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**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**

Council President Wagner 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 February 11, 2018; 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**

Council President Wagner led all in attendance in a salute to the flag.

Agenda No. II

**Roll Call**

Present: Councilmembers Andrena Pegel, Mike Hensley (arrived at 6:36), Tim Wagner  
Peter McGuinness, Patricia Gerst  
Absent: Luciano Signorino, Mayor Bettina Bieri  
Also Present: Township Administrator/Clerk Antoinette Battaglia, Township Attorney Fred Semrau

Agenda No. III

**Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes**

May 2, 2018 Executive Session  
May 2, 2018 Workshop Meeting

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

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Agenda No. IV

**Meetings**

Council President Wagner noted the future meeting schedule:

June 13, 2018 Workshop and Regular Meeting  
July 11, 2018 Workshop and Regular Meeting  
August 15, 2018 Workshop and Regular Meeting

Agenda No. V

**Proclamations**

Older Americans – Council President Wagner invited the seniors to the podium. The captain of The Senior Olympians spoke about the events and their accomplishments. Council President Wagner read the proclamation, and it was accepted by Marilyn Lichtenberg. Ms. Lichtenberg said she was honored to accept the award on behalf of all the seniors. She mentioned that the Health Advisory Board and the Highlands Family Success Center is sponsoring and hosting a Road to Senior Resources on June 2, from 11-3 at the Recreation Center.

Agenda No. VI

**Presentations**

EDC Award West Milford Dry Cleaners – Ms. JoAnn Blom presented the award to the owners. She read a brief history about the owners that was provided by their daughter Jennifer. Ms. Blom thanked the owners for being there for all the residents.

EDC Award Jimmy the Barber – Jimmy invited his wife, children and one of his employees to join him at the podium. He provided a small history on himself and spoke about how he got into cutting hair.

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Marshall Hill Road Bridge, Passaic County – Mr. Pera provided an overview and status update on the project. He said the contract has been awarded, and there was a preconstruction meeting two weeks ago. He noted that the bridge structure is 80-100 years old, and it is beyond its life expectancy. He said that a temporary pedestrian bridge will be created during construction, but it was not physically possible to create one for vehicles. He explained that there is more involved in this project than the Warwick Turnpike Bridge project; more utilities and one gas line. The project will be completed in stages due to the impact of the utilities. The length of the project is six months, and will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>. He mentioned that there are numerous DEP restrictions, but they estimate completion in six months. Administrator Battaglia thanked Mr. Pera for the outline, and she expressed that they want the project to be done in a cohesive, efficient manner, so if there is any indication that they need assistance, they should reach out to administration right away. Councilwoman Pegel asked when the project would be completed. Mr. Pera said the goal for completion is December depending on how cold the weather is. The Governing Body thanked Mr. Pera.

Agenda No. VII

**Executive Session**

~ Resolution 2018 – 139 ~

**MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2018 that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this **Regular Meeting**, the Governing Body shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s):
  - ( ) b. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
  - ( ) b. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
  - ( ) b. (3) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
  - (X) b. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
    - PBA and SOA
  - ( ) b. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
  - ( ) b. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
  - (X) b. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
    - Attorney Client Privilege – Council on Mandates
  - ( ) b. (8) Personnel matters.
  - ( ) b. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.
2. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

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

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The Governing Body went into executive session at 7:03 p.m.  
The Governing Body returned to the public meeting at 7:35 p.m. with all present as before.

Agenda No. VIII

**Action Items**

2018 Amendment to Budget – Public Hearing

Notice of this public hearing for the 2018 Amendments to the Municipal Budget was published in the Herald News on May 6, 2018. Council President Wagner will open the meeting to the public to speak to the amendments only.

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman McGuinness made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gerst and carried by unanimous voice vote to close the public comment period.

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Mrs. Mageean said that the Division of Local Government Services is reviewing the budget this year. She sent them the budget as introduced and the budget amendment. She explained that they are not going to allow the Township to use money from the snow trust account as a revenue source. The \$105,000 can be used to purchase a brine truck and brine making equipment because it is for a specific purpose. She said their recommendation was to remove \$476,000 from the snow line and reduce that budget by \$476,000. Once the money is spent on the storms and they use what was budgeted for, the rest would come out of the snow trust. She noted that there is no change in the tax levy, just a change in the mechanism on how the funds are used in the budget. They have to do another budget amendment and hold the public hearing on that amendment on June 13<sup>th</sup>, and then the Governing Body could adopt the budget. She asked the Governing Body to table resolutions 2018-132 and 2018-133.

