
TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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The Workshop and Regular Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Michele Dale.

Adequate Notice Statement

Mayor Dale read the following statement:

Please note that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this Workshop and Regular meeting was advertised in the Herald News in its issue of March 17, 2019 and July 7, 2019; 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.

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Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda No. II

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Ada Erik, Andrena Pegel, Marilyn Lichtenberg, Luciano Signorino
Patricia Gerst (arrived 6:33), Mayor Michele Dale
Absent: Pete McGuinness
Also Present: Interim Township Administrator Bob Casey, Township Attorney Fred Semrau

Agenda No. III

Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

June 12, 2019 Workshop/Regular Meeting
June 24, 2019 Budget Meeting

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, Gerst
Voted Nay: None
Abstain: Signorino
Absent: McGuinness
Motion Carried:

Agenda No. IV

Meetings

Mayor Dale noted the future meeting schedule:

August 14, 2019 Workshop and Regular Meeting
September 4, 2019 Workshop Meeting
September 18, 2019 Regular Meeting

Agenda No. V

Continued Business

2019 Municipal & Solid Waste Budget Public Hearing

Discussion:

Mr. Casey noted that Mr. Cerullo from the auditing firm was present. Mr. Cerullo said he contacted the Passaic County Tax Administrator to get the allocations of the County taxes. The estimated projected tax rate is 3.788 and in 2018 it was 3.752. This would call for an increase of \$88.00 on the average assessed home. Mr. Casey noted that the County taxes decreased and municipal taxes increased. That will equalize the municipal load. He said the tax increase that is before the Governing body is from the school funding operations. Councilwomen Pegel asked for an itemization of the school budget. Mrs. Mageean said she will have to contact the school to get that information.

Councilwoman Erik made a motion to move the budget as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg. Councilman Signorino said he will not be supporting the budget as is. He would like to see a cut in the budget.

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He is not interested in a 3.5 percent increase and he would be willing to work with the Council to lower the increase. He believes the surplus will regenerate next year. Councilwoman Pegel said she is not ready to vote on the budget and the increase is harmful to the residents. She wants to hear recommendations from Administration on how to cut the budget. They should table this to another day. They need to dissect each department and she would like to hear from all the departments if there are any cuts and recommendations to help with the financial burden on the taxpayers. Mr. Casey expressed that they had four budget meetings already and went through each department thoroughly. They are past the point of adopting a budget; they are 60 days past the States statutory requirements. Councilman Signorino said the surplus is extra money. He is willing to compromise and not use all of the surplus.

Mayor Dale asked Councilman Signorino if the surplus will regenerate to the \$4.8 million next year and how it will not create a deficit for next year's budget. Councilman Signorino said that will be up to next year's Administration and that is really where that questions lies. Mayor Dale said she wants the public to understand that they will have to regenerate \$4.8 million dollars in order to not be guaranteed a tax increase next year. Councilman Signorino said the surplus has been increasing historically and it has been a progressive scale. Mr. Casey explained he used a three year moving average. He noted that last year was the biggest available surplus they had but that was averaged over three years. He expressed that they collect \$100 million in taxes, the budget is about \$36 million; they are operating the budget with a one percent margin on revenues and three percent margin on expenses. The Township has to go out for bonds in two years, if they don't want a penalty in the bond rate they have to keep a working surplus. If they remove the surplus, they will jeopardize their bond rating. Mayor Dale expressed that a quarter point interest shift over the life of only one bond would be \$412,000 more. Mr. Casey said they are running temporary debt that is equal to over 6% of the operating budget and this is not healthy. Mr. Cerullo noted that the Township has a balance policy that the rating agencies look at and they can't consistently violate that. The fund balance is the highest point it has ever been in the past five years but the Township is also utilizing the highest amount of surplus it has ever used before.

Councilman Signorino said he is not getting a lot of confidence from the discussion. He wants to see hard numbers on paper. Councilwoman Pegel said they are over budgeting and all the money is going to surplus. She is not confident with the budget the way it is. Councilman Signorino asked Administration to come back to the Governing Body at the next meeting with the appropriate cuts in the budget. Mayor Dale noted that they presented a budget that was less and the Council increased the budget by adding items to account for the increase that they see today. Councilman Signorino said he can't justify a 3.5 percent increase when they have had the highest surplus ever. Mr. Casey said the \$500,000 one shot revenue that they took from the snow trust account last year put a big hole in this year's budget. They can't keep doing that. Councilwoman Pegel said they can take \$300,000 from surplus and refer back to the departments and Administration to see where they can cut. She said they have a responsibility to the residents and they can't ask them for any more money.

Mayor Dale said she did calculations on the bond ratings with Mrs. Mageean and she asked Mr. Cerullo to review them with Mrs. Mageean. Councilwoman Erik expressed that they can't cut from essential services. She said maybe they can cut from Recreation, which is non-essential. She expressed that if they want the services they are currently getting, they have to pay more money for them. There is a lot in the budget that they have zero control over. Councilwoman Lichtenberg said prices are increasing and they are sacrificing the services of things that really need to be done. She said everybody would love a zero percent increase but, unfortunately, the prices are not going down.

Notice of this public hearing for the 2019 Municipal & 2019 Solid Waste budget was published in the Herald News on June 9, 2019. The Mayor will open the meeting to the public to speak to the budget only.

Gale Barth, 11 Mountain Circle North – Said she understands wanting a zero increase to alleviate the tax burden but drastically reducing the surplus or using the entire amount for this purpose does not serve the greater good. The ramifications of such actions over the next few years will be disastrous. She said the taxpayers might have to pay more in taxes to protect themselves on what lies ahead if the Council decides to use the surplus. She said the faces may change but there is always the Council to act in the residents best interest. She urged the Council not to use the surplus and look over the budget again to see if they can find something that can be eliminated.

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

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried.

