
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,
Matthew Conlon, David Marsden
Absent: Kevin Goodsir
Also Present: Mayor Michele Dale, Township Administrator William Senande,
Township Attorney Ed Pasternak and Township Attorney Jeff Frankenburger

Agenda No. III

Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

January 22, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes.

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

Agenda No. IV

Meetings

February 26, 2025 Budget Meeting (Start 5:30 p.m.)
March 5, 2025 Regular Meeting
March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting

Agenda No. V

Proclamations

None

Agenda No. VI

Presentation

Recognition of Christopher Franek – Jennings Creek Fire Efforts – Assemblywoman Dunn indicated that Mr. Franek's efforts to contain the fire and the clear communication he exhibited saved lives. Assembly members are very proud to honor him for the distinction he brings to the entire State. She thanked him on behalf of the Assembly members and the State. Assemblyman Barranco lives in Jefferson and spoke of the difficulty a forest fire on the boarder of New Jersey and New York involves. He presented a document signed by all 120 Legislators on both sides of the aisle. He read the resolution out loud.

Christopher Franek said that it was a team effort. He thanked Nick Vallero for being the Ops Chief, West Milford Fire, CERT, EMS and Mayor Dale for supporting the New Jersey Forest Fire Services.

Recognition of Local Fire Companies, West Milford First Aid Squad, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Search and Rescue & Fire the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT – Jennings Creek Fire Efforts – presented by Mayor Dale and Council. Mayor Dale gave out Recognition Awards to each entity and thanked them for their service assisting with the firefighting efforts. Councilman Marsden, who is involved with Search and Rescue and CERT personally wanted to thank two of the CERT Team members Mike and Meagan, who each worked over 400 hours.

Swearing in Ceremony – Sergeant James Fulton was sworn in by Mayor Dale.
Sergeant Thomas Connors was sworn in by Mayor Dale.

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Recognition of Daniel Krautheim – Eagle Scout – Mayor Dale congratulated him on his Eagle Scout status and he spoke about his project. He resides in High Crest Lake and he made kayak racks and worked to improve the boat launch area in the community. He attends Lincoln Technical in Mahwah and is a welder in training and plans to be a welder in the future. Mayor Dale presented a plaque.

After a brief break to let the room clear, Mayor Dale asked that the Board of Health proceed with their presentation.

Agenda No. XVII

Discussion Items / Official Communications

1.	Board of Health – Araceli Pintle introduced Senior Health Inspector Angelee Wedderburn and Sandy Cameron, the Senior Public Health Nurse. Ms. Pintle indicated that the Health Department had been getting some calls concerning H5N1. The issues that other states have been having concerned livestock and chickens. New Jersey has had zero detection of H1N1 in farms or backyard flocks. The State is conducting a wastewater surveillance. Monmouth and Essex County are the only counties with H5N1, and issues with avian wildlife. If people see avian wildlife that looks sick or is dead, be sure to call the DEP Hotline 877-927-6337. Sandy Cameron reported that the year started off a little slow, and the Health Department only saw six adults, and did vaccinations. Thirteen children were vaccinated. The Health Department is currently managing an outbreak of Corona Virus at Milford Manor. 43 individuals have the virus. The Department just concluded one outbreak of influenza at Milford Manor and there is another one developing there. There is an outbreak of influenza at Maple Road School that is affecting 8 individuals. Ms. Cameron indicated that things were better than they were at this time last year. Councilman Marsden questioned if vaccinated individuals experienced alleviated corona virus symptoms. Ms. Cameron indicated that absolutely they did. Vaccinated individuals were not transported to the hospital at all, they tested positive and had symptoms but were not sent out to any facility. Angelee Wedderburn indicated that the Health Department is working on completing all the building plan reviews. She is mostly here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There are just a few remaining that are waiting on septic information or certificates of compliance. The septic pumping records are up to date currently. Mayor Dale indicated that should the resolution be passed tonight there would be changes made in Health Department in the process and flow of inspections for septic. We will be modelling Sussex County. It will help with efficiency of the process of what we are doing on a day to day basis standpoint to deliver a better service to our homeowners as well as our contractors.
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Agenda No. VII

