Borough premises is subject to approval by the Borough Manager and Department Head at the premises in question. After working hours access to Borough premises are subject to approval by the Department Head. Access to the Borough premises shall not be unreasonably denied.
- C. Steward's (not to exceed two) will be entitled to be excused with pay for one day of training per year during the term of this agreement. The Union will provide the Borough with at least 2 weeks' notice.

ARTICLE XI: DEFINITIONS

- (a) Accredited Representatives. The accredited representative of its employees in said unit the Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO.
- (b) Administrative/Clerical employees. Employees generally working in an office type environment with a normal Work Week consisting of 35 hours per week and including the following job titles: Account Clerk, Administrative Clerk, Clerk 1, Assistant Municipal Tax Collector, Keyboarding Clerk 1, 2 and 3, Library Assistant, Senior Account Clerk, Supervising Library Assistant, Clerk Typist and other Clerical titles in Appendix A.
- (c) Creditable service. Any person employed in the capacity of full-time employees shall, for the purpose of determining salary, benefits or compensation, including vacations, be considered to have been appointed as of the date of hiring.
- (d) Members of immediate family. Members of the immediate family are defined as the employee's father, mother, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, nieces, nephews, or other relatives or persons who are significant others residing in the household, current father-in-law, current mother-in-law, brother, sister, spouse, child, foster child and include other definitions pursuant to N.J.S.A 34:11D-1. The employees shall furnish proof of the same satisfactory to the Borough Manager.
- (e) Public Works Employee. Employees generally working in an outside environment with a normal work week consisting of 40 hours per week and including the following job titles: Building Maintenance Worker, and Equipment Operator, Laborer 1, Road Repairer 3, Road Repairer Supervisor, Truck Driver and other Public Works titles included in Appendix A.
- (f) Steward. The representative(s) who is/we selected by the Union Membership and who is/are authorized to appear on behalf of the Union. The Union shall, before January 15th of each year, advise the Borough of the selection of Representative(s).
- (g) Borough Personnel Policy. Personnel policies and procedures adopted by the Borough of Washington. To the extent that these policies and procedures are in conflict with this collective bargaining agreement, New Jersey Civil Service rules and regulations or any other State and federal law, the terms of the parties' agreement and any other applicable law shall govern.

ARTICLE XII: EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1 -Notification of Change- Personnel Data

All employees are required to promptly notify the Borough Manager of any change of address, telephone numbers, tax deduction status, dependent status or any other information personnel files or necessary for benefit normally recorded on personnel data sheets computation or enrollment.

Section 2 - Resignation

All Resignations shall be submitted in writing. Two (2) weeks notice is considered reasonable and appropriate for an employee provide his or her employer. Should an employee fail to give proper notice in proper form, the Borough may terminate the employment immediately.

Section 3 - Driver's license revocation

A public works employee, for the first occurrence while in the Borough's employ, whose driver's license is

suspended, may, at the Borough's discretion, be demoted to the title of Laborer 1 for the period during which said employees license is suspended, if having a valid driver's license is required in the employee's current title. During this period, the employees pay will be determined by finding the closest lower step in the laborer's title and then moving one step lower. The employee shall be returned to his/her former title and pay when the driver's license is reinstated. Any subsequent driver's license suspensions within a five (5) year period dating from the first suspension may be cause for suspension without pay, termination or whatever action deemed appropriate by the Borough.

Section 4 - Surrendering of Borough property

The Union agrees to inform the Borough's employees of the responsibility to return the Borough's property when their employment with the Borough ceases. The Borough may withhold any benefits contained in this agreement, other than base pay and overtime benefits, until such time as a proper accounting of the items of personal property is rendered to the Borough. Items of personal property of concern to the Borough would include, but would not be limited to the following: keys, pagers, records, files and documents. Items of no interest to the Borough would be articles of clothing which have been used. The Borough reserves the right to utilize every means to it under the law to recover items of personal property belonging to the Borough and nothing in the section shall be viewed to restrict or modify these rights.

Section 5 - Outside Employment

All employees covered by this agreement may participate in employment outside of the job held with the Borough, provided the Borough Manager has been notified in advance concerning the name of the employer and the nature of such employment. However, employees will consider their position with the Borough as their primary employment. Any outside employment must not interfere with the employee's performance, efficiency or availability for working overtime or call-out situations when the Borough job requires availability for overtime and/or call-out. The outside employment must not be inconsistent with State law, Administrative Code, policies or procedures.

Section 6 - Weather Emergencies

Unless the Governor of the State of New Jersey or the Governor's designee adopts a mandatory travel restriction on either all New Jersey roadways or the roadways of the County of Warren pursuant to N.J.S.A. App. A: 9-33 et. seq. and N.J.S.A. 39:4-213 which prevent non-essential employees from driving to work, employees are expected to report to work physically or work remotely unless they use sick, vacation, personal leave or compensating time off. In the event of a mandatory travel restriction in accordance with this article, Borough offices shall be deemed closed and non-essential employees shall not be required to use benefit time. Only Department of Public Works (DPW) employees are considered "essential personnel" under this contract and shall be required to report to work unless leave is otherwise authorized. DPW personnel shall be issued identification cards by the Warren County Office of Emergency Management authorizing travel to and from work in personal vehicles during mandatory travel restrictions.

ARTICLE XIII: VACATIONS, HOLIDAYS, AND PERSONAL DAYS

Section 1. Vacations

1. Employees who have not completed one (1) year of service on or before the 1st day of January of any year shall be entitled to one (1) working day of vacation for each full month of continuous service rendered from the date of his or her appointment. Employees who have completed 1 (1) year on or before the 31st day of December of any years shall be granted thirteen (13) working days of vacation. Employees who have completed five years of service on or before the 31st day of December of any year shall be granted sixteen (16) working days of vacation commencing in the sixth(6th) year. Employees who have completed twelve (12) years of service on or before the 31st day of December of any year shall be granted twenty-one (21) working days of vacation commencing in their thirteenth(13th) year. Employees who have completed twenty (20) years of service on or before the 31st day of December of any year shall be granted twenty-five (25) working days' vacation, commencing in their twenty first (21st) year. Vacation benefits for part-time employees shall be prorated.
2. The vacation period shall be the calendar year, from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December. Vacations shall be scheduled by the Department Head giving preference to employee choice according to seniority, where practicable and where consistent with the continued efficient operations.
3. When in any calendar year the vacation or any part thereof is not utilized, such vacation days or part thereof not utilized shall accumulate and shall be utilized during the next succeeding calendar year only; however, the current calendar year vacation shall not be affected if the previous year vacation days or parts

thereof are not taken and subsequently lost. The schedule of vacation shall be at the sole discretion of the Department Head.

4. Any employees of the Borough covered by this agreement who are entitled to vacation leave at the time of retirement shall receive their earned vacation which has not been taken, effective thirty (30) days prior to the date of retirement. In the event that any employee entitled to vacation leave at the time of their death, his widow or her widower or estate shall receive the earned vacation pay on the same basis as an employee retiring.

5. Pay during vacation: All vacation shall be granted at the annual salary rates of the employee's base salary scale.

6. Scheduled vacations: All employees shall take their vacation at the scheduled time. However, a different period time for vacation may be taken if mutually acceptable to the employee and the Department Head.

7. Employees on vacation shall not be subject to call in for work except in cases of emergency.

8. Employees who have completed one year of service on or before the 1st of January of any given year shall have the full amount of vacation time expected to be earned during the year credited to the employee for use during the calendar year. In the event and employee utilizes all or a portion of his or her vacation leave in excess of what the employee has actually earned and the employee leaves the employ of the Borough or is granted a leave of absence without pay, then the employee shall be liable for repayment of those days actually used but not earned. The Borough shall deduct whatever amount owed from the employee's last paycheck or from whatever amount owed by the Borough to the employee. In determining the liability for vacation time, the Borough will utilize the criteria in part 17-21 of the Department of Personnel Manual for Local Jurisdictions.

