
TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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The Regular Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Bettina Bieri.

Adequate Notice Statement

Mayor Bieri read the following statement:

Please note that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this Regular meeting was advertised in the Herald News in its issue of December 24, 2017 and December 31, 2017; copies were provided to the Suburban Trends, the Record and Star Ledger and posted continuously on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Please also make note of all fire and emergency exits - located to the left, right, and rear of this room - for use in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Agenda No. I

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bieri led all in attendance in a salute to the flag.

Agenda No. II

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Andrena Pegel, Mike Hensley, Tim Wagner, Peter McGuinness
Luciano Signorino, Patricia Gerst, Mayor Bettina Bieri
Absent: None
Also Present: Township Administrator/Clerk Antoinette Battaglia

Agenda No. III

Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

January 3, 2018 Reorganization Meeting
January 3, 2018 Workshop Meeting
January 3, 2018 Executive Session

Moved: McGuinness Seconded: Wagner
Voted Aye: Pegel, Hensley, Wagner, McGuinness, Signorino, Gerst
Voted Nay: None
Motion Carried:

Agenda No. IV

Meetings

Mayor Bieri noted the future meeting schedule:

February 7, 2018 Workshop Meeting
February 21, 2018 Regular Meeting
March 7, 2018 Workshop Meeting

Agenda No. V

Executive Session

None

Agenda No. VI

Proclamations

None

Agenda No. VII

Presentations

Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission, Mr. Paul Zarrillo, Hewitt – Thanked the Governing Body for giving him the opportunity to speak, and he wished everyone a successful and happy New Year. He thanked the Governing Body for supporting the resolution to receive similar funding like Lake Hopatcong. Mr. Zarrillo said the Greenwood Lake Bi-state Commission is asking the Governing Body to adopt a resolution implementing a user fee in the event that they do not receive permanent funding from the State.

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He noted that the Commission would also be presenting their case to the Village of Greenwood Lake and Warwick New York. He provided the Governing Body with an estimated user fee budget. He mentioned that he contacted Lake George because he wanted to see how their user fee was implemented and governed over the past 20-30 years. He explained that everything is operating well except Lake George indicated that last year they increased their ticket prices by \$10-\$15 to boats that are docked on the lake. He said he hopes that the Commission would have the Governing Body's support if they need to implement a user fee.

Discussion:

Councilman Wagner asked how many boats are on the lake, and Mr. Zarrillo said there is an estimated 3,000 boats docked on the lake. Mayor Bieri asked Mr. Zarrillo if he was requesting the resolution or just informing the Governing Body, and Mr. Zarrillo said he was requesting a resolution because it will be an endless fight with the State to try and get permanent. Councilman McGuinness asked how the Commission plans on regulating and policing the user fee. Mr. Zarrillo said that the New York Police are on the lake daily, and the State Police will be on the lake every weekend. He said the State Police told him that there would be no problem issuing tickets. Councilman McGuinness mentioned that the Township would have to pass an ordinance. Mr. Zarrillo said the only problem last time was that the user fee was not in the State legislation, and this year they plan to have it in the legislation. Councilman McGuinness asked if a homeowner on the lake with a dock would have to pay the user fee, and Mr. Zarrillo said they would prefer not to enforce the user fee for homeowners, but they might have no other choice.

Mayor Bieri said that she believes in user fees and she will support the Commission. She mentioned that lake users should be funding the lake for improvements, and if the user fee is instituted in a proper manner it could be regulated; users would not receive their boat registration or permit if they do not pay the user fee. Mr. Zarrillo pointed out that anyone who owns a \$30,000 - \$40,000 boat could afford a \$30 yearly user fee to clean up the lake. Councilman Wagner said that his concern is the user fee could be a potential problem because Lake Hopatcong is not charging a user fee, and the Commission could receive money from the bill that just passed for Lake Hopatcong. He agrees that they need funding and the lake has to be sustainable, but he feels that the Senator would not put the effort behind another bill to get funding for Greenwood Lake if they start charging a user fee. Mr. Zarrillo said he doesn't disagree, and noted that in the packets, there are future initiatives and some of the proposed projects; \$22,000 for geese control management, \$25,000 for removal of floating stumps, and \$250,000 for herbicide programs, so the lake definitely needs funding. He said that he had a meeting with Senator Pennacchio, and he said that Senator Pennacchio informed him that the grant money fund where the \$500,000 is coming from for Lake Hopatcong has a balance of \$700,000; there is \$200,000 remaining, and there is little chance that Greenwood Lake would get the remaining money. Mr. Zarrillo said that Senator Pennacchio would support a user fee.

