
TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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The Regular Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order immediately after the Reorganization Meeting by Mayor Michele Dale at 6:52 p.m.

Adequate Notice Statement

Mayor Dale read the following statement:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-8) adequate notice of this Regular Meeting was advertised in the Herald News in and The Record in its issues of December 17, 2024, and posted on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

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

Agenda No. I

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda No. II

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Ada Erik, Michael Chazukow, Marilyn Lichtenberg,
Kevin Goodsir, Matthew Conlon, David Marsden

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Michele Dale, Township Administrator William Senande,
Township Attorney Ed Pasternak

Agenda No. III

Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

December 11, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes.

Moved: Conlon Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden
Abstain:
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried:

Agenda No. IV

Meetings

January 22, 2025 Regular Meeting
February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting & Board of Health Meeting
February 26, 2025 Regular Meeting

Agenda No. V

Proclamations

None

Agenda No. VI

Presentation

- 1) Swearing in Ceremony of Special Police Officers
 - Richard Mirabelli, Class 1
 - Arthur O'Leary, Class 1
 - Tom McManaman, Class 1 – (Not present)
 - Ken Hall, Class 1
 - Wayne Morrissey, Class 1
 - Alex Domansky, Class 2
 - Robert Markson, Class 2

Assemblywoman Aura K. Dunn administered the oaths of office to the Special Police Officers as a group.

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Executive Session

None

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Discussion Items / Official Communications

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None
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Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances

None
 Mayor Dale opened the meeting to the public comment portion.

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Public Comments

None
 Seeing no one wishing to speak Councilman Conlon made a motion to close the public portion.
 Seconded by Councilman Goodsir. All were in favor.

Agenda No. X

Council Comments

None
 Agenda No. XI

New Business, Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions

Agenda No. XI 1

~ Ordinance 2025 – 001 ~

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

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:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

JOB TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Township Mayor	\$90,000.00	\$135,000.00
Township Council	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE HEADS

JOB TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Township Administrator	\$45,000.00	\$180,000.00
Director of Community Services and Recreation	\$45,000.00	\$140,000.00
Director of Finance	\$45,000.00	\$140,000.00
Director of Public Safety	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
Director of Public Works	\$45,000.00	\$140,000.00
Assistant Director of Public Works	\$45,000.00	\$110,000.00
Court Administrator	\$45,000.00	\$140,000.00
Township Clerk	\$10,000.00	\$140,000.00
Director of Health/Health Officer	\$10,000.00	\$140,000.00
Construction Official	\$45,000.00	\$140,000.00

DIVISION HEADS

JOB TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Chief Finance Officer	\$45,000.00	\$110,000.00
Chief of Police	\$45,000.00	\$204 80,000.00
Fire Marshall	\$45,000.00	\$8 75,000.00
Deputy Township Clerk	\$45,000.00	\$110,000.00
Network Administrator	\$35,000.00	\$110,000.00
Tax Assessor	\$50,000.00	\$140,000.00

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Tax Collector	\$50,000.00	\$11095,000.00
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CONFIDENTIAL AND UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEES

JOB TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Judge	\$25,000.00	\$55,500.00
Prosecutor	\$20,000.00	\$44,000.00
Data Processing Technician	\$35,000.00	\$65,000.00
Secretary, Board/Commission	\$2,400	\$60,000

STIPENDS

JOB TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Deputy Registrar	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
Alternate Deputy Registrar	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$2,000.00	\$10,000.00
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Fire Commissioner	\$3,000.00	\$6,500.00
Deputy Fire Commissioner	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00
Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Telecommunications Systems Analyst	\$2,500.00	\$5,500.00
Veteran Officer	\$500.00	\$1,500.00

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.
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: January 7, 2025
 Adopted:
 Effective Date:

Second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance is set for the Regular Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for January 22, 2025. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the Herald News on or about January 14, 2025.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-001

 Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
 Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Marsden
 Voted Nay: None
 Abstain: Conlon
 Motion carried:

Mayor Dale asked to move Resolutions 2025-050 through 2025-068.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 050 ~

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR GRANT CONSULTANT SERVICES TO BRUNO ASSOCIATES, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford requested proposals for a Grant Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford advertised on its website for the receipt of sealed Request For Proposals (RFP) for Grant Consultant Services; and

WHEREAS, the request for proposals received from Bruno Associates, Inc. has been found to be in proper form and in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.5, and they have been deemed to be a qualified bidder; and

WHEREAS, Bruno Associates, Inc. is able to provide the desired grant consultant services in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds said funds to be encumbered from account 01-201-20-100-450 for services rendered as the Grant Consultant.

WHEREAS, Bruno Associates Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that this firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of Bruno Associates Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

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

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Bruno Associates, Inc. with offices located at 1373 Broad Street, Suite 203B, Clifton, NJ 07013 to provide grant consultant services at an annual rate not to exceed \$24,000.00 for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Bruno Associates, Inc. in accordance with its proposal for said grant consultant services for the Township of West Milford.
3. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: January 7, 2025

Agenda No. XI 3

~ Resolution 2025 – 051 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO G ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR LSRP SERVICES FOR 1480 UNION VALLEY ROAD (TOWN HALL SITE)

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) services in connection with the 1480 Union Valley Road site (Town Hall) in response to compliance notices from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, G Environmental GECP Inc. successfully provided LSRP services for remediation activities at the this site per Resolutions 2017-400, 2021-225, 2023-050 and 2024-058; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified to the availability of funds, said funds to be encumbered from account number 01-201-20-161-452; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “professional services” and the contract itself, must be made available for public inspection.