9. In the event of the death of an employee, the Borough will pay the value of the accumulated vacation to the estate of the deceased employee.

Section 1.1: Scheduling of Vacations

1. The scheduling of the number of employees permitted to be on vacation at the same time, shall be determined by the Department Head, when the requests are submitted.

2. Vacation schedules shall be administered in the following manner for all employees covered under this agreement:

A. Employees shall submit initial vacation requests no later than the last day of February. Employees may not submit request for more than 3 consecutive vacations weeks in their initial request.

B. The Borough shall approve vacation requests, submitted in accordance with Subsection A, no later than 10 working days after the last day of February and shall post the approved vacation schedule. Approval of vacation request shall be based on seniority. Vacation requests in excess of 2 continuous weeks must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the request and be approved by the Manager.

C. After the initial vacation schedule is posted, employees may apply for additional vacation. Such vacation requests may be made at any time after the posting of the schedule noted in Subsection B above and will be awarded no later than 10 working days on a first come first serve basis with seniority applied in cases of simultaneous applications.

Section 2: Holidays

1. The following holidays shall be observed without loss of pay during the term of this agreement:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day (observed)
Lincoln's Birthday (observed)
President's Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Juneteenth Day (observed)
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day (observed)
Election Day (General Election Day)
Veterans Day (observed)
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
One half-day Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
One half-day New Year's Eve

The Union and the Borough Manager can agree to one floating holiday in exchange for any existing holiday each year. Day must be agreed to by the Manager and the Union before the end of the previous year.

2. Employees shall be eligible for holiday pay, provided that he/she is on the job and available for work his/her last full scheduled work day before the holidays and the first full scheduled work day after the holiday

even though in different work weeks, except in cases of proven illness or injury.

3. If any of the holidays fall on Sunday, Monday shall be considered as the holiday, if it is generally observed as such in the community, if and if the holiday falls on Saturday, the Friday preceding the Saturday shall be declared a holiday in lieu thereof if it is generally observed as such in the community.

4. If one of the above holidays falls within the employee's vacation period, they shall receive an additional day of vacation, which may be taken on the day immediately after the employee's vacation is scheduled to expire.

5. For Library Staff Only – If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the library will close on both Friday and Saturday. Full-time staff members normally scheduled to work on Saturday will be given the option of working their non- Saturday week schedule, taking vacation hours, or being rescheduled during the same pay period, to avoid the loss of normal work hours. Part-time staff members normally scheduled to work on Saturday will be allowed the option of taking vacation hours or being rescheduled during the same pay period, to avoid the loss of normal working hours.

Section 3: Personal Leave

1. Employees shall receive three (3) paid personal leave days per year. Personal leave may be taken in one-hour increments provided it is mutually agreed by the employee and the Department Head. Personal leave shall be non-cumulative and any leave not taken by the end of the calendar year shall be lost. Employees eligible for this leave with less than 1 year service shall be entitled to a pro-ration of this benefit based upon the number of months of service in the calendar year.

2. Request for personal leave must be given to the Department Head as soon as practicable, except in cases of documented emergency and are subject to approval by the Department Head and the Borough Manager. Requesting for personal leave must be given to the Library Director at least 72 (72) hours or 2 (2) working days in advance, whichever is less, except in cases of documented emergency or subject to approval by the Library Director and Borough Manager.

Request for personal leave shall not be unreasonably denied.

ARTICLE XIV: LEAVE OF ABSENCE, SICK LEAVE AND OTHER LEAVE.

(a) Military Leave

1. A permanent employee who enters upon active duty with the Military or Naval services in time of war or emergency shall be granted a leave of absence with pay for three months in any one calendar year and will accumulate seniority during such period of service without regard to whether the leave is with or without pay. An employee who voluntarily continues in the military service beyond the time when he or she may be released or who voluntarily re-enters the Armed Forces or who accepts a regular commission shall be considered as having abandoned his or her employment and resigned. Upon termination of said service from the period original enlistment, the employee will be re-employed at the rate of pay prevailing for work to which he or she is assigned at the time of his or her re-employment, provided however, that he or she has not been dishonorably discharged, his or her job or comparable job is available, he or she is physically, mentally and emotionally able to perform such work and he or she makes written application for reinstatement within ninety (90) days after discharge.

2. A permanent employee who is a member of the National Guard or Naval Militia or a reserve component of any of the Armed Forces of the United States who is required to undergo annual field training or annual active duty for training shall be granted a leave of absence with pay for such period. Such leave shall be in addition to regular vacation leave and such pay shall not be for more than three (3) weeks. Proof of service shall be required.

3. A full-time temporary or provisional employee who is a member of the National Guard or a Naval Militia or of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States who is required to undergo annual field training or annual active duty for training shall be granted leave of absence without pay. Proof of service shall be required.

(b) Funeral Leave

Employee shall be entitled three (3) days leave with pay at his or her regular rate of pay in the event of death of a member of the employees and immediate family as defined in Article XI (d) of this agreement. Funeral leave of one (1) day shall be granted for extended family members. (Extended family shall include current sister/brother-in-law, Aunt, Uncle.) Not more than eight (8) hours per day of twenty-four (24) for any period will be paid under the provision of the section for public works employees and not more than seven (7) hours per day of twenty-four (24) hours for any period will be paid under provision of the section for administrative/clerical employees.

When circumstances warrant, the Borough Manager, in the case of employees under his or her jurisdiction, and the Library Director, in the case of employees under his or her jurisdiction, may grant extensions to the funeral leave benefit provided above in cases involving travel outside the immediate area and for cases involving extremely close relative such as a spouse, child or parent. Extensions of one or two days will be granted and would be assessed, at the employee's discretion, against either vacation, sick time or personal days for extended family members.

Time off with pay as provided in this section intended to be used for the purpose of handling necessary arraignments and attendance at the funeral of the deceased member of the immediate family. In case of death any immediate family reasonable proof shall be required. All leave benefits contained in this section shall be taken within thirty (30) days of the funeral date.

(c) Sick Leave

Sick Leave shall mean paid leave that may be granted to an employee for any reasons as set forth in N. J. S. A. 34: 11D-1.

Sick Leave shall accrue to employees on the basis of one (1) working day per month during the remainder of the first calendar year of employment after initial employment and fifteen (15) working days in every calendar year thereafter. Sick leave allowance not used in any calendar year shall accumulate to the employees credit from year to year to be used if and when needed for such purposes. If an employee is absent for reasons that entitle him or her to sick leave, his or her superior shall be notified at the earliest possible time but in no event less than his or her regular reporting time. Failure to notify his or her superior may be cause for disciplinary action. Sick leave benefits for part-time employee shall be prorated.

An employee who shall be absent on sick leave for five (5) or more consecutive working days shall be required to submit acceptable medical evidence substantiating the illness:

1. An employee who has been absent on undocumented sick leave for period totaling fifteen (15) in one calendar year consisting of periods of less than 5 days shall submit acceptable medical evidence for additional sick leave in that year unless such illness is of chronic or recurring nature requiring absences of one (1) day or less in which case only one certificate shall be necessary for a period of six (6) months.

2. The appointing authority may require proof of illness of any employee on sick leave whenever such requirements appear reasonable. Abuse of sick leave shall be cause for disciplinary action.

In case of leave of absence due to exposure to contagious disease, a certificate from a physician acceptable to both the Borough and the employee shall be required.

The Borough may require an employee who has been absent because of personal illness, as a condition of his/her return to duty, be examined by a medical doctor designated by the Borough. Such examination shall only establish whether the employee is capable of performing his/her normal duties and that his/her return will not jeopardize the health of other employees. The initial examination shall be paid by the Borough.

Absence without notice for five (5) consecutive days shall constitute a resignation. Sick leave is not to be used to extend vacation time.