Agenda No. VIII 1

~ Resolution 2018 – 158 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMENDING THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AS INTRODUCED AND PREVIOUSLY AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, the local municipal budget for the year 2018 was approved on April 4, 2018 and amended on May 2, 2018

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing on said budget amendments has been held as advertised, and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Local Government Services is requiring the Township to further amend said approved budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by a majority of the full membership the Governing Body of the Township of West Milford, Passaic County, that the following amendments to the introduced budget of 2018 be made:

RECORDED VOTE: ( PEGEL ( ABSTAIN ( NONE  
 ( WAGNER ( ( ( NONE  
 ( HENSLEY ( ( ( NONE  
 AYES ( McGUINNESS NAYS ( NONE ABSENT (SIGNORINO  
 ( GERST ( ( ( NONE

<b>CURRENT FUND BUDGET</b>		<b>As Introduced</b>	<b>Amended 5/2/18</b>	<b>Amended 5/23/18</b>
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>				
1.	Surplus Anticipated	3,000,000	3,297,994.34	
3.	Miscellaneous Revenues – Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services – Other Special Items Storm Recovery / Snow Removal Trust Surplus	105,000.00	581,202.66	105,000.00
	Total G Section	744,658.00	1,220,860.66	744,658.00
	Total Miscellaneous Revenue	5,749,354.22	6,225,556.88	5,749,354.22
6.	Amount to be raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	23,318,232.00	22,569,035.00	
	Total General Revenues	34,163,558.22	34,188,558.22	33,712,355.56
<b>8. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		Section 1.	Section 2.	Section 3.
(A)	Operations within "CAPS" Division of Snow Removal Other Expenses	1,018,000.00		541,797.34
	Total Operations within "CAPS"	22,789,438.00		
(C)	Capital Improvements Excluded from "CAPS" Down payments on Improvements Capital Improvement Funds	125,000.00	150,000.00	
	Total Capital Improvements excluded from "CAPS"	290,000.00	315,000.00	
	Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"	6,130,020.22	6,155,020.22	
	Total General Appropriations	34,163,558.22	34,188,558.22	33,712,355.56

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for his certification of the 2018 Local Municipal Budget so amended.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this complete amendment, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9, be published in the Herald News, in the issue of June 3, 2018, and that said publication contain notification of public hearing on said amendment to be held at the Municipal Building on June 13, 2018, at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED** that the Amended Budget hereto and hereby made a part hereof is a true copy of the Amended Budget approved by resolution of the Governing Body on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2018.

Adopted: May 23, 2018  
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Moved: Pegel                      Seconded: McGuinness  
Voted Aye: Pegel, Hensley, Wagner, McGuinness, Gerst  
Voted Nay: None  
Absent: Signorino  
Motion Carried:  
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Agenda No. VIII 2

~ Resolution 2018 – 132 ~

~TABLED TO JUNE 13, 2018 WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AS AMENDED**

Agenda No. VIII 3

~ Resolution 2018 – 133 ~

~TABLED TO JUNE 13, 2018 WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2018 SOLID WASTE BUDGET**

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Moved: Gerst                      Seconded: McGuinness  
Voted Aye: Pegel, Hensley, Wagner, McGuinness, Gerst  
Voted Nay: None  
Absent: Signorino  
Motion Carried:  
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Agenda No. VIII 4

Council President Wagner asked to move resolutions 2018-140 through 2018-156 including 2018-113.

~ Resolution 2018 – 140 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING FOR THE ADOPTION OF S-2167 AND A-3804, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE “NEW JERSEY GREENWOOD LAKE FUND”**

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2018 Senators Joseph Pennacchio and Nellie Pou introduced Senate Bill 2167 in the New Jersey State Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2018 Assemblyman Jay Webber introduced Assembly Bill 3804 in the New Jersey State Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, these companion bills will dedicate \$500,000 annually in revenues from vessel registration and renewal fees to a NJ Greenwood Lake Fund thereby ensuring that funding is derived from user-fees and not from taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills will provide critical funding for the protection, preservation, maintenance, management or enhancement of the New Jersey side of Greenwood Lake; and

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**WHEREAS**, Greenwood Lake, located in West Milford, Passaic County, is a crucial source of drinking water for the entire State of New Jersey, supplying water to over 3.5 million residents and thousands of businesses on a daily basis through the Monksville and Wanaque Reservoirs; and

**WHEREAS**, Greenwood Lake is also a vital component of the sensitive Highlands Preservation Area which protects and provides water to over half of New Jersey's population, over 5.4 million residents, amounting to over 379 million gallons of water per day; and

**WHEREAS**, Greenwood Lake is a popular destination, open to the general public, for outdoor activities, such as fishing, water skiing, jet skiing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, boating and other water activities as well hiking in the surrounding parks; and