Councilman Signorino said he is against the user fee and he believes its additional taxation. He sees the user fee impacting the lake in the wrong way because of the bureaucracy and the taxing authority. He mentioned that the Commission has worked very hard and accomplished great things with a shoe string budget. Mayor Bieri suggested seeking funding in all other ways first before implementing a user fee. Councilman Wagner mentioned that the lake provides water to over a million residents, so it's more important than Lake Hopatcong. He asked if they received a response from Senator Pennacchio's office in reference to the letter that the Governing Body sent. Councilman Signorino suggested changing the verbiage of the letter and sending it again. Councilman Hensley said that he agrees with Councilman Signorino and Councilman Wagner, and he believes that Lake Hopatcong should receive \$250,000 and Greenwood Lake should receive \$250,000. Mayor Bieri believes they would prefer to see the money come from the State, and it would be better for them to hold off on the resolution and try to argue their point of the importance of the lake and the quality of the water supply. Councilman McGuinness mentioned that he has always paid a user fee for Lake George; he supports the user fee because it will benefit his voting pleasure. Councilman Signorino suggested a voluntary contribution, because there are plenty of people that would like to help the lake, and Mr. Zarrillo said that would not address the projects that they need money for. Councilman Wagner noted that the residents who live on the lake already pay enough taxes, and the user fee seems like additional taxation. The Governing Body and Mr. Zarrillo agreed to seek additional funding from the State and other resources first, before adopting a resolution and implementing a user fee.

Budget Discussion: Preliminary Review of Debt Management Plan, the Capital Budget and Issues Affecting the 2018 Municipal Budget – Mr. Casey began with an overview of a potential schedule which mirrors the past few years. His goal is to present the budget to the Governing Body on February 21st, and that night they will review the assessed value and annual financial statements. He noted that the State's budget will be released the second week in February, and then the Township will receive their State certification of funds. He urged the Governing Body to meet with the Department Heads and follow the schedule between the end of February and March. Mayor Bieri suggested continuing on the track that Mr. Casey recommended and holding the budget meetings on Wednesdays.

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Mayor Bieri asked if it would be beneficial to convert bans to bonds; would it save money and is the interest rate lower. Mr. Casey explained that they could roll over a ban without paying principal twice. On the third rollover, they will make their first payment, interest, and 5% of the principal against the balance. He said that a ban can be paid off at any time, and it has to be retired by year ten. He noted that the interest rates for bans are about 1.5% less than bonds. Councilman Signorino asked what the program was in 2010 and 2011. Mr. Casey said his spreadsheet reflects from 2014, and he used 2014 as his base year coming forward. Councilman Signorino said he wants to see how they got to that number. Mr. Casey explained that all the bonds that they issued were on the spreadsheet since 2007. Mr. Casey noted that several of the bans that were issued in 2015 and 2016 have come due, so the Township has to start paying the 5%. Councilman Signorino noted that a good part of the debt that the Township recently incurred was the library, and Mr. Casey said the library payment was listed on the spreadsheet, and he pointed out the library's payment schedule. Mayor Bieri noted that the Township has saved a significant amount of money building the library, owning the property, and not renting from the Board of Education.

Mr. Casey said the goal is to reduce the 2019 and 2020 budget because those years are ballooning. He presented the 2017 approved capital budget, and said an issue that they never spent time on was the future years. He mentioned that the first issue in 2017 was the Governing Body spent a lot of money on Nosenzo Park that was funded out of the trust fund. Mr. Casey noted that every few years the Township spends a fair amount of money renovating fields, so the fields need to be placed on a revolving basis. Mr. Casey said that the DPW is a facility with heavy equipment, and the Township will always spend a fair amount of money on public works and roads. Councilman Signorino asked the amount that was put in to the operating budget for the roads, and Mr. Casey said approximately \$150,000. Councilman Signorino said there were additional funds that went towards the road resurfacing that were not in the capital budget, and hopefully they could mirror that this year. Mr. Casey mentioned that they need to reach an agreement with the DPW and Fire Department in regards to a vehicle/equipment replacement schedule. Mayor Bieri suggested purchasing similar equipment and rotating the equipment because some vehicles get more mileage than others. She mentioned that she suggested standardizing in the past, and it needs to be done to save the Township money.

Mr. Casey provided an overview of the 2018 capital budget. Councilman Wagner asked what they received from the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) last year, and Mr. Casey said a grant for \$250,000. Councilman Wagner noted that there is more funding in the TTF as of 2016, and they were told that they were going to receive additional funding. Mr. Casey noted that the Township received an additional \$248,000 last year, and they have been very successful every year getting grants from the State. Councilman Wagner asked how much additional state funding they received and Mr. Casey said they have to apply for the grants, and the grants get evaluated one by one. Mr. Casey said the issue is trying to continue to get \$250,000 a year in grants. Councilman Signorino requested the amount of grant money that was received from the State in the past five years, and how much was received since the new tax law was enacted. Councilman Wagner said his concern is that Assemblywoman DeCroce said West Milford should expect more funding, and that will help the budget; he suggested reaching out to her.