All benefits of every kind, including salary, sick benefits, insurance, etc. are lost if the employee engages in any other gainful employment while on sick leave. Any employees out of sick leave may, with the Manager's approval, engage in other gainful employment so long as such employment does not jeopardize the employees return to health. However, if any employee lawfully performing other gainful employment while on sick leave is otherwise injured pay in the course of such employment, then all the benefits otherwise due the employee shall be lost until the employee return to active duty.

Any employee violating the provisions of the section may be subject to disciplinary action and/or loss of any claimed sick leave benefits.

Employees who have completed one year of service on or before the first of January of any given year shall have the full amount of sick leave expected to be earned during the year credited to the employee for use during the calendar year. In the event an employee utilizes all or a portion of his or her sick leave in excess of what the employee is actually earned and the employee leaves the employ of the Borough or is granted a leave of absence without pay, then the employee shall be liable for repayment of those days actually used but not earned. The Borough shall deduct whatever amount owed from the employees last paycheck or from whatever amount owed by the Borough to the employee. In determining the liability for sick leave, the Borough will utilize the criteria in part 17-21 of the Department of personnel manual for Local Jurisdictions.

(d) Leave without pay.

The Borough Manager, on the request of employee and after reasonable notice, may grant a leave of absence without pay to permanent employees for a period not to exceed six (6) months at any one time. Said leave may only be granted when the Department Head and Borough Manager receive a written request signed by the employee. The Manager may extend such leave for an additional period not to exceed six (6) months upon approval of the governing body. Additional leave may be approved only when the consent of the New Jersey Department of Personnel. If however, the said employee overstays such leave, his or her employment with the Borough shall be deemed to have been terminated.

(e) Sick Leave Injury.

1. (a) An employee who is disabled from a work-related injury or illness shall be granted a leave of absence with pay.
(b) An employee who can return to work on a part-time basis shall be compensated for the hours actually worked and receive sick leave injury benefits the hours missed due to the disability.
(c) An employee to be eligible for sick leave injury benefits must pay to the Borough any Workman's Compensation awards for lost wages.
(d) Benefits are limited to a twelve (12) month period from the initial date of the injury or illness.
2. (a) The disability must be an injury or illness resulting from employment.
(b) Injuries or illness which would clearly not have occurred but for a specific work-related accident or condition of employment are compensable.
(c) Pre-existing illness, diseases and defects aggravated by work-related accident or condition of employment are not compensable where such aggravation was reasonably foreseeable.
(d) Illnesses, such as heart disorder and arthritis, which were generally not caused by a specific work-related accident or condition of employment are not compensable except where the claim is supported by the medical documentation that clearly establishes the injury or an illness is work-related.
(e) Psychological or psychiatric illness shall not be compensable, except where such illnesses may be traced to a specific work-related accident or occurrence which traumatized the employee thereby creating the illness and the claim is supported by medical documentation.
(f) An injury or illness occurring where the appointing authority has established that the employee has been grossly negligent, including alcohol or drug abuse at the time of the accident, shall not be compensable.
3. (a) Any accident resulting in injury for which the employee seeks compensation must occur on the work premises except as in (c) below.
(b) Work premises in the physical area of operation of the appointing authority, including buildings, grounds and parking facilities provided by the Borough the benefit of its employees.
(c) An injury occurring off the work premises is compensable only when the employees are engaged in authorized work activity or travel between work stations.
4. (a) For the injury to be compensable, it must occur during normal work hours or approved overtime.
(b) Injuries which occur during normal commutation between home and the work station or home and a field assignment are not compensable.
(c) Injuries which occur during lunch or break period are not compensable. However, employees who are required by the appointing authority to remain on call or at a particular job location during lunch and/or work-break shall not be precluded from receiving benefits.
5. (a) The burden is on an employee to establish by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she is entitled to benefits.
6. (a) The employee is required to report to his or her supervisor any accident or work condition claimed to have caused disability upon occurrence or discovery and is responsible for completing a written report on the matter within five (5) days or as soon as possible thereafter. The report shall include a statement of when, where and how the injury or illness occurred, statement of witnesses and copies of all medical reports concerning the injury or illness.

(f) Sick Leave Pregnancy Disability

1. An employee who requested leave without pay for reasons of disability due to pregnancy shall be granted leave under the same terms and conditions as sick leave or leave without pay. The appointing authority may request acceptable medical evidence that the employee is unable to perform her work because of disability due to pregnancy.
An employee may use accrued leave time (for example: sick, vacation) for pregnancy-disability purposes but shall not be required to exhaust accrued leave before taking a leave without pay. However, the employee must exhaust all accrued sick leave to be eligible for New Jersey Temporary Disability insurance.

(g) Jury Duty Leave

1. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A: 69-5, any employee who is summoned for service as a grand jury or pedicure in any court of this State or in the United States District Court for New Jersey shall be excused from his or her employment on all days he or she is required to be present in court in response to the summons for the jury service. Any full-time employee shall be entitled to receive from the Borough his or her usual compensation for each day he or she is excused for jury service. Employee summoned for service shall notify their immediate supervisor of the days they will be on jury duty. The employee required to report to work as soon as possible upon release from service either on a permanent or temporary basis. The employee shall turn over to the Borough any payments the employee received for serving on jury duty, minus actual expenses for which the employee is not otherwise compensated, for meals, parking, mileage, tolls, and other similar expense items resulting from compliance with a jury summons. An employee need not report to work upon a temporary or permanent release from jury duty and obligation if the employee would be able to work less than one hour before the end of his or her normal working hours.
(h) Donated sick leave. Employee shall be eligible for donated sick leave in accordance with Appendix D of this agreement.

ARTICLE XV: OTHER BENEFITS

Section 1 - Legal Expenses

Employee shall be eligible for reimbursement for legal expenses as per Chapter 13 of the Washington Code in effect as of the date of this agreement (see appendix B). It is understood that any changes to Chapter 13 of the Code during the life of this agreement shall not be applicable to the employees covered by this agreement unless agreed in writing by both parties to this agreement.

Section 2- Medical Expenses

(a) Inoculation

1. The Borough will reimburse employees for any out-of-pocket expenses not covered or reimbursed by the Borough provided medical insurance for influenza inoculations. Any employee who avails himself or herself of this benefit shall by way of this agreement hold the Borough harmless from any consequential effects related to the inoculation.

2. The Borough will reimburse its Public Works employees for any out-of-pocket expenses not covered or reimbursed by the Borough provided medical insurance for allergy inoculations for poisonous vegetation and for Lyme disease.

(b) Hospital, Surgical, prescription and Major Medical

1. The Borough agrees to provide Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and medical coverage at the level of coverage currently available through the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP). Employees may choose to enroll in any plan offered through the SHBP. The Borough shall continue to provide prescription coverage at the level of coverage currently available through the state health benefits plan (SHBP). The Borough reserves the right to change insurance plans and/or carriers so long as the aggregate substantially similar benefits are provided. Nothing in the section shall require the Borough to increase levels of major medical or prescription coverage above what is offered by the SHBP, should the SHBP decreased levels of Major Medical or prescription coverage at any time for any reason. Employees shall contribute toward the cost of the Health Benefits Insurance Program as governed by P.L. 2011 Chapter 78.

2. An existing employee who has previously participated in medical coverage through the Borough of Washington but has medical coverage under a spouse's health benefit plan and subsequently waives participation in the Borough of Washington health benefits program shall be compensated at the rate of \$3,000 or in accordance with P.L. 2011, Chapter 78, whichever is less, prorated to compensate the employee for only those pay periods when the Borough is no longer obligated to make health benefit payment. Proof of coverage under an alternative plan must be furnished to the Borough in order to be eligible for this benefit and as certified by Division of Pensions of the date employer may begin the waiver payment.