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Agenda No. V 1

~ Resolution 2019 – 195 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS the Township Council has completed its review of the General Fund Budget , revised the proposal from the Administration where it deemed necessary, and held the required public hearings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford of the County of Passaic that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$23,282,395.00 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
 - (b) _____ (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type 1 School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
 - (c) _____ (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18:9-3) and the certification to the County Board of taxation of
 - (d) \$148,030.00 (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
 - (e) \$1,007,594.00 (Item 5 below) Minimum Library Tax
- the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

RECORDED VOTE

((Abstained	(
(Erik	(Pegel		(
(Lichtenberg	(Signorino		(
Ayes	Nays	(Gerst	(
((((McGuinness
((Absent	(

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1 General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated		08-100	3,891,839.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		40004-10	5,977,935.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		15-499	1,100,000.00
2 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)		07-190	23,282,395.00
3 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:	07-195		
Item 7, Sheet 42			
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191		
4 To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		07-191	
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-14)			
5 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MINIMUM LIBRARY LEVY		07-192	1,007,594.00
Total Revenues		40000-00	35,259,763.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

6 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:		xxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Within "CAPS"		xxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a&b) Operations including Contingent		30001-00	23,756,089.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures – Municipal		30004-00	3,169,000.00
(g)Cash Deficit		46-885	
Excluded from "CAPS"		xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Operations – Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		60023-00	1,279,644.00
(c)Capital Improvements		60002-00	270,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service		60003-00	4,505,030.00
(e)Deferred Charges – Municipal		60024-00	30,000.00
(f)Judgements		37-480	
(n)Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (NJSA 40A:48-17.1 & 17.3)		29-405	
(g)Cash Deficit		46-885	
(k)For Local District School Purposes		60008-00	
(m)Reserve for Uncollected taxes (include Other Reserves if any)		50-899	2,250,000.00
7 SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS – TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (NJSA 40A:4-13)		60010-00	
Total Appropriations		30000-00	35,259,763.00

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 10th day of July, 2019. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2019 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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Voted Aye: Erik, Lichtenberg
Voted Nay: Pegel, Signorino, Gerst
Absent: McGuinness
Motion Carried:

Mr. Casey noted that resolutions 2019-194 and 2019-196 will get carried forward to the next meeting. The budget resolutions require four affirmative votes.

Agenda No. VI

Presentations

Senior Olympians – Mayor Dale invited Councilwoman Lichtenberg and the seniors to the podium to recognize them on their success. She noted that this is their 5th first place gold medal in a row. The seniors spoke about the team, the games that they play, their goals and accomplishments.

Eagle Scout, Connor Francis Partington – Mr. Partington said he completed a storage shed for the West Milford Highlander Marching Band. He will attend Seton Hall University in the fall to study biology and biochemistry. He noted that his project took 484 hours and he had a lot of help from the staff at the High School.

Agenda No. VII

Executive Session

~ Resolution 2019 – 197 ~

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford on the 10th day of July, 2019 that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this **Workshop / 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.
 - () b. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations
 - () 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
 - Litigations – Settlement Discussion - Battinelli
 - () 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).

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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

The Governing Body went into executive session at 7:31 p.m.
The Governing Body returned to the public meeting at 8:32 p.m. with all present as before.

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Discussion Items

Table with 2 columns: Item Number and Discussion Content. Item 1: Discussion: Updated Ordinance for Horses... Item 2: Discussion: Short-term Rentals (aka Airbnb)...

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	<p>She said she could not tell what she violated in the ordinance and it is totally vague. She expressed that she had to appear in court so she hired an attorney and spent over \$10,000 defending herself because she was sued by the Township.</p> <p>Mayor Dale noted that she was not familiar with Mrs. Pope’s case, so she consulted with the Township attorney. The Township attorney told her that there was no such lawsuit. She offered to meet with Mrs. Pope to discuss exactly what happened and to review the zoning violations that were issued to her. Mr. Semrau said to provide the information that pertains to the summons to Administration. He noted that the Governing Body does not control what happens in court. Councilwoman Erik said this is not ready to move forward. She noted that there over 200 Airbnb’s in West Milford. When the ordinance is complete, they want it ready for both sides. She expressed that the ordinance does not protect either side enough so, to her, it is not ready.</p>
3.	<p>Discussion: Dam Restoration – Farm Crest: Mr. Semrau noted that there are 108 properties and they are asking the Township to cosign a loan for the dam restoration. He said this process is just like the previous dam restorations. They have to cosign the loan by law and if there are defaults, the property owners are responsible. He mentioned that it is for the greater good of the community. They asked if the Council will proceed and support the process. Councilwoman Erik noted that this is another lake community with an active club who went out and told every property owner what was going one. The Council gave consensus.</p>
4.	<p>Discussion: Belcher’s Creek: Councilman Signorino requested the information from whoever conducted the tour down the river. He said Councilman McGuinness would like the information as well. He said it would be nice to have them at a Council meeting to provide the information.</p>
5.	<p>Discussion: 2018 Annual Audit: Mr. Casey noted that there is a certification that every member of the Governing Body has to sign. It indicates that they reviewed the audit and the comments in the last section relative to the status of the Township. Mrs. Mageean reviewed the recommendations from the auditor and noted that she will have a corrective action plan at the next Council meeting. Mr. Casey said the third recommendation is on at least 50% of all audits. It is a requirement by the State that they have a current fixed asset inventory. He noted that the Township hired a company in 2012 to come in and do inventory on all the fixed assets. He said the issue that is interesting is that there is no definition by State law what a fixed asset is. The federal requirement is a value of \$5,000 for five years. The problem he is alluding to is the fixed assets are not going to walk away. The items that could be under the threshold for a fixed asset. Councilman Signorino said they need to be updated on the inventory all the time. Mr. Casey said if he refers to the insurance fund annual filing of mobile equipment; it is all listed. They have accurate inventory but it is not in the format that the auditors and the State want. They want a separate audit. Councilwoman Pegel asked how often they should do an asset check and Mr. Casey said it should be done annually. Mrs. Mageean said they keep track of the additions to the inventory so they know what they have. The one that was done in 2012 is not accurate. The tags that they applied to the fixed assets may not agree to what the actual fixed asset is. The most important thing is the items that can walk away and they should be most concerned with those things. Over the summer, maybe the Finance Office can put a plan together. Councilwoman Lichtenberg noted that the audit states that there are numerous old escrow balances on the other trust fund balance sheet. Mrs. Mageean said they started cleaning them up and they got rid of old ones with small dollar amounts. They are working on trying to get some of the older ones off the books. Mr. Casey explained that normally what happens is most applicants before the Planning Board create an LLC. When the LLC disappears, the municipality will cancel the balance. Most of it is Planning and Zoning and it relates to properties; the owner or developer sold the property. Mrs. Mageean said they removed the old ones that were under \$100 so now they are going back to look and see if the can find older ones that are more money.</p>