Mr. Casey said the idea of handing down and the repurposing of police vehicles is not working, and he said they need to have a discussion on that. He noted that some of the vehicles have been wrecked in car accidents. Mr. Casey said that the Fire Department requested to upgrade the radio system; that should be discussed because if they don't have adequate communication on sight, it needs to be addressed. He mentioned that the generator that was supposed to be relocated from Hillcrest to the PAL is too small, and it can't accommodate the size of the PAL building. Mr. Casey suggested relocating the generator from Hillcrest to the DPW, so the DPW has the proper generator to keep the mechanical garage operating during inclement weather. Mr. Casey explained that there is a major remediation issue; it has been cited by the DEP as contamination and the Township is going to have to start spending money on addressing those issues. Mr. Casey said the next step is to schedule the budget meetings. Mayor Bieri asked the Governing Body how they would like to schedule the budget meetings. Administrator Battaglia mentioned that there are two free Wednesdays before the February workshop meeting. Councilman Signorino suggested next Tuesday, January 23rd for a special budget meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Governing Body gave consensus for a special budget meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd. Mayor Bieri noted that administration will send out the normal requested budget meeting dates to determine everyone's availability.

Administrator Battaglia said she asked Mr. Roetman and Mrs. Mageean to inform the Governing Body of the fee ordinance for Bubbling Springs and the affect that the new minimum wage could have financially. Mr. Roetman noted that this request is based on Mr. Casey's recommendation. He said that the Governor and Legislator will pass a minimum wage increase for 2018, so they are anticipating a minimum wage of \$10.25 an hour. He explained that based on that projection, they submitted a revised Bubbling Spring lake and day camp budget showing that the expenses for those programs, salary and wages, will increase the operating budget because of the minimum wage increase. Mr. Casey noted that the wage increase has already been passed and it will impact the budget. Mr. Roetman said they increased the day camp and lake membership fees, but the fees are competitive compared to the other camps in the area. Mr. Roetman asked the Governing Body to consider a fee ordinance for 2018 because it has to be in place in order to sell the programs. The Governing Body gave consensus, and Administrator Battaglia said the ordinance will be on the next meeting agenda for action.

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Unfinished Business, Final Passage Of Ordinances

None

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Public Comments

Mayor Bieri opened the meeting to the public after advising that there is a five-minute limit for each speaker.

John Mc Grath, 30 Longstreak Road, Newfoundland – Said he is one of the many residents that keep bees on their property, and he would like to make the Township and the Governing Body aware of a set of laws and regulations that they oppose. He mentioned that the regulations will negatively affect the bees and the beekeepers; 80% of the food supply comes from pollination. He said they are asking the Township for their support in opposing the new regulations.

Mr. John Matarese, Franklin Lakes, NJ, Vice President, Northeast New Jersey Beekeepers Association – Thanked the Governing Body for giving him the opportunity to speak. He spoke about the local ordinances that are prohibiting beekeeping, and how they are different in each town. He expressed that it's become a bureaucratic train wreck. He said that the proposed regulations that they put forth will have a chilling effect upon beekeeping in New Jersey, and its humiliating as a State. He noted that there are about 3,500 beekeepers across the state, and about 38 are commercial beekeepers with 20 or more hives; the legislation will dramatically affect backyard hobby beekeepers. He noted that honeybees pollinate 70-80% of food and all of our trees, so they can't lose the honeybee. They are looking for support from local municipalities; a resolution against the proposed beekeeping regulations.

Councilman McGuinness asked what the parity is that they are seeking. Mr. Matarese explained that the Department of Agriculture has an oversight on the beekeeping, and they go by a 1 ½ page document; best practices for beekeeping in densely populated areas. He said that the State Beekeeper Inspector comes to inspect all the hives to make sure they are being kept properly, and free of disease. He said that with the proposed regulations, it will have the reciprocal affect, people will end up not registering their hives, and there could be a greater potential for disease. He thanked the Governing Body for their time and consideration.

There being no more comments from the public, Councilman McGuinness moved to close the public portion of the meeting.

Moved: McGuinness Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried.

Agenda No. X

Council Comments

Mayor Bieri – Said that Administrator Battaglia already drafted the resolution opposing the beekeeping regulations and new legislation, and if the Governing Body is amenable she will add it to the agenda for a vote later in the meeting. The Governing Body gave consensus.

Agenda No. XI

New Business, Introduction Of Ordinances, Resolutions

Agenda No. XI I

~ Ordinance 2018 – 001 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING CHAPTER 274, POOLROOMS AND BILLIARD ROOMS AND CHAPTER 67, AMUSEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has reviewed and reassessed the Township Code with regard to licenses for poolrooms, billiard rooms and coin-operated amusement devices; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Commission (EDC) has recommended that these sections of the code be repealed; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford finds it to be in the best interest of the Township and its citizenry to amend the current ordinance to do rescind the issuance of licenses for poolrooms, billiard rooms and coin-operated amusement devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey as follows:

- SECTION 1.** Chapter 67 and Chapter 274 of the Township Code be and are hereby rescinded.
- SECTION 2.** Chapter 135, Fees and Costs, of the Township Code is hereby amended to reflect this action.
- SECTION 3.** All ordinances of the Township of West Milford, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- SECTION 4.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
- SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Introduced: January 17, 2018
Adopted:
Effective Date:

Moved: McGuinness Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Pegel, Hensley, Wagner, McGuinness, Signorino, Gerst
Voted Nay: None
Motion Carried:

Agenda No. XI 2

Mayor Bieri asked to move resolutions 2018-038 through 2018-055.