2.1. A new or existing employee who has not previously participated in medical coverage for the Borough of Washington but has medical coverage under a spouse's health benefit plan and weighs participation in the Borough of Washington health benefits program, shall be compensated based upon the least expensive Health Care premium available at the rate of \$3,000, in accordance with P.L. 2011, Chapter 78, whichever is less, prorated to compensate the employee for only those periods when the Borough is no longer obligated to make health benefit payments. Proof of coverage under an alternative plan must be furnished to the Borough in order to be eligible for this benefit. Payment to commence date certified to do so by Division of Pensions.

(c) Dental and Optical Benefit

The Borough agrees to reimburse employees and their dependents for dental and/or Optical Care. The maximum rate of reimbursement in each year shall be as follows:

For the term of this contract, the reimbursement rates are:

Individual \$750.00 & Family \$1500.00

Employees must provide receipts in order to be reimbursed. Employees will receive reimbursement after the annual budget is passed. Forms supplied by the Borough shall be used in all instances. Employees must have completed more than six (6) months service with the Borough to be eligible for this benefit.

(d) Physical examination may be required at any time during employment of a Borough employee to ascertain whether the employee can continue to perform the duties of the position held. In the event that the result is a physical indicates that the employee is unable to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position he or she currently holds due to physical conditions, the employee shall, under doctor's care, be required to undergo physical therapy or treatment for correction of the physical deficiency. Inability to correct a physical problem or follow a prescribed therapy or treatment program may result in dismissal or demotion or other disciplinary action.

Section 3- Reimbursement for Expenses

(a) Travel Reimbursement

Mileage shall be paid at the rate currently established by the IRS, if the Department Head determines such transportation is necessary and does not provide transportation. Such mileage shall be computed from the Borough's Municipal Building and returning to same.

Said reimbursement compensates employees for gas, oil, vehicle depreciation, insurance and all other expenses related to the ownership and operation of the employee's motor vehicle and shall constitute the

Borough's total contribution.

Employee shall be responsible for notifying their insurance companies that their vehicle or vehicles are used for business purposes.

All employees requesting reimbursement shall be required to submit their request on a form provided by the Borough. Costs such as tools, parking meters, etc. shall be added if actual expenses occur.

(b) Clothing Allowance

1. Full-time employees in the Department of Public Works (DPW) shall receive a uniform allowance of \$350.00 per year. The Borough will provide DPW employees with all season uniforms complying with any and all applicable ANSI and OSHA standards, and gloves. The allowance may be used to supplement the uniform provided by the Borough, including but not limited to: long underwear, winter headgear, sweatshirt flag hoodie, winter socks and boot laces. The above allowances shall be paid upon the passing of the Borough's annual budget. Payment shall be made by separate check and taxes will be taken out at time of payment.

2. The Borough will provide or reimburse for two (2) pairs of safety toe boots/shoes minimum, annually, cost of purchase or reimbursement not to exceed \$200.00 per pair. Safety toe boots/shoes are available to be purchased as follows: first pair of boots may be purchased January thru June and the second pair may be purchased July thru December of each year.

3. New employee shall be eligible for the Safety Shoe/supplemental clothing allowances upon completion of three (3) month service with the Borough. Employees are required to wear the appropriate safety equipment and work shoes at all times while working and failure to do so will subject an employee to discipline up to and including termination.

4. Employee shall be required to use safety shoe/supplemental clothing allowance in order to maintain a proper appearance and are responsible for maintaining the condition of uniforms, etc.

5. Employee shall be personally responsible to replace lost items of clothing or items destroyed or damaged by negligent action or abuse.

(c) Meal Reimbursement

Meals shall be paid for by the Borough at the rate of \$10.00 for breakfast; \$15.00 for lunch; and \$20.00 for dinner, when approved by the Borough Manager in connection with official business, provided proper receipts are presented for reimbursement.

Section 4- License Incentive

The Supervisor of Streets (Road Repair Supervisor) in possession of a valid certificate as a Certified Public Works Manager shall have added to their base pay \$6,000 per year to be paid bi-weekly.

Section 5- Deferred Compensation Plan

If the Borough establishes a Deferred Compensation Plan, all employees covered by this agreement shall be eligible to participate on a voluntary basis.

Section 6- Educational Reimbursement

An employee shall be eligible for tuition assistance for college credits in courses approved by the Borough Manager or Library Director, in the case of Library employees, when, in the exclusive judgment of these individuals, these courses will have a practical value to the work likely to be performed by the employee for the Borough either the present time or in the future. Reimbursement shall be 100% for a grade of "A" or better; 75% for a grade of "B"; and 50% for a grade of "C". The decision of the Borough Manager or Library Director shall not be subject to the grievance procedures contained herein and shall be final. The maximum reimbursement shall not exceed the amount charged at Warren County Community College for college credits.

ARTICLE XVI: RETIREMENT

In addition to the retirement program required by State Law and Social Security, permanent employees, upon retirement, shall be entitled to receive compensation for unused sick time computed at the rate of one-half (1/2) of the eligible employee's daily rate of pay for each day of earned and unused accumulated sick leave, based upon the base salary approved in the Salary Ordinance currently in effect on the date of the employee's retirement. In no case will the payment exceed \$15,000. Retirement shall be defined as leaving of employment with the Borough in good standing upon either reaching the age of fifty-five (55) or greater or having twenty-five (25) years or greater of service with the Borough on a full-time basis.

Employees covered under this agreement whose job is eliminated as a result of the Borough contracting work out to a third party will be entitled to partial payment of their accumulated sick leave based upon the following formula: Employees with 10 or more years of service with the Borough 12.5%; employees with 20 or

more years of service with the Borough 25%; employees with 30 or more years of service with the Borough 37.5%; and employees with 40 or more years of service with the Borough 50%. In all cases the maximum reimbursement shall not exceed the ceiling established elsewhere in this article. In the event of the death of an employee with a minimum of five years of continuous employment with the Borough, the Borough will pay the value of one half of the accumulated sick leave to the estate of the deceased employee, but in no event shall this amount exceed the maximum reimbursement ceiling established elsewhere in this article.

Article XVII: Temporary Disability Insurance

All employees shall be enrolled in the State's Temporary Disability Insurance Program. In accordance with this State program, the cost shall be borne equally by employees and employer.

Article XVIII: HOURS OF WORK

Section 1-Hours of Work

(a) Public Works employee shall work five (5) days, eight (8) hours per day for a total of forty (40) hours a week. Administrative/Clerical staff shall work five (5) days, Seven (7) hours each day for total of thirty-five (35) hours a week. It is understood that nothing in this agreement shall constitute a guarantee that the Borough show provide any specific number of hours of work for any employee or employees.

(b) Each work hour shall be divisible into four (4) fifteen (15) minute periods. Time paid will be calculated to the end of the fifteen (15) minute interval from actual time worked as recorded on the time card or pay voucher.

(c) Work Schedule

1. Public Works employees shall work in accordance with schedules posted on a monthly basis by the Department Head. Work schedules may be changed as necessary for work such as line painting, street sweeping, road resurfacing; and the Borough may, with at least twelve (12) hours' notice, change the work schedule for clearance of snow in the business district. Employees who were plowing snow on an emergency basis must be off duty for at least twelve (12) hours before being required to report for duty on other than their normal work schedule. It is understood by both parties that the above language does not encompass snow plowing, road salting, or other emergency situations. It is understood that employees who work an alternate shift will not be eligible for overtime payment unless the hours worked exceed forty (40) hours in a week or eight (8) hours in a day.

2. Starting, finishing, break and lunch times for administrative/clerical employees will be established within each department by the department and with the approval of the Borough Manager and work schedule shall be posted within the department. An individual employee starting, finishing, break and lunch hours may be changed or modified upon mutual agreement reached between the employee, Department Head or Borough Manager.

Section 2-Clean-Up Time

A. Administrative/clerical employees will be given a reasonable amount of time prior to the ending of the work day to tidy desk and generally clean themselves before finishing time. The Department Head shall be responsible for seeing that this policy is not abused and may limit the time allotted for cleanup for employees under his or her supervision.