**WHEREAS**, S2167 and A3804 will provide funding from a dedicated revenue source which will not result in increased taxes to the residents of the State of New Jersey.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that they do hereby support the establishment of the "New Jersey Greenwood Lake Fund" which fund will be established as a non-lapsing fund in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), will be administered by the DEP and shall be credited with \$500,000 annually from moneys received and dedicated to the fund pursuant to P.L.1962, c.73 (C.12:7-34.47); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the New Jersey State Senate and the New Jersey State Assembly be and are hereby urged to adopt S2167 and A3804 expeditiously to provide for the protection, preservation, maintenance, management and enhancement of Greenwood Lake thereby ensuring the health of all New Jersey residents whose water is directly safeguarded by the ongoing stewardship of their water sources in the Highlands Preservation Area; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution will be circulated to all members of the New Jersey State Senate, all members of the New Jersey State Assembly, Governor Phil Murphy, and the MCANJ for distribution to member-municipalities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that West Milford respectfully urges all municipalities to adopt resolutions of support for S2167 and A3804; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that residents throughout the State of New Jersey who appreciate the value of the pristine water we so often take for granted are urged to contact their State Senate and Assembly representatives urging the adoption of S2167 and A3804 as a proactive step to protect their water supply.

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Agenda No. VIII 5

~ Resolution 2018 – 141 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 888 ENTITLED "AN ACT CONCERNING THE RATE OF TAXATION UNDER THE SALES AND USE TAX IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, AND SUPPLEMENTING P.L. 1966, c.30" AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, Senator Pennacchio, by way of Senate Bill 888, has introduced legislation which would provide a 50% sales tax exemption to any municipality which is located 99% or more in the Highlands Preservation Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford is located 100% in the Highlands Preservation Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the bill is that the "Economic vitality of municipalities that are entirely or almost entirely slated for preservation is seriously undermined"; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation goes on to state that the sales tax exemption shall result in maintaining the local economic base, preserve retail establishments and retain jobs in these municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford serves as the steward of watershed lands and forgoes equitable ratables, new ratables, and development potential, resulting in significantly diminished revenues as well as opportunities for new revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 888 would assist in offsetting such financial consequences resulting from the Highlands Preservation Area restrictions and the burdens placed on its local merchants and residents; and

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**WHEREAS**, additional measures to bring tax equity & fairness to the Highlands Preservation Areas are still warranted, needed and sought after.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that they do hereby support Senate Bill 888 entitled "An Act concerning the rate of taxation under the sales and use tax in certain municipalities, and supplementing P.L. 1966, c.30"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution along with the Bill be submitted to the bill's sponsor Senator Joseph Pennacchio, Governor Murphy, Bloomsbury Borough, Califon Borough, Glen Gardner Borough, Ringwood Borough, the MCANJ for distribution to their membership and the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution and the Bill be sent to Assemblywoman Betty Lou DeCrose and Assemblyman Jay Webber requesting that they consider sponsoring a companion bill in the State Assembly.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: May 23, 2018

Agenda No. VIII 6

~ Resolution 2018 – 142 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION TO UPPER GREENWOOD LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION TO HOLD A FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE UPPER GREENWOOD LAKE LAUNCH AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owner's Association wishes to hold a display of fireworks on June 30, 2018 (rain date July 28, 2018) at the Upper Greenwood Lake launch area; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Officials have reviewed the application and the report submitted by the Township Fire Marshall and Chief of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owner's Association has submitted an application to the Township of West Milford, along with a Certificate of Insurance and the required \$2,500.00 Bond in the form of a check.

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

1. Based upon the review of the application and report submitted by the Township Fire Marshal and Chief of Police, it does hereby approve the application submitted by the Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owner's Association and Garden State Fireworks to conduct a fireworks display on June 30, 2018 (rain date July 28, 2018) at the Upper Greenwood Lake launch area, between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
2. The Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owner's Association will arrange for police traffic and crowd control in advance with the Township's Police Department and said policing shall be determined by the Police Department.
3. Police Officers must be hired for security by the Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owner's Association, and the cost for Police Officers shall be paid by the Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owner's Association in advance.

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Agenda No. VIII 7

~ Resolution 2018 – 143 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SUBGRANT AWARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of West Milford, Office of Emergency Management was authorized to apply under Resolution 2017-201 adopted June 7, 2017 and has been awarded the State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub grant CFDA #97.042, Award #FY17·EMPG·EMAA·1615 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Sub Grant, consisting of a total amount of \$20,044.46, including up to \$10,000.00 Federal Award and \$10,044.46 Local Matching Funds, is for the purpose of enhancing the Township of West Milford's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the application for the Sub Grant Award calls for a match in the amount of \$10,044.46 which the West Milford Office of Emergency Management adequately satisfies through the 2017 Township of West Milford's approved budget for division salaries, wages, and fringe benefits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford does authorize the Office of Emergency Management to accept the award of the FY17 Homeland Security Grant Program Emergency Management Agency Assistance Sub Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the West Milford Township Administrator, the Township Chief Financial Officer, the Township Emergency Management Coordinator, and the Township Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator are authorized to sign the appropriate Sub Grant Award documents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management; the West Milford Township Administrator; the West Milford Chief Financial Officer; the West Milford Office of Emergency Management; and the West Milford Finance Office.