Discussion:

Mayor Bieri asked the Governing Body if they want to rescind resolution 2018-038 so that Councilmembers can serve regardless, with no restrictions on committees/commissions, or do they not want Councilmembers to serve. Councilman Signorino said the point of rescinding is to change the law with the discretion of the Governing Body. Councilman Wagner said he does not want a Councilmember serving as a citizen member. Mayor Bieri said if they rescind the resolution then a Councilmembers can serve whenever they want and as citizen members. Councilman Wagner made a motion to table resolution 2018-038, and it was seconded by Councilman Hensley. Councilman Wagner said he would like more time to review the resolution. Mayor Bieri confirmed resolution 2018-038 will be tabled to the next meeting.

~ Resolution 2018 – 038 ~

TABLED

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RESCINDING THE POLICY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL BY MOTION ON APRIL 6, 2016

Moved: Wagner Seconded: Hensley
Voted Aye: Pegel, Hensley, Wagner
Voted Nay: McGuinness, Signorino, Gerst
Motion Carried:

Mayor Bieri voted yes to table resolution 2018-038 to the next meeting.

Agenda No. XI 3

~ Resolution 2018 – 039 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE (CASA) FOR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY BASED DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAMS

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WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages, and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Passaic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford County of Passaic, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the West Milford Municipal Alliance Grant for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 20, 2019 (FY2019) in the amount of:

DEDR	\$22,440.00
Cash Match	\$5,610.00
In-Kind	\$16,830.00
2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Adopted: January 17, 2018

Agenda No. XI 4

~ Resolution 2018 – 040 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A 2018-2019 NEW JERSEY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Healthy Communities Network (NJHCN) has grant funding available to support evidence based programs that contribute to healthy eating and active living; and

WHEREAS, this grant, entitled, “Eat Well, Live Well, Be Well-West Milford” will provide \$20,000 over 2 years for programs that support West Milford with creating policy, system and environmental changes, networking with other NJ communities, sharing best practices, and sound technical support as a means of preventing chronic disease and improving health; and

WHEREAS, Township employees will provide in kind time as part of their daily activities for the 2018-2019 New Jersey Healthy Communities Network grant; and

WHEREAS, the activities of this grant also support and encourage family togetherness, which the data has shown has a positive force in preventing opiate abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford endorse and support this 2018-2019 New Jersey Healthy Communities Network (NJHCN) grant and desire to accept the funds because of its benefits for our residents and it is in the best interests of the Township of West Milford; and

WHEREAS, The Township of West Milford desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Atlantic Health System (funder), to provide the funding for the grant; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of such funds may not be filed nor funds spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, Passaic County that:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford hereby endorse and authorize the acceptance of the 2018-2019 New Jersey Healthy Communities Network grant funds.
2. The Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford agree to provide the in-kind time for the grant activities.

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3. The Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Atlantic Health System, the funder for the New Jersey Healthy Communities Network grant. Upon receipt of the grant agreement from Atlantic Health System, the signature of the Mayor, Township Administrator and/or any other municipal official, or their successors in said titles, which is required on the grant agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith, is hereby authorized.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: January 17, 2018

Agenda No. XI 5

~ Resolution 2018 – 041 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JEFFERSON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE JEFFERSON BASKETBALL LEAGUE

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford wishes to enter into an Agreement with the Jefferson Basketball Association for participation in the Jefferson Youth Basketball League, and;

WHEREAS, there is a mutual benefit to both the Township and Association through entering into an Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, the following:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement effective December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018 with the Jefferson Basketball Association under the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.
2. This resolution and agreement shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: January 17, 2018

Agenda No. XI 6

~ Resolution 2018 – 042 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS AND PROPERTIES WHICH ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is the owner of certain lands and premises within the Township of West Milford; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford does hereby determine that the lands and properties set forth in Schedule A are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford desires to make available for public sale said lands, with the right of prior refusal to be afforded to adjacent property owners pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford as follows:

1. The Township of West Milford hereby declares that the lands and premises set forth in Schedule A are no longer needed for public use and should be sold in accordance with appropriate statutes of the State of New Jersey.
2. The Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorizes the Township Clerk to offer for sale to the highest bidder by open public sale at auction the property set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof.
3. The public sale shall take place at the West Milford Township Municipal Building, 1480 Union Valley Road, West Milford, New Jersey, on **February 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard and publicly announced, provided the sale is not cancelled.
4. The public sale, if not cancelled, shall take place by open public sale at auction to the highest bidder.
5. The successful bidder at the time of the sale must present cash or a check or money order, payable to the Township of West Milford, in an amount that equals 10% of the assessor's suggested minimum. This deposit shall be non-refundable. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid to the Township no later than sixty (60) days following the acceptance by the Township and the tender of marketable title to the purchaser and submitted to the Township. The purchaser shall be entitled to possession immediately following closing of title.
6. The Township makes no representation as to the title or any other aspects of the land to be sold.