B. Public Works employee shall be given fifteen (15) minutes prior to the end of the working day to replace tools, cleanup vehicles, and to generally clean themselves before finishing time.

Section 3-Break Time and Meal Time

A. Public Works employees called in to work in emergency situations shall receive a pay fifteen (15) minute break for every four (4) hours work to be scheduled not later than at the end of the Four-hour period.

B. All Public Works employees on their regular shift or any alternatives as described in Section 1 (c) above shall receive a paid fifteen (15) minute break during the first four (4) hours of the shift and forty-five (45) minute lunch break, fifteen (15) minutes of which shall be paid break time. The lunch break shall be scheduled at a time acceptable to the Supervisor and agreeable to the majority of employees in the department.

C. All administrative/clerical employee shall receive a fifteen (15) minute break during the four-hour afternoon shift which shall be taken away from the employee's normal workstation if practical.

ARTICLE XIX: OVERTIME

(a) When applicable

1. Over time shall be paid to Public Works employees when said employee is required by the Department Head to work outside the scheduled eight (8) hour work schedule, or on a regular scheduled day off. Employees shall be paid compensation at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular hourly rate, which is obtained by dividing their salary base rate of pay by 2080 hours, when the hours worked in a regular scheduled work week exceed forty (40) hours. Public Works employee shall have sole discretion to be

credited with compensatory time at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular rate in lieu of overtime payment. All overtime must be approved by the Department Head. Public Works employees required to work more than sixteen (16) consecutive hours shall be paid two (2) times their regular hourly rate for those hours worked beyond sixteen (16) hours, until the start of their next regularly scheduled shift.

2. Overtime shall be paid to administrative/clerical employees when said employees is required to work outside the regular scheduled thirty-five (35) hour work week schedule or on a regular scheduled day off. Employees shall be paid compensation or credited with compensatory time off in lieu of pay at the regular hourly rate for the first five (5) hours of overtime in a work week at the rate of one and one-half (1- 1/2) times the regular hourly rate for overtime beyond the first five (5) hours in a work week. The regular hourly rate shall be obtained by dividing their annual salary by 1820 hours. Paid compensation for overtime work shall be provided unless the employee chooses to be credited with compensatory time off in lieu of pay. No employee shall accumulate more than 160 hours of compensatory time off hours.

(b) Overtime on Holidays

An employee who actually worked on the day when one of the holidays listed in Article XIII is observed by the Borough except as provided below, shall be entitled to premium pay computed at two (2) times the regular hourly rate for the hours so worked on that day. Hourly rate is established by dividing the employee's annual base salary by 2080 working hours for Public Works employees and 1820 hours for administrative/clerical employees. On New Year's Day, Independence Day and Christmas Day, an employee actually working on the day of the holiday and not on the day it is observed by the Borough, shall be entitled to premium pay as computed above. Paid compensation or compensatory for overtime shall be provided to all Public Works employees. Administrative/Clerical employees may choose to be credited with compensatory time off in lieu of pay. Overtime pay or compensatory time off shall not be pyramided.

(c) Minimum overtime for call in pay.

Except as hereinafter provided, whenever employee is called in to perform duty when he or she is already off duty and has left the premises, said employee shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hours overtime. Time added to the beginning or end of a regular scheduled working shift shall not be governed by any minimum overtime contained in the section but shall be treated as a regular overtime for hours actually worked in accordance with Subsection (a) above.

(d) Employee Obligation

1. From November 1 through March 31st of each year, DPW employee shall be obligated to be available for emergency storm response unless leave has been pre-authorized by the Borough Manager during said period. When so notified by the Borough, DPW Personnel shall at all times carry any mobile telephone issued to them by the Borough and shall further make a reasonable effort to maintain an adequate level of power in the battery of same. Borough issued mobile telephones are to be used for official business only, and every reasonable effort shall be made to answer any and all calls originating from: the Warren County Emergency Operations Center, the Borough Manager, or the DPW Supervisor. At no time shall the Warren County Emergency Operations Center, the Borough Manager, or the DPW Supervisor, place calls to an employee's mobile telephone outside of normal working hours unless the call is directly related to emergency call-out or an ongoing emergency response. If calls cannot be answered by the employee, a returned call should be made as soon as reasonably possible in order to inform the Warren County Emergency Operations Center, the Borough Manager, or the DPW Supervisor as to the status of the employee's ability to respond. Failure to respond in a timely manner to two (2) emergency call outs between November 1 and March 31st may result in commencement of disciplinary measures consistent with the terms set forth herein.

2. Employees required to work emergency storm response during a mandatory travel restriction that has resulted in the closure of Borough offices in accordance with Article XIII, section 6, shall be compensated at two (2x) their hourly rate. In these situations, employees may elect to take compensatory time at their discretion. Compensatory time shall be scheduled in consultation with the DPW Supervisor.

3. Employees called in pursuant to snow emergency response, or for any other Borough emergency, for two (2) hours in length or more shall be compensated at the appropriate overtime rate for an additional thirty (30) minutes to account for travel and preparation related to emergency response.

4. In addition to snow removal or any other emergency resulting in on-call employees responding to an emergency, when circumstances warrant, overtime may be required of the employee by his/her supervisor, provided twenty-four (24) hours notification is given. Notification of less than twenty-four (24) hours may be given if an emergency or unforeseen situation arises it demands immediate attention. Overtime may be refused for reasons of health or in the case of an employee who had other time off approved in advance. All overtime must be approved by the employees and by a supervisor. Emergency or extenuating circumstances may prevent supervisory approval of overtime prior to working overtime. Any employee falling within this scenario shall continue to work as needed but should notify his/ her supervisor as soon as is reasonably possible. An employee failing to adequately justify overtime hours shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings for the unjustified hours worked.

(e) Equalization of overtime opportunity

Overtime shall be scheduled and distributed by seniority on a rotational basis by classification within each work unit without discrimination provided it does not impair operations. Employees within their work unit

who are qualified and capable of performing to work without additional training shall be called upon to perform such work. A list showing the rotational order and overtime call status of each employee and a record of the total overtime worked and refused by each employee shall be maintained in the work unit.

(f) Payment of compensatory time upon death

In the event of an employee's death while in the employ of the Borough, the amount of compensatory time earned but unusual be paid to the estate of the deceased at the established rate of pay at the time of the employee's death.

(g) Meals for Overtime

The Borough agrees to pay a meal allowance in the regular check to DPW employees on overtime at \$10.00 for breakfast, \$15.00 for lunch, and \$20.00 for dinner, when on duty at 4 a.m. for breakfast, 12 p.m. for lunch, and 6 p.m. for dinner.

ARTICLE XX: COMPENSATION

Section 1-Rates of Pay

The Borough will pay each employee on a twice per month basis. Regular pay day shall be on the 15th and the last day of the month. If the regular pay day falls on a weekend, then pay day, shall be the Friday proceeding. If the regular pay day falls on a holiday, then payday shall be the preceding day. Each salary check shall represent payment for the hours worked in current pay period and overtime work, if any, in the preceding work period.

An employee may accept additional work for the Borough under a different classification on a part-time or temporary basis, provided the hours worked do not interfere with the employee's normal hours of work. Work performed under a separate job classification on a part-time or temporary basis shall be compensated at the rate approved for the class title. Overtime shall be paid for all hours worked at the secondary classification. Employees will be compensated whenever possible at a rate of pay identical to their current pay in the regular position except when the wage or salary range for the secondary job class title would be surpassed, in which case the employee will be paid at the top rate in the wage or salary range for the secondary classification. If the employee does not receive the minimum wage or salary established for the secondary classification, then the employee shall have his/her rate of pay computed based upon the starting salary in the secondary classification.