Executive Session

Agenda No. VII 1

~ Resolution 2025 – 103 ~

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford on the 12th day of February 2025 that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this **Regular Meeting**, the Governing Body shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s):
 - () b. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
 - () b. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
 - () b. (3) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
 - () b. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
 - (X) b. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
 - () b. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of

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- violations of the law.
- () b. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege
- (X) b. (8) Personnel matters.
- () b. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.
- 2. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Adopted: February 12, 2025

Motion to move Resolution 2025-103 and go into Executive Session

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

The Governing Body went into executive session at 7:11 p.m. and returned at 7:40 p.m.
Mayor Dale said that there will be no action taken this evening.

Agenda No. XI

Public Comments

Renee Alessio – The New Jersey legislature is considering a bill called the NJ Climate Superfund Act that would impose liability on large fossil fuel companies for certain climate change related damages they caused instead of imposing all those costs on New Jersey taxpayers. As a 45 year resident of West Milford she has seen many changes in the environment due to warmer temperatures. She indicated that in just the last 15 years, there was tremendous flooding during hurricane Irene, extensive wind damage during hurricane Sandy, intensified HABs in our lakes, increased infectious diseases, crop failures and tree damage from insects and droughts that brought on dangerous wildfires. Whether you believe it or not the fact remains that the extraction, transportation, and burning of fossil fuels is a major cause of pollution and extreme changes in our climate and our environment. In the 1970's there is clear evidence that Exxon recognized the climate problems that were being created by burning fossil fuels and they not only refused to admit it, but spent the next 55 years denying the truth and impeding government responses to this crisis. The law would reduce the burden to the taxpayer as any municipality in need of climate change adaptation and resilience projects will be able to apply for funds raised by the Act. Ms. Alessio requested that the Council of West Milford Township create a resolution in support of the NJ Climate Superfund Act in order to help offset the financial burdens to West Milford residents and business owners. Teaneck, Parsippany, Jersey City and Hoboken have already signed resolutions of support.

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

Agenda No. XII

Council Comments

Councilman Chazukow - Thanked Ms. Alessio for her dedication to causes and coming out in bad weather. He would like to review the information and finds the idea interesting.

Councilman Conlon – Is aware of the bill and it has already had substantial amendments added. While he is not opposed to supporting something that seemingly has no adverse effects to residents, he feels it may be a little premature until we see a little more direction on the policy development.

Agenda No. VIII

Public Hearing

Agenda No. VIII 1

~ Resolution 2025 – 104 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE 1615-33-017-010 FROM BALDO BISTRO LLC TO DON JULIO MEXICAN GRILL LLC AT 9 LAKESIDE ROAD LOCATION

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person to Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1615-33-017-010 presently issued to Baldo Bistro LLC for premises located at

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9 Lakeside Road, Hewitt, NJ; 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, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business.

WHEREAS, the Person-to-Person transfer is approved to be transferred at the same location with the following conditions:

- 1. Applicant to notify Police Department for an inspection to be completed prior to opening for business.
- 2. A final inspection by Health Department must be completed prior to opening business operations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council do hereby approve effective February 12, 2025 the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Don Julio Mexican Grill LLC and does hereby direct the Township Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions is hereby transferred to Don Julio Mexican Grill LLC effective February 12, 2025.

Adopted: February 12, 2025

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 Councilwoman Erik. All were in favor. Councilman Conlon made a motion to move Resolution 2025-104. Seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg.

Motion to move Resolution 2025-104.

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

Agenda No. IX

Discussion Items / Official Communications

1.	Flood Damage Protection – Attorney Pasternak indicated there is a requirement to have an updated Storm Water Protection Ordinance, the DEP has pushed out. A template was included in the packets for the Council. There needs to be policy decisions made with how we would like to phrase the minor things but otherwise the substance falls under engineering. Township Engineer Mr. Ferriero has made his endorsement of the second category that applies to us. Administrator Senande indicated that we have to submit it to the State prior to introduction, so it is a preliminary review of whether Council accepts the engineer’s recommendations on the amendments. If so, we will submit that ordinance to the State DEP for approval, and then it will come back to the Council for introduction. Councilman Conlon indicated that the recommendations from Boswell appear to be reasonable and he asked if there should be something they should be looking for prior to submitting it. Administrator Senande indicated that the majority of the ordinance is required by statute and we have no choice. There were specifics regarding who would review the plan, whether it be the zoning officer or the engineer, so there are some administrative functions involved. Township Attorney Pasternak indicated that the deadline was in March. Council gave consensus.
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Agenda No. X

Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances

None.