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7. At closing of title, purchaser shall also pay to the Township a buyer's premium in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid amount.
8. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids at the public sale and not to award to the highest bidder. Such decision will be made by the Township Council at a Public Meeting within 30 days from the date of such sale.
9. In the event the Township of West Milford is unable to convey clear and marketable title, insurable at regular rates by a title insurance company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey, the Township shall forthwith return to the purchaser the deposit and neither party shall have any further rights against the other. The acceptance of a deed by the purchaser from the Township shall extinguish any claims the said purchaser may have against the Township of West Milford in connection with the quality of title conveyed.
10. All conveyances by the Township shall be made by way of a Quit Claim Deed, unless an adequate title binder prepared at the expense of the purchaser is forwarded to the Township prior to the conveyance and discloses that the Township holds marketable title in which case a Bargain and Sale Deed with Covenants Against Grantor's Acts will be the form of conveyance. The Township will include within its deed a metes and bounds description based upon a survey if a survey and metes and bounds description is obtained by the purchaser.
11. The Township Council of the Township of West Milford reserves the right to waive any and all defects and informalities in any proposal and to accept or reject the highest responsible and responsive bidder deemed to be in the best interests of the Township.
12. In those cases where the property being offered is an under-sized lot, adjoining property owners shall be given the first right to bid. If purchased by an adjoining property owner, the under-sized property shall merge into the purchaser's current lot. Furthermore, the property shall not be further subdivided as the conveyance is being made to accommodate the adjoining property owner as to his/her current residence, not for subdivision purposes.
13. If no adjoining property owners bid, the bidding will be opened to the public. The deed of conveyance for all under-sized lots that are sold to any party other than an adjoining property owner shall contain a restriction that the lot cannot be built upon. If it is a conforming lot, then no such deed restrictions shall be placed on the transfer of title. The Township will not represent, warrant, or guarantee the right to build on or improve any of the properties listed for sale. All properties will be subject to all Federal, State, Local Laws and Ordinances.
14. A public notice of sale shall be published in the Township's official newspaper at least once a week for two consecutive weeks, the last publication being no earlier than seven (7) days prior to the date set forth for the public sale, which notice shall contain the conditions of this sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a).
15. In the event the successful bidder fails to close on the property, he shall forfeit ten percent (10%) of the purchase price.
16. The resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: January 17, 2018

Schedule A						
#	Block	Lot	Approximate Acreage	Zone	Location	Assessor's Suggested Minimum Bid
1	207	9	.14	LR	Lookover Drive	\$900
2	408	18	.012	LR	Larchmont Drive	\$100
3	509	1	.146	LR	Warwick Turnpike	\$2,500
4	806	25	.172	LR	Wayside Road	\$1,100
5	807	6	.22	LR	Shadyside Road	\$2,400
6	808	1	.766	LR	Shadyside Road	\$3,300
7	1001	15	.46	LR	Alpine Court	\$2,000
8	1002	5	.190	LR	Lyons Road	\$800
9	1005	13	.254	LR	Princeton Road	\$1,100

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Schedule A						
#	Block	Lot	Approximate Acreage	Zone	Location	Assessor's Suggested Minimum Bid
10	1608	15	.278	LR	Lebanon Road	\$3,000
11	1611	9	.125	LR	Newark Road	\$600
12	1612	9	.623	LR	Ellisdale Road	\$2,700
13	1814	12	.292	LR	Lakeshore Drive	\$1,200
14	1903	1	.125	LR	Kresson Road	\$500
15	1911	3	.131	LR	Lakeshore Drive	\$600
16	2001	8	.355	LR	Ramsay Road	\$1,600
17	2004	16	.184	LR	Metuchen Road	\$800
18	2012	3	.256	LR	Tansboro Road	\$1,700
19	2012	14	.095	LR	Verona Road	\$400
20	2101	6	.583	LR	Anthony Street	\$1,000

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~ Resolution 2018 – 043 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO STEPHEN P. EID, PLS c/o RIGG ASSOCIATES FOR SURVEYING SERVICES TO REVIEW AND CERTIFY THE UPDATED TOWNSHIP TAX MAPS

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford's Engineering Division anticipates executing changes to the Township's Tax Maps in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey requires that such changes be reviewed and certified by a licensed land surveyor; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need to appoint a Professional, Licensed Land Surveyor as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate*; and

WHEREAS, Stephen P. Eid, PLS will complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which will certify that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of Rigg Associates from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 in an amount not to exceed \$2,750.00 from account #01-201-20-165-450.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Township Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Stephen P. Eid, c/o Rigg Associates, 1000 Maple Avenue, Glen Rock, NJ 07452 for professional services to review and certify changes made to the Township's Tax Maps in 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$2,750.00.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq.* and the local public contracts law.
3. The term of this contract shall be from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
4. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$2,750.00 without the prior written approval of the Township Council.
5. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolutions authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: January 17, 2018

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~ Resolution 2018 – 044 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT NO. 3, TO THE DETROIT SALT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$220,000