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

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1. The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract with G Environmental, 8 Carriage Lane, Succasunna, NJ 07876, for environmental consulting services in connection with Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) services to be performed at the site known as Town Hall, 1480 Union Valley Road, West Milford to conduct remediation work for the site including applying for Remedial Action Permit (RAP), monitoring of engineering cap, well abandonment if needed and any other LSRP/NJDEP reporting regulations.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services are performed by a person licensed under law to practice a recognized profession.
3. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$5,825.00 without the prior written approval of the Township Council.
4. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.
5. This award is subject to G Environmental submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that his firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of G Environmental, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

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Agenda No. XI 4

~ Resolution 2025 – 052 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO G ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR LSRP SERVICES FOR 30 MARSHALL HILL ROAD (DPW SITE ON LYCOSKY DRIVE)

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) services in connection with the 30 Marhill Road site (DPW site on Lycosky Road) in response to compliance notices from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, G Environmental GECP Inc. successfully provided LSRP services for remediation activities at the this site per Resolution 2019-371, 2021-224, 2023-051 and 2024-059; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified to the availability of funds, said funds to be encumbered from account number 01-201-20-161-452; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “professional services” and the contract itself, must be made available for public inspection.

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

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract with G Environmental GECP Inc., 8 Carriage Lane, Succasunna, N J 07876, for environmental consulting services in connection with Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) services to be performed at the site known as the West Milford DPW/Recycling Center, Lycosky Drive (formerly 30 Marhill Road) to conduct remediation for the site including site investigation, remedial investigation, continued groundwater sampling for MW10, documentation of trends, survey of wells, field work and any other LSRP/NJDEP reporting regulations.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services are performed by a person licensed under law to practice a recognized profession.
3. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$8,020 without the prior written approval of the Township Council.
4. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.
5. This award is subject to G Environmental submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that his firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in

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the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of G Environmental, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 053 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO G ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR LSRP SERVICES ON BANKER ROAD (DPW SITE ON BANKER ROAD)

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) services in connection with the 29 Banker Road (Block 1001 Lot 30) in response to a continued environmental investigation associated with the investigation into contaminated soil and groundwater; and

WHEREAS, G Environmental GECP Inc. successfully provided LSRP services for remediation activities for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified to the availability of funds, said funds to be encumbered from account number 01-201-20-161-452; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “professional services” and the contract itself, must be made available for public inspection.

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

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract with G Environmental GECP Inc., 8 Carriage Lane, Succasunna, N J 07876, for environmental consulting services in connection with Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) services to be performed at the site known as Banker Road (Block 1001 Lot 30) for ongoing remediation for the site, submitting forms and reporting to the NJDEP, continued groundwater sampling for MW1-MW5, MW2D, survey of wells, soil borings, meet compliance with the 2017 case number assigned, field work and any other LSRP/NJDEP reporting regulations.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services are performed by a person licensed under law to practice a recognized profession.
3. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$13,355 without the prior written approval of the Township Council.
4. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.
5. This award is subject to G Environmental submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that his firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of G Environmental, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

Adopted: January 7, 2025

Agenda No. XI 6

~ Resolution 2025 – 054 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF THE 2020 NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH STUART B. KLEPESCH TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD (TAX FORECLOSURE LIST #37)

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford wishes to continue the award of a professional services contract by virtue of Resolution 2020-390 adopted December 16, 2020 for the 2020 year to represent the Township in foreclosure matters as outlined in foreclosure list # 37; and

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WHEREAS, Stuart B. Klepesch, has worked on these matters on behalf of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for these services, said funds have been encumbered to account number 01-201-20-145-503 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Stuart B. Klepesch, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that this firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of Stuart B. Klepesch from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

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

1. The Township Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Stuart B. Klepesch for the Continuation of professional services to assist the Township with legal matters pertaining to those tax foreclosures outlined in tax foreclosure list #37
2. By virtue of Resolution 2020-390, \$29,000.00 was appropriated for list #37 and to date \$20,689.80 has been expended. Therefore, there is a remaining balance of \$8,310.20 for the completion of foreclosure list #37.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as Professional Services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq. and the local public contracts law.
4. This contract shall expire on completion of foreclosure list #37 or December 31, 2025 whichever comes first.
5. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.
6. This resolution approves and serves as the Continuation of the contract dated December 16, 2020 extending the contract through December 31, 2025.