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Mayor Dale asked to move Resolutions 2025-105 through 2025-128 and 2025-136 through 2025-139.

Councilman Conlon indicated that he would be abstaining on Resolutions 2025-123, 2025-136 and 2025-137 on advice of Counsel.

Councilman Chazukow indicated that the Heritage Committee was in favor of the changes. It didn't really affect them. However, there was language in Resolution 2025-125 that stated that a Township employee would have to be a liaison member and that wasn't necessary because they already have a member who was a Township employee so he wanted to remove the language that said "one of whom shall be a liaison member of the Township staff" and change the total number from 13 to 12.

Mayor Dale changed her request and asked to move Resolutions 2025-105 through 2025-124 and 2025-136 through 2025-139.

Agenda No. XIII

New Business, Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions

Agenda No. XIII 1

~ Resolution 2025 – 105 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CRUSHED STONE AND SAND FROM TILCON NEW YORK, INC. THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL, CONTRACT #9 (CRUSHED STONE AND SAND) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (State ID # 6-MCCoOp); and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council has awarded Contract #9 (Crushed Stone and Sand) to Tilcon New York, Inc.; 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 Director of Public Works has submitted a written recommendation that the Township of West Milford utilize Tilcon New York, Inc. for the purchase of crushed stone and sand through the use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, Contract #9 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purchase, said funds to be encumbered from account number: 01-201-26-290-360.

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

1. The Mayor and Township Council hereby authorizes an expenditure of funds through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, Contract #9 (Crushed Stone and Sand) to Tilcon New York, Inc., 9 Entin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054 for the purchase of crushed stone and sand for a not to exceed amount of \$20,000.00.
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.

Adopted: February 12, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 2

~ Resolution 2025 – 106 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PAVING MATERIALS FROM TILCON NEW YORK, INC. THROUGH STATE CONTRACT #24-FLEET-93142 HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need on a timely basis to purchase paving materials utilizing the State Division of Purchase contract; and

WHEREAS, the State of NJ has awarded Contract #24-FLEET-93142 Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) to Tilcon New York, Inc.; and

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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 Director of Public Works has submitted a written recommendation that the Township of West Milford utilize Tilcon New York, Inc. for the purchase of paving materials through the use of the State of NJ Contract #24-FLEET-93142 Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purchase, said funds to be encumbered from account number: 01-201-26-290-361.

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

1. The Mayor and Township Council hereby authorizes an expenditure of funds through the State of NJ Contract #24-FLEET-93142 Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) to Tilcon New York, Inc., 9 Entin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054 for the purchase of paving materials for a not to exceed amount of \$20,000.00.
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.

Adopted: February 12, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 3

~ Resolution 2025 – 107 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) CO-OP CONTRACT #ESCNJ 23/24-04 FROM AT NORTHERN NJ LLC D/B/A/ ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op has awarded Contract #ESCNJ 23/24-04 Class 4-8 truck parts to AT Northern NJ LLC d/b/a Allegiance Trucks; and

WHEREAS, said contracts were 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 has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the above contracts awarded to AT Northern NJ LLC d/b/a Allegiance Trucks, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, AT Northern NJ LLC d/b/a Allegiance Trucks has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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Agenda No. XIII 4

~ Resolution 2025 – 108 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS THROUGH SOMERSET COUNTY CONTRACT # CC-0099-22, GROUP 10 AND MORRIS COUNTY CONTRACT #28 FROM NATIONAL HIGHWAY PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, Somerset County Co-Op has awarded Contract # CC-0099-22, Group 10 to National Highway Products; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Co-Op has awarded Contract # 28 to National Highway Products; and

