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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**

Mayor Bieri read the following statement:

Please note that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this Regular meeting was advertised in the Herald News in its issue of December 20, 2015 and January 3, 2016; 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.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Roll Call**

Present: Councilmembers Ada Erik, Mike Hensley, Tim Wagner, Michele Dale, Luciano Signorino, Marilyn Lichtenberg, Mayor Bettina Bieri.  
Absent: None.  
Also Present: Township Administrator/Clerk Antoinette Battaglia, Township Attorney Fred Semrau

Agenda No. II

**Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes**

September 30, 2016 Special Meeting

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Dale  
Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg  
Voted Nay: None.  
Motion carried.

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Councilman Signorino said we have come a long way but asked for the minutes to be current. Mayor Bieri noted that there is only one meeting outstanding.

Agenda No. III

**Proclamation**

Extra Mile Day - Mayor Bieri read the proclamation. She urged every individual in the community to take time on this day to not only go the extra mile in his or her life but to also acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their effort and commitment to make the world a better place. She thanked the volunteers and encouraging more people to volunteer.

Agenda No. IV

**Presentations**

Eagle Scout Award, Alex Metcalf - Mayor Bieri invited Alex to join her at the podium. Alex explained that for his project he updated the sign at the Teen Center to make it larger and more visible. He also added a letter board for messages and solar lighting. He noted that he has been scouting since kindergarten and has learned to be better person and improve his ways outside of scouting. Additionally, he going to stay in scouting and achieve Eagle Palms. Mayor Bieri explained that the township has a disproportionately high number of fine young men that make it to the rank of Eagle Scout and it says a lot about of community and family networks. She congratulated him.

EDC Awards – Mayor Bieri said members from the EDC are continuing here on their new endeavor of acknowledging business that are established and new in the community.

EDC Chairwoman Jo Ann Blom introduced Andy Abdul and his business is Flags and Jewelry LLC. She explained that the commissioners wanted to recognize him and say thank you for what he has given to the community. She presented him with a Business Award Certificate for 29 years in business.

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Andy Abdul thanked the mayor, council and EDC. He spoke about secrets to success and the Neighborhoods Committee he created to recognize businesses in town. He added that he is the co-chair of the Buy/Shop Local Committee. He gave some background about the committee and upcoming projects. He noted that his business Flags and Jewelry, LLC provides many items like banners for grand openings and signage to help businesses succeed. Mayor Bieri explained that it takes the residents to support local businesses and thanked residents for the support. She reminded people to shop local.

EDC Chairwoman Jo Ann Blom introduced TJ Maxx and thanked them for choosing West Milford. She noted that they have employed 65 people from West Milford and invited people to look and shop at the store. She introduced the Store Manager Jennifer and Operations Manager Antoinette. They accepted the New Business Award. Mayor Bieri said she was very pleased to hear that TJ Maxx would be increasing the products that the town doesn't have to prevent competing with other local businesses. She appreciates that and congratulated them.

Update on Health Benefits, Dave Vozza - Mayor Bieri introduced Insurance Representative Dave Vozza. Mr. Vozza noted that he handed out a report to update to the governing body and thanked the council for appointing him as the property and casualty risk manager. He explained that he went out and visited all of the town properties and made a change for the open structures on the fields to be individually covered by location under the \$10 million dollar insurance limit. Additionally, they did an extensive analysis of the auto schedule and updated the current vehicle list which provided a savings to the township. Furthermore, Mr. Vozza recommended that the township provide additional coverage for volunteer fire companies by adding directors and officer's liability. He noted that the coverage can be added at no additional cost because of the savings in vehicle insurance. Mr. Vozza discussed insurance in terms of bouncy houses, drone coverage, and vacant properties. He attended the townships first safety meeting and it went well.

Mr. Vozza addressed the governing body about benefits. The municipality is looking at an overall premium increase of 2.8% which is below trend. There are four educational meetings scheduled to clarify and educate township employees about difference in insurance plans. Mr. Vozza added that the township will be receiving a \$174,000 dividend check within the next 30 days for prior years. He provided information about trends and loss ratios. Councilman Wagner asked how much the savings is for the 23 vehicles that were removed from the policy. Mr. Vozza stated that the savings is between \$13,000 and \$15,000 annually. The council discussed the vehicle list and updates. Mr. Vozza provided background about Chapter 78 and base plans. He explained that he is trying to get the employees to save money and understand facts and plan options.