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Agenda No. XI 7

~ Resolution 2025 – 055 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF THE 2022 NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH STUART B. KLEPESCH TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD (TAX FORECLOSURE LIST #38)

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford wishes to continue the award of a professional services contract by virtue of Resolution 2022-046 adopted January 5, 2022 for the 2022 year to represent the Township in foreclosure matters as outlined in foreclosure list #38; and

WHEREAS, Stuart B. Klepesch, has worked on these matters on behalf of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for these services, said funds have been encumbered to account number 01-201-20-145-503 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Stuart B. Klepesch, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that this firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of Stuart B. Klepesch from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

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

1. The Township Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Stuart B. Klepesch for the Continuation of professional services to assist the Township with legal matters pertaining to those tax foreclosures outlined in tax foreclosure list #38
2. By virtue of Resolution 2022-046, \$29,000.00 was appropriated for list #38 and to date \$8,645.00 has been expended. Therefore, there is a remaining balance of \$20,355.00, for the completion of foreclosure list #38.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as Professional Services pursuant

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- to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq. and the local public contracts law.
4. This contract shall expire on completion of foreclosure list #38 or December 31, 2025 whichever comes first.
 5. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.
 6. This resolution approves and serves as the Continuation of the contract dated January 5, 2022 extending the contract through December 31, 2025.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 056 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF THE 2023 NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH STUART B. KLEPESCH TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD (TAX FORECLOSURE LIST #39)

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford wishes to continue the award of a professional services contract by virtue of Resolution 2023-111 adopted March 1, 2023 for the 2023 year to represent the Township in foreclosure matters as outlined in foreclosure list #39; and

WHEREAS, Stuart B. Klepesch, has worked on these matters on behalf of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for these services, said funds have been encumbered to account number 01-201-20-145-503 in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Stuart B. Klepesch, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that this firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of Stuart B. Klepesch from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

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

1. The Township Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Stuart B. Klepesch for the Continuation of professional services to assist the Township with legal matters pertaining to those tax foreclosures outlined in tax foreclosure list #39
2. By virtue of resolution 2023-111, \$29,000.00 was appropriated for list #39 and to date \$0.00 has been expended. Therefore, there is a remaining balance of \$29,000.00, for the completion of foreclosure list #39.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq. and the local public contracts law.
4. This contract shall expire on completion of foreclosure list #39 or December 31, 2025 whichever comes first.
5. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.
6. This resolution approves and serves as the Continuation of the contract dated March 1, 2023 extending the contract through December 31, 2025.

Adopted: January 7, 2025

Agenda No. XI 9

~ Resolution 2025 – 057 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF #2 ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL THROUGH THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM BID #23-24 FROM RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System has awarded Bid #23-24,

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Gasoline, Diesel, Fuel Oil to Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc. and said contract was awarded through the open competitive bidding process and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11 et seq., Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford anticipates the need for #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has submitted a written recommendation that the Township of West Milford purchase #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel through the Bergen County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System from Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for these purchases, said funds to be encumbered from account number 01-201-31-460-316.

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

1. The Township Council hereby authorizes the Department of Public Works to expend funds for the purchase of #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in a total not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00 to Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc. through the Bergen County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System Bid #23-24.
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.

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Agenda No. XI 10

~ Resolution 2025 – 058 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MOTOR GASOLINE THROUGH THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM BID #23-24 FROM RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System has awarded Bid #23-24, Gasoline, Diesel, Fuel Oil to Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc. and said contract was awarded through the open competitive bidding process and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11 et seq., Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford anticipates the need for Motor Gasoline for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has submitted a written recommendation that the Township of West Milford purchase Motor Gasoline through the Bergen County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System from Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$230,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for these purchases, said funds to be encumbered from account numbers 01-201-31-460-315 (\$100,000.00) and 01-201-31-460-240 (\$130,000.00).

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

1. The Township Council hereby authorizes the Department of Public Works to expend funds for the purchase of motor gasoline, for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in a total not to exceed amount of \$230,000.00 from Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc. through the Bergen County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System Bid #23-24.
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.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 059 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT IT AND CAD SUPPORT THROUGH LAWSOFT INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford Police Department purchased LawSoft CAD/RMS Dispatch Software; and

WHEREAS, the LawSoft software requires annual maintenance and support that can only be obtained from the company that developed the software; and

WHEREAS, additionally, LawSoft Inc. provides support for all IT matters in addition to support for the CAD/Dispatch software for the West Milford Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the maintenance contract for IT support will be in the amount of \$19,140 annually; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the maintenance contract for CAD/RMS and GIS Mapping Services support will be in the amount of \$13,095.00 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds in account number 01-201-25-420-498.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:34-9.1-2 and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(39) this purchase is authorized as a purchase “necessary for the conduct of its affairs”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West Milford Police Department be and are hereby authorized to purchase an annual maintenance contract from LawSoft Inc., 15 Hamburg Turnpike, Suite 2 Bloomingdale, NJ 07403 in an amount not to exceed \$32,235.00 annually.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 060 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIRE FIGHTING PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH AAA EMERGENCY SUPPLY CO., INC., NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT 17-FLEET-00816, 17-FLEET-00805

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has awarded Contract 17-Fleet-00816 and 17-Fleet-00805 Fire Fighting Protective Clothing and Equipment to AAA Emergency Supply Co.; 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 has reviewed the State Contract and related specifications and has submitted a written recommendation for the Township of West Milford to purchase 24 helmets, 24 coats, 24 bunker pants and 24 boots through State Contract 17-Fleet-00816 and 17-Fleet-00805 in an amount not to exceed \$118,272.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purchase, said funds to be encumbered from account numbers 01-201-25-266-550 and 02-213-41-877-000.

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 Fire Department to generate a purchase order to AAA Emergency Supply, Co., Inc., 635 North Broadway, White Plains, New York 10603 in an amount not to exceed \$118,272.00.
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.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 061 ~

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AFSCME NJ COUNCIL 63 LOCAL NO. 3301 COVERING JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford (“Township”) and the AFSCME NJ Council 63 Local No. 3301 have concluded negotiations for successor Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

WHEREAS, at its June 12, 2024 meeting via Resolution 2024-236, the Mayor and Township Council approved the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement which shall cover the three-year period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have ratified the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement as recommended by all parties involved in the negotiation process; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to have the updated agreement signed and executed as recommended by the Township Administrator.

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

1. The Parties have reached an agreement; and
2. The members of the AFSCME NJ Council 63 Local No. 3301 bargaining unit have ratified the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement and have modified the terms of the existing bargaining unit agreement and extended the terms thereof to December 31, 2026; and
3. The Township desires to ratify the agreement covering January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 with the AFSCME NJ Council 63.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, ratified the terms contained in the Memorandum of Agreement and have been included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement and thereby authorizes the appropriate Township Officials to execute said Contract.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 062 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH IRON MOUNTAIN TOWERS, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford (hereinafter also “the Township”) wishes to enter into an agreement, on file in the Clerk’s Office as “Exhibit A” and “Exhibit B” to lease a portion of a nine (9) acre tract of land located at the end of Henderson Road (hereinafter “the subject property”) and to build a communication tower facility within the Township; and

WHEREAS, an Option and Lease Agreement has been prepared which reflects the desired lease term for the subject property, and accurately recites the monthly rent and all required key terms as well as General Provisions for such agreement (See Exhibit A”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed Lease Agreement, and found it to be legally acceptable as to both form and content.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 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 Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Option and Lease Agreement, and to take all further actions as may be necessary to effectuate its terms.
2. This Resolution and the Option and Lease Agreement shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 063 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A MONTH-TO-MONTH CARETAKER AGREEMENT WITH LOIS REED HAGEMAIER TO SERVE AS CARETAKER OF WESTBROOK PARK

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford previously authorized caretaker agreements for Westbrook Park; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Services & Recreation has recommended that Lois Reed Hagmaier continue to serve in this capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the 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 Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a caretaker agreement with Lois Reed Hagmaier to serve as caretaker of Westbrook Park for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 on a month-to-month basis.
2. Said agreement is contingent upon Ms. Hagmaier completing a successful interview with the Township Administrator and satisfactory completion of a background check in accordance with Township requirements for same.
3. The Chief Financial Officer shall receive a copy of the aforementioned agreement and make appropriate adjustments with respect to any 1099 reporting to the IRS.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 064 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TWO (2) CLASS I SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (SLEO I) FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

WHEREAS, the West Milford Police Department has recognized the need for two (2) Class I Special Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, applicants Nicholas Szuszkowski and Denes Mosolygo have been qualified to be hired in the position of a Class I Special Officer for the West Milford Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Academy Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO 1) training course has been approved by the Police Training Commission (PTC) and the applicants will begin on Tuesday, January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the West Milford Police Department shall pay the class academy fee of \$500.00 for each applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Chief of Police to hire two (2) Class 1 Special Law Enforcement Officers.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 065 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PARIS PETRITSIS FROM THE PASSAIC COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING ACADEMY ALTERNATE ROUTE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Alternate Route program gives individuals interested in becoming police officers the opportunity to attend a police training academy at their own expense prior to being hired by a police department; and

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WHEREAS, the program creates a pool of trained officers for communities to hire while saving local police departments the expenditure associated with officer training; and

WHEREAS, Paris Petritsis accepted employment at the West Milford Police Department with an effective hire date of January 8, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that the West Milford Township Police Department is hereby authorized to hire Paris Petritsis from the Passaic County Public Safety Training Academy, Alternate Route Program.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 066 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING SKINNER FARMS APPLICATION TO THE CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR LICENSE

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey legalized the cultivation, manufacturing, sale and distribution of recreational cannabis pursuant to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of cannabis for recreational use will likely spawn a significant industry throughout the State of New Jersey that will create employment opportunities through its four sectors of growers, processors, wholesalers and retailers; and

WHEREAS, the Township is in position to benefit from all four sectors of the industry; and

WHEREAS the Township passed Ordinances 2021-029 and 2021-036 (collectively, the "Ordinances") and as amended, which, in part permit a limited number of licensed Cannabis businesses to operate in specific zones within the Township; and

WHEREAS, Skinner Farms demonstrated proof that it has secured a location at 2024 Macopin Road, West Milford, NJ (Block 7902, Lot 6) to conduct cannabis cultivation; and

WHEREAS, the Township has authorized the type of cannabis business license being sought by Skinner Farms within its jurisdiction, namely a Class 1 Cultivation License; and

WHEREAS, the Township has imposed a limit on the number of licensed cannabis businesses, and the issuance of a license to Skinner Farms by the State of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("CRC") would not exceed that limit; and

WHEREAS, the Council is satisfied that Skinner Farms will have a positive impact on the Township's community; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Officer has issued a letter dated December 23, 2024 indicating that the location does conform to municipal zoning requirements allowing for activities related to the operation of the proposed cannabis cultivator as required by N.J.A.C §17:30-7.8(a)4.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the Township supports Skinner Farms Class 1 Cannabis Cultivation License application to the CRC and is satisfied that Skinner Farms' location is suitable for its proposed cannabis cultivating activities, subject to its compliance with the Ordinances and obtaining all necessary State and municipal approvals to conduct operations.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 067 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE 2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET

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WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2025 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2025 said temporary appropriations are extended and now limited to 26.25% of the total appropriation in the 2024 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, public assistance, and capital improvement fund in said 2024 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that the following temporary budget appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for their records:

APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	2024 BUDGET AS ADOPTED	2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET
Administrator S&W	01-201-20-100-100	335,845	88,159
Administrator O.E.	01-201-20-100-200	103,400	27,143
		\$429,245	\$115,302
Township Mayor & Council S&W	01-201-20-105-100	177,500	46,594
Township Mayor & Council O.E.	01-201-20-105-200	5,300	1,391
TOTAL		\$182,800	\$47,985
Information Technology S&W	01-201-20-140-100	176,740	46,394
Information Technology O.E.	01-201-20-140-200	70,750	35,000
TOTAL		\$247,490	\$81,394
Legal O.E.	01-201-20-155-200	\$390,000	\$102,375
General Services S&W	01-201-20-161-100	17,500	4,594
General Services O.E.	01-201-20-161-200	216,000	107,570
TOTAL		\$233,500	\$112,164
Engineering S&W	01-201-20-165-100	299,925	78,730
Engineering O.E.	01-201-20-165-200	102,200	26,828
TOTAL		\$402,125	\$105,558
Insurance, Other	01-201-23-210-200	1,075,000	550,000
Insurance, Group	01-201-23-220-200	3,382,000	887,775
Health Benefit Waiver	01-201-23-230-200	90,000	23,625
TOTAL		\$4,547,000	\$1,461,400
Clerk S&W	01-201-20-120-100	258,350	67,817
Clerk O.E.	01-201-20-120-200	35,000	9,188
TOTAL		\$293,350	\$77,005
Elections S&W	01-201-20-146-100	1,500	394
Elections O.E.	01-201-20-146-200	31,800	8,348
TOTAL		\$33,300	\$8,742
Treasurer S&W	01-201-20-130-100	337,140	88,499
Treasurer O.E.	01-201-20-130-200	22,000	14,000
TOTAL		\$359,140	\$102,499
Audit	01-201-20-135-200	40,000	-
Audit Additional Services	01-201-20-135-200	25,500	15,000
TOTAL		\$67,500	\$15,000
Tax Collector S&W	01-201-20-145-100	205,690	53,994
Tax Collector O.E.	01-201-20-145-200	51,530	13,527
TOTAL		\$257,220	\$67,521
Tax Assessor S&W	01-201-20-150-100	197,230	51,773
Tax Assessor O.E.	01-201-20-150-200	19,562	8,000
TOTAL		\$216,792	\$59,773
Planning Board O.E.	01-201-21-180-200	\$20,525	\$20,525

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Planning Comprehensive S&W	01-201-21-181-100	56,565	14,848
Planning Comprehensive O.E.	01-201-21-181-200	30,775	30,775
TOTAL		\$107,865	\$66,148
Zoning Administration S&W	01-201-21-185-100	111,715	29,325
Zoning Administration O.E.	01-201-21-185-200	0	0
TOTAL		\$111,715	\$29,325
Board of Adjustment O.E.	01-201-21-186-200	\$35,285	\$35,285
Historic Preservation S&W	01-201-20-175-100	1,560	410
Historic Preservation O.E.	01-201-20-175-200	1,000	500
TOTAL		\$2,560	\$910
Building S&W	01-201-22-195-100	437,761	114,912
Building O.E.	01-201-22-195-200	49,700	13,046
TOTAL		\$487,461	\$127,958
Environmental Commission S&W	01-201-22-196-100	2,000	525
Environmental Commission O.E.	01-201-22-196-200	1,650	1,650
TOTAL		\$3,650	\$2,175
Police Patrol S&W	01-201-25-240-100	5,253,850	1,379,136
Police Patrol O.E.	01-201-25-240-200	522,800	137,235
Police Patrol Purchase of Police Vehicles	01-201-25-240-900	-	-
Police Detective S&W	01-201-25-241-100	-	-
Police Administration S&W	01-201-25-242-100	603,360	158,382
Police Communication S&W	01-201-25-243-100	380,480	99,876
Police Communication O.E.	01-201-25-243-400	500	131
Police Specials S&W	01-201-25-244-100	40,000	10,500
Police Specials O.E.	01-201-25-244-200	9,475	2,487
TOTAL		\$6,810,465	\$1,787,747
Emergency Management S&W	01-201-25-252-100	10,405	2,731
Emergency Management O.E.	01-201-25-252-200	89,500	23,494
TOTAL		\$99,905	\$26,225
First Aid - WMFAS Contributions	01-201-25-260-200	126,600	33,233
First Aid - UGLFAS Contributions	01-201-25-260-200	51,750	0
TOTAL		\$178,350	\$33,233
Aid To Vol. Fire Co.	01-201-25-255-200	130,000	34,125
Fire Prevention Bureau S&W	01-201-25-265-100	182,070	47,793
Fire Prevention Bureau O.E.	01-201-25-265-200	19,000	4,988
Fire Co. Administration S&W	01-201-25-266-100	11,100	2,914
Fire Co. Administration O.E.	01-201-25-266-200	290,650	76,296
LOSAP	01-201-25-267-200	140,000	-
TOTAL		\$772,820	\$166,116
DPW Streets & Roads S&W	01-201-26-290-100	2,199,585	577,391
DPW Streets & Roads O.E.	01-201-26-290-200	1,188,700	350,000
DPW Buildings & Grounds S&W	01-201-26-291-100	156,849	41,173
DPW Buildings & Grounds O.E.	01-201-26-291-200	388,500	130,000
DPW Snow Removal S&W	01-201-26-294-100	250,000	250,000
DPW Snow Removal O.E.	01-201-26-294-200	1,234,000	1,234,000
DPW Vehicle Maintenance S&W	01-201-26-315-100	379,565	99,636
DPW Vehicle Maintenance O.E.	01-201-26-315-200	509,500	183,584

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TOTAL		\$6,306,699	\$2,865,784
Public Health S&W	01-201-27-330-100	20,385	12,366
Public Health O.E.	01-201-27-330-200	31,050	8,151
Vital Statistics S&W	01-201-27-331-100	42,795	11,234
Vital Statistics O.E.	01-201-27-331-200	2,000	525
Housing Standard Bureau O.E.	01-201-27-332-441	8,000	2,100
Environmental Health S&W	01-201-27-335-100	121,920	0
Environmental Health O.E.	01-201-27-335-200	139,670	36,663
Animal Control O.E.	01-201-27-340-200	95,000	24,938
TOTAL		\$460,820	\$83,611
Recreation Programs S&W	01-201-28-370-100	132,723	34,840
Recreation Programs O.E.	01-201-28-370-200	140,000	36,750
Recreation Bubbling Springs S&W	01-201-28-371-100	260,000	-
Recreation Bubbling Springs O.E.	01-201-28-371-200	88,000	50,000
Recreation Administration S&W	01-201-28-372-100	158,140	41,512
Recreation Administration O.E.	01-201-28-372-200	26,050	6,838
Recreation Community Center S&W	01-201-28-374-100	50,000	13,125
Recreation Community Center O.E.	01-201-28-374-200	0	0
Recreation Parks Maintenance S&W	01-201-28-375-100	407,045	106,849
Recreation Parks Maintenance O.E.	01-201-28-375-200	0	0
Senior Citizen Services S&W	01-201-28-376-100	63,770	16,740
Senior Citizen Services O.E.	01-201-28-376-200	6,000	1,575
TOTAL		\$1,331,728	\$308,229
Veteran's Bureau S&W	01-201-20-172-100	1,335	350
Veteran's Bureau O.E.	01-201-20-172-200	150	39
TOTAL		\$1,485	\$389
Celebration of Public Events O.E.	01-201-30-420-200	\$31,000	\$8,138
Mass Transportation S&W	01-201-30-432-100	\$47,486	\$12,465
Library S&W	01-201-29-390-100	580,000	152,250
Library O.E.	01-201-29-390-200	814,009	213,677
TOTAL		\$1,394,009	\$365,927
Municipal Court S&W	01-201-43-490-100	265,450	69,681
Municipal Court O.E.	01-201-43-490-200	24,500	6,431
Municipal Court Prosecutor S&W	01-201-43-491-101	39,545	10,381
Municipal Court Prosecutor O.E.	01-201-43-491-200	600	158
Public Defender	01-201-43-495-450	10,000	2,625
TOTAL		\$340,095	\$89,276
Utilities-Electricity	01-201-31-430-200	125,800	33,023
Utilities-Street Lighting	01-201-31-435-200	74,500	19,556
Utilities-Telephone	01-201-31-440-200	145,000	39,063

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Utilities-Natural Gas	01-201-31-446-200	59,900	15,724
Utilities-Fuel	01-201-31-460-200	440,000	123,000
TOTAL		\$845,200	\$229,366
MISCELLANEOUS & STATUTORY EXPENDITURES			
PERS	01-201-36-471-532	1,400,000	-
Social Security	01-201-36-472-533	700,000	183,750
PFRS	01-201-36-473-534	1,850,000	-
Defined Contributions Retirement Program	01-201-36-475-536	15,000	3,938
TOTAL		\$3,965,000	\$187,688
Salaries & Wages Adjustment Account	01-201-37-480-501	-	-
Compensated Absences	01-201-38-485-110	\$50,000	\$13,125
Inter-local Agreement Health	01-201-47-500-200	\$465,350	\$122,154
Inter-local Agreement Registrar	01-201-47-600-200	-	-
DEFERRED CHARGES & RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES			
Judgements	01-201-37-481-529	-	-
Deferred Charges	01-201-46-886-000	50,000	-
Emergency Authorization	01-201-46-887-528	-	-
Reserve for Tax Appeals	01-201-46-886-667	-	-
Deficit in Assessment cash	01-201-46-887-531	-	-
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	01-201-50-899-200	2,300,000	-
TOTAL		\$2,350,000	-
GRANTS	G-02-41	\$104,913	-
SUBTOTAL		\$33,973,323	\$8,917,986
Capital Improvement Fund	01-201-44-900-200	372,000	-
Capital Improvement Fund Equipment Brine	01-201-44-900-012	-	-
Capital Annual Fire Equipment	01-201-44-900-261	1,333,000	-
TOTAL		\$1,705,000	-
Debt Service Total		\$4,225,168	\$1,594,123
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$39,903,491	\$10,512,109
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BUDGET			
Solid Waste S&W	26-201-55-500-100	107,816	28,302
Solid Waste O.E. All Other	26-201-55-500-200	245,022	64,318
Contractual Services	26-201-55-500-514	2,371,815	622,601
Disposal Fees	26-201-55-500-548	900,000	236,250
Grants - Recycling County of Passaic		-	-
Prior Year's Bills		-	-
Commercial Pick Up		-	-
TOTAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BUDGET		\$3,624,653	\$951,471

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS LICENSES FOR THE LICENSE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, applications have been made for the new licenses and the renewal of various Licenses for the 2025 license year; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford does hereby approve the issuance of 2025 Licenses as listed below:

	2025 PRECIOUS SECONDHAND METALS
2025-01	Jenti Jewelers Corporation
2025-02	J Alexander Fine Jewelers
	2025 CANNABIS LICENSES
2025-02	4Twenty Somewhere LLC
2025-03	Mountain View Farmacy LLC
2025-04	Doobiez LLC
2025-05	Jersey Roots Dispensary
2025-06	SoulFlora Inc.
2025-07	Spot 23 LLC
	2025 - SOLICITOR
2025-01	Archtop Fiber

Adopted: January 7, 2025

Motion to move Resolutions 2025-050 through 2025-068.

 Moved: Conlon Seconded: Chazukow
 Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden
 Voted Nay: None
 Abstain: Conlon only on Resolution 2025-064 and Resolution 2025-065
 Motion carried:

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Consent Agenda

~ Resolution 2025 – 069 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PASSAGE OF CONSENT AGENDA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed Resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved:

- Resolutions:**
- a) **2025-070** – Refund Site & Plan Review Bond Fee
 - b) **2025-071** – Refund Recreation Fees
 - c) **2025-072** – Cancellation of Taxes
 - d) **2025-073** – Refund Other Liens
 - e) **2025-074** – Refund Overpayment
 - f) **2025-075** – Reinstatement of Taxes

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~ Resolution 2025 – 070 ~

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF SITE AND PLAN REVIEW BOND FEE

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation and request of the Township Engineering Department, the following bonded fee for a Certificate of Occupancy Site and Plan Review be refunded:

Block/Lot Street Address	Refund Amount	Refund to	Site Plan Permit No.
10002/3 39 Virginia Lane	\$1,750.00	39 Virginia Lane West Milford, NJ 07480	# SP20-012

Adopted: January 7, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 071 ~

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

REC BASKETBALL			
\$100.00	10 Leslie Drive West Milford, NJ 07480	\$85	376 High Crest Dr. West Milford, NJ 07480
SOCCER SQUIRTS			
\$164	261 Germantown Rd West Milford, NJ 07480		

Adopted: January 7, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 072 ~

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

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

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes recommends the cancelation of taxes due to reasons listed below.

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

- REASONS:**
1. 100% Disabled Veteran
 2. Township Owned Property
 3. Veteran/Surviving Spouse of Veteran Deduction
 4. Senior Citizen/Disabled/Surviving Spouse Deduction
 5. County Board Tax Appeal
 6. Parsonage
 7. Non-Profit/Disability Resource Facility
 8. Seized by the United States Government/Exempt

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
10508-003	12 Baldwin Drive West Milford, NJ 07480	\$808.24	2024	1
		\$2,065.00	2025	
		\$2,065.00	2025	
04108-002	19 Wanaque Road Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$1,152.96	2024	1
		\$2,949.00	2025	
		\$2,949.00	2025	
10101-001	103 Gould Road Newfoundland, NJ 07435	\$1,143.46	2024	1
		\$2,686.00	2025	
		\$2,686.00	2025	
TOTAL:		\$18,504.66		

Adopted: January 7, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 073 ~

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	Premium	Pay to Lien Holder
24-0010	10/15/2024	03401-023	\$411.51	\$300.00	TAX LIEN FUND, LP PO BOX 132 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104
24-0011	10/15/2024	03401-024	\$402.31	\$300.00	TAX LIEN FUND, LP PO BOX 132 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104
21-0036	10/12/2021	06902-010	\$39,060.06	\$46,100.00	FUNDPALITY II, LLC 100 N LASALLE ST. STE 710 CHICAGO, IL 60602
TOTAL			\$39,873.88	\$46,700.00	

Adopted: January 7, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 074 ~

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 |
| 4. Veteran Deduction | 9. Replacement Check |
| 5. Homestead Rebate | 10. Bank/Mortgage Co. |

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
12305-005	10 Torne Mountain Road West Milford, NJ 07480	\$250.00	2024	4
10602-008	43 High Street West Milford, NJ 07480	\$250.00	2024	4
10508-003	12 Baldwin Drive West Milford, NJ 07480	\$808.24	2024	8
04108-002	19 Wanaque Road Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$1,152.96	2024	8
10101-001	103 Gould Road Newfoundland, NJ 07435	\$1,143.46	2024	8
04701-019	224 Morsetown Road West Milford, NJ 07480	\$1,034.44	2024	8
TOTAL:		\$4,639.10		

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~ Resolution 2025 – 075 ~

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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
 2. No Account/Cannot Locate
 3. Account Closed
 4. Stop Payment
 5. No Signature on Check

BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT	INT	YEAR	REASON
10204-007.01	\$674.14	\$2.10	2024	1
12204-002	\$2,550.44 \$8.59	\$15.45	2024 2025	5
04404-001	\$3,256.98 \$3,146.00	\$33.93	2024 2025	2
06101-012	\$1,828.00		2024	1
04404-001	\$3,256.98 \$3,148.95	\$46.05	2024 2025	1
12501-019	\$1,219.99	\$184.01	2024	2

Adopted: January 7, 2025

Motion to move Resolutions 2025-069 through 2025-075.

 Moved: Erik Seconded: Conlon
 Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden
 Voted Nay: None
 Motion carried:

Agenda No. XIII

Approval of Expenditures

~ Resolution 2025 – 076 ~

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has submitted to the members of the Township Council a supplemental 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	\$423,196.67
3	Reserve Account	0.00
2	Grants	20,013.00
6	Refunds	93,311.98
1	General Ledger	40,488.00
26	Refuse	271,809.39
4	Capital	78,389.68
19	Animal Control	0.00
19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	22,052.80
16	Development Escrow	0.00

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19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	62.00
Total		\$949,323.52
Less Refund Resolution		-93,311.98
Actual Bills List		\$856,011.54
Other Payments:		
Payroll		1,159,911.97
Petty Cash		313.26
Cowboy Landscaping		15,298.87
Crevina Enterprises		3,062.15
Longstaff Paving		9,450.00
Nextgen Solutions		18,137.35
Tom Buske & Son		9,683.10
Buckman's		1,361.20
Enterprise		22,388.31
Total Expenditures		\$2,095,617.75

Adopted: January 7, 2025

 Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
 Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden
 Voted Nay: None
 Motion carried:

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Reports of Mayor, Council Members, Administrator, and Attorney

Mayor Dale – Congratulations to Councilwoman Erik and Councilwoman Lichtenberg on being re-elected, and for their dedication to the Township. Assemblywoman Aura K. Dunn has worked hard to make the Mobile Motor Vehicle Unit available to residents of the Township. The Mobile Unit will be back on January 25, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Mayor Dale has requested some evening hours if possible in the future. Happy New Year to all. Mayor Dale is looking forward to working with all of the residents, Council and Administration as an exciting year is planned.

Councilman Chazukow – Indicated that he was happy with the reorganization meeting being so streamlined. Congratulations to Councilwoman Erik and to Councilwoman Lichtenberg on having another term and also to Council President Marsden.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg –Happy, healthy and safe 2025 to all. She posted the Mobile Unit flier and sent out an email and she heard back in 15 minutes that someone she had emailed was first to be put on the list.

Councilman Goodsir – Happy New Year and congratulations to Councilmembers Erik, Lichtenberg and Marsden. Registration is now open for Indoor Soccer. Come play indoor soccer futsal style at the West Milford Recreation Center. Registration ends February 17th. There are still spots for youth winter field hockey, starting February 4th from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Recreation Center. Registration is now open for winter soccer squirts programs for children 2-6 years old. Registration is now open for Bob Ross art classes for adults and kids. Come learn oil painting with the famous Bob Ross wet on wet technique. The Elks is having a poker night this Saturday. There are a few spots still open.

Councilman Conlon – Happy New Year to everyone. Congratulations to Councilmembers Erik and Lichtenberg and Marsden. Thank you to the Township staff and Clerk's Office for all the work they put into the reorganization meeting. Thank you to Assemblywoman Dunn and Senator Bucco for fighting for us and supporting us. Thank you to all the police officers, Fire, EMS, Search and Rescue, CERT members and our professionals, and volunteers.

Councilman Marsden – Congratulations to Councilwomen Erik and Lichtenberg and thank you to Council colleagues. Council President Marsden is actively involved with the CERT team and Search and Rescue. Anyone interested or that has questions regarding those organizations, feel free to reach out to him at marsden@westmilford.org.

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Councilwoman Erik – Thank you to all those who voted, even those who did not vote for her. It shows that you care.

Administrator Senande – No report.

Attorney Pasternak – No report

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Appointments and Resignations

None

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Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Approved: January 22, 2025

Respectfully submitted:

Deidre Ellis, Keyboarding Clerk III

MICHELE DALE, MAYOR

WILLIAM SENANDE, TOWNSHIP CLERK