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WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need on a timely basis to purchase materials utilizing Co-Op contracts awarded to National Highway Products, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, National Highway Products Inc. has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 109 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS THROUGH SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #032521-GPC FROM NAPA dba FALCON AUTO PARTS AND GENUINE NAPA AUTO PARTS

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Sourcewell Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has awarded Contracts #032521-GPC for aftermarket vehicle repair parts to NAPA dba Falcon Auto Parts and Genuine NAPA Auto Parts; and

WHEREAS, said contracts were 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 has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the above contracts awarded to NAPA dba Falcon Auto Parts and Genuine NAPA Auto Parts, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, NAPA dba Falcon Auto Parts and Genuine NAPA Auto Parts has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 110 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPAIRS/ PARTS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) CO-OP CONTRACT #ESCNJ 23/24-04 FROM W. E. TIMMERMAN

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op has awarded Contract #ESCNJ 23/24-04 Sweeper repairs/parts to W. E. Timmerman; and

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

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WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the above contract awarded to W. E. Timmerman, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, W. E. Timmerman has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 111 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS AND SERVICE THROUGH STATE CONTRACT OR SOURCEWELL CONTRACT # CC-101520-FMC FROM ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a municipality in the State of New Jersey and a member of the Sourcewell Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has awarded contracts #40812 for service and parts and Sourcewell Co-Op has awarded Contract #101520-FMC for OEM/Omnecraft aftermarket parts vehicle parts to Route 23 Automall LLC and

WHEREAS, said contracts were 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 has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the above contracts awarded to Route 23 Automall LLC which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Route 23 Automall LLC has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 112 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS THROUGH BERGEN COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #BC BID 24-34 OR ESCNJ CONTRACT #ESCNJ 23/24-04 FROM CAMPBELL SUPPLY COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Bergen County Co-Op and ESCNJ Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County Co-Op has awarded Contract #BC Bid 21-60 Heavy Duty Vehicle repair parts to Campbell Supply Company; and

WHEREAS, ESCNJ has awarded Contract #ESCNJ 23/24-04 Heavy Duty Vehicle repair parts to Campbell Supply Company; and

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WHEREAS, said contracts were 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 has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the above contracts awarded to Campbell Supply Company, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Campbell Supply Company has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPAIRS/PARTS THROUGH STATE CONTRACT, BERGEN COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #BC BID 24-34 AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) CO-OP CONTRACT #ESCNJ 23/24-04 AND CONTRACT #ESCNJ 22/23-12 FROM CLIFFSIDE BODY

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Bergen County Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County Co-Op has awarded Contract #BC Bid 24-34 Parts & Accessories: Automotive and Heavy Duty Equipment; Diesel engine repair parts to Cliffside Body; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op has awarded Contract #ESCNJ 23/24-04 Class 4-8 truck parts and Contract #ESCNJ 22/23-12 Grounds Equipment: Snow plow parts, Grader & Loader blades to Cliffside Body; and

WHEREAS, said contracts were 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 has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the above contracts awarded to Cliffside Body, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Cliffside Body has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 114 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TIRES AND TIRE REPAIRS THROUGH STATE CONTRACT FROM CUSTOM BANDAG

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a municipality in the State of New Jersey; and

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WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has awarded Blanket Contract # 20-Fleet-00948 and Blanket Contract # 20-Fleet-00708 for the purchase of tires and tire repairs to Custom Bandag; 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 Township of West Milford has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the above contract awarded to Custom Bandag, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Custom Bandag has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 115 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TOOLS/EQUIPMENT/REPAIRS THROUGH BERGEN COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACTS FROM MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY CO. INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Bergen County Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County Co-Op has awarded multiple contracts for Stihl Power tools, Landscaping supplies, Equipment repairs and Commercial Grounds Equipment to Montague Tool & Supply Co. Inc.; and

WHEREAS, said contracts were 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 has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the above contracts awarded to Montague Tool & Supply Co. Inc., which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Montague Tool & Supply Co. Inc. has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 116 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES THROUGH STATE CONTRACT #83917 AND MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL (MCCPC) CONTRACT # 41 FROM ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the State Division of Purchase contract for communications services, purchases and repairs; and