Adopted: May 23, 2018

Agenda No. VIII 8

~ Resolution 2018 – 144 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CORRECTING RESOLUTION 2018-088 PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATES INC. TO REFLECT THE CORRECT NAME OF PIA SECURITY PROGRAMS, INC. TO SERVE AS HEALTH BENEFITS CONSULTANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Governing Body adopted Resolution 2018-088 on March 26, 2018 authorizing execution of an agreement with Professional Insurance Associates, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Professional Insurance Associates Inc. is the parent company and PIA Security Programs, Inc. is the medical and benefits division that performs the Health Benefits Consulting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford is a member town of the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (hereinafter referred to as the HIF); and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing that members may have existing relationships with a licensed broker/consultant, the member may appoint, subject to approval of the Fund, another firm to perform the portion of the professional consulting services normally provided by the HIF to the member municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee of the HIF determines annually the fee payable to Producers based on the municipality's assessment which expenditure is calculated at a rate of \$4.60 per employee per month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford does hereby appoint PIA Security Programs, Inc., as its Health Benefits Consultant for a term from April 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018; and requests that the Fund authorize a sub-contract with Professional Insurance Associates, Inc.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Health Benefits Consultant agreement with PIA Security Programs, Inc. with offices located at 429 Hackensack Street, PO Box 818, Carlstadt, NJ 07072-0818 for a term from April 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.
2. Notice of this action shall be published once in the Township's official newspaper as required by law according to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5(1)(a)(I).
3. This resolution and contract shall be available in the Office of the Township Clerk.

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**~ Resolution 2018 – 145 ~**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE CONTRACTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (ID#47-CPCPS), hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Pricing System is authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 and has been approved by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq., and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford desires to be a Participating Member hereinafter referred to as the "Member" in a "recognized cooperative purchasing organization" known as Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2018 the governing body of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** this Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of West Milford; and

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** the Township Council pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the "Lead Agency" Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of work, materials and supplies on behalf of the Township of West Milford; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Township of West Milford does hereby stipulate and agree that it desires to be a Registered Member of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System with contract purchasing benefits in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable agreement, and that the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System hereby grants said Membership to the Township of West Milford.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage.

Adopted: May 23, 2018

Agenda No. VIII 10

**~ Resolution 2018 – 146~**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO DIEDRE ELLIS FOR VITAL STATISTICS SERVICES IN THE TOWNSHIP'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500 PER YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford has a need for services in the Office of Vital Statistics 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**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified that the amount will not exceed \$5,500.00 annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional Services without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of a contract for this service shall be May 23, 2018 to December 31, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Diedre Ellis will provide services as sought by the Township of West Milford and outlined in a contract on file in the Office of the Township Clerk in an amount not to exceed \$140.00 per week; and

WHEREAS, Diedre Ellis has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies 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 him 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, said funds to be encumbered from account number 01-201-27-331-450.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into a contract with Diedre Ellis as described herein to the satisfaction of the Township Administrator; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract, resolution and all other pertinent documents shall remain on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the Township's legal newspaper.

Adopted: May 23, 2018

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~ Resolution 2018 – 147 ~

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:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amount, and Address. Rows include Senior Squirts (Lucas, \$124.00), Rec Soccer (Rhys, \$70.00), Spring Soccer (Austin, \$55.00), Day Camp (Kyle Schouten, \$108.00), Senior Aerobics (Elizabeth, \$15.00), Spring Soccer (Declan, \$10.00), and WPU Field Hockey Clinic (Abigail, \$90.00).