Section 2- Base Rates of Pay

(a) Employee shall be paid in accordance with the salary step system listed in Appendix C for each job classification. Appendix C shall be modified to reflect the following across-the-board increases:

Effective January 1, 2022.	3.00%
Effective January 1, 2023.	3.50%
Effective January 1, 2024.	3.25%

Movement through the step system shall be subject to a satisfactory evaluation as described in article XXIII, based on: the employee's credited years of service with the Borough and shall occur as follow:

1. Effective January 1st of each year of this agreement, employees will move to the salary step listed for the employee job classification and credited years of service with the Borough as of January 1st of that year;
2. On the employee's anniversary date of employment, the employee will move to the next salary step listed for that calendar year for the employee's job classification. The anniversary date is the pay period in which an employee is eligible for a salary increase for example, and employee is appointed to a position on August 16th. The first full pay period following that date of appointment is pay period which begins September 1st. All employees will receive the Anniversary salary step each year of this Agreement with the exception of those employees who have reached the maximum salary step in their job classifications.

Section 3-salary adjustment for promotions

1. An employee's rate of pay will be adjusted upon promotion by determining the lowest salary step in the new classification that is higher than the employees' current rate of pay plus one additional step. If the lowest salary step in the new classification that is higher than the employees' current rate of pay would result in the employee receiving more than \$1,500 increase, the employee will remain at that salary step.
2. If an employee receives more than a \$1,500 increase upon promotion comma then for the purpose of movement through the step system only, as outlined in Subsection (2)(a) above, the employee's anniversary

date of employment shall be changed to the effective date on which the employee received a promotion.

Section 4-Out of Title Work

A public works employee who works 8 hours in one day, out of title, in a job classification with a higher salary or wage range shall be entitled to additional compensation for that day at a rate of his or her current rate of pay plus ten (10%) percent.

Section 5 Salary Scale

The appropriate salary scale may be found in Appendix C of this contract.

ARTICLE XXI: JOB ACTIONS

A. The Union agrees that during the life of this agreement it will not authorize, sanction, condone, direct or participate in, nor will it advised, direct, counsel, aid or abet, or assist any employee in, any job action against the Borough for purposes of this section "job action" shall be defined as any strike, boycott, slow down, sick-in, sick-out, or similar action.

B. The Union agrees that it will do everything in its power to prevent its members from participating in any strike, work stoppage, slowdown or other activities aforementioned or support any such actions by any other employee or group of employees of the Borough and that the union will publicly disavow such action and order all such members who participate in such activities to cease and desist from same immediately and to return to work and take such other steps as may be necessary under the circumstances to bring about compliance with the Union's order.

C. In the event of job actions as described above, it is agreed that participation in any such activity by any employee covered under this agreement shall entitle the Borough to take any disciplinary action up to and including termination of such an employee. Such discipline shall be appealable under Article XV of the contract and New Jersey Department of Personnel Regulations.

D. Nothing contained in this agreement shall be construed to limit or restrict the Borough in its right to seek and obtain such judicial relief as it may be entitled to have for injunction or damages or both, in the event of such breach by the Union.

ARTICLE XXII: EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS

Employee evaluation will be conducted once a year for all employees. Supervisors doing evaluation will receive training. Employees who are in the step system will be evaluated 6 months prior to their anniversary. If the employee receives an unsatisfactory evaluation, a corrective action plan will be prepared and the employee will be evaluated again in 3 months and at the anniversary. If the evaluation is still unsatisfactory the employee will not receive a step increase. Continue to unsatisfactory evaluation can result in further disciplinary action, including termination of employment.

ARTICLE XXIII: TERM OF AGREEMENT AND RENEWAL

This agreement shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 2022 and shall remain in effect to and including December 31, 2024 without any reopening date and shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing only executed by duly authorized representatives of both parties. This agreement shall continue in full force and effect from year to year thereafter, unless either of the parties gives notice, in writing, at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration date of this agreement of a desire to change, modify or terminate this agreement. It is the intention of the parties that members of the Union shall retain such benefits or conditions of employment as specifically provided for in this agreement and these benefits and conditions of employment shall continue until such time as either amended or suspended by a new contract with the employee group covered by this agreement.

ARTICLE XXIV: SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS

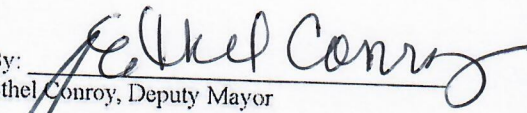
If any provisions of this agreement or any application of this agreement is held to be contrary to Law, then such Provisions or application shall not be deemed valid accepting the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or application shall continue in full force and effect.

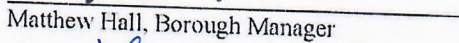
ARTICLE XXV: FULLY BARGAINED AGREEMENT

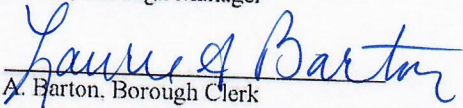
The parties hereto mutually acknowledge and agree that this agreement embodies the entire agreement and understanding between the parties on all issues which were or could have been the subject of bargaining, and that there exist no separate agreements between the parties which alter the terms whereof or which are in addition to the term hereof.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, The Borough and the Union have caused this agreement to be signed by their duly authorized representative as of this _____ day of _____ 2022


FOR BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON:

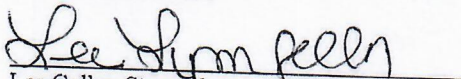
By: 
Ethel Conroy, Deputy Mayor

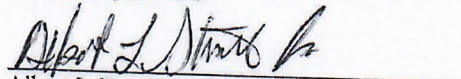

Matthew Hall, Borough Manager

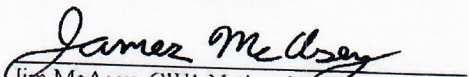
Attest: 
Laurie A. Barton, Borough Clerk

FOR COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO:


David Hamer-Hodges, Staff Representative
C.W.A. Local #1032


Lee Geller, Steward


Albert L. Strunk Jr, Steward


Jim McAsey, CWA National Representative

APPENDIX A - JOB TITLES IN BARGAINING UNIT

*Please note the titles changes here as per Civil Service Title Consolidation.

Account Clerk
Administrative Clerk
Assistant Municipal Tax Collector
Building Maintenance Worker
Clerk 1
Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer
Equipment Operator
Keyboard Clerk 1 (formerly Clerk Typist)
Keyboard Clerk 2 (formerly Senior Clerk Typist)
Keyboard Clerk 3
Laborer 1 (formerly Laborer)
Library Assistant
Road Repairer 3 (formerly Assistant Supervisor Streets)
Road Repairer Supervisor (formerly Supervisor Streets)
Senior Account Clerk
Truck Driver

APPENDIX B

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
Chapter 13

ARTICLE 1

Indemnification
[Adopted 9-16-86 as Ord NO. 18-86]

Subsection 13-1. Definitions

For the purpose of this Article, Unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning set forth:

INSURANCE -- Coverage afforded by insurance policies of every kind, whether the premiums are paid by the Borough, the municipal official or someone on his behalf.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL – Any officer, employee, board member or committee member appointed or hired by the Mayor of Borough Council of the Borough of Washington whether full-time or part-time. the term shall also include any person elected by the voters of the Borough of Washington to fill any official position in the Borough of any person subsequently appointed to fill such position.

Subsection 13-2. Reimbursement of expenses: exceptions

- A. Subject to the provisions of this Article. The Borough of Washington shall reimburse a municipal official for all expenses incurred, specifically including reasonable attorney fees and court costs, and all monetary judgements, excluding punitive damages, imposed upon him in any action of legal proceeding of non-criminal nature arising out of or incidental to the performance of the duties of the position of office held by such municipal official.
- B. Exceptions. The Borough shall not be obligated to provide reimbursement in the following instances:
1. Where the legal proceeding is instigated or brought by municipal official.
 2. Where the legal proceeding involves a claim of misfeasance or malfeasance in office, or claim of fraud, theft or misappropriation of public funds. And the municipal official is found liable for the charge.
 3. Where legal proceeding is instigated or brought by Borough of Washington against the municipal official.
 4. Where the legal proceeding involves a question concerning the elective laws.