Agenda No. IX

Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances

~ Ordinance 2019 – 012 ~

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING HANOVER ROAD, ALPINE COURT, BEVERLY COURT AND PORTIONS OF PRINCETON ROAD AND LYONS ROAD AS TOWNSHIP ROADS

WHEREAS, there exists certain dirt/gravel roadways namely Hanover Road, Alpine Court, Beverly Court and portions of Princeton Road and Lyons Road wholly contained within the boundaries of the Township of West Milford; and

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New Business, Introduction of Ordinance, Resolutions

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~ Ordinance 2019 – 013 ~

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$151,000 THEREFOR, DIRECTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF PART OF THE COST THEREOF, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$143,800 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE SAME FOR WALNUT, JEFFERSON, PAUL AND HARRISON STREETS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a local improvement to be made or acquired by The Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$151,000, said sum, except as described below, being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$7,200 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes and being exclusive of the sum of \$200,000 heretofore appropriated therefor by ordinance #2015-08 of the Township and the sum of \$150,000 heretofore appropriated therefor by ordinance #2016-08 of the Township (collectively, the "Prior Ordinances").
- Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose and to meet the part of said \$151,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$143,800 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$143,800 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.
- Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the improvement of various roads in and by the Township, including the reconstruction and resurfacing of all or portions of Walnut Street, Jefferson Street, Paul Street and Harrison Street, so as to provide a roadway pavement at least equal in useful life or durability to a roadway pavement of Class B construction (as such term is used or referred to in section 40A:2-22 of said Local Bond Law) and being those lands designated on the official tax map of the Township as Lots 1 to 4 in Block 16002, Lots 1, 2, 4 and 10 in Block 16003, Lots 2 to 4 in Block 16004, Lots 1 and 16 to 19 in Block 16005 and Lots 1.01, 1.02, 5 and 6 in Block 16006, including all storm water drainage facilities, milling, excavation, grading, grates, inlets, catch basins, manholes, pipes curbing, fencing, structures, tree removal, appurtenances, equipment, site work, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.
- (b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose pursuant to this bond ordinance is \$143,800, said amount being exclusive of any bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose pursuant to the Prior Ordinances.
- (c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$501,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor pursuant to this bond ordinance being the amount of the said \$7,200 down payment for said purpose and the amount of the said \$350,000 heretofore appropriated for said purpose by the Prior Ordinances.
- Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:
- (a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a local improvement.
- (b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

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- (c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$143,800, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.
- (d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$21,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement financed by this bond ordinance and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.
- (e) As provided in Section 5 of this bond ordinance, \$350,000 of the cost of said improvement or purpose will be contributed by the Township at large to payment of the cost of said improvement or purpose, and the estimated maximum amount of the special assessments to be levied on property specially benefitted by said improvement is \$151,000, and the number of annual installments in which all such special assessments may be paid is ten (10).
- Section 5. The Township shall pay \$350,000 of the cost of said local improvement, and said amount shall be and hereby is contributed by the Township at large to payment of the cost of said local improvement. The cost of said local improvement, to the extent not met by the said amount contributed by the Township at large, shall be paid by special assessments which shall be levied in accordance with law on property specially benefitted thereby, as nearly as may be in proportion to and not in excess of the peculiar benefit, advantage or increase in value which the respective lots and parcels of real estate shall be deemed to receive by reason of said local improvement. The owner of any land upon which any such assessment shall have been made may pay such assessment in the number of equal annual installments hereinabove determined, all as may be provided in accordance with law and with legal interest on the unpaid balance of the assessment.
- Section 6. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, acting chief financial officer or treasurer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale at not less than par and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.
- Section 7. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.
- Section 8. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.
- Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

Introduced: July 10, 2019
Adopted:
Effective Date:

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Second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance is set for the Regular/Workshop Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for August 14, 2019. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the Herald News on or about July 14, 2019.

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2019-013

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
 Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, Signorino, Gerst
 Voted Nay: None
 Absent: McGuinness
 Motion Carried:

Mayor Dale asked to move resolution 2019-198 through 2019-203 because they are amending resolution 2019-204.

Agenda No. XII 2

~ Resolution 2019 – 198 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT FOR PUBLICATION FOR THE 2018 AUDIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:5-7

Attention is directed to the fact that a summary of the audit report, together with the recommendations, is the minimum required to be published pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:A:5-7. Summary of Synopsis of 2018 Audit Report of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, as required by N.J.S.A 40A:5-7.

Assets	December 31 Year 2018	December 31 Year 2017
Cash, Investments and Prepaid Debt Service	\$29,716,418.34	\$26,941,519.14
Taxes, Assessments, Liens and Utility Charges Receivable	\$4,245,859.86	\$4,141,577.62
Prospective Assessments Funded	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Property Acquired for Taxes - Assessed Value	\$ 4,344,800.00	\$3,826,000.00
Accounts Receivable (and Inventory)	\$ 2,761,706.63	\$2,864,147.26
General Fixed Assets	\$45,065,388.25	\$45,065,388.25
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation – General Capital	\$33,199,984.68	\$33,694,926.43
Deferred Charges to Revenue of Succeeding Years	\$3,144.00	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$119,338,301.76	\$116,534,558.70
Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balances		
Bond and Notes Payable	\$33,910,889.36	\$34,544,158.85
Improvement Authorizations	\$5,853,377.16	\$4,027,108.50
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	\$21,079,761.69	\$18,418,939.03
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$0.00	\$2,327,754.35
Investment in General Fixed Assets	\$45,065,388.25	\$45,065,388.25
Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable	\$8,201,523.86	\$7,361,144.41
Fund Balance	\$5,227,361.44	\$4,790,065.31
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Surplus	\$119,338,301.76	\$116,534,558.70
Comparative Statement of Operations and Change in Surplus – Current Fund		
Revenue and Other Income Realized	2018	2017
Fund Balance Utilized	\$3,297,994.34	\$2,912,315.00
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local Property Tax Levies	\$6,796,608.91	\$6,435,750.84
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	\$1,280,573.32	\$1,368,776.50
Collection of Current Tax Levy	\$101,120,588.13	\$100,136,895.63
Other Credits to Income	\$1,676,169.55	\$1,702,988.91
Total Income	\$114,171,934.25	\$112,556,726.88
Budget Expenditures: Municipal Purpose	\$31,565,060.88	\$31,107,411.67
Special District Taxes	\$1,794,892.41	\$1,792,375.95
Municipal Open Space Tax	\$148,291.17	\$148,442.60