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**~ Resolution 2018 – 148 ~**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW MONIES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that, based upon the report and request of the Planning Department, the following remaining Escrow monies be refunded:

Name & Address	Application No.	Section 4. Amount of Escrow	Section 5. Amount Refunded
Braemar at West Milford LLC 50 Route 46, Suite 100 Parsippany, NJ 07054	16-288-56-701-020 0110-1910	\$3,500.00	\$ 197.64
	16-288-56-703-073 0410-1739	\$4,850.00	\$ 227.37
	16-288-56-701-123 0610-1910	\$91,550.07	\$1,181.15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$99,900.07</b>	<b>\$1,606.16</b>

Adopted: May 23, 2018

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**~ Resolution 2018 – 149 ~**

**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.

**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 | 6. Tax Appeal County Board    |
| 2. Duplicate Payment | 7. Tax Appeal State Tax Court |
| 3. Senior Citizen    | 8. 100% Disabled Veteran      |
| 4. Veteran Deduction | 9. Replacement Check          |
| 5. Homestead Rebate  |                               |

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
2404-12	Lereta Att: Central Refunds 1123 Park View Drive Covina, CA 91724	\$1,818.00	2018	2
3009-25	Key Settlements, Inc. 3599 Route 46 Parsippany, NJ 07054	\$1,672.00	2018	2
3503-12	Lend More, LLC PO Box 688 Westbrook, CT 06498	\$6,952.00	2018	2
4301-39	Vested Land Services, LLC 165 Passaic Avenue Ste 101 Fairfield, NJ 07004	\$3,989.00	2018	2
5204-22	Nationstar Mortgage, LLC dba Mr. Cooper 3001 Hackberry Road Irving, TX 75063-0156	\$1,672.41	2018	2
5311-3.10	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9978	\$482.00	2018	2
7801-24.01	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9978	\$2,251.00	2018	2
10901-5	Belmont Title & Settlement Services, LLC 886 Belmont Ave. Suite D North Haledon, NJ 07508	\$2,096.13	2018	2

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11001-36	Fortune Title Agency 39 Woodland Road Roseland, NJ 07068	\$2,238.00	2018	2
15401-1	George & Michele Richnavsky 44 Dongan Lane Newfoundland, NJ 07435	\$3,068.00	2018	2
15601-4	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9978	\$4,858.00	2018	2
16606-8	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9978	\$1,801.00	2018	2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,897.54</b>		

Adopted: May 23, 2018

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**~ Resolution 2018 – 150 ~**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX LIEN PREMIUM**

**WHEREAS**, there appears on the tax records balances as listed below; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes recommends the cancellation of taxes due listed below.

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

BLOCK / LOT	CERTIFICATE NO.	DOLLAR AMOUNT
903-9	14-0004	\$20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$20,000.00</b>

Adopted: May 23, 2018

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**~ Resolution 2018 – 151 ~**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS**

**WHEREAS**, appeals of the real property tax assessments of the following properties have been filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey:

PROPERTY OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
Zorm 2009 LLC	15803	16	74 Oak Ridge Road

; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor, Appraiser and Township Attorney are of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the Township to settle these appeals.

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

1. The settlement of the following tax appeals filed at the Tax Court of New Jersey is hereby authorized as follows:

PROPERTY OWNER	YEAR	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT
Zorm 2009 LLC	2017	\$420,500	\$320,000

2. All refund checks are to be made payable to the attorneys for the taxpayer and the taxpayer. Refunds are to be made within 60 days from the date of the entry of Judgment and interest is waived on said refunds on the condition that the refund is paid within 60 days from the date of the entry of Judgment.

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3. All municipal officials are hereby authorized to take whatever actions may be necessary to implement the terms of this Resolution.

4. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to credit and/or refund the appropriate taxes in accordance with the terms of this Resolution.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: May 23, 2018

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**~ Resolution 2018 – 152 ~**

**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:

<b>REASON:</b>		<b>1. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS</b>		
<b>BLOCK/LOT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>INTEREST</b>
4303-13	Harry Bassett	\$1,324.00	2018	\$17.49
505-1	Michael Cyrulik	\$3,351.00	2018	
4201-14	Maria Von Helms	\$3,279.00	2018	
4201-14	Maria Von Helms	\$2,821.00	2018	
13302-7	Ibrahim & Patricia Shehadeh	\$900.00	2018	
8002-4	Yekira, LLC	\$352.00	2018	
12102-7	Irven, Michael & Janice	\$1,956.00	2018	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,983.00</b>		

Adopted: May 23, 2018

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**~ Resolution 2018 – 153 ~**

**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:

<b>Certificate No.</b>	<b>Certificate Date</b>	<b>Block/Lot/Qual</b>	<b>Reimbursement Amount</b>	<b>Pay to Lien Holder</b>
15-0014	10/13/2015	01902-004	\$1,860.54	US BANK CUST/PC6 LLC STERLING NATIONAL 50 SOUTH 16TH STREET, SUITE 2050 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102
16-0050	10/11/2016	06001-003	\$55,007.02	FNA DZ LLC 120 N LASALLE ST SUITE 1220 CHICAGO, IL 60602
16-0090	10/11/2016	14202-001	\$93,745.01	US BANK CUST BV002 TRUST & CREDTRS 50 SOUTH 16 <sup>TH</sup> ST, SUITE 2050 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102
17-0022	10/10/2017	03009-018	\$26,865.84	FIG CAPITAL INVESTMENT NJ13, LLC MATAG CST FIG CAP IN NJ13 1000 RIVERSIDE AVE, SUITE 400 JACKSONVILLE, FL 33204
<b>Grand Total:</b>			<b>\$177,478.41</b>	

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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.