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (State ID # 6-MCCOOP); and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council has awarded Contract #3 Rock Salt & Calcium Chloride for the 2017-2018 winter season to The Detroit Salt Company and said contract was awarded through the open competitive bidding process and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11 et seq., Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has awarded a contract to The Detroit Salt Company in the amount of \$448,630.00 through Resolution 2017-278 and anticipates a need for additional rock salt to de-ice roadways for the remainder of the 2017-2018 winter season; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has submitted a written recommendation that the Township of West Milford authorize an expenditure to The Detroit Salt Company through use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #3 to allow for the purchase of an additional 4000 tons of rock salt in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00 bringing the 2017-2018 total amount for rock salt to \$668,630; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for these purchases, said funds to be encumbered from account number 01-201-26-294-363.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, the following:

1. The Township Council hereby authorizes the Department of Public Works to expend funds for the purchase of an additional 4000 tons of rock salt, in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.
2. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
3. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: January 17, 2018

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~ Resolution 2018 – 045 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2018 BUDGET PER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

WHEREAS, Local Budget Law N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 states in part, in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period prior to the adoption of the budget and regular appropriations, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by a 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for said year and,

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has obligatory expenses that exceed the temporary budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford by a 2/3 vote, that the following temporary budget appropriation be made and that a certified copy of the resolution be sent to DLGS:

Appropriation	Acct Number	2018 Temporary Budget
CDBG Grant	01-201-41-748-000	\$57,900.00
Total		\$57,900.00

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~ Resolution 2018 – 046 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE CANCELLATION OF GRANTS RECEIVABLE AND APPROPRIATION BALANCES LISTED BELOW

WHEREAS, there are receivables and appropriations in the following amounts from the following grants:

Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over Labor Day Campaign Grant 2016	\$325.80
Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown 2016	\$ 13.28
Click It or Ticket It 2016	\$372.80
Distracted Drivers 2017	\$433.40
CDBG Automatic Door Opening System West Milford Recreation Center 2017	\$559.28

WHEREAS, these receivables are no longer collectible as revenue and the remaining appropriations will not be expended

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the receivables and budget appropriations be cancelled to current fund balance.

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~ Resolution 2018 – 047 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS OVER SIX MONTHS OLD TO MUNICIPAL CASH BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the following Township of West Milford Payroll Account Checks have been outstanding for a period in excess of six months.

DATE	CHECK #	AMOUNT
7/2015	55761	\$188.70
12/2015	57702	\$36.13
3/2016	58878	\$95.76
3/2016	58989	\$73.33
TOTAL:		\$1,195.25

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above outstanding checks be restored to the Township cash balance.

Adopted: January 17, 2018

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~ Resolution 2018 – 048 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OTHER LIENS

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes has reported receiving the amounts shown below for the redemption of the respective lien.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of West Milford that the proper officers be and are hereby authorized and directed to pay the indicated amount to the holder of the lien certificate as hereinafter shown below:

Certificate No.	Certificate Date	Block/Lot/Qual	Reimbursement Amount	Pay to Lien Holder
15-0035	10/13/2015	03701-005	\$83,688.91	US BANK CUST PFS FINANCIAL 1 LLC 50 SOUTH 16TH STREET, SUITE 2050 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102
15-0056	10/13/2015	07001-008	\$53,675.82	STONEFIELD INVESTMENT FUND IV LLC 21 ROBERT PITT DR MONSEY, NY 10952

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16-0059	10/11/2016	07306-007	\$45,052.31	CHRISTIANA TRUST AS CUSTODIAN GSRAN-Z; LLC DEPOSIT ACCO UNTPO BOX 71276 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19176
17-0036	10/10/2017	07618-009	\$4,767.31	SHLISH BKARKA TR 115 WALLABOUT ST APT 4 BROOKLYN, NY 11206
17-0054	10/10/2017	12102-006	\$24,289.64	FNA DZ, LLC 120 N LASALLE ST. SUITE 1220 CHICAGO, IL 60602
Grand Total:			\$211,473.99	

Adopted: January 17, 2018

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~ Resolution 2018 – 049 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF RECREATION FEES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following recreational fees upon the report of the Director of Community Services and Recreation be refunded:

Senior Aerobics		
Patricia	\$30.00	Patricia New 649 Lakeshore Drive Hewitt, NJ 07421

Adopted: January 17, 2018

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~ Resolution 2018 – 050 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENTS – DUPLICATES/INCORRECT PAYMENT

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayment as shown below and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund of such overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayment as shown below:

- REASON:**
- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Incorrect Payment | 5. Homestead Rebate |
| 2. Duplicate Payment | 6. Tax Appeal County Board |
| 3. Senior Citizen | 7. Tax Appeal State Tax Court |
| 4. Veteran Deduction | 8. 100% Disabled Veteran |

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
3603-7	InVesta Funding LLC 2020 Howell Mill Road Ste C-513 Atlanta, GA 30318	\$1,876.39	2017	1
1811-16	A Absolute Escrow Settlement Co. Inc. PO Box 769 Millburn, NJ 07041	\$540.86	2017	2
TOTAL		\$2,417.25		