Agenda No. V

**Executive Session**

~ Resolution No. 2016 – 329 ~

**MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016 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.
    - Collective Bargaining Unit Negotiations
      - AFSCME 2275
      - AFSCME 3301
  - ( ) 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

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- subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
  - Contracts – Jungle Habitat
  - Attorney-Client Privilege - MUA
  - Litigation – Newark Tax Appeals
- ( ) 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: October 19, 2016

Councilman Signorino asked if there is a reason why the governing body can't talk about Jungle Habitat publically. Township Attorney Semrau stated that from a legal perspective, there are agreements that the township has had in the past that need state approval. He wanted to inform and brief the council of their legal rights.

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 Moved: Erik Seconded: Dale  
 Voted Aye: Unanimous Voice Vote  
 Voted Nay: None.  
 Motion carried.  
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The Governing Body went into executive session at 7:11 pm.  
 The Governing Body returned to the public meeting at 8:10 pm with all members present as before.

Agenda No. VI

**Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances**

Agenda No. VI 1

~ Ordinance 2016 - 013 ~

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL AND UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEES – JUDGE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey that pursuant to Chapter 33 entitled Personnel of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Milford, New Jersey, 1976, the following Officers and Employees here below stated shall be classified by job title with the corresponding pay ranges:

*CONFIDENTIAL AND UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEES*

JOB TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Judge	\$25,000	\$50,000

1. The aforelisted Officers and Employees shall be compensated in accordance with the preceding Salary Range.
2. **BENEFITS:** Benefits relating to vacation, sick days, personal days, longevity, holidays, bereavement leave and medical insurance shall be those as contained in the contract between the West Milford Municipal Employees Guild (AFSCME 3301) and the Township of West Milford or any employment agreement consistent with applicable law.
3. **OVERTIME:** If not otherwise eligible for overtime compensation by contract or law, each full-time department and division head in lieu of overtime compensation as provided in the Guild contract, shall receive three (3) vacation days and up to 35 compensatory hours annually, the latter earned hour for hour for hours worked above forty per week. All other full-time employees listed in this ordinance if not otherwise eligible for overtime compensation by contract or law, shall receive 21 compensatory hours annually, plus one half hour for each hour worked above thirty-five or forty hours per week depending on the applicable contract for the employee's department. Vacation and compensatory time may be used or accumulated as follows: vacation days may be carried for up to one year from January 1 following the year earned, and compensatory hours may be taken no later than April 1 of the year following the year earned.

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- 4. Stipend Positions will not be subject to increases unless specifically authorized by Resolution of the governing body.
- 5. Any ordinance or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to such extent as they are in conflict or inconsistent. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after its final passage by the Township Council.

Introduced: October 5, 2016

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Erik made a motion, seconded by Council President Dale and carried by unanimous voice vote to close the public comment period.

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino  
Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg  
Voted Nay: None.  
Motion carried.  
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Agenda No. VI 2

**~ Ordinance 2016 -014~**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", ARTICLE XVII, "MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY" SECTION §15-83 "POWERS AND DUTIES" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that §15-83 be and is hereby amended as follows:

**§15-83. Powers and duties.**

- C. The Authority shall have and exercise all of the duties provided for by the Municipal Utilities Authority Law, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et. seq., and the amendments and supplements thereof, and any other statutes heretofore or hereafter enacted and applicable thereto. **The Municipal Utilities Authority and its officers shall file with the municipal clerk of the Township of West Milford copies of all approved minutes of the MUA upon approval of said minutes and shall provide quarterly reports of its operations with the municipal clerk.**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Introduced: October 5, 2016

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

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Moved: Signorino Seconded: Dale  
Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg  
Voted Nay: None.  
Motion carried.  
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Agenda No. VI 3

**~ Ordinance 2016 - 015 ~**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL AND UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEES – PROSECUTOR**

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Introduced: October 5, 2016

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

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Dale  
Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Lichtenberg  
Voted Nay: Signorino  
Motion carried.  
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Agenda No. VII

**Public Comments**

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

Gary Steele North Glenwood Road stated that Passaic County holds a film festival every year as well as workshop on film making. The workshop is this Saturday beginning at 9:30am and WM77TV commissioner Mr. Nicholson will be teaching.

Frank Zitzman Dockerty Hollow Road announced that he has a Facebook group called West Milford Hikers and Residents Against Illegal Off-Roadng for other people experiencing the same problem. He highlighted an incident that happened on September 25<sup>th</sup>. He noted that he submitted an OPRA request in regard to the police report that was filed on that day. When he got the reply there was no record of the incident from dispatch. He asked how that is possible. Additionally, he provided information about the sand pit and jump track that is being used by ATV's. He stated that he cannot hunt because of the ATV riders on his property and had to make a police report today because there were 5 kids riding on his property. He asked what the township is going to do to stop this and asked if the issue can be discussed publically. He suggested stopping the police from using discretion and to impound the ATV's when being used on public land. Mr. Zitzman encouraged residents to join his Facebook page and asked that the governing body strengthen their position on this problem.