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 2. Duplicate Payment 3. Senior Citizen 4. Veteran 5. Homestead Rebate 6. Tax Appeal CB 7. State Court Tax Appeal 8. 100% Disabled Veteran

Table with 5 columns: Block/Lot, Name, Amount, Year, Reason. Rows include ZIPP, TANNENBAUM & CACCAVELLI, LLC; JEFFREY T CARNEY, ESQ; ERIC BORRELLI; EMILY & GARY GANZ; and a TOTAL row.

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~ Resolution 2018 – 155 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF A CASH BOND POSTED BY BRAEMAR AT WEST MILFORD LLC AS A PERFORMANCE BOND FOR SITE WORK AT BLOCK 10001, LOTS 14, 19, 20, 23

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2016 Braemar at West Milford LLC posted a performance bond in the form of a cash bond for final major subdivision at Greene Valley Estates (Virginia Lane and Wooley Road), West Milford, Block 10001 Lots 14, 19, 20 23 in the amount of \$8,016.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk's Office has received a request from Braemar at West Milford LLC through the Township Planning Department for the release of said cash bond; and

WHEREAS, the subdivision was sold by Braemar at West Milford LLC in 2016 and a new bond was required by the current owners, Virginia Lane Realty Associates LLC, prior to the release of the Braemar bond; therefore the Braemar bond(s) and be released; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planning Department has provided a recommendation for the release of said cash bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorizes the release of the performance bond in the form of a cash bond in the amount of \$8,016.00 posted by Braemar at West Milford LLC for final major subdivision at Virginia Lane and Wooley Road;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate Township officials be and they are hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such steps necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution and forward a check to Braemar at West Milford LLC, 50 Route 46 Suite 100, Parsippany, NJ 07054 in the total amount of \$8,016.00.

Adopted: May 23, 2018

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**~ Resolution 2018 – 156 ~**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND # FP0022824 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,144.00 AND A CASH BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,016.00 TO BRAEMAR AT WEST MILFORD LLC FOR GREENE VALLEY ESTATES, (VIRGINIA LANE/WOOLEY ROAD), BLOCK 10001 LOTS 14, 19, 20 & 23**

**WHEREAS**, based on recommendation of the Township Planning Department, Performance Bond No. FP0022824 dated April 5, 2016, for the above referenced project and the Cash Bond in the amount of \$8,016.00 posted on April 19, 2016 for the final major subdivision be released to Braemar at West Milford, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject final major subdivision was sold by Braemar at West Milford LLC in 2016 and a new bond was required by the current owners, Virginia Lane Realty Associates LLC per the Planning Board Engineer and Township Attorney prior to the release of the Braemar bond; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Lane Realty Associates LLC posted the replacement bond and cash portion in February 2017, therefore the Braemar bond(s) can be released; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Planning Department provided a recommendation by memo dated April 26, 2018 for the release of the above referenced Performance Surety Bond #FP0022824, and the Township Finance Department be directed to prepare a check for the cash bond to be released to Braemar at West Milford LLC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorizes the release of Performance Bond # FP0022824 posted for the above referenced project and the Cash Bond in the amount of \$8,016.00 posted by Braemar at West Milford, LLC, for final major subdivision for Greene Valley Estates (Virginia Lane and Wooley Road) Block 10001 Lots 14, 19, 20 & 23; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the appropriate Township officials be and they are hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such steps necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution and forward a check to Braemar at West Milford LLC, 50 Route 46, Suite 100, Parsippany, NJ 07054 in the total amount of \$8,016.00 and return the original Performance Surety Bond #FP0022824.

Adopted: May 23, 2018

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**~ Resolution 2018 – 113 ~**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ULTRA-SAFE SECURITY SYSTEMS INC. FOR MONITORING OF THE FIRE ALARM AND/OR BURGLARY SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford advertised for the request for proposals to be received on February 9, 2018 at 10:00 am for the monitoring of the fire alarm and/or burglary systems and installation and monitoring of carbon monoxide detectors, as per the request for proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford received three (3) bids for this contract; and

**WHEREAS**, said bids have been duly reviewed and analyzed by the Director of Public Works and the Township Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid received from the low bidder Ultra-Safe Security Systems Inc. has been found to be in proper form and in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.5 and the specifications as written; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that encumbrances for these services shall come from account 01-201-20-161-450; and

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

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1. The Township Council hereby awards a contract to Ultra-Safe Security Systems Inc., 79 Timber Lane East, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 for monitoring of the fire alarm and/or burglary systems and installation and monitoring of carbon monoxide detectors in an amount not to exceed \$10,250.00.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Ultra-Safe Security Systems, Inc. in accordance with its bid for said monitoring of the fire alarm and/or burglary systems.
3. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
4. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: May 23, 2018

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

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Agenda No. IX

**Public Comments**

Council President Wagner opened the meeting to the public after advising that there is a five-minute limit for each speaker.