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~ Resolution 2018 – 051 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayment as shown below and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund of such overpayment.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayment as shown below:

REASON: MIS-DIRECTED PAYMENT

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year
6002-29	Township of West Milord Finance Department 1480 Union Valley Road West Milford, NJ 07480	\$3,032.65	2017
TOTAL		\$3,032.65	

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~ Resolution 2018 – 052 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REINSTATEMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records receipt of payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes recommends the reinstatement of taxes due to reasons stated below.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to reinstate as listed below:

REASON: 1. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

BLOCK/LOT	NAME	AMOUNT	YEAR
16802-9	Vincary Media Inc.	\$5,042.00	2018
15502-28	Vikiana Montilla	\$1,500.00	2017
906-005	Theresa Quinones	\$4,153.10	2017
3405-11	John Bofinger, Jr.	\$10,104.00	2018
TOTAL		\$20,799.10	

Adopted: January 17, 2018

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~ Resolution 2018 – 053 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS LICENSES FOR THE LICENSE YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, applications have been made for the new licenses and the renewal of various Licenses for the 2018 license year; and

WHEREAS, reports of recommendation have been received from applicable Township Departments recommending the issuance of said licenses as listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford does hereby approve the issuance of 2018 Licenses as listed below:

License No.	2018 PEDDLER LICENSE
2018-01	Schwan's Home Service, Inc. - Michael R. Gresik
License No.	2018 SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METALS
2018-02	J Alexander Fine Jewelry – Alexis Randolph, John Pytleski

Adopted: January 17, 2018

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~ Resolution 2018 – 055 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSING DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BEEKEEPING REGULATIONS

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1	General Ledger	4,022.70
26	Refuse	3,950.00
4	Capital	152,056.64
19	Animal Control	1,139.00
19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	1,256.08
19	COAH	0.00
16	Development Escrow	2,560.90
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	0.00
Total		\$1,177,649.52
Less Refund Resolution		-216,923.89
Actual Bills List		\$960,725.63
Other Payments		
BOE		4,504,769.00
Payroll		572,051.77
Total Expenditures		\$6,037,546.40

Adopted: January 17, 2018

Moved: McGuinness Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Pegel, Hensley, Wagner, McGuinness, Signorino, Gerst
Voted Nay: None
Motion Carried:

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Reports of Administrator, Mayor and Council Members

Councilman Hensley – Thanked the Governing Body for considering the request from the local beekeepers. He read a letter from a resident requesting that the Governing Body oppose the New Jersey Department of Agriculture’s proposed beekeeping regulations. He said that they are going to see more situations like this because they are entering a new phase with a democratic governor. He hopes that the Governing Body can get prepared to entertain resisting government overstepping its boundaries. He encouraged everyone to stay alert, be aware, and reach out to the representatives and let voices be heard.

Councilman Wagner – Provided an update on the Fireworks and Community Services and Recreation Committee, and noted various events and their dates and times. He mentioned that they didn’t conclude how they were going to move forward with the ALF Committee, and he would like to see it handled like the Fireworks Committee. Administrator Battaglia said it is scheduled for a discussion at the February 7th workshop meeting. He said the Snow Committee had a meeting, and he asked Administrator Battaglia to reach out to the County to inquire about shared services for salt and ice aggregates; the Township shares a salt shed with the county and they might be getting a better price. Councilman Signorino mentioned that they just approved a not to exceed amount. Administrator Battaglia noted that Mr. Steines is handling that request and he will follow up with the Governing Body once he receives the information. Councilman Wagner mentioned that he suggested a DPW night crew to reduce overtime, and he was told that the union would not approve that. Councilman Wagner noted that the Snow Trust account has a balance of approximately \$700,000 and they would like to get to a comfortable level to handle most storms so they don’t have to do an emergency appropriation. He said the estimated amount in 2017 could increase to \$1.2 million dollars. He said they discussed the amount of vehicles that are being used during storms; 82% of the vehicles used are outside contractors for snow removal. He would like to see a cost efficient audit and analysis of departments to determine if privatizing or outsourcing would be cost effective.

Councilman Wagner made a motion to form a subcommittee for Professional Services to review all Proposals received; it was seconded by Councilman Signorino. Councilman Wagner said proposals for Township Engineer, Township Planner, Labor Counsel, Bond Counsel and Auditor.

Discussion:

Councilman McGuinness asked how many should be on the subcommittee to which Councilman Signorino said there could be up to three.