Mike Chazukow Pine Crest Trail West Milford introduced himself to the council and noted he is running for one of the available town council seats. He provided background about himself and stated that he grew up with West Milford and is a current resident. He appreciates the job that the governing body is doing and outlined four items that the council should stay focused on. Mr. Chazukow noted that he is going to be active in the community and is looking forward to working with the council.

James Foody 2 Kushaqua Trail North Hewitt spoke about the ALF Festival. He suggested moving ALF to a better location so as not interfere with the center of town and businesses. Specifically, he suggested using Nosenzo Pond Road near the High School because of plenty of parking and the distance of the road. He recommended that the council talk to the ALF Committee because it's something that the Board of Education is willing to do to make ALF better. He listed other suggestions to improve the event.

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

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Moved: Signorino Seconded: Lichtenberg  
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote  
Voted Nay: None  
Motion carried.  
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Agenda No. VIII

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**Council Comments**

Councilman Signorino said he would like to respond to Mr. Foody's comments. There have been many suggests of other locations for ALF but advocated that the current location is the best place. He noted that he would be interested in hearing from the businesses themselves and asked that the ALF Committee get feedback from local vendors every year. Councilman Wagner suggested surveying businesses that are being affected by ALF. Councilman Signorino agreed. He also liked the idea of having seasonal festivals. He would like to hear what the ALF Committee and business owners would think. The governing body discussed having additional festivals and changing the location of ALF. Council President Dale explained that it has been discussed and we have gotten pushback from local businesses regarding the event traffic and available parking. It benefits some businesses and not others. She said she will bring it back to the committee and get feedback. Council President Dale added that she appreciates the Board of Education working together with the governing body. Councilman Hensley said he agrees with both Councilman Signorino and Council President Dale. He stated that he likes where ALF is currently but that's not to say that something great couldn't happen there for a spring festival. He thanked Mr. Foody for bringing up the recommendations. Councilman Signorino said it's a great idea and it is worth exploring.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg agreed that it's a good idea to weigh the positives and negatives of both places with the ALF Committee. She thinks it is a good concept and it's worth consideration. Councilman Wagner asked Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia if the township can survey the businesses that are being affected on Marshall Hill Road and Union Valley Road. Councilman Signorino stated that he is in favor of the survey. Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia said if it's the council's directive, she will create a survey and distribute to the council for approval. Mayor Bieri noted that it's worth considering another festival if we can cover the costs.

Councilman Wagner said that he appreciates the dialogue that is between Mr. Foody and the joint committee. He encouraged scheduling more meetings for next year. Mayor Bieri added that the administrators can also communicate as well to speed up the process. Councilman Signorino said it's a great idea to include the administrators as well and would be happy to meet again in the next 3-4 weeks.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg thanked Mr. Steele for bringing up the film production workshop this Saturday from 9am to 12pm. She thanked Mr. Chazukow for the positive comments.

Councilwoman Erik thanked Mr. Chazukow for coming and encouraged him to become a volunteer. Regarding the comment about police records, if there was a police officer called, there has to be a record. That needs to be looked into.

Councilman Hensley thanked Mr. Chazukow for his comments and thought they were spot on. He has not encountered an introduction like that from any council candidate and it shows a lot of intelligence and class. He looks forward to seeing him as a volunteer and working with him in the future.

Agenda No. IX

**New Business, Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions**

Mayor Bieri asked to move all resolutions as one.

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Moved: Erik                      Seconded: Dale  
Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg  
Voted Nay: None  
Motion carried.  
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Agenda No. IX 1

~ Resolution 2016 -330 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE NO NET LOSS REFORESTATION PROJECT TO FULLERTON GROUND MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to authorization by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, the Township received sealed competitive bids for performance of the No Net Loss Reforestation Project in accordance with the bid specifications on September 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford received two (2) bids for this contract as follows: Fullerton Ground Maintenance for \$590,943.96 and Ascape Landscape & Construction Corp. for \$678,304.00; and

**WHEREAS**, said bids have been duly reviewed and analyzed by the West Milford Township Attorney and Certified Forester, Ronald Farr; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that competitive bidding contracts be awarded to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid received from the low bidder Fullerton Ground Maintenance in the amount of \$590,943.96 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 acting Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this project.