Subsection 13-3. Amount of Reimbursement

The amount the Borough is obliged to reimburse the municipal official shall be reduced by any insurance coverage payable to the municipal official by the net amount (recovery less attorney fees, disbursements and court costs) of any money received by the municipal official in any counteraction against the person or persons bringing the action against him.

Subsection 13-4. Cooperation with Borough

A municipal official shall not be entitled to indemnification or reimbursement pursuant to this Article unless, within ten (10) calendar days of the time he is served with any summons, complaint, process, notice, demand or pleading, he delivers the original or a copy thereof to the Municipal Attorney. The Municipal Attorney shall be obligated to cooperate with the Borough in the conduct of the municipal official's defense. Whenever competent and disinterested legal counsel is available to the Borough through any insurance coverages, the municipal official shall be obliged to be represented by such counsel. If the Borough wishes to use the Municipal Attorney or the attorney for any board or committee of the Borough to defend the action, the municipal shall be obligated to be represented by that attorney unless there is a conflict of interest. The refusal of the municipal official to cooperate with the Borough shall terminate the Borough's obligation to reimburse the municipal official.

Subsection 13-5. Settlements

If the legal proceeding is terminated by an agreement amongst the parties, then the Borough shall not be obligated to reimburse the municipal official unless the Borough approves the settlement agreement.

Subsection 13-6. Counter actions

If the municipal official files a counteraction in the legal proceedings, The Borough shall not be obliged to reimburse him for any attorney fees or court costs attributable to such counteraction.

Subsection 13-7. Payments

The Borough may reimburse a municipal official for a portion of expenses incurred prior t a final decision in a legal proceeding, but the Borough shall be entitled to wait for a final determination before being obligated to make any payments,

Subsection 13-8. Members of Borough Police Department

REMOVED CWA Contract 1/2022-12/2024

APPENDIX C – SALARY SCALE

Note: Part Time Clerical employees covered under this agreement shall be paid an hourly rate of pay computed by dividing the salary noted below 1,820 hours per year.

Note: Part Time DPW employees covered under this agreement shall be paid an hourly rate of pay computed by dividing the salary noted below 2,080 hours per year.

SALARY SCALE CWA 2022-2024

	2021	2022	2023	2024
		2.50%	3.00%	3.50%
	3.25%			
Road Repairer Supervisor				
1 st				
Year		72,247	74,414	77,01
8	79,521			
2 nd				
Year		73,789	76,003	78,66
3	81,220			
3 rd				
Year		75,331	77,591	80,30
7	82,917			
4 th				

Year 0	84,613	76,873	79,179	81,95
5 th Year				
4	86,311	78,415	80,767	83,59
6 th Year				
6	88,006	79,955	82,354	85,23
7 th Year				
4	89,708	81,501	83,946	86,88
8 th year				
	91,410	83,048	85,539	88,533

Road Repairer

3	2021	2022	2023	2024
	3.25%	2.50%	3.00%	3.50%
1 st Year				
9	73,337	66,628	68,627	71,02
2 nd Year				
2	75,375	68,479	70,533	73,00
3 rd Year				
7	77,414	70,332	72,442	74,97
4 th Year				
0	79,451	72,183	74,348	76,95
5 th Year				
7	81,492	74,037	76,258	78,92
6 th Year				
0	83,509	75,869	78,145	80,88
7 th Year				
2	85,565	77,738	80,070	82,87
8 th year				
	87,609	79,594	81,982	84,851

Equipment Operator, Keyboard Clerk

3

2021

2022

2023

2024

3.25%

2.50%

3.00%

3.50%

1st

Year

9

65,728

59,715

61,506

63,65

2nd

Year

6

67,769

61,569

63,416

65,63

3rd

Year

7

69,804

63,418

65,321

67,60

4th

Year

8

71,839

65,267

67,225

69,57

5th

Year

4

73,880

67,120

69,134

71,55

6th

Year

8

75,918

68,973

71,042

73,52

7th

Year

0

77,954

70,822

72,947

75,50

8th

year

79,998

72,680

74,860

77,480

Truck Driver

2024

2021

2022

2023

3.25%

2.50%

3.00%

3.50%

1st

Year

9

58,955

53,561

55,168

57,09

2nd

Year

0

61,093

55,504

57,169

59,17

3 rd Year		57,450	59,174	61,24
5	63,235			
4 th Year		59,369	61,178	63,31
9	65,377			
5 th Year		61,337	63,177	65,38
8	67,513			
6 th Year		63,283	65,181	67,46
2	69,655			
7 th Year		65,231	67,188	69,54
0	71,800			
8 th year		67,177	69,192	71,614
	73,941			

**Building Maintenance
Worker**

	2021	2022	2023	2024
	3.25%	2.50%	3.00%	3.50%
1 st Year		49,776	51,269	53,06
3	54,788			
2 nd Year		51,322	52,862	54,71
2	56,490			
3 rd Year		52,861	54,447	56,35
3	58,184			
4 th Year		54,404	56,036	57,99
7	59,882			
5 th Year		55,946	57,624	59,64
1	61,579			
6 th Year		57,489	59,214	61,28
6	63,278			
7 th Year		59,030	60,801	62,92
9	64,974			
8 th				

year	66,679	60,579	62,396	64,580
Laborer				
1		2021	2022	2023
4				202
	3.25%	2.50%	3.00%	3.50%
1 st				
Year		45,124	46,478	48,10
5	49,668			
2 nd				
Year		46,712	48,113	49,79
7	51,415			
3 rd				
Year		48,305	49,754	51,49
5	53,169			
4 th				
Year		49,894	51,391	53,19
0	54,919			
5 th				
Year		51,485	53,030	54,88
6	56,670			
6 th				
Year		53,074	54,666	56,57
9	58,418			
7 th				
Year		54,662	56,302	58,27
3	60,167			
8 th				
year		56,258	57,946	59,974
	61,923			
Administrative				
Clerk				
4		2021	2022	2023
				202
	3.25%	2.50%	3.00%	3.50%
1 st				
Year		55,699	57,370	59,37
8	61,308			
2 nd				
Year		59,304	61,083	63,22
1	65,276			
3 rd				
Year		62,910	64,797	67,06

5	69,245			
4 th				
Year				
1	73,216	66,517	68,513	70,91
5 th				
Year				
5	77,185	70,123	72,227	74,75
6 th				
Year				
9	81,153	73,729	75,941	78,59
7 th				
Year				
2	85,121	77,334	79,654	82,44
8 th				
year				
	89,095	80,945	83,373	86,291

Assistant Municipal Tax Collector

	2021	2022	2023	2024
	3.25%	2.50%	3.00%	3.50%
1 st				
Year				
6	53,015	48,165	49,610	51,34
2 nd				
Year				
3	56,367	51,211	52,747	54,59
3 rd				
Year				
7	59,717	54,253	55,881	57,83
4 th				
Year				
5	63,070	57,300	59,019	61,08
5 th				
Year				
2	66,423	60,347	62,157	64,33
6 th				
Year				
7	69,773	63,390	65,292	67,57
7 th				
Year				
		66,519	68,515	70,91

3 8 th year	73,218			
	76,475	69,479	71,563	74,068

Supervising Library Assistant

		2021	2022	2023	2024
	3.25%		2.50%	3.00%	3.50%
1 st Year			42,951	44,240	45,78
8	47,276				
2 nd Year			45,432	46,795	48,43
3	50,007				
3 rd Year			47,917	49,355	51,08
2	52,742				
4 th Year			50,401	51,913	53,73
0	55,476				
5 th Year			53,006	54,596	56,50
7	58,343				
6 th Year			55,320	56,980	58,97
4	60,891				
7 th Year			57,857	59,593	61,67
9	63,684				
8 th year			60,334	62,144	64,319
	66,409				