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Mayor Bieri said the attorney's recommendation is that a subcommittee be limited to two council people; she asked Administrator Battaglia to explain. Councilman Wagner and Councilman Signorino said they would like to be on the committee. Councilman Wagner amended his motion, and Councilman Signorino amended his second to allow three Councilpersons on a subcommittee. Mayor Bieri mentioned that one person could be an alternate depending on what the attorney says. Councilman Signorino said if the attorney has advice that contradicts what they did, they could always reconsider at the next meeting. Councilman McGuinness asked if they had to poll the question. Councilman Signorino said that there just needed to be a vote on it. Administrator Battaglia clarified that there was a motion for a subcommittee to review the proposals submitted by professionals and the three Councilmembers that volunteered were Councilman McGuinness, Councilman Signorino and Councilman Wagner; subject to attorney input. Councilman Signorino said his motion was not with the intention of being subject to attorney review, and in the past, there has been three Councilmembers on a subcommittee. Councilman Signorino said he understands the caution of being subject to attorney review. Administrator Battaglia reminded the Governing Body that they received hard and electronic copies of all the proposals received as of today and they will receive hard and electronic copies of any future proposals as well. The Governing Body gave consensus.

Councilman McGuinness – Said he reached out to Freeholder Duffy and said that the fees for San Cap are not affordable for the youth and leagues in West Milford. Administrator Battaglia said she wanted to meet with Mr. Roetman, report to the County, and then refer back to the Governing Body with the information. Councilman McGuinness requested a report of all the Township employees that includes their title, hire date, qualifications, salary, history of salary increases, and any certifications and/or licenses. Administrator Battaglia mentioned that at the next meeting she will bring forth a proposed ordinance for discussion of salary and wages for non-union employees. Councilman McGuinness noted that registration is open for West Milford Girls Softball.

Councilman Wagner mentioned that Mr. Roetman resigned, and it's disappointing for him to leave because he is a value to the Township. Councilman Wagner suggested forming a subcommittee to speak with Mr. Roetman regarding his resignation. The Governing Body gave consensus. Councilman Wagner said since he is the liaison to the Community Services and Recreation Committee, he would like to be on the subcommittee, and Councilwoman Gerst agreed to be on the subcommittee.

Councilman Signorino – Asked if they received a recent response on the Route 23 signage approach to Echo Lake Road. Administrator Battaglia said that Assemblywoman DeCroce's office reached out to her at the end of 2017, and said they did not receive the information, and asked Administrator Battaglia to send it. She said she gathered everything and sent it over the following day. Councilman Signorino said that he sent pictures, and he was hoping to get a response. He said if anyone has interest in the history of West Milford or wishes to share something in the museum, to contact Ms. Cubby in the Planning Department, and he noted that Heritage Committee operates the West Milford Museum.

Councilman McGuinness requested a report from the Building Department on all commercial permit applications that have been approved or denied. Councilman Signorino noted that the Governing Body is always the last to know if a space has been filled. Councilman McGuinness clarified that he wants to know if a commercial permit application has been submitted.

Councilwoman Pegel – Provided an update on the CASA Committee, and noted various events and their dates and times. She mentioned that the Insurance Committee is in the process of reviewing the RFP's, and she provided an update on the EDC and Senior Advisory Committee. She thanked the DPW for doing a great job clearing the streets.

Mayor Bieri – Noted that there are conflicts in her schedule, so she appointed Councilman Hensley as Mayor's Designee on the EDC. Mayor Bieri mentioned a recent tax act; charitable foundation, and if it's passed at the state level, it would allow people to make voluntarily contributions to the charitable trust for their property taxes. She mentioned that the tax act will limit the total state and local property taxes to a maximum of a \$10,000 deduction which dramatically impacts New Jersey residents. She explained that if you make a voluntarily contribution to the charitable foundations locally, and it is for public purposes, they get a dollar to dollar offset for the property tax bill.

Administrator Battaglia – Reminded everyone that the State of New Jersey will be holding a stakeholders meeting for Jungle Habitat on February 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the main meeting room at Town Hall. She said the Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission promulgated an RFP for stump reduction, so she asked consensus from the Governing Body to post the RFP on the Township website. The Governing Body gave consensus. She noted that the property sale will be held on February 7th at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall. She said West Milford United is continuing their meetings, and the group has grown to include various sectors of the community, including; Highlands Family Success Center, local churches, the high school, and CASA. She noted that Wilson Santos from the Highlands Family Success center has agreed to come to Town Hall and council staff on how they should conduct themselves if they come across someone that needs help. She noted that West Milford United will make a presentation on volunteer night in April. She said they are scheduling another meeting with the Snow Committee, and she met with Mr. Steines to determine why the brine was not effective for the most recent snow storm.

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She explained that the architect that the Governing Body hired to look at Town Hall had people measuring the offices, so they will meet with the Facilities Committee to have the first meeting of the year. She noted that the Insurance Committee was vocal about the need for better lighting at the entrance to Town Hall. Councilman McGuinness noted that some of the windows in the Police Department need painting on the outside.

Agenda No. XV

Appointments and Resignations

Councilman McGuinness made a motion, and it was seconded by Councilman Signorino to appoint Anthony LaManna as Citizen Member to the Health Advisory Board.

Moved: McGuinness Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Moved: McGuinness Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried.

Approved: February 21, 2018

Respectfully submitted:

Sherry Zbrzeski, Keyboarding Clerk I

MAYOR BETTINA BIERI, PRESIDING OFFICER

ANTOINETTE BATTAGLIA, TOWNSHIP CLERK