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

1. The Mayor and Township Council hereby awards a contract to Fullerton Ground Maintenance, 36 Berkshire Valley Road, Kenvil, New Jersey 07847 for the performance of the No Net Loss Reforestation Project in accordance with the bid specifications in the total amount of \$590,943.96.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Fullerton Ground Maintenance in accordance with its bid for performance of the No Net Loss Reforestation Project.
3. The Township's acting Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: October 19, 2016

Agenda No. IX 2

~ Resolution 2016- 331 ~

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NJDEP LOAN AGREEMENT AS CO-BORROWER WITH HIGH CREST LAKE LODGE, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the High Crest Lake Lodge Inc. ("Association") is the owner of a dam located on High Crest Lake which dam has been determined, based upon engineering investigations to be in need of repair, improvement and rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the High Crest Lake Lodge Inc. has sought financing in order to bring the dam into compliance with the applicable standards established by the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") in order to render the dams suitably safe and functional; and

**WHEREAS**, the High Crest Lake Lodge Inc. has applied for a loan from the DEP to fund the repair, improvement and rehabilitation, which loan has been approved by the DEP, ("DEP Loan", a copy of which is available for public inspection in the Clerks Office) subject to execution by the High Crest Lake Lodge Inc. as Borrower and the Township as Co-Borrower; and

**WHEREAS**, DEP regulations require the municipality in which a dam is located to execute loan agreements as a Co-Borrower for all loans for dam repair, improvement and rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township determines that the repair, improvement and rehabilitation of the High Crest Lake dam and execution of the DEP Loan is in the best interests of the residents of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has conditioned the Township's agreement to sign the Loan as Co-Borrower upon the High Crest Lake Lodge Inc.'s execution of a satisfactory Dam Rehabilitation Co-Borrower Agreement, which agreement is currently under negotiation; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to grant the Mayor and Township Clerk the authority to execute the DEP Loan Agreement in the event that the High Crest Lake Lodge Inc. executes a Co-Borrower Agreement acceptable to the Township.

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

1. Upon the High Crest Lake Lodge Inc.'s agreement to, and execution of, an acceptable Co-Borrower Agreement, The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the DEP Loan Agreement in the form available in the Clerks Office, as the Co-Borrower for a loan in an amount of not more than \$575,000.00 to be made to the High Crest Lake Lodge Inc. and to execute any amendments thereto.
2. In the event the Township executes the DEP Loan as a Co-Borrower, the Township of West Milford agrees to complete the dam restoration project as set forth the DEP Loan and to reimburse the State in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DEP Loan in the event of a default on the part of the High Crest Lake Lodge Inc.
3. The Township of West Milford agrees to comply with all applicable deferral, State, and municipal laws, rules and regulations in its performance pursuant to the DEP Loan.

Adopted: October 19, 2016

Agenda No. IX 3

~ Resolution 2016 – 332 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE CANCELLATION OF 2014 OPEN SPACE WALLISCH ROOF REPLACEMENT GRANT RECEIVABLE AND APPROPRIATION GRANT BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, there are receivables and appropriations for the 2014 Wallisch Roof Replacement Open Space Grant listed as follows:

County Open Space Receivable - \$610.00  
County Open Space Appropriation - \$610.00

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the receivable of \$610.00, County Open Space appropriation \$610.00 be cancelled to current fund balance.

Adopted: October 19, 2016

Agenda No. IX 4

~ Resolution 2016- 333 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIFTY-FOUR (54) SETS OF GLOBE G-XCEL FIREFIGHTING GEAR THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A80945 THROUGH AAA EMERGENCY SUPPLY CO., INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has awarded Contract #T0790 Fire Fighting Protection Clothing and Equipment to AAA Emergency Supply Co., Inc. Contract #A80945; and

**WHEREAS**, said contract was awarded through the open competitive bidding process and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et seq., Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Commissioner and Deputy Fire Commissioner have reviewed the State Contract and related specifications and have submitted a written recommendation for the Township of West Milford to purchase fifty-four (54) sets of Globe G-Xcel Firefighting Gear NFPA-West Milford Approved Spec-Coat and Pants through State Contract #A80945 in an amount not to exceed \$96,552.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purchases, said funds to be encumbered from account number Capital 04-215-55-826-016;

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

1. The Township Council hereby authorizes the Department of Fire to generate a purchase order for fifty-four (54) sets of Globe G-Xcel Firefighting Gear, in an amount not to exceed \$96,552.00, through New Jersey State Contract A80945 from AAA Emergency Supply, Co., Inc. 635 North Broadway, White Plains, New York 10603.
2. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
3. This resolution shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: October 19, 2016

