
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 Michele Dale at 6:30 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 January 13, 2025 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 Jeff Frankenburger

Agenda No. III

Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

January 7, 2025 Reorganization Meeting
January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes.

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

Agenda No. IV

Meetings

February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting & Board of Health Meeting
February 26, 2025 Budget Meeting (Start 5:30 p.m.)
March 5, 2025 Regular Meeting

Agenda No. V

Proclamations

None

Agenda No. VI

Presentation

West Milford VFW – Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition and Patriots Pen Essay Competition
Rudy Hass of the West Milford VFW #7198 explained that they do an essay completion and in the Middle School it is a written essay and the High School does an oral essay. He announced the top three essay winners for each and presented plaques and a monetary gift to those in attendance. For the Audio Essay there were 31 submissions because Mrs. Nicole Petrosillo, a teacher here at the West Milford High School made it an assignment. The subject was to answer the question is today's America the vision of our forefathers, and whether or not and how it has progressed in almost 250 years. Mrs. Petrosillo is the State of New Jersey Teacher of the Year, chosen by peers and will be representing West Milford at Nationals. She was presented with a plaque for being the 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year and a check for \$300 to donate to a charity of her choice. Mayor thanked the VFW members and audience members. It was an honor to have the recognition service at Town Hall.

Agenda No. VII

Executive Session

None

Agenda No. VIII

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Public Hearing

Agenda No. VIII 1

~ Resolution 2025 – 077 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER (EXTENSION OF PREMISES) FOR PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE 1615-33-004-008 OLD SCHOOL PUB LLC

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Place-to-Place Transfer (Extension of Premises) of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1615-33-004-007, for purposes of expanding the premises under license wherein the sale, service and storage of alcoholic beverages are authorized; and

WHEREAS, the Place-to-Place (Expansion of Premises) transfer makes a temporary outdoor patio permanently usable year round and reshapes and preserves the outdoor patio/deck areas; and

WHEREAS, there is no change to the two licensed storage sheds, main building and basement wherein the sale, service and storage of alcoholic beverages are authorized; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, a result of the review of the complete application and associated documents, the Township Council has determined and the Police Department has recommended that the application for a Place-to-Place Transfer (Extension of Premises) be approved for the current owners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Council does hereby approve effective January 22, 2025, the expansion of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption licensed premises located at 551 Warwick Turnpike, Hewitt, NJ to place under license the areas delineated in the application form and the sketches of the licensed premises on file in the Clerk’s Office.

LICENSEE	CONDITIONS
OLD SCHOOL PUB LLC t/a Old School Pub 551 Warwick Turnpike, Hewitt, NJ 07421 1615-33-004-008	1. Occupancy loads must be adhered to 2. Exits are not to be blocked

Adopted: January 22, 2025

Councilwoman Erik made a motion to move Resolution 2025-077. Seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg.

Councilman Chazukow noticed a minor typo.

Mayor Dale asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing no one wishing to speak Councilman Conlon moved to close the public portion. Seconded by Councilman Chazukow. All were in favor. Councilman Conlon made a motion to move Resolution 2025-077 as amended. Seconded by Councilman Goodsir.

Motion to move Resolution 2025-077 as amended.

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

Agenda No. IX

Discussion Items / Official Communications

1.	Heritage Committee – Reduce Number of Members – Councilwoman Lichtenberg indicated that there were too many members and about half the membership. Mayor Dale asked if the reduction would be for quorum purposes, and that was confirmed. Councilman Chazukow is the Council liaison and suggested going with 11 members. People are still welcome to come and participate. Councilman Conlon agreed with that number and indicated that sometimes when people see a committee with a lot of vacancies, it is intimidating and they may dissuade them from volunteering. A lot of committees have been reconstructed in the past due to the amount of interest. Council gave consensus to adjust the number to 11 members.
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Agenda No. X

Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances

Agenda No. X 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
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	\$200,000.00
Fire Marshall	\$45,000.00	\$85,000.00
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
Tax Collector	\$50,000.00	\$110,000.00

CONFIDENTIAL AND UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEES

JOB TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Judge	\$25,000.00	\$55,500.00
Prosecutor	\$20,000.00	\$44,000.00
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

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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: January 22, 2025
Effective Date: February 11, 2025

This Ordinance was introduced on January 7, 2025 and notice of the public hearing was published in the Herald News on January 13, 2025. The Governing Body will open the meeting to the public to speak on this Ordinance only.