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Assets	December 31 Year 2018	December 31 Year 2017
County Taxes	\$21,970,581.62	\$22,163,734.67
Local and Regional School Taxes	\$54,716,625.00	\$54,062,395.00
Other Expenditures	\$ 254,051.29	\$ 43,043.08
Total Expenditures	\$110,449,502.37	\$109,317,402.97
Less: Expenditures to be Raised by Future Taxes		
Total Adjusted Expenditures	\$110,449,502.37	\$109,317,402.97
Excess in Revenue	\$3,722,431.88	\$3,239,323.91
Fund Balance January 1	\$4,470,381.37	\$4,143,372.46
	\$8,192,813.25	\$7,382,696.37
Less:		
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	\$3,297,994.34	\$2,912,315.00
Fund Balance December 31	\$4,894,818.91	\$ 4,470,381.37

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That all recreation timesheets contain proper approval.
2. That all senior citizen and veteran applications be available for audit.
3. That a Fixed Asset Inventory report be available for audit and be updated for additions and deletions.

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A Corrective Action Plan, which outlines actions the Township of West Milford will take to correct the findings listed above, will be prepared in accordance with federal and state requirements. A copy of it will be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk of the Township of West Milford within 45 days of this notice.

The above Summary of Synopsis was prepared from the Report of Audit of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, for the calendar year 2018. This Report of Audit, submitted by James Cerullo, C.P.A., R.M.A. of Ferraioli, Wielkocz, Cerullo & Cuva, P.A., is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 199 ~

RESOLUTION AND GROUP AFFIDAVIT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS CERTIFICATION OF THE 2018 ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2018 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Township Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

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WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body whom, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Direct of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 200 ~

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 2019 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	2019 Temporary Budget
Insurance	01-201-23-210-200	\$200,000
Environmental Health O.E.	01-201-27-335-200	14,000
Dam Loans	01-201-45-940-200	11,000
Municipal Debt Service	01-201-45-930-526	11,500
	Total	\$236,500

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 201 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FOR THE MILLING AND RESURFACING OF CLINTON ROAD BETWEEN PASSAIC COUNTY BRIDGE #175 AND PASSAIC COUNTY BRIDGE #177

WHEREAS, the NJDOT is accepting applications for the fiscal year 2020 Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineering Division has recommended that the following application be submitted for the milling and resurfacing of Clinton Road between Passaic County Bridge #175 and Passaic County Bridge #177; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineering Division submits the following application for consideration to the Township Council:

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Table with project details for Clinton Road - Section 3, including grant application amount (\$300,000), township contribution (\$75,000), and total estimated cost (\$375,000). Grant Application No. MA-2020-Clinton Road - Section 3-00507.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford formally approve the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineering Division Agency Administrator is hereby authorized to submit the grant application as identified above to the New Jersey Department of Transportation through S.A.G.E. (System for Administering Grants Electronically) on behalf of the Township of West Milford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Acting Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of West Milford and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Approved: July 10, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 - 202 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FOR THE MILLING AND RESURFACING OF MORSETOWN ROAD BETWEEN CAHILL CROSS ROAD AND RAYMOND BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, the NJDOT is accepting applications for the fiscal year 2020 Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineering Division has recommended that the following application be submitted for the milling and resurfacing of Morsetown Road between Cahill Cross Road and Raymond Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineering Division submits the following application for consideration to the Township Council:

Table with project details for Morsetown Road - Section 2, including grant application amount (\$360,000), township contribution (\$120,000), and total estimated cost (\$480,000). Grant Application No. MA-2020-Morsetown Road - Section 2-00414.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford formally approve the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineering Division Agency Administrator is hereby authorized to submit the grant application as identified above to the New Jersey Department of Transportation through S.A.G.E. (System for Administering Grants Electronically) on behalf of the Township of West Milford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Acting Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of West Milford and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FOR BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO WESTBROOK ROAD BETWEEN RIDGE ROAD AND THE WESTBROOK TEEN CENTER, INCLUDING WIDENING, RESURFACING AND STORMWATER COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, the NJDOT is accepting applications for the fiscal year 2020 Bikeway Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineering Division has recommended that the following application be submitted for Bikeway Improvements to Westbrook Road between Ridge Road and the Westbrook Teen Center, including widening, resurfacing and stormwater compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineering Division submits the following application for consideration to the Township Council:

Project: Westbrook Road – Section 4	
Bikeway Improvements to Westbrook Road between Ridge Road and the Westbrook Teen Center (0.8 miles), including Widening, Resurfacing and Stormwater Compliance	
Grant Application:	\$300,000
Township Contribution:	\$100,000
Estimated Cost for Entire Project:	\$400,000
Grant Application No.	BIKE-2020-Westbrook Road – Section 4-00036

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford formally approve the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineering Division Agency Administrator is hereby authorized to submit the grant application as identified above to the New Jersey Department of Transportation through S.A.G.E. (System for Administering Grants Electronically) on behalf of the Township of West Milford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Acting Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of West Milford and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Approved: July 10, 2019

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, Signorino, Gerst
Voted Nay: None
Absent: McGuinness
Motion Carried:

Mayor Dale noted that they are making an amendment to resolution 2019-204; Greenwood Lake Power Boat Association (GLPBA) must provide reasonable access for local residents by providing five (5) minute breaks approximately every thirty (30) minutes. GLPBA will provide the Township with an approximate break schedule of times which shall be posted on the Township website at least two (2) days prior to the race.