Richard Randazzo, 278 Wooley Road – Said everyone was cleaning up the garbage on Beautification Day and the Township looked nice until all the primary election signs were put up. He mentioned that during that time, there are signs all over town that should have been cleaned up from the last election in November. He said if he has a yard sale, he has to pay for a permit and use the Township signs. He suggested that anyone running for election should have a litter permit and pay for the signs. If there are any signs remaining two weeks after the election, they will lose their permit. If all the signs have been removed, then they get their money refunded. It will make Beautification Day easier, because he does not want to pick up election signs. This also includes people running outside the Township. He said he would volunteer to pick up the signs after the election. He said whoever is responsible for putting the signs up should be responsible for taking them down. He noted that he had six clear bags of recycling material on Beautification Day.

Pat Restaino, 108 Timber Lane, Newfoundland – Mentioned that in March he was at a Governing Body meeting and he waited an hour to speak; he left the meeting because the executive session took too long. He asked if there was a way of scheduling the meetings so the people who want to speak know what time to show up at the meeting. He suggested having the public comments before executive session. He said he was there in March to compliment the DPW and Engineering Department and Administrator Battaglia on the great job they did during the snow storms and power outages. He noticed that the DPW employees were working on other projects because they don't have to clean up the grits. He said that he lives at the end of the JCP&L power and light line, and every time a strong wind blows, they lose power. He said ¾ of the houses in that neighborhood have generators. He explained that it is getting worse, and he asked who is responsible for cutting the trees and for the tree mess on Union Valley Road. He said there are trees leaning on power lines, telephone poles cut in half, and piles of trees that have been there since Hurricane Sandy. He said if a tree falls on Cozy Lake Road, his power goes out. He said he was sorry he was not at the meeting with JCP&L. He expressed that the grid needs to be strengthened and the trees need to be maintained; it's a disgrace and JCP&L and the County and all other responsible parties need to address the matter.

JoAnn Blom, 15 Timber Lane, Newfoundland – Expressed that she lives in the same neighborhood as Mr. Restaino, and they are constantly losing their electricity. She said there are a lot of trees in West Milford and they need to be maintained. She asked the Governing Body if there was anything they could do to help.

Marilyn Lichtenberg, 37 Hudson Drive, West Milford – Noted various events and their dates and times. She said she agrees with Mr. Randazzo about the election and campaign signs, and said that there are a lot of towns that have ordinances regarding the signs. She thanked all the churches that participated in all the volunteer activities. She thanked Girl Scout Cadet Troops, the Beautification and Recycling Committee members, and the High School Interact Students for helping her plant flowers and clean up Veterans Park.

Paul Zarrillo, 26 Rocky Point Road, Hewitt – Provided an update on the presentation the Commission made to the Senate. He said there were a lot of discussions on West Milford and the Township's need for the funds. He expressed that they still have a lot of work to do and they are looking for support.

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He said there was an amendment on the bill to where it could move forward in 2019, and the Township has never been so close to receiving this type of funding.

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

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

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Council Comments

Councilwoman Pegel – Said that she lives in JCP&L territory and she expressed that they lose power all the time. She explained that she had an opportunity to meet with two JCP&L area managers to express the residents’ concerns, issues and frustrations regarding JCP&L’s response time, preparation and restoration time. She toured the facilities in Madison, and saw the logistics of the power outage process. She said it was a great learning experience and, most importantly, she established a relationship with the managers. She said Union Valley Road was a big safety issue after the last storms. She thanked Mr. Zarrillo for representing the Township and getting the funds for Greenwood Lake.

Administrator Battaglia – Commended the Governing Body for approving funding for the bucket truck. It has been very effective and a huge asset to the Township. The DPW employees have used the truck to the best of their ability and to the Township’s benefit. They realized that Union Valley Road was a safety issue after the storms, so they proactively sent DPW out there to cut the trees. They are now able to systematically deal with those issues on Township roads.

Council President Wagner – Noted that the Township Ordinance for the campaign signs states they have to be removed sixty days after the election. The wind blows the signs around and it does create an eye sore. He suggested a discussion on shortening the window so there is less chance of the signs blowing around. He said there is countless trees all over the Township that need to be removed.