Account Clerk, Keyboarding Clerk

		2021	2022	2023	2024
	3.25%		2.50%	3.00%	3.50%
1 st Year			40,250	41,458	42,90
9	44,304				
2 nd Year			43,115	44,408	45,96
2	47,456				
3 rd					

Year 0 4 th	50,190	45,598	46,966	48,61
Year 8 5 th	52,924	48,083	49,525	51,25
Year 6 6 th	55,658	50,566	52,083	53,90
Year 8 7 th	58,396	53,053	54,645	56,55
Year 6 8 th	61,130	55,538	57,204	59,20
year	63,861	58,018	59,759	61,851

Library Assistant, Keyboarding Clerk

1	2021	2022	2023	2024
	3.25%	2.50%	3.00%	3.50%
1 st Year 6	39,107	35,529	36,595	37,87
2 nd Year 8	41,473	37,680	38,810	40,16
3 rd Year 5	43,845	39,834	41,029	42,46
4 th Year 0	46,215	41,986	43,246	44,76
5 th Year 5	48,584	44,140	45,464	47,05
6 th Year 0	50,954	46,292	47,681	49,35
7 th Year 3	53,321	48,444	49,897	51,64
8 th year		50,599	52,117	53,941

55,694

Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer

	2021	2022	2023	2024
	3.25%	2.50%	3.00%	3.50%
1 st Year		55,288	56,947	58,94
0	60,856			
2 nd Year		57,356	59,077	61,14
5	63,132			
3 rd Year		59,510	61,295	63,44
0	65,502			
4 th Year		61,749	63,601	65,82
7	67,966			
5 th Year		64,077	65,999	68,30
9	70,529			
6 th Year		66,499	68,494	70,89
1	73,195			
7 th Year		69,017	71,088	73,57
6	75,967			
8 th year		71,636	73,785	76,367
	78,849			

Clerk

	2021	2022	2023
	2.50%	3.00%	min. wage
1			
2024			
\$14 min. wage \$15			
1 st Year		23,397	24,099
8	27,300		25,48
2 nd Year		24,625	25,364
9	28,737		26,82

3 rd Year		25,918	26,696	28,24
1	30,249			
4 th Year		27,280	28,098	29,72
7	31,841			
5 th Year		28,711	29,572	31,29
2	33,517			
6 th Year		30,219	31,126	32,93
9	35,281			
7 th Year		31,425	32,368	34,67
3	37,138			
8 th year		32,824	33,809	36,498
	39,093			

Senior Account Clerk

4		2021	2022	2023	202
	3.25%	2.50%	3.00%	3.50%	
1 st Year		58,018	59,759	61,85	
1	63,861				
2 nd Year		60,048	61,849	64,01	
4	66,094				
3 rd Year		62,151	64,016	66,25	
7	68,410				
4 th Year		64,136	66,060	68,37	
2	70,594				
5 th Year		66,381	68,372	70,76	
5	73,065				
6 th Year		68,704	70,765	73,24	
2	75,622				
7 th Year		71,109	73,242	75,80	
5	78,269				

8th

year

81,009

73,598

75,806

78,459

APPENDIX D – Donated Sick Leave Program

There will be times when an employee suffers from a catastrophic illness or injury which necessitates the employee's prolonged absence from work and for which the employee has no available paid leave. The Borough recognizes that co-workers would like to assist their fellow employees under such circumstances by volunteering to donate a portion of their accumulated benefit days to the employee(s) suffering from the catastrophic illness or injury. The Borough of Washington will at all times comply with all applicable laws, statutes and regulations.

Donated Leave Program Eligibility and Procedure

A Borough employee may be eligible to receive donated sick or vacation leave if the employee:

- A. Has completed at least one year of continuous service; and
- B. Has exhausted all accrued sick, vacation and administrative leave, all sick leave injury benefits, if any, and all compensatory time off, if any, as of the date the desired absence would commence; and
- C. Has not, in the two-year period immediately preceding the employee's need for donated leave, been disciplined for chronic or excessive absenteeism, chronic or excessive lateness or abuse of leave; and
- D. Either:
 - i. Suffers from catastrophic health condition or injury

- ii. Is needed to provide care to a member of the employee's immediate family who is suffering from a catastrophic health condition or injury; or
- iii. Requires absence from work due to the donation of an organ (which shall include, for example, the donation of bone marrow).

A Borough employee shall request that the Borough approve his or her participation in the program, as a leave recipient or leave donor. The employee's supervisor may make such a request on behalf of the employee for his or her participation in the program as a leave recipient.

- A. The employee or supervisor requesting the employee's acceptance as a leave recipient shall submit to the appointing authority medical verification from a physician or other licensed health care provider concerning the nature and anticipated duration of the disability resulting from either the catastrophic health condition of injury, or the donation of an organ, as the case may be. If the employee's leave extends beyond the anticipated return to work date as set forth in the Physician or Health Professional's certification then updated verifications must be submitted to the Borough for continued eligibility to utilize donated leave.
- B. When the Borough has approved an employee as a leave recipient, the appointing authority or their designee shall, with the employee's consent, post or circulate the employee's name along with those of other eligible employees in a conspicuous manner to encourage the donation of leave time, and shall provide notice to all negotiation representatives in that appointing authority.

If the employee is unable to consent to this posting or circulation, the employee's family may consent on his or her behalf.

An employee who is a recipient of the program will be allocated benefit days based on the physician's anticipated duration of the illness or injury. Of the employee returns to work prior to the anticipated date of return, the remaining donated leave days will be returned to employees who donated leave time.

Under no circumstances may an employee receive temporary disability (TDI) benefits for the same period that they are paid wages from donated leave time or while using any of their own paid leave time. Temporary Disability Benefits law requires that an employee must use all donated leave before TDI benefits can be paid.

Definition of Catastrophic Illness or Injury

With respect to an employee, a "catastrophic health condition or injury" is either:

- A. A life-threatening condition or combination of conditions; or
- B. A period of disability required by his or her mental or physical health or the health of employee's fetus which requires the care of a physician who provides a medical verification of the need for the employee's absence from work for 60 or more days.

With respect to an employee's immediate family member, a "catastrophic health condition or injury" is either

- A. A life-threatening condition or combination of conditions; or
- B. A period of disability required by his or her mental or physical health which requires the care of a physician who provides a medical verification of the need for the family member's care by the employee for 60 or more work days.

Medical verification of the existence and continuation of such a condition will be required for the entire duration of the illness precipitating the employee's leave. Should the employee fail to provide the Borough with written medical verification of the continuing condition, they may be terminated from the donated leave program.

Procedure for Donations

A leave recipient must receive at least five sick days or vacation days or a combination thereof from one or more leave donors to participate in the donated leave program.

A leave recipient shall receive no more than 260 sick days or vacations days, and shall not receive any such days on a retroactive basis.

A leave donor shall have remaining at least 20 days of accrued sick leave if donation sick leave and at least 12 days of accrued vacation leave if donating vacation leave.

Employees shall not donate more than thirty (30) sick days to any one recipient. All donated leave days must be whole days (sick or vacation).

A leave donor shall not revoke the leave donation.

While using donated leave time, the leave recipient shall accrue sick leave and vacation leave and administration leave and be entitled to retain such

leave upon his or her return to work.

Upon retirement, the leave recipient shall not be granted supplemental compensation on retirement for any unused sick days which he or she had received through the leave donation program.

Any unused, donated leave shall be returned to the leave donors on a prorated basis upon the leave recipient's return to work, except that if the proration of leave days results in less than one day per donor to be returned, that leave time shall not be returned.

Employees will be required to fill out and sign a form designating the number of days they wish to donate. The Human Resources Department or the donating employee's department or division, pursuant to a directive from Human Resources, will adjust the employee's accumulated leave hours amount and notify the donating employee of their new total.

Donation of leave time shall not be counted as an absence by the donor for attendance awards eligibility or for any other purpose.