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~ Resolution 2019 – 204 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A RECREATION GROUP USE PERMIT (BROWN'S POINT – 2019 POWER BOAT RACES) – AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Township's Director of Community Services & Recreation has received a request for the use of Brown's Point from Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25 (with the preceding Friday booked for set-up and the succeeding Monday booked for clean-up) as a launching site for a power boat race being sponsored by the Greenwood Lake Power Boat Association (GLPBA); and

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WHEREAS, Resolutions 2013-354, 2014-337, 2015-228, 2015-360, 2016-227, 2017-368, 2018-162, 2018-193, 2018-260 and the related Professional Services Contract did authorize services in an amount not to exceed \$190,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has been advised that the Township's needs, related to the matter known as Triple T Construction vs. the Township of West Milford necessitates an amendment in an additional amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 to prepare and appear for oral argument; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds and said funds to be encumbered from account 01-201-20-155-502 for \$4,000; and

WHEREAS, that a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the originally awarded Professional Services Contract, and this resolution serving as the Addendum to the Contract are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk and that the professional services offered by Eric Harrison, Esq. are extended by an additional twelve months or until the conclusion of the legal matter, whichever comes first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that they do hereby authorize the Township Administrator to approve an amendment of \$4,000.00 to Eric Harrison, Esq. for Special Legal Services which amount is in excess of the approved contract amount of \$190,000 bringing the contract total to an amount not to exceed \$194,000 and re-engaging the services of Eric Harrison for an additional twelve months or until the conclusion of this legal matter, whichever comes first.

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 206 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE 2019 WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL - CONTRACT #6: ROAD RESURFACING, CATEGORY A: HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA), CATEGORY B: MILLING OF HOT MIX ASPHALT (IN PLACE) AND CATEGORY G: RESURFACING PREPARATIONS TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (State Identifier Number 6MOCCP); and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council has awarded portions of Contract #6: Road Resurfacing to Tilcon New York, Inc. and said contract was awarded through the open and competitive bidding process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11 et seq., Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Supervising Engineering Aide has reviewed the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council's contract and related specifications and has submitted a written recommendation that the Township of West Milford award a contract for the 2019 West Milford Township Road Resurfacing Program project utilizing Category A: Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), Category B: Milling of Hot Mix Asphalt (in place) and Category G: Resurfacing Preparations to Tilcon New York, Inc. through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council - Contract #6: Road Resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for these purchases

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 award of a contract through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council - Contract #6: Road Resurfacing, Category A: Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), Category B: Milling of Hot Mix Asphalt (in place) and Category G: Resurfacing Preparations to Tilcon New York, Inc., 9 Entin Road, Parsipanny, NJ 07054 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.
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.

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~ Resolution 2019 – 207 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-125 TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT VALUE WITH D'ONOFRIO AND SON LANDSCAPING INC. TO INCLUDE MAINTENANCE OF THE OLD LIBRARY PROPERTY IN EXCESS OF THE PRE-APPROVED NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$1,650.00

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution 2019-125 adopted on April 24, 2019 the Township Council did authorize the maintenance of ballfields and other sites services to be provided by D'Onofrio & Son Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Township has taken over the care of the old library building and grounds and has a need for mowing services on the property; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2019-125 did authorize services in an amount not to exceed \$49,750.00 which said price did not include the old library property; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose said funds to be encumbered from 01-201-28-375-450; and

WHEREAS, that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the Township's legal newspaper and said notice to provide that the originally awarded contract and this resolution serving as the Addendum to the contract are available for public inspection in the office the Township Clerk .

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 authorize the Township Administrator to approve an amendment of \$1,650.00 to D'Onofrio & Son Landscaping Inc. which amount is in excess of the approved contract amount of \$49,750.00 bringing the contract total to an amount not to exceed \$51,400.00 and includes the mowing services of the old library property in the 2019 calendar year.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 208 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF TYPE 10 AND TYPE 13 SOLID WASTE TO WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford solicited and received bids for a contract for Disposal of Type 10 and Type 13 Solid Waste; and

WHEREAS, the Township received two (2) sealed bids and said bids have been duly reviewed and analyzed by the Public Works Department and Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council find and declare that the low bid received from Waste Management of New Jersey Inc. is compliant with the bid specifications in all relevant respects pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council have determined that an award of the contract to the lowest bidder is in the best interests of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for these services said funds to be encumbered from 26-201-55-500-548.

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

1. The five (5) year contract for the Disposal of Type 10 and Type 13 Solid Waste is hereby awarded to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., 107 Silvia Street, Ewing, NJ 08628 in an amount not to exceed \$4,003,750.00
2. The Mayor and Acting Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. in accordance with its bid proposal and bid specifications for the Disposal of Type 10 and Type 13 Solid Waste for a five (5) year term.

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3. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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~ Resolution 2019 – 209 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT FOR PORTABLE TOILET/ SEPTIC SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S PURCHASING POLICIES

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford did adopt ordinance 2013-020 to create the position of Qualified Purchasing Agent in the municipality and they did subsequently adopt resolution 2013-330 appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) and increasing the bid threshold to \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, as a condition to the increase in the bid threshold, the Council did establish a policy whereby a resolution shall be presented for their consideration for any purchase in excess of the former bid threshold of \$17,500 and that the purchase shall warrant a minimum of three quotations; and

WHEREAS, every year the rental of handicap accessible portable toilets are needed for locations around the Township including Brown's Point, Recycling Center, athletic fields and the Friends of Wallisch Homestead. In addition, septic pumping may be required at Township owned properties and the aggregate of all such services will exceed the \$17,500 threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Qualified Purchasing Agent is aware of this and will require quotes to be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Council pursuant to Resolution 2019-147 adopted on May 1, 2019 authorized an amount not to exceed \$22,000 and the QPA is asking the Council to raise the not to exceed amount to \$25,000 in consideration of the Wallisch property unforeseen emergency septic problems and the increased cost of such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the 2019 calendar year for the septic pumping and portable toilet services.