Agenda No. IX 5

~ Resolution 2016 – 334 ~

**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
Andrade, Antonio & Lynn	4301	7	727 East Shore Road
Becher, Peter & Geraldine	505	28	8 Spruce Point Trail
Boggio, Steven	4901	25	134 Kitchell Lake Drive East
Branscome, Catherine	2402	16	21 Upper Greenwood Rd.
Colletta	2402	21	7 Upper Greenwood Rd.
Della-Bovi	2601	40	215 Point Breeze Dr.
Dyvik, Arve & Denise	4201	16	41 Lake Park Terrace
Leishman, Donald	605	3	78 Witte Rd.
Levy, Scott & Paul, Cynthia	4901	18	98 Kitchell Lake Drive
Martinique, Stephen & Bonnie	2601	43	223 Point Breeze Drive
Moskin, Robert	2601	38	211 Point Breeze Drive
	2601	39	213 Point Breeze Drive
Nealis, Thomas & Victoria	505	29	8 Island Trail
Weil, William	12204	3	10 Pheasant Lane
Polonez, Alex M.	2701	15	123 Lake Shore Drive
Fiss, Michael Jr.	7801	37.03	37C Salem Alley
Geonap, LLC	11001	10	21 Mary Street
Petrillo, Salvatore & Luisa	603	12	48 Witte Rd.

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor 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	County Board of Taxation Settlement	Proposed Settlement
Andrade, Antonio & Lynn	2012	\$318,600	\$318,600	\$269,600
Andrade, Antonio & Lynn	2013	\$318,600	N/A	\$269,600
Andrade, Antonio & Lynn	2014	\$318,600	N/A	\$269,600
Becher, Peter & Geraldine	2012	\$349,300	\$349,300	\$326,900
Becher, Peter & Geraldine	2013	\$349,300	N/A	\$326,900
Becher, Peter & Geraldine	2014	\$349,300	N/A	\$326,900
Boggio, Steven	2012	\$554,000	\$554,000	\$470,000
Boggio, Steven	2013	\$554,000	N/A	\$470,000
Boggio, Steven	2014	\$554,000	N/A	\$470,000

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Branscome, Catherine	2012	\$283,000	\$283,000	\$253,400
Branscome, Catherine	2013	\$283,000	N/A	\$253,400
Colletta, Anthony and Janet	2012	\$257,700	\$257,700	\$209,000
Colletta, Anthony and Janet	2013	\$257,700	N/A	\$209,000
Della-Bovi, Barbara	2012	\$321,300	\$321,300	\$273,700
Della-Bovi, Barbara	2013	\$321,300	N/A	\$273,700
Della-Bovi, Barbara	2014	\$321,300	N/A	\$273,700
Dyvik, Arve and Denise	2012	\$311,200	\$311,200	\$272,900
Dyvik, Arve and Denise	2013	\$311,200	N/A	\$272,900
Dyvik, Arve and Denise	2014	\$311,200	N/A	\$272,900
Leishman, Donald	2012	\$295,100	\$295,100	\$255,000
Leishman, Donald	2013	\$295,100	N/A	\$255,000
Levy, Scott & Paul, Cynthia	2012	\$656,600	\$632,000	\$584,800
Levy, Scott & Paul, Cynthia	2013	\$632,000	N/A	\$584,800
Levy, Scott & Paul, Cynthia	2014	\$632,000	N/A	\$584,800
Martinique, Stephen & Bonnie	2012	\$372,600	\$362,600	\$338,500
Martinique, Stephen & Bonnie	2013	\$362,600	N/A	\$338,500
Martinique, Stephen & Bonnie	2014	\$362,600	N/A	\$338,500
Moskin, Robert Block 2601 Lot 38	2012	\$399,600	\$389,600	\$360,000
Moskin, Robert Block 2601 Lot 38	2013	\$389,600	N/A	\$360,000
Moskin, Robert Block 2601 Lot 38	2014	\$389,600	N/A	\$360,000
Moskin, Robert Block 2601 Lot 39	2012	\$272,500	\$272,500	\$228,500
Moskin, Robert Block 2601 Lot 39	2013	\$272,500	N/A	\$228,500
Moskin, Robert Block 2601 Lot 39	2014	\$272,500	N/A	\$228,500
Nealis, Thomas and Victoria	2012	\$342,000	\$342,000	\$319,600
Nealis, Thomas and Victoria	2013	\$342,000	N/A	\$319,600
Nealis, Thomas and Victoria	2014	\$342,000	N/A	\$319,600
Weil, William	2015	\$128,300	\$128,300	\$109,700
Polonez, Alex M.	2015	\$248,800	\$248,800	\$231,200
Fiss, Michael Jr.	2011	\$112,600	\$112,600	\$96,600
Fiss, Michael Jr.	2013	\$190,200	\$190,200	\$190,200
GEONAP, LLC	2012	\$169,400	\$169,400	\$87,300
GEONAP, LLC	2013	\$125,200	\$125,200	\$87,300
GEONAP, LLC	2014	\$123,600	\$123,600	\$87,300
GEONAP, LLC	2015	\$123,600	\$123,600	\$87,300
Petrillo, Salvatore & Luisa	2013	\$303,200	\$303,200	\$280,900
Petrillo, Salvatore & Luisa	2014	\$303,200	N/A	\$280,900
Petrillo, Salvatore & Luisa	2015	\$303,200	N/A	\$280,900

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.

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.

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~ Resolution 2016 – 335~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS** N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget and,

**WHEREAS**, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount,

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**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford wishes to amend its 2016 Budget to include an amount as revenue,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing body of the Township of West Milford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item in the budget of the year 2016 which is now available as a revenue from:

Special Items of General Revenue  
Anticipated with Prior Written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:  
Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:  
County of Passaic Open Space Farrell Field Rehab \$ 77,600.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations  
(A) Operations – Excluded from CAPS  
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenue  
County of Passaic Open Space Farrell Field Rehab \$ 77,600.00  
Local Match \$ 74,421.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Finance Department will electronically file with the State of NJ in accordance with LFN 2014-11.

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~ Resolution 2016 – 336~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS** N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget and,

**WHEREAS**, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford wishes to amend its 2016 Budget to include an amount as revenue,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing body of the Township of West Milford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item in the budget of the year 2016 which is now available as revenue from:

Special Items of General Revenue  
Anticipated with Prior Written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:  
Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:  
County of Passaic Open Space Bubbling Springs Softball Field Rehab; \$7,800.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations  
(A) Operations – Excluded from CAPS  
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenue  
County of Passaic Open Space Bubbling Springs Softball Field Rehab \$7,800.00  
Local Match \$7,800.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Finance Department will electronically file with the State of NJ in accordance with LFN 2014-11.

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**~ Resolution 2016 – 337~**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS OVER SIX MONTHS OLD TO MUNICIPAL CASH BALANCES**

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

DATE	CHECK #	AMOUNT
9/17/15	8232	\$404.30
12/15/15	8929	\$427.00
12/15/15	9030	\$427.00
12/17/15	9231	\$2,277.68
12/31/15	9367	\$10.00
4/21/16	10396	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,555.98</b>

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

Adopted: October 19, 2016

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**~ Resolution 2016 – 338 ~**

**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
4303-10	Sharon Hughes	\$1,552.40	2016
4301-27	A. Joy Keefer (Trustee)	\$5,112.05	2016
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,664.45</b>	

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**~ Resolution 2016 – 339 ~**

**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:

Winter Basketball		
Timothy	\$90.00	Gloria Ann Doherty 12 Maisie Lane West Milford, NJ 07480

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**~ Resolution 2016 - 340 ~**

**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:

<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Amount of Escrow</b>	<b>Amount Refunded</b>
Rite Aid Hdqtrs. Corp & Subsidiaries Ms. Tina Noaker 200 Newberry Commons Etters, PA 17319	16-288-56-701-086 0420-0174	\$8,170.80	\$6,998.25

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**~ Resolution 2016 - 341 ~**

**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:

**REASONS:**

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Incorrect Payment                | 2. Duplicate Payment     |
| 3. Senior Citizen/Veteran Deduction | 4. Homestead Rebate      |
| 5. Tax Appeal                       | 6. 100% Disabled Veteran |

<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Reason</b>
403-7	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$2,494.23	2016	2
806-11	Kensington Vanguard National Land Services, LLC 600 Parsippany Road Suite 202 Parsippany, NJ 07054	\$2,088.23	2016	2
811-12	Nicosia, Emmons, Pavez & Henderson Attorneys at Law 15 Church Street, Suite 3 Vernon, NJ 07462	\$1,494.44	2016	2
1101-35	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$1,782.39	2016	2
1402-2	Deborah & Paul Pinand 24 Belle Avenue Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$822.34	2016	1
1816-5	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$2,481.31	2016	2