Mr. Semrau – Said moving forward it will be difficult to restrict signage; local Government Agencies are limited to what they can restrict, so it will be difficult to regulate much further.

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Consent Agenda

None

Agenda No. XII

Approval of Expenditures

~ Resolution 2018 – 157 ~

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has submitted to the members of the Township Council a report listing individual disbursement checks prepared by his office in payment of amounts due by the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Treasurer’s report of checks prepared by him be approved and issued as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Section 6. cct #, A, Section 7. Account Name, Section 8. Amount. Rows include Current Account (\$417,413.61), Reserve Account (9,750.53), Grants (7,233.55), Refunds (241,364.48), General Ledger (582.46), Refuse (137,521.53), Capital (14,053.44), Animal Control (160.10), and Heritage Trust (0.00).

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19	Open Space Trust	84,194.00
19	Trust	4,442.52
19	COAH	0.00
16	Development Escrow	1,896.34
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	3,706.26
Total		\$922,318.82
Less Refund Resolution		-241,364.48
<b>Actual Bills List</b>		<b>\$680,954.34</b>
Payroll		516,906.88
Payroll		527,966.74
BOE		4,504,769.00
State of NJ, dog report		238.80
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$6,230,835.76</b>

Adopted: May 23, 2018

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

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Agenda No. XIII

**Reports of Administrator, Mayor and Council Members**

Councilman Hensley – Congratulated the senior citizens on winning the Senior Olympics, and he thanked Marilyn for participating. He said he is excited about many of the candidates running for election, and he is happy that Mr. Lonegan came to West Milford to meet and speak to the residents.

Councilman President Wagner – Provided an update on the new recreation gym floor. He noted various events and their dates and times. He mentioned that Bubbling Springs is opening this weekend. He congratulated the new owners of Harvest Moon. He said that the cost efficiency audit is currently taking place, and they requested a quarterly progress report. He noted that June 5<sup>th</sup> is the Primary Election and he encouraged residents to exercise their right to vote.

Councilman McGuinness – Said he enjoyed going to Trenton; it was an experience and an honor. He wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day, and said to reflect on the soldiers that are fighting for us to keep our way of life.

Councilwoman Gerst – Mentioned that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Macopin Chorus and Band went to Dorney Park for a competition and all four ensembles won top place. She said the kids and teachers did an excellent job. She said on May 6<sup>th</sup>, the WMCC represented the Township at the National Cheer Competition in Atlantic City; she congratulated them on their trophies. She wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day.

Councilwoman Pegel – Noted that she attended a CASA Awareness Program, and she wished more parents would attend. All the programs that CASA promotes are very informative and they bring to light substance abuse issues and bullying. She said the speaker was fantastic, and the topic was Preventing Youth Substance Abuse. She encouraged more parents to participate in the programs. She had a meeting with the Director of Senior Services in Totowa; they had a lot of brainstorming ideas to assist the senior citizens in West Milford. She also talked to a lot of the seniors that attend the day program and said they are very busy with crafts and different activities. They were kind enough to give her a tour of what they have to offer. She mentioned that she was sworn in by the Board of Governors for the National Federation of Republican Women, so she now represents the county and state as the liaison. She wished everyone a happy Memorial Day, and thanked the Veterans for all the work and sacrifice.

Administrator Battaglia – Said the weed harvester has been subject to a number of major repairs. The staff is completely dedicated to getting the weed harvester working, and there will be full crews out to stay on top of the weeds to be ready for the boat races. She and Mr. Voli met with Mr. Hodges. She explained that Mr. Hodges has an extensive educational background, so they talked about him taking over some of the responsibilities related to CASA. She is hoping that by bringing Mr. Hodges into the mix, they could become more effective working with the CASA Committee.

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Mr. Semrau – Asked if he could update the Governing Body on the Newark Watershed tax appeals, and the sale of the MUA at the next meeting.

Agenda No. XIV

**Appointments and Resignations**

Councilman McGuinness nominated Denise Von Wilke to the Heritage Committee, and John Buechel to the Insurance Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Pegel. Councilman McGuinness made a motion to close and confirm, seconded by Councilwoman Gerst and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Moved: McGuinness                      Seconded: Gerst  
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote  
Voted Nay: None  
Motion carried.  
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Agenda No. XV

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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Moved: McGuinness                      Seconded: Gerst  
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote  
Voted Nay: None  
Motion carried.  
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Approved: June 13, 2018

Respectfully submitted:

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Sherry Zbrzeski, Keyboarding Clerk I

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MAYOR BETTINA BIERI, PRESIDING OFFICER

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ANTOINETTE BATTAGLIA, TOWNSHIP CLERK