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 210 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING SIGNATURES ON TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that two out of the three following signers; Mayor Michele Dale, Acting Township Clerk Diane Curcio, or Chief Financial Officer Ellen Mageean will be the required signers on Township checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Columbia Bank is hereby authorized to accept the manual or facsimile signatures of Mayor Michele Dale, Acting Township Clerk Diane Curcio, and the Chief Financial Officer Ellen Mageean on Township checks.

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 211 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-157 CERTIFICATION LIST OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND FIRST AID SQUADS

WHEREAS, the Township adopted Ordinance No. 1999-26 which created the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-191 requires that the Emergency Service Organizations furnish the Township Council with an annual certification list of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the award program for the previous year; and

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WHEREAS, the Township adopted Resolution 2019-157 on May 22, 2019 formally approving the certification list of all volunteer members of the Township fire departments and first aid squads; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Ryans and James Seward were not included on the certification list under West Milford First Aid Squad but did meet the requirements to qualify; and

WHEREAS, in response to a OSC Report (Office of the State Comptroller) the Division of Local Government Services issued Local Finance Notice 2016-3 highlighting applicable rules and regulations regarding LOSAP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, approve amending the certified list to include Kimberly Ryans and James Seward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution serves as the Amendment to the certification list in Resolution 2018-163 and a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the respective fire houses, first aid squads and available for public inspection in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 212 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, Township of West Milford is the owner of Tax Sale Certificate # 10-055 relating to 33 Phillips Road, Block 4403, Lot 3 in the Township of West Milford was assigned to John Mosca; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Sale Certificate originally issued in connection with this matter has been lost and cannot be located; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Sale Certificate held by the Township of West Milford and assigned to John Mosca; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of New Jersey provide for a municipality to issue a new Tax Sale Certificate to replace the lost certificate; and

WHEREAS, John Mosca has submitted an Affidavit of Lost Tax Sale Certificate in connection with this matter.

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 the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a duplicate Tax Sale Certificate #10-055 pertaining to 33 Phillips Road, Block 4403, Lot 3 in the Township of West of West Milford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this replacement Tax Sale Certificate shall have the same full force and effect as the original certificate issue by the Township.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 213 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF POCKET (INACTIVE) PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES FOR THE 2019- 2020 LICENSE YEAR

WHEREAS, applications for renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for the 2019- 2020 License year have been processed on the ABC POSSE website and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, these licenses have received a Tax Clearance Certificate and Special Ruling for the 2019-2020 year; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has conducted a public review of the application as stipulated in the guidelines of the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that review the Township Council has determined as follows:

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1. The submitted application is complete in all respects.
2. The applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental A.B.C. laws and regulations.

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended that the license be renewed to the current owners as a pocket (inactive) license with conditions.

1. Inactive/Pocket Licenses must submit a 12-page Place-to-Place Transfer application with detailed sketch of proposed site and a Police Investigation Request to the Township Clerk's Office and receive satisfactory recommendations from the Health, Fire, Building, Zoning and Police Departments prior to siting this license.
2. Prior to activating the license, inspections of premises must be made and satisfactory recommendations must be received by the Fire, Health, Building, Zoning and Police Departments.
3. Licensee must submit applicable pages 1, 2, and 11 of the 12-page application to the Township Clerk's Office with date of activation prior to activation or opening this license.
4. A Health Department Retail Food Establishment license must be acquired with detailed floor plans and satisfactory recommendation received in the Clerk's Office prior to opening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is directed to issue and hold the license certificates for the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford.

LICENSE/LICENSEE/T/A	CONDITIONS
NONNA NINA, LLC t/a Silvio's 9 Lakeside Road, Hewitt, NJ 07421 1615-33-017-009	Conditions stated above in resolution.
BREDA LLC 7 Manchester Way, Pine Brook, NJ 07058 1615-33-027-012	Conditions stated above in resolution
MERSIMI & MAHMUDI INC. 1 North Gate Park, Ringwood, NJ 07456 1615-33-032-011	Conditions stated above in resolution

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~ Resolution 2019 – 214 ~

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 Escrow monies be refunded:

Name & Address	Application No.	Amount of Escrow Deposit	Amount of Refund
Arthur Husk 119 Pinecliff Lake Drive West Milford, NJ 07480	16-288-56-705-132 ZB01-19-03	\$950.00	\$680.80

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~ Resolution 2019 – 215 ~

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

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 |

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- 4. Veteran Deduction
- 5. Homestead Rebate
- 9. Replacement Check
- 10. Reduced Assessment

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
12303-3	Lereta Central Refunds 1123 Parkview Drive Covina, CA 91724	\$1,215 .00	2019	2
TOTAL		\$1,215.00		

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~ Resolution 2019 – 216 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT (MUA)

WHEREAS, there appears on the finance records overpayment as shown below and the Acting CFO / Treasurer 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: Overpayment on MUA Account

Name	Account No.	Amount	Address
Andrea Secara	001811	\$397.16	1732 1 st Ave #20330 New York, NY 10128

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~ Resolution 2019 – 217 ~

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:

Mad Science		
Mila	\$50.00	Julia Cheski 22 Glencross Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Day Camp		
Logan	\$157.00	Amy Passariello 1557 Union Valley Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Douglas & Jonathan	\$170.00	Helena Rowe 7 MacDonald Road Hewitt, NJ 07421
Day Camp before care		
Emma	\$168.00	Mark Sinclair 1788 Clinton Road Hewitt, NJ 07421
Isabela Velez	\$39.00	Mayra Feliciano 578 Macopin Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Pride-January		
Lori Ferrando	\$54.00	Diane Baum 5401 Richmond Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Funplex trip		
Gabriella	\$32.00	Melissa Roush 627 Otterhole Road West Milford, NJ 07480