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<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Reason</b>
2402-41	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$3,244.72	2016	2
2414-10	Anthony Wayne Title Agency, LLC 142 Route 23 North Pompton Plains, NJ 07444	\$1,983.83	2016	2
2507-3	Edward Chin & Lisa Rho 134 East 93 <sup>rd</sup> Street 8C New York, NY 10128	\$2,674.36	2016	2
2605-8	Anthony & Patricia Luppino 401 Prospect Avenue Cranford, NJ 07016	\$146.00	2016	1
4303-15	Key Settlements, Inc. 1719 Route 10 East Suite 307 Parsippany, NJ 07054	\$1,725.85	2016	1
4903-4	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$2,460.00	2016	2
5305-8	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$3,155.23	2016	2
5311-2.12	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$651.05	2016	2
5311-3.10	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$426.39	2016	2
5713-2	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$1,512.91	2016	2
6201-15	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$1,914.07	2016	2
7611-9	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$2,455.45	2016	2
7801-40.05	Gold Crest Abstract, LLC 610 Mars Avenue Lakewood, NJ 08701	\$1,633.37	2016	2
7801-54.02	Metro Title Agency, Inc. 165 Passaic Avenue Suite 301B Fairfield, NJ 07004	\$1,922.74	2016	2
8701-19	Real Advantage LLC 1000 Commerce Drive Suite 520 Pittsburgh, PA 15275	\$2,015.01	2016	2
8704-18	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$3,131.64	2016	2
8903-15	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$3,751.29	2016	2
9801-15.07	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$5,014.82	2016	2

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Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
10813-1	Victoria Wilson 17 Deborah Lane West Milford, NJ 07480	\$2,157.70	2016	2
11501-12	Robert & Kristine Hoodiman 70 Village Green Apt. G Budd Lake, NJ 07828	\$3,113.17	2016	2
12201-11	Full Spectrum Services, Inc 400 Fellowship Road, Suite 200 Mount Laurel, NJ 08054	\$2,021.90	2016	2
12305-13	Ghazi Mahersi 4809 Bencreek Drive Fuquay Varina, NC 27526	\$1,831.97	2016	2
12307-8	Interstate 1 <sup>st</sup> Title Agency, LLC 279 Browertown Road Woodland Park, NJ 07424	\$1,705.25	2016	2
14202-4	Thomas & Alison Vanasse 297 Germantown Road West Milford, NJ 07480	\$2,509.28	2016	2
14901-33	Passaic Valley Title Service, Inc. 1037 Route 46 East Suite C 106 Clifton, NJ 07013	\$3,377.53	2016	2
15702-7	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$2,305.01	2016	2
16005-17	Refund Department CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$2,475.05	2016	2
16605-24 Cell	OmniPoint-TMobil C/O Crown Castle PMB 332 4017 Washington McMurray, PA 15317	\$6,799.54		2
7801-27.07	Obar Systems, Inc. 2969 Route 23 South Newfoundland, NJ 07435	\$426.00	2016	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$79,704.07</b>		

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~ Resolution 2016 – 342 ~

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

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

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

Certificate No.	Certificate Date	Block/Lot/Qual	Reimbursement Amount	Pay to Lien Holder
14-0035	10/14/2014	05201-008	\$76,295.45	LIEN TIMES LLC 203 STEPHENS ROAD WEST MILFORD, NJ 07480
15-0033	10/13/2015	03508-006	\$14,031.63	MTAG CUST/ALTERNA FUNDING II LLC PO BOX 54967 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70154
<b>Grand Total:</b>			<b>\$90,327.08</b>	

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**Consent Agenda**

None.

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**Approval Of Expenditures**

~ Resolution No. 2016 - 343~

**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:

<b>Acct #</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Current Account	\$274,865.09
3	Reserve Account	713.34
2	Grants	6,336.34
6	Refunds	177,119.40
1	General Ledger	7,541.00
26	Refuse	80,000.00
4	Capital	194,085.72
19	Animal Control	200.00
19	Heritage Trust	60.19
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	6,215.78
19	COAH	0.00
16	Development Escrow	3,507.65
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	
	Special Reserve	
	Total	750,644.51
	Less Refund Resolution	(177,119.40)
	<b>Actual Bills List</b>	<b>\$573,525.11</b>
	Other Payments	
	Payroll/SS	495,863.73
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,069,388.84</b>

Adopted: October 19, 2016

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 Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino  
 Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Wagner, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg  
 Voted Nay: None  
 Motion carried.  
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Agenda No. XII

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

Councilwoman Lichtenberg noted that there is the annual coat, toy, and food drive November 19<sup>th</sup> between 12pm to 3pm at the West Milford Presbyterian Church. They are collecting new and gently used winter coats. In addition, they are in need of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, boots food and toys. She listed the drop off locations. For anyone who has an all-electric heated home, there are some home

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energy and weatherization assistance programs available. Councilwoman Lichtenberg noted that the Highlands Family Success Center will be having a free turkey dinner at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup>. She noted that they are a great resource center for residents of our town and listed their business hours.

Councilwoman Erik stated that she and Councilwoman Lichtenberg attended a Substance Abuse Awareness meeting in Pompton Plains hosted by the Pequannock CASA. She noted that the township needs to have a discussion about restructuring our CASA. Councilwoman Lichtenberg said she also attended the West Milford CASA meeting on Monday. It was determined that we have to restructure the CASA committee to meet the parameters of the \$125,000 grant that was not received this year in hopes of obtaining the grant in the future. Councilwoman Erik added that during ALF the BARC booth was very busy and there will be a third booth needed next year.

Councilman Hensley thanked Rocky Hazelman and the ALF Committee for putting on a great township event. They are very close to breaking even and not costing the township money. He thanked members of the EDC for producing the business awards and believes it's a great thing to recognize. Councilman Hensley asked for direction from the council because the EDC requested to have an award ceremony every month to recognize businesses. The council discussed the frequency of scheduling the award ceremony. Mayor Bieri said the governing body agrees that they want to support local businesses. We can schedule them as needed with the understanding that it will be postponed if there is a lengthy agenda. Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia suggested scheduling it as time allows rather than setting a policy.

Councilman Hensley added that the last EDC meeting was productive and there were a couple of recommendations from the commission. The EDC asked if Sand Cap field can be given back to the township from the county. He explained that the township already maintains the field and there is more it can be utilized for. Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia stated that the lease for Sand Cap field is up at the end of this year and the county is already looking to renew. That would be a decision from the governing body and she will review the contract. Additionally, Councilman Hensley said the EDC discussed seasonal events. They suggested hosting a Zombie 5k run on Clinton Road next October.

Councilman Wagner noted there is a Recreation Advisory meeting tomorrow. Construction has started in the Teen Center for the removal of the old pool, retainer wall behind the building, progress on the basketball court, and making the walkway ADA accessible. The projects should be completed by next week. He stated that Tim Roetman has been working on the transportation contract and it is still being negotiated with the county. In November, letters will be sent out to the fireworks sponsors list and they will work on getting the Fireworks Committee started.

Council President Dale thanked the ALF Committee and recognized each member. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Highlander Marching Band Military Concert and Tattoo will be November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the West Milford High School Gymnasium. It's one of their most important fundraisers and doors open at 5:15pm. She provided more information.

Councilman Signorino thanked everyone who attended the Museum's Francis Jasper Cropsey presentation on Saturday. He mentioned that he is the liaison to the Heritage Committee and they are a wonderful and dedicated group of volunteers that care about preserving the history of this town. It was a wonderful event and well attended. He thanked everyone who helped out.

Mayor Bieri asked the council if they would like to add a discussion item on the next workshop agenda regarding Senate Bill 2702. The bill would put a hold on the bear hunt for 5 years and require that the DEP work with organizations, veterinarians, and biologists to research non-lethal ways of controlling the population. Additionally, the bill would address the concern of baiting bears with food. She asked if the governing body would consider discussing the topic. Councilman Signorino stated that he is in support of actually extending the bear hunt and would support a resolution that would oppose that sort of law. A discussion ensued about reasons for the bear hunt and problems associated with population control alternatives. The council was not in favor of the bill. Councilman Signorino made a motion to have a resolution opposing the bill, seconded by Councilman Wagner. Township Attorney Semrau suggested that the council personally write letter of objection. If there is a resolution, there are going to be residents of the public speaking on both sides of the issue. A discussion ensued about sending a letter to legislatures. Councilman Signorino suggested tabling the discussion to a future meeting and withdrew his motion. The council gave consensus.

Township Administrator/Clerk Battaglia stated that the governing body had no questions regarding Best Practices. She reminded the public that the election is on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Polls will be open from 6am to 8pm. We do expect that the turnout will be heavier than usual so we would ask that people be patient with the process and be considerate of the poll workers.

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**Appointments and Resignations**

~ Resolution 2016 -344 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING RESIGNATIONS TENDERED**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that they do hereby accept the following resignation tendered to the Township:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date Tendered</u>
Theresa Mueller	Health Board (Advisory) Citizen Member Term expires 12/31/16	October 3, 2016
John L. Waldo III	Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee Citizen Member Term expires 12/31/17	October 12, 2016

Adopted: October 19, 2016

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Moved: Erik                      Seconded: Signorino  
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote  
Voted Nay: None  
Motion carried.  
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Agenda No. XIV

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Township Council adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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Moved: Signorino                      Seconded: Erik  
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote  
Voted Nay: None  
Motion carried.  
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Approved: November 9, 2016

Respectfully submitted:

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Nichole Hanrahan Clerk Typist

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MAYOR BETTINA BIERI, PRESIDING OFFICER

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