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WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Morris County Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, the State of NJ has awarded Contract #83917 and Morris County Co-Op has awarded Contract # 41 for communications services, purchases and repairs to Atlantic Communications; and

WHEREAS, said contracts were 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 has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the above contracts awarded to Atlantic Communications, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Communications has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 117 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS THROUGH BERGEN COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #BC BID 24-34 AND BC BID 24-36; ESCNJ CONTRACT #23/24-04 AND SOMERSET COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #CC-0129-23 FROM GABRIELLI KENWORTH OF NORTHERN NJ, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Bergen County Co-Op, ESCNJ Co-Op and Somerset County Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County Co-Op has awarded Contract #BC Bid 24-34; ESCNJ has awarded Contract #23/24-04 and Somerset County Co-Op has awarded Contract #CC-0129-23 for Vehicle repair parts to Gabrielli Kenworth of Northern NJ, LLC; and

WHEREAS, said contracts were 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 has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the above contracts awarded to Gabrielli Kenworth of Northern NJ, LLC, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielli Kenworth of Northern NJ, LLC has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 118 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS THROUGH SOURCEWELL CONTRACT # CC-011723-JDC OR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) CO-OP CONTRACT #ESCNJ 22/23-12 FROM JOHN DEERE d/b/a JESCO, INC.

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WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the ESCNJ and Sourcewell Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell Co-Op has awarded Contract # 011723-JDC for heavy construction equipment parts and service to John Deere d/b/a Jesco, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op has awarded Contract #ESCNJ 22/23-12 for Grounds Equipment to John Deere d/b/a Jesco, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, said contracts were 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 has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the above contracts awarded to John Deere d/b/a Jesco, Inc., which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, John Deere d/b/a Jesco, Inc. has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 119 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO ATLANTIC SALT, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$181,250.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford, by virtue of Resolution 2024-316, awarded a contract to Atlantic Salt, Inc. for the purchase of rock salt; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has found it necessary to request a change order to the contract with Atlantic Salt, Inc., 134 Middle Street, Suite 210, Lowell, MA 08152; and

WHEREAS, due to the number and type of storms this season, there is a need to amend the contract for the purchase of rock salt in order to be prepared for the remainder of the season. A change order in the amount of \$181,250 for the purchase of approximately 2,500 tons of rock salt (if/when needed) at the current contract price of \$72.50 per ton is requested; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has submitted a written recommendation for this change order request; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purchase, said funds to be encumbered from account number 19-295-56-120-506.

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

1. The Township Council is hereby authorized to exceed the original contract award with the change order for \$181,250 to the contract with Atlantic Salt, Inc. for rock salt thereby increasing the not to exceed amount from \$906,250 to \$1,087,500.
2. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
3. This resolution, change order and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 120 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE INTENT TO PURCHASE PORTABLE TOILET RENTALS AND SERVICE AND SEPTIC PUMPINGS FROM M&B SEPTIC dba NOAH’S ARK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PAY-TO-PLAY LAW N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need for rental of portable toilet equipment and maintenance and septic pumping’s at various locations throughout the Township which expenses would exceed the Pay-to-Play threshold of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, M&B Septic dba Noah’s Ark has complied with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that purchases from M&B Septic dba Noah’s Ark is hereby authorized and approved purchases are made through a Cooperative pricing contract, State contract or a minimum of three quotations and the total purchases are not to exceed the budgeted appropriation established for this purpose for the 2025 calendar year.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 121 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MONTH TO MONTH EXTENSION FOR 2025 FOR THE COLLECTION OF BRUSH AND SMALL TREE LIMBS FROM WEST MILFORD RESIDENTS AND STORM DEBRIS FROM WEST MILFORD DPW TO SKYTOP RECYCLING, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need for residential brush and small tree limb collection; and

WHEREAS, due to strict NJDEP regulations, West Milford Township has a very limited permit allowing for the acceptance of leaves and grass only and any brush or small tree limbs dropped off at the West Milford Recycling Center creates a violation of the permit, and subjects the township to fines and other penalties; and

WHEREAS, Skytop Recycling, Inc. has agreed to accept resident’s brush and small tree limbs from West Milford residents and storm debris from West Milford DPW for a monthly fee of \$3,950.00; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has submitted a written recommendation for the Township to enter into this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purchase, said funds to be encumbered from account number: 26-201-55-500-450.