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Daniel	\$32.00	Karen Rosner 53D Beacon Hill Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Joseph	\$32.00	Elizabeth Luino 19 Holiday Lane West Milford, NJ 07480
Douglas	\$32.00	Amy Lewis 42 Larchmont Drive Hewitt, NJ 07421
Gregory	\$32.00	Bridget Ketcham 19 Land of Oaks Drive Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
Layla	\$32.00	Danielle Holm 117 Broadway West Milford, NJ 07480
Peyton & Nathan	\$64.00	Heather Hogan 134 Vreeland Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Zoey	\$32.00	Sandra DiCarlo 46 Starlight Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Hudson	\$32.00	Tanya Cook 175 Holland Mt. Road Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
Dalia & Anastasia Campeau Athan Burke	\$64.00 \$45.00 Total \$109.00	Laura Burke 103 Lindy's Drive West Milford, NJ 07480
Kayla	\$32.00	Ann Marie Clegg 23 H Foxboro Lane West Milford, NJ 07480
Aidan	\$32.00	Heidi Becker 31 Belford Drive Hewitt, NJ 07421
Funplex, Wild West City trip		
Samuel	\$32.00 \$32.00 Total \$64.00	Carla Morgan 25 Renault Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Daniel	\$32.00 \$32.00 Total \$64.00	Renee Moretti 5 Highland Avenue West Milford, NJ 07480
Melanie & Jocelyn	\$64.00 \$64.00 Total \$128.00	Amanda Moore 61 Vine Ave West Milford, NJ 07480
Nicole	\$32.00 \$32.00 Total \$64.00	Nicole Luterzo 16 Duralee Court West Milford, NJ 07480
Adrian Lamouth	\$32.00 \$32.00 Total \$64.00	Natalia Mazzeo 142 Maple Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Max Krasnomowitz	\$32.00 \$32.00 Total \$64.00	Stephanie Vreeland 1 Highview Drive West Milford, NJ 07480
Kenny	\$32.00 \$32.00 Total \$64.00	Lisa Johnson 8 Forge Road Hewitt, NJ 07421
Zachary & Matthew	\$64.00 \$64.00 Total \$128.00	Larissa Genardi 6 Charissa Court Hewitt, NJ 07421
Lily	\$32.00 \$32.00 Total \$ 64.00	Kim DeRobertis 17 Green Terrace Way West Milford, NJ 07480
Kailey Blodgett	\$32.00 \$32.00 Total \$64.00	Jenn MacKinnon 149 Pinecliff Lake Drive West Milford, NJ 07480
Funplex & Dorney Park trip		
Joselyn	\$32.00 \$45.00 Total \$77.00	Jennifer Fleming 12 Mickens Road West Milford, NJ 07480

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Wild West City trip		
Abigail	\$32.00	Heather Williams 18 Inwood Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Jocelyn & Melanie	\$64.00	Amanda Moore 61 Vine Ave. West Milford, NJ 07480
Logan & Abigail	\$64.00	Laura Kannaley 73 Mountain Circle North West Milford, NJ 07480
Adrianna	\$32.00	Jennifer Bizzaro 440 Warwick Tpke Hewitt, NJ 07421
Wild West City & Dorney Park trips		
Mila & Jordan	\$64.00 \$45.00 Total \$109.00	Samantha Molleda 123 Wesley Drive West Milford, NJ 07480
Dorney Park trip		
Matthew	\$45.00	Cheryl Garrick 15 Hampton Road Hewitt, NJ 07421
John	\$45.00	Dawn Keramedjian 52H Beacon Hill Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Claire	\$45.00	Damaris Lerant 7 Ancora Road Hewitt, NJ 07421
Tyler	\$45.00	Christina Liguori 88 Reidy Place Hewitt, NJ 07421
Katelyn & Tyler Matthews	\$90.00	Sharyn Matthews 1680 Macopin Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Kiera Salerno	\$45.00	Terase Salerno 34 Mountain Circle North West Milford, NJ 07480
William Shields-Gulan	\$45.00	William Gulan 49 Schofield Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Colin	\$45.00	Jessica Sprague 95 Gould Road Newfoundland, NJ 07435
Cole	\$45.00	Jennifer Stillman 129 Awosting Road Hewitt, NJ 07421
Marlena	\$45.00	Kimberly Tolnai 7 Edgecumb Road West Milford, NJ 07480
Connor	\$45.00	William Vogt 36 Heritage Drive West Milford, NJ 07480

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~ Resolution 2019 – 218 ~

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:

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Certificate No.	Certificate Date	Block/Lot/Qual	Reimbursement Amount	Pay to Lien Holder
17-0042	10/10/2017	09103-001	\$5,316.19	SHLISH BKARKA TR 115 WALLABOUT ST, APT 4R BROOKLYN, NY 11206
17-0055	10/10/2017	12201-010	\$27,785.72	FNA DZ, LLC 120 N LASALLE ST, SUITE 1 CHICAGO, IL 60602
TOTAL			\$33,101.91	

Adopted: July 10, 2019

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~ Resolution 2019 – 219 ~

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
16002-3	Anthony Campagna	\$525.94	2019
9702-5	John Trahan	\$1,865.94	2019
TOTAL		\$2,391.88	

Adopted: July 10, 2019

 Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
 Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, Signorino, Gerst
 Voted Nay: None
 Absent: McGuinness
 Motion Carried:

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Consent Agenda

None

Agenda No. XIV

Approval of Expenditures

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~ Resolution 2019 – 220 ~

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 this office in payment of amounts due by the Township.

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

Acct #	Account Name	Amount
1	Current Account	\$993,733.79
3	Reserve Account	3,362.22
2	Grants	49,995.58
6	Refunds	35,684.87
1	General Ledger	25.57

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26	Refuse	143,869.69
4	Capital	7,471.59
19	Animal Control	129.00
19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	21,343.21
19	Trust	10,123.85
19	Scala Trust	0.00
16	Development Escrow	2,753.90
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	0.00
Total		\$1,268,493.27
Less Refund Resolution		-35,684.87
Actual Bills List		\$1,232,808.40
Other Payments		
	Payroll	546,362.12
	Payroll	555,676.41
	Rockland Electric	5,660.37
	Board of Ed.	4,614,668.00
Total Expenditures		\$6,955,175.30

Adopted: July 10, 2019

Moved: Erik Seconded: Gerst
 Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, Signorino, Gerst
 Voted Nay: None
 Absent: McGuinness
 Motion Carried:

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~ Resolution 2019 – 221 ~

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 this office in payment of amounts due by the Township.