Seeing no one Councilman Conlon moved to close the public portion. Seconded by Councilman Goodsir.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-001.

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

Mayor Dale opened the meeting to the public comment portion.

Agenda No. XI

Public Comments

Bob Nicholson – Happy New Year to everyone. He expressed concerns about a disturbing post he read about a resident in Town that had no heat or hot water and the landlord said that it was too expensive to repair. There are two sides to every story but if that is the truth it is inhumane and upsetting to have that happening in West Milford in frigid temperatures.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak Councilman Conlon made a motion to close the public portion. Seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg. All were in favor.

Agenda No. XII

Council Comments

Mayor Dale indicated that the matter had been brought to the Health Department and it was being addressed.
Mayor Dale asked to move Resolutions 2025-078 through 2025-092 and 2025-102.

Agenda No. XIII

New Business, Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions

Agenda No. XIII 1

~ Resolution 2025 – 078 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO STARFIRE CORPORATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,500.00

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WHEREAS, the Township is in need of professional pyrotechnics handler services for the 2025 Fourth of July celebration; and

WHEREAS, Starfire Corporation has vast experience and expertise in providing such services in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to retain the services of Starfire Corporation to assist the Township of West Milford in providing a Fourth of July celebration by preparing and displaying a fireworks exhibition; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the contract shall not exceed \$15,500.00 and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for these services and shall come from the Fireworks Trust Account 19-295-56-120-202 and account 01-201-30-420-582; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, when the cost or price of any contract awarded by the contracting agent in the aggregate does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by the contracting unit without public advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, Starfire Corporation has received the Township's Political Contribution Disclosure Form and a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Starfire Corporation from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bid and the contract itself must be made available for public inspection.

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 Starfire Corporation, 566 Theater Rd, PO Box 179, St. Benedict, PA 15773 for professional pyrotechnics fireworks display in an amount not to exceed \$15,500.00.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding, as the total price of the contract shall not exceed the \$17,500 bid threshold in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3.
3. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$15,500.00 without the prior written approval of the Township Council.
4. Notice of this action shall be published in the Township's official newspaper as required by law.

Adopted: January 22, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 2

~ Resolution 2025 – 079 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO THE SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT LLC TO PROVIDE FORESTER SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need to appoint a Forester as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. or 20.5 as appropriate to comply with State statutes and regulations, as well as local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to retain assistance of trained experts in the field of forestry with knowledge and experience in these matters, to assist in assuring compliance with State statutes and regulations, as well as local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, The Shade Tree Department LLC of West Orange, NJ will provide forestry services as sought by the Township of West Milford and outlined in a contract in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 as part of the continued required work; and

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

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WHEREAS, The Shade Tree Department, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the business 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 Shade Tree Department, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from account #01-201-26-290-450.

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

1. The Township Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract for community forestry management with The Shade Tree Department, LLC., P.O. Box 6089, West Orange, NJ 07052 to assist the Township with compliance with the grant in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq. and the local public contracts law.
3. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$20,000 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 resolutions authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: January 22, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 3

~ Resolution 2025 – 080 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO THE PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND (OSFH) BY THE FRIENDS OF WALLISCH HOMESTEAD FOR THE WALLISCH HOMESTEAD TIMBER BARN STABILIZATION PROJECT SECTION B

WHEREAS, the Passaic County OSFH trust fund awards grants to local non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Wallisch Homestead (FOWH) desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Passaic County OSFH trust fund for the Wallisch Homestead Timber Barn Stabilization Project Section B; and

WHEREAS, Section B will include interior wood wide-plank flooring with period nails, stairs, historic wooden doors repaired, brick facing, historic light fixture, electrical work, and pea gravel.

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 FOWH be and hereby are authorized to make application, provided all required information and documents as required and correspond as necessary, for a grant to the Passaic County OSFH trust fund;
2. That the FOWH are hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendment thereof with the Passaic County OSFH trust fund for the Wallisch Homestead Timber Barn Stabilization Project Section B.
3. That if the funds provided by the Passaic County OSFH trust fund are less than the total project cost of \$50,000.00 the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project or the applicant will decline the grant.
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State, County, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

2025 Passaic County OSFH Trust Fund Grant for the Wallisch Homestead Timber Barn Stabilization Project Section B

TOTAL PROJECT GRANT REQUEST	\$50,000
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~ Resolution 2025 – 081 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR FUNDING OF COMPLIANCE WITH NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ENHANCED STORMWATER REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2024, the Township Council of West Milford approved the submission of a formal funding request to the New Jersey Highlands Council for compliance with Tier 'A' Stormwater General Permit (R9) for 2023; and

WHEREAS, the requested \$187,000.00 application resulted in a partial award of \$50,000.00 approved by the New Jersey Highlands Council at the December 12, 2024 meeting as per NJHC Resolution 2024-32.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford formally accept the \$50,000.00 grant received for the above stated project.

Approved: January 22, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 5

~ Resolution 2025 – 082 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET PER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

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

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has received the Highlands Council Storm Water Management grant in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant should be added to the 2025 temporary budget.

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 amendment of the 2025 temporary budget with an addition of emergency temporary appropriations in the amount of \$50,000.00 by a 2/3 vote of the Governing Body.
2. The Township's 2025 adopted budget shall include these receivables and appropriations.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 083 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO STORMWATER COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC TO PROVIDE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need to appoint a stormwater management professional as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. or 20.5 as appropriate to comply with the Municipal Stormwater Permit under N.J.A.C. 7:14, Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to retain assistance of appropriately registered experts in the field of stormwater management with knowledge and experience in these matters to assist in assuring compliance with NJPDES Permit for stormwater discharge; and

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WHEREAS, Stormwater Compliance Solutions, LLC of Chester, NJ will provide stormwater management services as sought by the Township of West Milford and outlined in a contract in an amount not to exceed \$64,500.00 as part of a portion of the proposal of the required work to obtain compliance under the enhanced stormwater regulations, utilizing local funding sources and New Jersey Highlands Council awarded funding; and

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

WHEREAS, Stormwater Compliance Solutions, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the business 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 Stormwater Compliance Solutions, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 in an amount not to exceed \$14,500.00 from account #01-201-26-290-451 and \$50,000.00 from account #02-213-41-734-008.

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 for stormwater management services with Stormwater Compliance Solutions, LLC, 180 Main Street, P.O. Box 572, Chester, NJ 07930 to assist the Township with compliance to the NJPDES Permit in an amount not to exceed \$64,500.00.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq. and the local public contracts law.
3. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$64,500.00 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.

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Agenda No. XIII 7

~ Resolution 2025 – 084 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE NEED OBLIGATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 THRU JULY 1, 2035 IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 2024 C.2 AND RESERVING ALL RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford (hereinafter "the Township") has a demonstrated history of voluntary compliance with the Mount Laurel doctrine and the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township is a fully conforming Highlands Region Municipality, where development is governed and restricted by the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq. ("Highlands Act") and the Highlands Regional Master Plan. All 51,848 acres of land within the Township is located entirely within the Highlands Region "Preservation Area", and the vast majority of this land (approximately 84 percent) is within the "Protection Zone"; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act and Regional Master Plan places significant constraints on development throughout the Township, including but not limited to affordable housing, for the purpose preserving the State's drinking water; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law, P.L. 2024, c.2, which among other things, amended various provisions of the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. ("FHA"), abolished the Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") and established the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2024, c.2, sets forth that Fourth Round period of affordable housing obligations shall run from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2035 ("Fourth Round" or "Round Four"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2024, c.2, the Township is located in Housing Region 1, which is comprised of Bergen, Hudson, Passaic and Sussex counties; and

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WHEREAS, the amendments to the FHA require the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) to prepare and publish a report on the calculations of the regional need and each municipality’s present and prospective need affordable housing obligations for the Fourth Round within seven months of March 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2024 the DCA published its report on the calculations with respect to Statewide regional need and municipal present and prospective need affordable housing obligations for the Fourth Round (the “DCA Report”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1e of the FHA, the calculations in the DCA Report are not binding on municipalities; and

WHEREAS, rather, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1e, each municipality is required to ultimately determine its respective Fourth Round present and prospective need fair share obligations, and adopt a binding resolution describing the basis for the municipality’s determination on or before January 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2024, c.2, directs that each municipality shall determine its Fourth-Round present and prospective need fair share obligations, in consideration of the calculations in the DCA Report, and in accordance with the formulas established in N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.2 and -304.3 of the FHA using “necessary datasets that are updated to the greatest extent practicable”; and

WHEREAS, section 10 of P.L. 2024, c.2 amends N.J.S.A.13:20-23 of the Highlands Act, to expressly require that the Highlands Regional Master Plan be taken into account as part of the determination of the allocation of prospective need fair share obligations; and

WHEREAS, section 7 of P.L. 2024, c.2 requires that a weighting factor of “0” shall be applied to property within the Highlands Preservation Area and conforming Highlands Planning Areas; and

WHEREAS, within the DCA Report, the DCA has calculated the total statewide prospective need obligation to be 84,698 units, which equates to a statewide new construction obligation of over 8,400 affordable units per year; and

WHEREAS, the DCA Report ultimately calculates the Township’s non-binding Round 4 obligations as follows: 1) a Present Need or Rehabilitation obligation of “105”; and 2) a Prospective Need or New Construction Obligation of “197”; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Planner, Municipal Attorney and Tax Assessor have reviewed the DCA Report along with the underlying data and data sets relied upon by the DCA in reaching its non-binding calculations for the Township, and considered the most up-to-date land use approvals, site specific information, construction permits, and MOD-IV data maintained and on file with Township with regard to the land capacity and equalized non-residential valuation factor; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding that such obligations are subject to Land Capacity Factors including but not limited to the Act, the Township accepts the estimate set forth in the DCA Report with a Present Need or Rehabilitation obligation of “105”; and a Prospective Need or New Construction Obligation of “197”, except that such obligations are by operation both reduced to “zero” based upon the Township’s Planner’s vacant land adjustment; attached herein at Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1f(1)(b) provides that: “the municipality’s determination of its fair share obligation shall have a presumption of validity, if established in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of P.L. 2024, c.2 ... [;]” and

WHEREAS, the Township’s calculation of its Present Need and Prospective Need obligations is/are entitled to a “presumption of validity” because it complies with Sections 6 and 7 of P.L. 2024, c.2; and

WHEREAS, the Township specifically reserves the right to adjust its Present Need and Prospective Need Obligation, including for any of the foregoing adjustments: 1) a windshield survey or similar survey which accounts for a lower Present Need; 2) a Vacant Land Adjustment, as attached herein and as predicated upon a lack of vacant, developable and suitable land; 3) a Durational Adjustment (whether predicated upon lack of sewer or lack of water); and/or 4) an adjustment predicated upon regional planning entity formulas, inputs or considerations, including, but not limited to the Highlands Regional Master Plan and its build out; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the Township specifically reserves all rights to revoke this resolution and commitment in the event of: 1) a successful challenge to P.L. 2024, c.2 as a result of the pending litigation entitled: Borough of Montvale et al. v. State of New Jersey, et al., Docket No.: MER-L-1778-24; (2) any other such successful challenge P.L. 2024, c.2 or any directive or regulation adopted pursuant thereto; and/or (3) any subsequent legislative or regulatory enactment which alters or changes the deadlines, calculations, methodology and/or requirements of P.L. 2024, c.2; and

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WHEREAS, the Township further specifically reserves the right to take a position that its Round 4 Present or Prospective Need Obligations are lower than described herein in the event that a third party challenges the calculations provided for in this Resolution (a reservation of all litigation rights and positions, without prejudice); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, nothing in P.L. 2024, c. 2 requires or can require an increase in the Township's Round 4 Present or Prospective Need Obligations based on a successful downward challenge of any other municipality in the region since the plain language and clear intent of P.L. 2024, c.2, is to establish, for example, unchallenged numbers by default as of March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford finds that it is in the best interest of the Township to declare its commitment to its above-listed Fourth Round obligations by resolution in accordance P.L. 2024, c.2.

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

1. All of the Whereas Clauses set forth above are hereby incorporated into the operative clauses of this resolution by reference.
2. The Mayor and Township Council of West Milford hereby commit to a Fourth Round Present Need Obligation of 105 and the Round 4 Prospective Need Obligation of 197, as described in this Resolution and which such commitment to the Township's Fourth Round Affordable Housing Obligations be and is hereby subject to the Township's reservation of all rights it may have, as described in this Resolution or otherwise, to revoke, repeal, suspend, amend or modify this Resolution by further action of the Township, including but not limited to, the following:
 - a) The right to adjust, modify, cancel, withdraw or revoke the Township's commitment to its Fourth Round Present Need and/or Prospective Need Obligations, and/or to otherwise revoke, repeal, suspend, amend, or modify this Resolution should additional information or evidence become available or discoverable to the Township in the future;
 - b) The right to adjust the Township's Present Need Obligation based on the results of a windshield survey;
 - c) The right to adjust the Township's Present and/or Prospective Need Obligation based on lack of available vacant and developable land, sewer, water, and/or due to regional planning inputs, formulas or considerations, including, but not limited to the Highlands Regional Master Plan and its build out, or any combination of the above;
 - d) All rights to revoke this Resolution in the event of a successful legal challenge to P.L. 2024, c.2, a legislative change to P.L. 2024, c. 2, or any successful challenge to any directive or regulation adopted pursuant to P.L. 2024, c.2, or any change or amendment to such directives or regulations;
 - e) All rights to take a position that Township's Fourth Round Present and/or Prospective Need Obligation(s) are lower than described herein in the event that a third party challenges the calculations provided for or relied upon in this Resolution; and/or
 - f) All rights to take a position that the Township's Fourth Round Present and/or Prospective Need Obligation(s) is/are lower than described herein in the event a third-party claims the Township's Round 4 Present and/or Prospective Need Obligations require an increase based on a reallocation or modification of the Regional Present or Prospective Need Obligations allegedly due from successful reduction of the allocated present and prospective need obligations assigned to another municipality in the Region.
3. The Township's calculation of Present and Prospective Need Obligations is/are entitled to a "presumption of validity" because the calculations comply with sections 6 and 7 of P.L. 2024, c.2.
4. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1, the Township hereby directs the Township Attorney to file an action with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program along with this Resolution and to take all necessary and proper steps to address any challenges to same by any interested parties.
5. The Township further commits to adopt its housing element and fair share plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1f(2) based on this determination on or before June 30, 2025, and hereby further directs the Township Attorney, Township Planner and Township Engineer to begin taking steps to prepare same.
6. A copy of this resolution, along with filing date of Township's action with the Program, shall be placed on the Township's website.
7. A copy of this resolution shall remain on file in the Township Clerk's office and available for public inspection.
8. This resolution shall take effect immediately, according to law.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 085 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-046 TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT VALUE WITH PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC FOR CONTINUING DISCLOSURE SERVICES TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$1,250.00

WHEREAS, the Township Council adopted Resolution 2025-046 authorizing a professional services contract with Phoenix Advisors LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,150.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposal received from Phoenix Advisors LLC was in the amount of \$2,400.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for these services, said funds to be encumbered from 04-215-55-834-009 in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00 without prior written consent from the Township Council; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that Resolution 2025-046 is amended to increase the not to exceed amount to \$2,400.00.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 086 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO A LAND SALE PURCHASER UPON ACCEPTANCE OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FROM THE TOWNSHIP AUCTION OF OCTOBER 16, 2024 AND REFUNDING BID AMOUNT

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2024, the Township of West Milford conducted the sale of municipal properties no longer needed by the Township in accordance with Resolution 2024-319; and

WHEREAS, the Township received an executed assignment of contract, on file in the Attorney's Office and made records to purchase such property, known as Block 9601 Lot 7.01 (hereinafter "the property") and as shown on the Tax Map of West Milford; and

WHEREAS, the Township has accepted the assignment, and received a request for the refund of bid amount as received on the property pursuant to the assignment of contract; and

WHEREAS, the refund bid amount is \$3,900.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the assignment of contract, closing on the property is currently scheduled for March 19, 2025 with Assignee, and pursuant to the assignment of contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that the refunds set forth in this resolution and the bid amount be refunded.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 087 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CANCELLING THE SALE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL LANDS AND PROPERTIES FROM THE TOWNSHIP AUCTION OF OCTOBER 16, 2024 AND REFUNDING CERTAIN BID AMOUNTS

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2024, the Township of West Milford conducted the sale of municipal properties no longer needed by the Township in accordance with Resolution 2024-319; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2024-387 adopted November 13, 2024 accepted the bids for the sale of certain municipal lands and properties from the Township auction of October 16, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Clerk reported that the schedule below outlines the bidder and their respective proposals to purchase said lands and recommends that the Township Council accept these bids; and

WHEREAS, the Township received a formal request of cancellation of the contract for sale for Block 3201 Lot 1 and Block 1701 Lot 25 that respectively be approved by the Township's discretion; and

WHEREAS, the Township also received a formal request for the refund of bid amounts received on Block 3201 Lot 1 and Block 1701 Lot 25 that respectively be approved by the Township's discretion; and

WHEREAS, the refund bid amounts as approved by the Township's discretion is ten percent (10%) of purchase price for Block 3201 Lot 1 (\$4,400.00) and Block 1701 Lot 25 (\$65.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that the cancellations and refunds set forth in this resolution and schedule below are hereby cancelled and the bid amounts be refunded from account 01-192-09-600-126.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that the proper officers be and are hereby authorized and directed to refund the indicated bid amounts below.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 088 ~

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PBA LOCAL No. 162 COVERING JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford ("Township") and the PBA Local No. 162 (the "PBA" or "Associations") have concluded negotiations for successor Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

WHEREAS, at its December 13, 2023 meeting via Resolution 2023-469, the Mayor and Township Council approved the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement which shall cover the five-year period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Associations 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 PBA 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, 2028; and
3. The Township desires to ratify the agreement covering January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028 with the PBA Local No. 162.

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 which have been with the PBA bargaining unit 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 – 089 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXTENDING THE 2025 BUDGET INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION DATES

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has authorized revisions to the statutory budget deadlines as per Local Finance Notice LFN 2024-20 dated December 18, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, the revised dates allow municipalities to extend the statutory budget introduction date from February 10 to March 31; and the budget adoption date from March 20 to April 30, in calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, to avail itself of these revised dates the Governing Body must adopt a resolution no later than March 31, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, avail itself of the revised budget introduction and adoption dates for the calendar year 2025 as noted above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the temporary budget appropriation are hereby extended as may be necessary to accommodate this extension of the budget introduction and adoption dates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services using the Financial Automation Submission Tracking system, as required by Local Finance Notice LFN 2024-20.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 090 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHANGE FUND FOR THE FIREWORKS SHOW

WHEREAS, The Township runs the annual fireworks show and a fee is collected to attend the event at each entrance; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey State regulations allow change funds to be established by an initial resolution and to continue from year to year without additional Governing Body action until such time as they take action to have funds returned; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Community Services & Recreation Director recommend that an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 be kept for the sole purpose of making change to insure the proper exact payment due is paid; and

WHEREAS, the said change fund to be safely secured in keeping with established business practices; and

WHEREAS, that said change fund be used to make change only and shall not be used to purchase goods and/or services of any kind; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the establishment of a \$1,000.00 change fund for the annual Fireworks show.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 091 ~

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

WHEREAS, an application has been made for the new license for the 2025 license year; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Regulatory Commission has issued the Annual Class 5 Retailer license to the application listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford does hereby approve the issuance of 20245License as listed below:

License No.	CANNABIS LICENSE – CLASS 5 RETAILER
2025-08	Canabhang 24 Marshall Hill Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 State License Number: RE000929

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~ Resolution 2025 – 092 ~

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 CLOTHING BINS OGS Recycling LCC dba HELPSY
2025-02	Marshall Hill Elementary School (1 bin)
2025-03,04,05	Aphawa Volunteer Fire Co #1 (3 bins)
2025-06,07,08	KYH Properties (3 bins)
2025-09,10,11,12	West Milford Shopping Plaza (4bins)
2025-13,14	West Milford Fire Dept Co #2 (2 bins)
2025-15	Highland Family Success Center (1 bin)

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~ Resolution 2025 – 102 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FY5 LOCAL RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD FOR FENCE INSTALLATION AT DYGOS FIELD

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$100,000.00 to replace fencing as a part of a phased project for field improvements at West Milford Board of Education-owned Dygos Field;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of West Milford does hereby authorize the application for such a grant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of West Milford recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of West Milford and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorize Township of West Milford officials to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

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 Moved: Conlon Seconded: Erik
 Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden
 Voted Nay: None
 Abstain: Conlon only on Resolution 2025-088
 Recused: Chazukow only on Resolution 2025-091
 Motion carried:

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Consent Agenda

~ Resolution 2025 – 093 ~

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) **2025-094** – Refund Recreation Fees
- b) **2025-095** – Cancellation of Taxes
- c) **2025-096** – Refund Other Liens
- d) **2025-097** – Refund Overpayments
- e) **2025-098** – Reinstatement of Taxes
- f) **2025-099** – Health Insurance Refund

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~ Resolution 2025 – 094 ~

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:

YOGA SCULPT NIGHT			
\$30.00	6108 Richmond Road West Milford, NJ 07480		
INDOOR SOCCER			
\$40.00	876 Westbrook Road West Milford, NJ 07480		
DRUM STICK WORKOUT			
\$30.00	9 Clubhouse Road West Milford, NJ 07480		
SENIOR MAT YOGA			
\$40.00	1904 Greenwood Lake Tpke Hewitt, NJ 07421		

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~ Resolution 2025 – 095 ~

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

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

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

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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

Block/Lot	Amount	Year	Reason
03604-010	\$4,730.00	2025	1
15102-005	\$1,718.61	2024	1
	\$6,644.00	2025	1
TOTALS	\$1,718.61	2024	
	\$11,374.00	2025	

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~ Resolution 2025 – 096 ~

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
23-0029	10/10/2023	06002-001	\$62,190.24	\$38,400.00	Christiana Trust as Custodian GSRAN-Z LLC Deposit Account PO Box 71276 Philadelphia, PA 19176
23-0057	10/10/2023	16703-003	\$29,763.35	\$300.00	Pro Cap 8, LLC PO Box 774 Fort Washington, PA 19103-0774
23-0014	10/10/2023	03401-021.01	\$20,499.58	\$3,800.00	WSFS Cust Tower DBXIII PO Box 71540 Philadelphia, PA 19176
TOTAL			\$112,453.17	\$42,500.00	

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~ Resolution 2025 – 097 ~

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:**
- | | |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incorrect Payment 2. Duplicate Payment 3. Senior Citizen 4. Veteran Deduction 5. Homestead Rebate | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Tax Appeal County Board 7. Tax Appeal State Tax Court 8. 100% Disabled Veteran 9. Replacement Check 10. Bank/Mortgage Co. |
|--|--|

Block/Lot	Amount	Year	Reason
03107-007	\$1,613.48	2024	6
16001-007	\$1,801.58	2024	6
10809-004	\$409.64	2024	6
06101-026	\$43.84	2024	6

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15102-005	\$1,718.61	2024	8
TOTAL	\$5,587.15		

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~ Resolution 2025 – 098 ~

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
 6. NON TRANSACTION ACCOUNT

BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT	INT	YEAR	REASON
09801-015.06	\$4,764.00		2025	6
07503-013	\$900.00		2025	2
02311-009.01	\$2,023.52	\$36.68	2025	2
02311-009.02	\$85.04	\$1.23	2025	2
02311-017	\$85.04	\$1.23	2025	2

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~ Resolution 2025 – 099 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A PARTIAL REFUND OF HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the overpayment of the 2024 Health Insurance Premium fee be refunded upon the request of Payroll.

REASON: Overpayment

Name	Account No.	Amount to be Refunded
7 Locust Ct West Milford, NJ 07480	01-203-23-220-507	\$30.00

Adopted: January 22, 2025

Motion to move Resolutions 2025-093 through 2025-099.

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

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Approval of Expenditures

~ Resolution 2025 – 100 ~

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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	\$442,058.65
3	Reserve Account	392,878.09
2	Grants	11,791.24
6	Refunds	165,175.32
1	General Ledger	5,550,352.89
26	Refuse	216,061.99
4	Capital	16,099.50
19	Animal Control	550.00
19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	167,893.46
16	Development Escrow	7,798.75
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	8,494.00
Total		\$6,979,153.89
Less Refund Resolution		-165,175.32
Actual Bills List		\$6,813,978.57
Other Payments:		
Payroll		568,303.72
Petty Cash		1,000.00
Morris County Municipal JIF		296,015.00
Enterprise		22,388.31
Total Expenditures		\$7,701,685.60

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 Moved: Erik Seconded: Conlon
 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

Councilwoman Lichtenberg –Reminded residents to put a house number on your home for safety reasons. If your house is not visible from the road put a number on your mailbox. It is really important for safety.

Councilman Goodsir – Registration is now open for Indoor Soccer. Come play indoor soccer futsal style at the West Milford Recreation Center. Registration ends February 17th. Registration is open for another Dinosaur Rock Fossil Adventure on February 18th. It’s a great thing to do with the kids who have no school that day. Go on a fossil dig and find a real fossil to keep. The Recreation Department is thrilled to announce the Tri-Town Paddle Down Pickleball Tournament happening Saturday, March 22nd. The Recreation Departments of Ringwood and Wanaque will also be hosting their own tournaments and the winners from each town will come together for the ultimate showdown held in West Milford on April 5th. The Elks is having a sliced steak dinner on January 31.

Councilman Conlon –Thank you to everyone who was involved with clearing the roadways during the last snow storm. The Economic Development Commission has had their reorganization meeting. The Mayor attended. The Commission will be focused on the Mayor’s Business Spotlight Program which will highlight local businesses. Businesses will submit historical information about their businesses, what type

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of businesses they are and where they are located and why they chose to open a business in West Milford. They can describe specialty services that they provide that others may not and highlight sales or special incentives for residents. The information will be collected and compiled by a graphic designer and displayed on social media and our local channel 77. Interested businesses can contact the Mayor or conlon@westmilford.org.

Councilman Marsden – No report.

Councilwoman Erik – The Beautification Committee has a scheduled clean-up day twice a year but is now going to schedule additional clean-up days once a month starting in May going through November. The Township is very large and there is a lot of ground to cover. An area or specific road will be chosen and volunteers will target that area.

Councilman Chazukow – Indicated that the Heritage Committee is still looking for painters for the outside of the West Milford Museum. In March the Heritage Quilters are going to be coming back to the museum. In April they are planning an exhibit highlighting the history of the West Milford Band. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was this past Monday and that is Councilman Chazukow’s favorite holiday. His birthday was January 15, 1929 and would have been 96 were he still alive today. He read a passage that was written regarding loving your enemies. Councilman Chazukow feels Martin Luther King Jr. is not given his due that is why he brings it up and reads from his writings. Regardless of philosophy and differences, we would all be better people if we were all a little bit more like him.

Administrator Senande – No report.

Attorney Frankenburger – Attorney Pasternak is not feeling well and so he filled in this evening.

Agenda No. XVII

Appointments and Resignations

~ Resolution 2025 – 101 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND 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 resignations tendered to the following Boards and Committees:

Name	Position	Date Tendered
Stacy Goodsir	Health Advisory Board Citizen Member 1 Term expires 12/31/25	January 14, 2025

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Mayor Dale made an appointment of Margaret (Peggy) Bagarozza to the Mayor Advisory Committee. All were in favor, none opposed.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg made a motion to appoint Alyssa Nye to the Health Advisory Board. Seconded by Councilman Conlon. Councilwoman Erik made a motion to close and confirm. Seconded by Councilman Conlon.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg made a motion to appoint Sharon McQuitty to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. Seconded by Councilman Conlon. Councilwoman Erik made a motion to close and confirm. Seconded by Councilman Conlon. All were in favor of both appointments.

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Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Deidre Ellis, Keyboarding Clerk III

MICHELE DALE, MAYOR

WILLIAM SENANDE, TOWNSHIP CLERK