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

1. The Mayor and Township Council are hereby authorized and directed to execute a month to month extension to the agreement with Skytop Recycling, Inc, 80 Airport Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 for the collection of residential brush and small tree limbs and storm debris from West Milford DPW for 2025 for \$3,950.00 per month.
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 – 122 ~

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE INTENT TO PURCHASE FROM SHI INTERNATIONAL AS A VENDOR THAT HOLDS A STATE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 (A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PAY-TO-PLAY LAW N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c) may, by this resolution and a properly executed purchase order and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under any contract or contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property or Cooperative Pricing contract; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing the State Division of Purchase contract and Co-Op contracts for computer equipment, including toner cartridges, software updates, yearly maintenance contracts and more awarded to SHI International which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced vendor has complied with State pay-to-play regulations by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 (b), no orders of material shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 123 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SLEO II) FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

WHEREAS, the West Milford Police Department has recognized the need for a Class II Special Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, James McDaniel based on his qualifications, has been recommended to serve in the position of Class II Special Officer for the West Milford Township Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby appoints James McDaniel to serve as a Class II Special Officer pursuant to Special Law Enforcement Officer's Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 et seq.)

Adopted: February 12, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 124 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY GOVERNING THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RECREATION

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford entered into an employment agreement with Daniel Kochakji on January 27, 2020 to serve as the Director of the Department of Community Services and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the agreement expired on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the employment of most other Township department heads is governed by the Salary Ordinance, which provides the positions listed with most benefits provide to the members of A.F.S.C.M.E. NJ Council 63 Local No. 3301 in addition to establish salary ranges for positions not subject to a collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Kochakji's currently earns a salary of \$104,550.63 which includes the increase provided to most other positions listed in the Salary Ordinance and members of A.F.S.C.M.E. NJ Council 63 Local No. 3301; and

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WHEREAS, both the Township and Daniel Kochakji agree that having the Salary Ordinance govern the employment of most department heads is beneficial to the Township as it provides consistency and reducing administrative responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salary Ordinance shall govern Daniel Kochakji's employment effective January 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Daniel Kochakji's salary shall remain the same for the current year as he was already provided an increase commensurate with A.F.S.C.M.E. NJ Council 63 Local No. 3301 collective bargaining agreement.

Adopted: February 12, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 136 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF KYLIE CALAMITA FROM THE MORRIS 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

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, Kylie Calamita accepted employment at the West Milford Police Department with an effective hire date of February 12, 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 Kylie Calamita from the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy, Alternate Route Program.

Adopted: February 12, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 137 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MICHAEL ANTONUCCIO 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

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, Michael Antonuccio accepted employment at the West Milford Police Department with an effective hire date of February 12, 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 Michael Antonuccio from the Passaic County Public Safety Training Academy, Alternate Route Program.

Adopted: February 12, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 138 ~

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES GAGE JR. AS DEPUTY FIRE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION §15-47A OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

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Mayor’s Appointment:

In accordance with Section §15-47A of the Code of the Township of West Milford, Mayor Michele Dale hereby appoints James Gage Jr. as Deputy Fire Commissioner to serve and finish the two-year term of Deputy Fire Commissioner (802) from January 22, 2025 through December 31, 2025 as recommended by the Fire Chief’s Association.

This resolution does not require action from the Council. It shall serve to memorialize an appointment made by Mayor Michele Dale.

Adopted: February 12, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 139 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) GRANT TIME EXTENSION FOR THE FUTURE BARRIER-FREE ACCESS RAMP WITH A.D.A. IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING #2 (RIDGE ROAD BUILDING)

WHEREAS, the Passaic County Board of County Commissioners awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant funds under the FY2021 program for a proposed barrier free access ramp at Township Building #2 (Ridge Road Building); and anticipates having \$700,000.00 available to twelve eligible municipalities of the County and to eligible non-profit agencies under the 2021 CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing renovation work and projects at the building site required a request for a time extension to February of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the continued renovation work and future projects at the site result in an additional time extension request for six months until August 2025; and

WHEREAS, the formal request requires support from the Governing Body by way of resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township anticipates retrofitting the Annex for municipal and public use and an A.D.A. compliant entrance is still a required project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorize the submission of a time extension request for the FY2021 Community Development Block Grant project of a barrier free access ramp to one of the entrances of Township Building #2 (Ridge Road Building).

Adopted: February 12, 2025

Motion to move Resolutions 2025-105 through 2025-124 and 2025-136 through 2025-139

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Conlon, Marsden
Voted Nay: None
Abstain: Conlon only on Resolutions 2025-123, 2025-136 and 2025-139
Motion carried:

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~ Resolution 2025 – 125 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford did establish the West Milford Township Heritage Committee (Advisory) by Resolution 2025-006 adopted on January 7, 2025 to undertake the following:

1. To work cooperatively on the renovation of the designated Township museum site in conjunction with various Township departments and other professionals appointed by the Township.
2. To gather in, catalog and properly store records, artifacts, photographs and other historical materials for placement into the West Milford Township Museum.

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3. To oversee the operation of and scheduling at the West Milford Township Museum.

WHEREAS, upon consideration, it is the opinion of the Mayor and Township Council that the Committee should continue its efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council that it does hereby re-establish a West Milford Township Heritage Committee (Advisory) to undertake this work with the following provisions:

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** The total number of members of this committee shall be twelve (12) members; one of whom shall be a liaison member of the Township Council, and eleven (11) of whom shall be citizens of the Township of West Milford. In the event that a member fails to attend three unexcused consecutive meetings of the committee, the Chairman will advise the appointing authority in order to have a replacement appointed.

2. **APPOINTING AUTHORITY:** The member of the Township Council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Township Council.

3. **SUNSET:** The Committee shall cease to exist unless re-established by the Township Council at its Organizational Meeting in January 2026.

Adopted: February 12, 2025

Motion to accept Resolution 2025-125 as amended by Councilman Chazukow to strike the language “one of whom shall be a liaison member of the Township staff” and to change the number of members to 12. Seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg.

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

Motion to move Resolution 2025-125 as amended by Councilman Chazukow

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

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Consent Agenda

~ Resolution 2025 – 129 ~

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) **2025-130** – Refund Recreation Fees
 - b) **2025-131** – Cancellation of Taxes
 - c) **2025-132** – Refund Overpayments
 - d) **2025-133** – Refund Other Liens
 - e) **2025-134** – Reinstatement of Taxes

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~ Resolution 2025 – 130 ~

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:

FIELD HOCKEY GOLD			
\$115.00	21 Kushaqua Trail North Hewitt, NJ 07421		

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~ Resolution 2025 – 131 ~

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
14901-004	71 Oxbow Lane Newfoundland, NJ 07435	\$7,881.28	2024	1
		\$6,346.00	2025	
03604-010	94 Tintle Ave West Milford, NJ 07480	\$4,730.00	2025	1
16802-004	29 Greendale Drive Oak Ridge, NJ 07438	\$7,988.48	2025	1
02013-006	5 Burrow Road Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$3,392.49	2025	1
TOTAL:		\$30,338.25		

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~ Resolution 2025 – 132 ~

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:

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- REASON:**
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| 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
05315-002.03	7203 Richmond Road West Milford, NJ 07480	250.00	2019	3
		250.00	2020	3
		250.00	2021	3
		250.00	2022	3
		250.00	2023	3
		250.00	2024	3
00607-001	113 Witte Road Hewitt, NJ 07421	250.00	2023	4
		250.00	2024	4
00902-005	618 Warwick Tnpk Hewitt, NJ 07421	250.00	2023	4
		250.00	2024	4
02512-017	266 Lake Shore Drive Hewitt, NJ 07421	250.00	2021	4
		250.00	2022	4
		250.00	2023	4
		250.00	2024	4
02611-010	48 Racetrack Drive Hewitt, NJ 07421	250.00	2019	4
		250.00	2020	4
		250.00	2021	4
		250.00	2022	4
		250.00	2023	4
		250.00	2024	4
03406-016	120 Lakeside Road Hewitt, NJ 07421	250.00	2022	4
		250.00	2023	4
		250.00	2024	4
Total		\$5,750.00		

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~ Resolution 2025 – 133 ~

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
24-0027	10/15/2024	12307-008	\$9,607.16	\$12,400.00	RTL-FNJ II LLC PO BOX 71054 CHICAGO, IL 60694-1054
24-0032	10/15/2024	13808-011	\$415.33	\$0.00	TAX LIEN FUND, LP PO BOX 132 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104
TOTAL:			\$10,022.49	\$12,400.00	

Adopted: February 12, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 134 ~

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.

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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
 - 7. INVALID ACCOUNT NUMBER

BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT	INT	YEAR	REASON
08601-017	\$4,521.00		2025	2
08301-003.01	\$3,444.00		2025	7
04901-002	\$4,436.00		2025	2
15102-002	\$3,334.00		2025	2
07002-013	\$1,613.92	2.42	2024	4
07002-013	\$6,683.66		2025	4

Adopted: February 12, 2025

Motion to move Resolutions 2025-029 through 2025-134.

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

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Approval of Expenditures

~ Resolution 2025 – 135 ~

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	\$669,382.56
3	Reserve Account	140,411.42
2	Grants	1,631,084.00
6	Refunds	15,887.49
1	General Ledger	350.00
26	Refuse	257,238.12
4	Capital	223,492.48
19	Animal Control	0.00
19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	23,461.13
16	Development Escrow	0.00
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	87.00
Total		\$2,961,394.20
Less Refund Resolution		-15,887.49
Actual Bills List		\$2,945,506.71
Other Payments:		

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Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Payroll (606,024.01), Mirtha Miranda (3,900.00), Home Depot (1,516.92), BOE (5,478,480.00), and Total Expenditures (\$9,035,427.64).

Adopted: February 12, 2025

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

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Reports of Mayor, Council Members, Administrator, and Attorney

Mayor Dale – The Township of West Milford plans to celebrate the Annual Volunteer Awards Night on April 23, 2025. Residents can nominate anyone who lives or works in West Milford who in 2024 has volunteered their time, service or talents to benefit others within the community.

Councilman Conlon – Gave the Recreation Update. Registration is now open for the 2025 Spring Soccer season. The deadline is April 6th. There are only two spots remaining for the Dinosaur Rock Fossil Adventure on February 18th, the kids have no school that day and it would be a fun thing to do.

Councilman Marsden – Indicated that it would behoove us to have a Council liaison for both Search and Rescue and the CERT team and would like to volunteer to put himself in that position.

Councilwoman Erik – The Beautification Committee is now going to schedule clean-up days once to twice a month starting in March through November. The clean-up in November will take place right after the election and all signs will be picked up.

Councilman Chazukow – No report.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg – Wished everyone a wonderful, loving Valentine’s Day.

Administrator Senande – No report.

Attorney Pasternak – No report.

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Appointments and Resignations

Mayor Dale appointed Geoffrey Belinfante, John Trojanowski and Douglas McKittrick to the Mayor Advisory Committee. All were in favor, none opposed.

Councilman Conlon made a motion to appoint James Bennett to the Economic Development Commission as citizen member 6, with the local business owner position still vacant. All were in favor, none opposed.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg made a motion to appoint Heidi Cosmi-Godau to the Health Advisory Board. Seconded by Councilwoman Erik. All were in favor, none opposed.

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Councilwoman Lichtenberg made a motion to appoint Margaret Dooley to the Municipal Alliance, as a senior citizen member. Seconded by Councilwoman Erik. All were in favor, none opposed.

Councilwoman Erik indicated that on the EDC, there are two members listed that have not been to a meeting in two years. The Commission would like to remove them and replace them with other people. They have been contacted, the Commission has tried to reach out to them.

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Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Approved: March 5, 2025

Respectfully submitted:

Deidre Ellis, Keyboarding Clerk III

MICHELE DALE, MAYOR

WILLIAM SENANDE, TOWNSHIP CLERK