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

Acct #	Account Name	Amount
1	Current Account	\$7,157.00
3	Reserve Account	0.00
2	Grants	0.00
6	Refunds	2,351.00
1	General Ledger	0.00
26	Refuse	0.00
4	Capital	0.00
19	Animal Control	0.00
19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	0.00
19	Scala Trust	0.00
16	Development Escrow	0.00
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	0.00

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Total	\$9,508.00
Less Refund Resolution	-2,351.00
Actual Bills List	\$7,157.00
Total Expenditures	\$7,157.00

Adopted: July 10, 2019

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, Signorino, Gerst
Voted Nay: None
Absent: McGuinness
Motion Carried:

Agenda No. XV

Reports of Administrator, Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Dale – Said she engaged the owners of ShopRite about paving the parking lot. She said that she heard a lot of complaints from the community about various issues with the Shoprite parking lot. She suggested designating a few larger parking spaces for moms with infants and young children and people with larger vehicles. She asked the Council to consider allocating funds in the budget for next year’s firework celebration. The fund balance is down to \$2,500 and that would not be enough to secure the vendor. Councilwoman Erik suggested taking the funds they set aside for the water bounce house feature at Bubbling Springs and using those funds for next year’s firework celebration. Mayor Dale noted that Aptive is in the area and have obtained the proper permit to solicit in the Township. She noted that there is a non-solicitation list that residents can sign up for. Mayor Dale expressed that the firework celebration could use some changes next year.

Councilman Signorino – Wished everyone a happy summer.

Councilwoman Gerst – Asked if Bubbling Springs only offered day passes up until June. She noted that her in-laws took her kids to Bubbling Springs and they were told the day rate was up until July 1st and that they would need a season pass. Mayor Dale noted that she has spoken with Mr. Voli about many challenges that she sees this year about the overall facilities, operations and the lake. Mr. Casey said the big issue is they really need to change the entire marketing concept of the lake. There is a lot more that can be done to increase the participation. The local ordinance that is in place is pretty strict. Councilwoman Gerst said she always remembers being able to buy a day pass. Mayor Dale noted that they will speak to Mr. Voli about Bubbling Springs. Councilwoman Gerst thanked all the firework celebration volunteers.

Councilwoman Pegel – Provided an update on the paratransit meeting with the County. She said the 911 Memorial is approaching and a lot of residents are concerned with the vehicles and loud trucks in front of the Memorial. She asked if they can have a police presence to slow down traffic so they can have a nice, respectable ceremony in silence. Mayor Dale said that they will follow up with the Chief of Police and see if he can make some recommendations.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg – Thanked all the volunteers that worked at the fireworks. She noted various events and the dates and times.

Mayor Dale – Said she received an email from the Lakes Committee requesting a formal change in their Council Liaison. She said the Lakes Committee is concerned because the liaison did not attend the last three meetings. They also feel that the information that they want to get back to the Council is not coming back. She wanted to bring this to the Council’s attention to see if they will be accommodating to make a change in the Council Liaison. Mayor Dale said the Lakes Committee expressed in the email that the thoughts, ideas and opinions of the group cannot be conveyed to the Governing Body without proper representation of a liaison. They would like someone to attend the July 15th meeting. Councilman Signorino said he is okay with vacating the Council Liaison position. Councilwoman Erik nominated Councilwoman Lichtenberg. Councilwoman Lichtenberg accepted the position. The Council gave consensus for Councilwoman Lichtenberg to serve as the Council Liaison on the Lakes Committee.

Mr. Casey – Mentioned that earlier this month, the Governor signed a bill providing for expanded medical marijuana dispensaries throughout the State. He said the Building Department received an inquiry from a local resident asking if the Governing body would be supportive of a local dispensary. A local business would become a dispensary for medical marijuana. Councilwoman Erik noted that Evergreen Farms was to grow medical marijuana. Mr. Casey said the State reopened it with a new bill. Councilman Signorino said he will support it. Mr. Casey said he will relay that the Council is willing to consider it depending on the particulars and findings. Mr. Semrau noted that the deadline is before the next Council meeting. The Council authorized Mr. Casey to prepare a letter in support of the bill.

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Mr. Semrau – Mentioned that they are still litigating with Newark Watershed on the tax appeals. They are waiting for one case that involves Jefferson Township. They filed in the State tax court to increase the assessments of the property. Mr. Semrau introduced Mr. Edward Pasternak to the Governing Body. He said that he has worked in the firm for the past year and he was at the meeting to get a feel for the Township. Mr. Semrau noted that he met with the Highlands Council to continue to discuss ways for legislative support and ways to help the Township.

Councilman Signorino – Said he strongly supports having a letter sent to the Governor about the mandatory lake committee dues. He made a motion to send a letter to the Governor not to sign the bill, seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg. Councilman Signorino said it is a timely matter, they have not been able to review the legislation fully, and the implications could be grave on all the lake communities.

Moved: Signorino Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, Signorino, Gerst
Voted Nay: None
Absent: McGuinness
Motion Carried:

Mayor Dale noted that Congressman Gottheimer sent a proclamation in Antoinette's honor. Mr. Casey read the proclamation.

Councilwoman Erik asked if they are going to set a date for a budget meeting. Mr. Casey said the State will be quickly reaching out to the Township taking a very strong position that they need to resolve the budget. They will request a meeting that everyone can be at to resolve the budget as soon as possible. The Council agreed to provide their availability to Administration.

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Appointments and Resignations

None

Agenda No. XVII

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

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

Approved: August 14, 2019

Respectfully submitted:

Sherry Zbrzeski, Keyboarding Clerk 1

MICHELE DALE, MAYOR

DIANE CURCIO, ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK