

Minutes of:	Governing Body Regular Meeting
Date of Meeting:	March 19, 2025
Time of Meeting:	6:30 p.m.
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Adequate Notice 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.

Agenda No. 1

Agenda No. II

Agenda No. III

Moved: Conlon Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir on March 5, 2025, Conlon, Marsden
Abstain: Goodsir only on February 26, 2025
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried:

Meetings

Agenda No. V

Agenda No. VI

Agenda No. VIII

Agenda No. IX

Discussion Items / Official Communications

1.	<p>Economic Development Commission (EDC) Restructuring- Councilman Conlon is the Council liaison for the EDC. Since restructuring in 2013 the EDC has had active engagement from the local Chamber of Commerce. Then the group changed from a Committee to a Commission there was no standing position for a Commerce representative, but there is a position for a local business representative, the criteria for whom is unspecified. Councilman Conlon proposed the position of local business representative be changed to the Chamber of Commerce Representative with a voting position on the body, and the change would be codified. The Chamber of Commerce now has 115 members and they would like to continue the partnership with the EDC and promote local businesses. Councilman Conlon added that the idea of the business representative was to broaden the scope of the position. The Chamber of Commerce has become more active and grown in numbers. Councilman Chazukow and Councilwoman Lichtenberg agreed with the recommendation.</p> <p>Mayor Dale suggested an and/or position in case you have a Chamber member in the future who would not want to sit in the capacity. It could be a Commerce member or a business representative. Councilman Conlon had no issue with the suggestion and added that it could be worded that it could be the President of the Chamber of Commerce or their designee. Attorney Pasternak indicated that we did have the autonomy to name that role and define it. After some discussion it was agreed to have that position worded as the President of the Chamber or the President’s designee to keep it simple. Council gave consensus to move forward and the item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>
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Agenda No. X

Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances

Agenda No. X 1

~ Ordinance 2025 – 002 ~

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WESTBROOK ROAD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$835,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$342,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

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

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$835,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$18,000 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes and including also the sum of \$475,000 received or expected to be received by the Township from the New Jersey Department of Transportation as a grant-in-aid of financing said improvement or purpose.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose, including for the purpose of applicable United States Treasury regulations the reimbursement of expenditures heretofore or hereafter made therefor, and to meet the part of said \$835,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment and grant, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$342,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$342,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the improvement of Westbrook Road in and by the Township, including the construction or reconstruction therein of a roadway pavement at least equal in useful life or durability to a roadway pavement of Class B construction (as such term is used or referred to in section 40A:2-22 of said Local Bond Law), together with all pedestrian and bikeway improvements, drainage facilities, widening, landscaping, milling, signage, structures, equipment, site work, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$342,000.

c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$835,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of the said \$18,000 down payment for said purpose and the amount of the said \$475,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:
a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.
b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$342,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$90,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

Section 5. The funds from time to time received by the Township on account of the grant referred to in Section 1 of this bond ordinance shall be used for financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance by application thereof either to direct payment of the costs of said improvement or purpose, or to payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized by this bond ordinance. Any such funds so received may and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of such costs shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 6. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, the treasurer or the acting chief financial officer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale at not less than par and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 7. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 8. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

Introduced: March 5, 2025
Adopted: March 19, 2025
Effective Date: April 8, 2025

This Ordinance was introduced on March 5, 2025 and Notice of the public hearing was published in the Herald News on March 11, 2025. The Governing Body will open the meeting to the public to speak on this Ordinance only.

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

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-002.

Moved:ConlonSeconded: Chazukow

Voted Aye:Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay:None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. X 2

~ Ordinance 2025 – 003 ~

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING §135 “FEES AND COSTS” SECTION 135-43
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RECREATION DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. §135 shall be amended to add a new section entitled Department of Community Services and Recreation, Division of Transportation Services; and

The new section shall authorize the Department of Community Services and Recreation, Division of Transportation Services to charge the following fares for transportation services:

(1) Effective July 1, 2025, the one-way fare shall remain \$2.00.

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Township of West Milford which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. No provision of this Ordinance shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy there from, of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this Ordinance or from other law.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law and upon the posting of appropriate signs.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

Introduced:March 5, 2025

Adopted:March 19, 2025

Effective Date:April 8, 2025

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Seeing no one wishing to speak Councilman Conlon made a motion to close the public portion.
Seconded by Councilman Goodsir.

Councilman Conlon noted for the public record that there would be no fee increase to users or the resident to use the service.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-003.

Moved:Conlon

Seconded:Goodsir

Voted Aye:Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay:None

Motion carried:

Mayor Dale opened the meeting to the public comment portion.

Agenda No. XI

Public Comments

Seeing no one 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

None

Agenda No. X

Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances - CONTINUED

Agenda No. X 3

~ Ordinance 2025 – 004 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR PART TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that pursuant to Chapter 33 entitled Personnel of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Milford, New Jersey, 2007 the following Officers and Employees here below stated shall be classified by job title with the corresponding pay ranges effective:

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY, PART TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

JOB TITLE	WAGE RATE
Recreation Attendant (includes coffeehouse monitors, volley ball referees, program assistants)	\$14.55 - \$35.00 per hour
Substitute Lake Director	\$15.00 - \$40.00 per hour
Recreation Aide (includes, concession/gate monitors, seasonal maintenance workers, program specialist)	\$14.55 - \$30.00 per hour
Swim Instructor	\$14.55 - \$30.00 per hour
Head Swim Instructor	\$15.00 - \$40.00 per hour
Lifeguard/Head Lifeguard	\$14.55 - \$25.00 per hour
Day Camp Director	\$14.55 - \$30.00 per hour
Assistant Day Camp Director	\$14.55 - \$25.00 per hour
Day Camp Counselor	\$14.55 - \$25.00 per hour
Day Camp Nurse	\$28.75 - \$45.00 per hour
Seasonal Omni Bus	\$14.55 - \$35.00 per hour
Recreation Program Instructor	\$20.00 - \$75.00 per hour
Building Service Worker (Monitor)	\$14.55 - \$30.00 per hour

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Township of West Milford which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. No provision of this Ordinance shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy there from, of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this Ordinance or from other law.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law and upon the posting of appropriate signs.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

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Seeing no one wishing to speak Councilman Conlon made a motion to close the public portion.
Seconded by Councilman Chazukow.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-004.

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

Agenda No. X 4

~ Ordinance 2025 – 005 ~

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER X, TRAFFIC, OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

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

SECTION 1. Chapter X, Traffic, Section 10-3, Parking, Schedule I, is hereby amended in regard to prohibited parking at any time along the following streets or portion(s) thereof as follows:

NAME OF STREET	SIDE	LOCATION
Burr Court	Both	Entire Length
Lambert Road	South	From the intersection of Burr Court to Belchers Creek
Lambert Road	North	From a point 115 feet east of Burr Court to Belchers Creek

SECTION 2. Regulatory signs shall be erected to affect the above designated No Parking Zone.

SECTION 3. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other section or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

SECTION 4. All ordinances of the Township of West Milford which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect as required by law and upon the posting of appropriate signs.

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

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-005.

Moved:ConlonSeconded: Goodsir

Voted Aye:Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay:None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XIII

New Business, Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions

Agenda No. XIII 1

~ Ordinance 2025 – 006 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING PART 1 ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION CHAPTER 10-3 PARKING TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 10-3.10 PROHIBITING CERTAIN OVERNIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the public’s health, safety and welfare, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford recognize the need to update Chapter 10-3, to prohibit certain commercial vehicles from parking overnight on all roadways; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Township of West Milford Police Department, this update is necessary to maintain public safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, and the State of New Jersey that the Township of West Milford Code shall be amended and updated, only as follows to add the following section to be entitled 10-3.10 Overnight Parking of Certain Commercial Vehicles Prohibited.

SECTION 1. 10:3.10 Overnight Parking of Certain Commercial Vehicles Prohibited

A. Definitions. As used in this subsection:

LARGE COMMERCIAL VEHICLES shall mean those vehicles weighing more than 3.5 tons with a height of more than 9.5 feet, including installed accessories and/or cargo area/work platform more than 14 feet in length.

MEDIUM COMMERCIAL VEHICLES shall mean those vehicles weighing less than 3.5 tons and less than 9.5 feet in height, including installed accessories and/or cargo area/work platform less than 14 feet in length.

LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES shall mean those weighing less than 2.5 tons and a cargo area/work platform that is less than the height of the vehicle cab and less than 9 feet in length.

PARK OR PARKING shall mean the standing or waiting on a street, road or highway of a vehicle not actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers or merchandise, unless in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals.

PERSON shall mean natural persons, firms, associations, partnerships and corporations.

PICKUP TRUCK shall mean a truck or other motor vehicle with an open back designed, used or maintained primarily for the regular transportation of property or delivery of services.

STORE shall mean keeping for safe care or custody whether temporarily or permanently.

TRUCK shall mean every motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the regular transportation of property or delivery of services.

Van shall mean an enclosed motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the regular transportation of property or delivery of services.

- B. Parking Restrictions. No person shall park or store any Large Commercial vehicle on any residential street, highway, right-of-way, public place or private road within the Township between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- C. Exceptions. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the parking or storing of any commercial vehicles, or equipment related thereto, on a residential street while it is being used in the transaction of business with the owner or occupant of residential property in the area or is in the area for the purpose of installing, maintaining or performing public utility services.
- D. Overnight parking of medium and light commercial vehicles owned by residents is limited to no more than one and two per household, respectively. Alternatively, one household may park on-street overnight a maximum of one medium and one light commercial vehicle.
- E. The posting of “No parking overnight for trailers, buses, trucks and commercial vehicles” signs shall be deemed to be notice to the owner and/or operator thereof.
- F. Enforcement. Enforcement of these regulations shall be the responsibility of the Police Department. It shall also be the responsibility of all the Township departments to report any suspected violations of these regulations to the Police Department.
- G. Penalties. Any person convicted of violating this subsection shall be liable to maximum penalty as set forth in Article III, General Penalty for each violation, and each day in which such violation continues shall constitute a separate violation or offense.

- SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of West Milford inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.
- SECTION 4.** This Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.
- SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Introduced: March 19, 2025
Adopted:
Effective Date:

Second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance is set for the Regular Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for April 2, 2025. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the Herald News on or about March 25, 2025.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-006.

Moved:

Conlon

Seconded: Lichtenberg

Voted Aye:

Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay:

None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XIII 2

~ Ordinance 2025 – 007 ~

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD COUNTY OF PASSAIC AMENDING
CHAPTER 152 FIRE PREVENTION SECTION 152-11 ILLEGAL BURNING OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD**

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to amend the Township Code to the following;

SECTION 1. Chapter 152 Fire Prevention

§ 152-11. Illegal burning.

- A. Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

CHIMINEA, OUTDOOR FIREPLACE or OUTDOOR FIRE PIT
As defined by the manufacturers, approved containers for open burning.

FIREWOOD
Trunks and branches of trees and bushes, but does not include leaves, needles, vines or brush smaller than three inches in diameter.

NUISANCE
Any odor, emission, or event that prevents the reasonable use and enjoyment of one's property.

OPEN BURNING
An outdoor fire where wood or any combustible materials are burned for ~~entertainment~~ recreational purposes. Open burning is allowed at single-family homes, duplexes and townhomes ~~without a permit~~ with a permit, provided the regulations set forth herein are met.

TREATED LUMBER
Dry wood which has been milled and dried and has been treated or combined with any petroleum product, glue, chemical, preservative, adhesive, stain, paint or other substance.

UNTREATED LUMBER
Dry wood which has been milled and dried but which has not been treated or combined with any petroleum product, glue, chemical, preservative, adhesive, stain, paint or other substance.

- B. Open burning regulations.

(1) Open burning in approved containers shall be allowed ~~without a permit~~ with a permit, at single-family homes, duplexes, townhomes, subject to the regulations contained herein.

(2) Fires shall be limited to a maximum three-foot diameter and two-foot height, and must be contained in a noncombustible chiminea, outdoor fireplace, fire pit or other method, approved by the Fire Prevention Officer.

(3) All openings in the container or fire pit must be covered with wire mesh or other screening materials that will prevent the passage of sparks or embers.

(4) Fires must be kept at least 10 feet from any structure or combustible exterior wall.

(5) Fires must be constantly attended.

(6) No such fire or container used for open burning may be used on any porch, deck, balcony or any other portion of a building; within any room or space; under any building overhang.

(7) The burning of yard waste, leaves, brush, vines, evergreen needles, branches smaller than three inches in diameter, treated lumber, garbage, paper products or anything other than **seasoned** firewood as set forth herein is prohibited.

(8) All open fires as set forth herein shall be extinguished at the discretion of the Fire Prevention Officer or Police Department.

(9) The Fire Prevention Officer or police officer may order any open fire, or use of a chiminea, outdoor fireplace or fire pit which creates a nuisance, to be extinguished.

(10) **A permit is required from the New Jersey Forest Fire Service for burning in approved fire pits, and outdoor fireplaces. (Exceptions: Chimineas, gas/propane fire pits, barbecue grills)**

(11) **All burning shall be prohibited when the New Jersey State Forest Fire Service issues a burn ban. (Exceptions: gas/propane fire pits and barbecue grills).**
- C. Enforcement.

(1) This section shall be administered by the Division of Fire Prevention and the Police Department.

(2) Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding the sum of ~~\$4,250~~ **\$1,500**, or to imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both.

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Township of West Milford which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

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Councilman Marsden clarified that the Ordinance doesn't require a fee, and that it is a seasonal permit where fire pits are inspected to make sure that they are safe. This is a State requirement that has always existed, and we are just getting in line with it.

Fire Marshal Mike Moscatello indicated that pits should be enclosed and have a bit of a stack on them. There was some discussion on types of fire pits and bowls. The ones that are bowls with the screening would need a permit. The concern is the sparks that can fly and all of the drought we have had in the past. Mr. Moscatello indicated that the previous ordinance was contradicting the State statute.

Councilman Marsden indicated that even if you have a permit, there may be days where there is a fire restriction and people will not be allowed to have fires on those days. Councilman Chazukow asked who would be doing the inspections. The State Forest Fire Service would be conducting the inspections. Councilman Chazukow indicated that he didn't think people would want to go along with this. Administrator Senande indicated that our Ordinance has to match up with the State. The Township could delete the entire section of the Ordinance, but people would still have to comply with the State. It is being included to clarify things for the public. Permits can be obtained any time of the year.

Councilman Conlon questioned how the word will get out so that people know that they will be subject to a \$1,500.00 fine if they are caught without a permit from the State Forest Fire Service. Mayor Dale indicated that it has always been the law but we can put it out on social media and on the website and also on the Fire page. We are just getting in compliance with the State. Mr. Moscatello indicated that if he was to get a complaint and go out and find an illegal burn, he could issue a summons for up to \$1,500.00. The State will be enforcing it too but it will give the Township authority if need be.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-007.

Moved:

Conlon

Seconded:

Goodsir

Voted Aye:

Lichtenberg, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay:

Goodsir

Abstain:

Chazukow

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XIII 3

~ Ordinance 2025 – 008 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD COUNTY OF PASSAIC AMENDING
CHAPTER 141 FILMING SECTION 141-3 INSURANCE OF PERMITS, BOND REQUIREMENT,
REGULATIONS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
WEST MILFORD

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to amend the Township Code to the following;

SECTION 1. Chapter 141 FILMING

§ 141-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
FILMING — The taking of still or motion pictures either on film or videotape or similar recording medium, for commercial or educational purposes intended for viewing on television, in theaters or for institutional uses. The provisions of this chapter shall not be deemed to include the "filming" of news stories within the Township of West Milford.
PUBLIC LANDS — Any and every public street, highway, sidewalk, square, public park or playground or any other public place within the Township which is within the jurisdiction and control of the Township of West Milford.

§ 141-2. Permit required; application.

- A.

No person or organization shall film or permit filming on public property within the Township of West Milford without first having obtained a permit from the office of the Township Clerk, which permits shall set forth the approved location of such filming and the approved duration of such filming by specific reference to day or dates. Said permit must be readily available for inspection by Township officials at all times at the site of the filming.
- B.

All permits shall be applied for and obtained from the office of the Township Clerk during normal business hours. Application for such permits shall be in a form approved by the Township Clerk and be accompanied by a permit fee in the amount established pursuant to this chapter in § 141-4 herein.¹
- C.

One permit shall be sufficient to authorize outdoor or indoor filming for a period not to exceed five days, provided that the maximum number of permits that may be authorized in any calendar year for premises located in a residential zone shall not exceed two without a waiver

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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- pursuant to § 141-3 of this chapter.
- D. If a permit is issued, and due to inclement weather or other good cause, filming does not in fact take place on the dates specified, the Township Clerk may, at the request of the applicant, issue a new permit for filming on other dates subject to full compliance with all other provisions of this chapter. No additional fee shall be paid for this permit.

§ 141-3. Issuance of permits; bond requirement; regulations.

- A. No permits will be issued by the Township Clerk unless applied for prior to 10 days before the requested shooting date; provided, however, that the Township Administrator may waive the ten-day period if, in his judgment, the applicant has obtained all related approvals and adjacent property owners or tenants do not need to be notified.
- B. No permit shall be issued for filming upon public lands unless the applicant shall provide the Township with satisfactory proof of the following:
- (1) Proof of insurance coverage as follows:
 - (a) \$1,000,000 CSL, General liability covering all operations and products of the film maker.
 - (b) Workers compensation covering all employees of film maker (if any).
 - (c) \$1,000,000 CSL Auto liability covering all owned, non-owned and hired autos of said film maker (if any will be used).
 - (d) \$1,000,000 CSL Liquor Law Legal liability (if any will be allowed).
 - (e) \$1,000,000 CSL liability for unmanned aircraft (drones) (if any will be used).
 - (f) The limits above are the minimum, the Township may require higher liability limits and/or other coverages upon review of the application, i.e., nature of activities planned, use of drones or other manned or unmanned aircraft or any other reason it deems necessary.
 - (g) Said insurance certificate listed in a, c & e above shall name the Township of West Milford, its officials, agents and employees as additional insured(s) for the use of the property and all operations conducted while filming within the Township of West Milford.
 - (2) An agreement, in writing, whereby the applicant agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Township of West Milford from any and all liability, expense, claim or damages resulting from the use of public lands.
 - (3) The posting of a cash bond of \$500 or a maintenance bond of \$1,000, running in favor of the Township and protecting and insuring that the location utilized will be left, after filming, in a satisfactory condition, free of debris, rubbish and all equipment, and that due observance of all Township ordinances, laws and regulations will be followed. Upon the completion of the filming, the Township will return the bond if there has been no damage to public property or public expense caused by the filming.
- C. The hiring of an off-duty West Milford police officer for the times indicated on the permit. The holder of the permit shall take all reasonable steps to minimize interference with the free passage of pedestrians and traffic over public lands and shall comply with all lawful directives issued by the West Milford Police Department with respect thereto.
- D. The holder of a permit shall conduct filming in such a manner as to minimize the inconvenience or discomfort to adjoining property owners attributable to such filming and shall, to the extent practicable, abate noise and park vehicles associated with such filming off the public streets. The holder shall avoid any interference with previously scheduled activities upon public lands and limit, to the extent possible, any interference with normal public activity on such public lands. Where the applicant's production activity, by reason of location or otherwise, will directly involve and/or affect any businesses, merchants or residents, these parties shall be given written notice of the filming at least three days prior to the requested shooting date and be informed that objections may be filed with the Township Clerk, said objections to form a part of applicant's application and be considered in the review of the same. Proof of service of notification to adjacent property owners shall be submitted to the Township Clerk within two days of the requested shooting date.
- E. Filming in residential zones shall be permitted Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. or sunset, whichever is earlier, provided that night scenes can be approved in the permit, and hours can be extended if the police officer on the scene determines that there is legitimate delay and the time extension will not greatly inconvenience neighbors.
- F. The Township Administrator may refuse to issue a permit whenever he determines, on the basis of objective facts and after a review of the application and a report thereon by the Police Department and by other Township agencies involved with the proposed filming site, that filming at the location and/or the time set forth in the application would violate any law or ordinance or would unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of adjoining properties, unreasonably impede the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or otherwise endanger the public's health, safety or welfare. Further, the Township reserves the right to require one or more on-site patrolmen in situations where the proposed production may impede the proper flow of traffic, the cost of said patrolman to be borne by the applicant as a cost of production. Where existing electrical power lines are to be utilized by the production, an on-site licensed electrician may be similarly required if the production company does not have a licensed electrician on staff.

- G.

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Township Administrator denying or revoking a permit or a person requesting relief pursuant to Subsection H may appeal to the Township Council. A written notice of appeal setting forth the reasons for the appeal shall be filed with the Administrator. An appeal from the decision of the Administrator shall be filed within 10 days of the Administrator's decision. The Township Council shall set the matter down for a hearing within 30 days of the day on which the notice of appeal was filed. The decision of the Township Council shall be in the form of a resolution supporting the decision of the Township Council at the first regularly scheduled public meeting of the Township Council after the hearing on the appeal, unless the appellant agrees in writing to a later date for the decision. If such a resolution is not adopted within the time required, the decision of the Administrator shall be deemed to be reversed, and a permit shall be issued in conformity with the application, or the relief pursuant to Subsection H shall be deemed denied.
- H.

The Township Council may authorize a waiver of any of the requirements or limitations of this chapter, and may authorize filming other than during the hours herein described or may extend the duration of a permit beyond five days or may permit filming at a particular location in a residential zone on more than two occasions during any one calendar year or may waive any other limitation or requirement of this chapter whenever it determines that strict compliance with such limitations will pose an unreasonable burden upon the applicant and that such a permit may be issued without endangering the public's health, safety and welfare.
- I.

Copies of the approved permit will be sent to the Police and Fire Departments before filming takes place and the New Jersey Film Commission. The applicant shall permit the Fire Prevention Bureau or other Township inspectors to inspect the site and the equipment to be used. The applicant shall comply with all safety instructions issued by the Fire Prevention Bureau or other Township inspectors.
- J.

In addition to any other fees or costs mentioned in this chapter, the applicant shall reimburse the Township for any lost revenue, such as parking meter revenue, repairs to public property or other revenues that the Township was prevented from earning because of filming.

§ 141-4. Fees.
The fees for the issuance of permits authorized by this chapter are set forth in Chapter 135, Fees and Costs.

§ 141-5. Violations and penalties.
Any person violating this chapter or these rules and regulations, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to the penalties imposed in Chapter 1, Article III, General Penalty, of the Township Code. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Township of West Milford which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Introduced: March 19, 2025
Adopted:
Effective Date:

Second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance is set for the Regular Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for April 2, 2025. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the Herald News on or about March 25, 2025.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-008.

Moved:

Conlon

Seconded: Chazukow

Voted Aye:

Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay:

None

Motion carried:

Mayor Dale asked to move Resolutions 2025-155 through 2025-167.

Agenda No. XIII 4

~ Resolution 2025 – 155 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING CONTRACT TO D’ONOFRIO & SON INC. FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF BALLFIELDS AND OTHER SITES

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford advertised for the receipt of sealed competitive bids to be received on February 28, 2025 at 10:30 am for Maintenance of Ball Fields and Other Sites as per the Bid Specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford received one bid for this contract; and

WHEREAS, said bid has been duly reviewed and analyzed by the Director of Public Works and the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the bid received from the one bidder D’Onofrio & Son, Inc. is complete; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that encumbrances for these services in the amount of \$56,700 shall come from account number 01-201-26-291-450 and \$7,350 shall come from account number 01-201-39-390-450.

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 awards a contract to D’Onofrio & Son, Inc., 47 Van Ness Terrace, Maplewood, NJ 07040 for Maintenance of Ballfields and Other Sites in an amount not to exceed \$64,050.00 for one year.
2.

The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with D’Onofrio & Son, Inc. in accordance with its bid for said Maintenance of Ballfields and Other Sites in the Township of West Milford.
3.

The Township’s Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
4.

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

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 5

~ Resolution 2025 – 156 ~

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Township’s Supervising Engineering Aide has reviewed the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council’s contract and related specifications and has submitted a written recommendation that the Township of West Milford award a contract for the Appletree Lane Resurfacing Project utilizing Category A: Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), Category B: Milling of Hot Mix Asphalt (in place) and Category F: Resurfacing Preparations to Riverview Paving, Inc. through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council - Contract #6: Road Resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for these purchases, said funds are to be encumbered from account number 04-215-55-840-003.

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

1.

The Township Council hereby authorizes the award of a contract through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council - Contract #6: Road Resurfacing, Category A: Hot

- Mix Asphalt (HMA), Category B: Milling of Hot Mix Asphalt (in place) and Category F: Resurfacing Preparations to Riverview Paving, Inc., 859 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.
2.

The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
3.

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

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 6

~ Resolution 2025 – 157 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND TMP OF NEW YORK, INC. d/b/a TEPLITZ METAL PROCESSING FOR THE MARKETING OF RECYCLABLE SCRAP METAL

WHEREAS, proposals were solicited for The Marketing of Recyclable Scrap Metal for the Township of West Milford by the Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator, West Milford Department of Public Works on March 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the current contract does allow for extension of the agreement for a one year period; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has determined that the Township has need for this service; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works and the Coordinator of Recycling and Solid Waste has thoroughly reviewed the agreement, and has recommended a one year extension of the contract to TMP of New York, Inc. d/b/a Teplitz Metal Processing; and

WHEREAS, Teplitz has satisfactorily worked with the Township as the scrap metal vendor for over seventeen (17) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a one year extension to the agreement with TMP of New York, Inc. d/b/a Teplitz Metal Processing for the marketing of recyclable scrap metal for the period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 for the Township of West Milford.

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 7

~ Resolution 2025 – 158 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WALK IN BUILDING SUPPLIES SUCH AS HARDWARE, TOOLS, HOME SUPPLIES, ETC. THROUGH STATE CONTRACT FROM HOME DEPOT

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

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has awarded Blanket Contract # 18-FLEET-00234 Walk In Building Supplies for the purchase of items such as hardware, tools, home supplies, etc to Home Depot; 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 Home Depot, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Home Depot 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.

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 8

~ Resolution 2025 – 159 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO THE PRESERVE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND, 2025 GRANT APPLICATION HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT BY THE FRIENDS OF WALLISCH HOMESTEAD FOR THE WALLISCH HOME RESTORATION

WHEREAS, the Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund awards grants to properties listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Wallisch Homestead (FOWH) desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$75,000 from the Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund. This Grant will provide for the preparation of Architectural Plans, Designs, Specifications, Cost Estimates and other Construction Documents to begin the Restoration of the Wallisch Home.

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

1.

The 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 Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund.
2.

The FOWH is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendment thereof with the Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund for the Wallisch Home Restoration.
3.

The funds provided by the Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund may provide up to 75% of total project costs not to exceed \$75,000. The FOWH must demonstrate the ability to match 25% of the total project cost for which the grant is requested.
4.

The application agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State, County and local laws, rules and regulations in its performance of the project.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: March 19, 2015

Agenda No. XIII 9

~ Resolution 2025 – 160 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR A HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council passed Resolution 2024-27 on October 24, 2024 authorizing funding for the completion of tasks related to the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan based on the Scope of Work submitted by J. Caldwell and Associates , and

WHEREAS, the Township was awarded a grant by the Highlands Council in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the completion of the plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford formally accept the \$25,000 grant received for the above stated project.

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 10

~ Resolution 2025 – 161 ~

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 AS IT PERTAINS TO THE HIGHLANDS CONFORMANCE GRANT HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

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 a Highlands Conformance Grant Housing Elements and Fair Share Plan in the amount of \$25,000.00; and

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

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 \$25,000.00 by a 2/3 vote of the Governing Body.
2.

The Township’s 2025 adopted budget shall include these receivables and appropriations.

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 11

~ Resolution 2025 – 162 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that the following:

1.

The Township Council hereby authorizes the emergency authorization, effective as of April 1, 2025, to be included in the 2025 temporary budget until adoption of 2025 budget by a 2/3 vote of the Governing Body.
2.

The Township’s 2025 adopted budget shall include these appropriations.

APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET
Administrator S&W	01-201-20-100-100	167,923
Administrator O.E.	01-201-20-100-200	51,700
TOTAL		\$219,623
Township Mayor & Council S&W	01-201-20-105-100	88,750
Township Mayor & Council O.E.	01-201-20-105-200	2,650
TOTAL		\$91,400
Information Technology S&W	01-201-20-140-100	88,370
Information Technology O.E.	01-201-20-140-200	35,375
TOTAL		\$123,745
Legal O.E.	01-201-20-155-200	\$195,000
General Services S&W	01-201-20-161-100	8,750
General Services O.E.	01-201-20-161-200	108,000
TOTAL		\$116,750
Engineering S&W	01-201-20-165-100	149,963
Engineering O.E.	01-201-20-165-200	51,100
TOTAL		\$201,063

APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET
Insurance, Other	01-201-23-210-200	600,000
Insurance, Group	01-201-23-220-200	1,691,000
Health Benefit Waiver	01-201-23-230-200	45,000
TOTAL		\$2,336,000
Clerk S&W	01-201-20-120-100	129,175
Clerk O.E.	01-201-20-120-200	17,500
TOTAL		\$146,675
Elections S&W	01-201-20-146-100	\$750
Elections O.E.	01-201-20-146-200	15,900
TOTAL		\$16,650
Treasurer S&W	01-201-20-130-100	168,570
Treasurer O.E.	01-201-20-130-200	14,000
TOTAL		\$182,570
Annual Audit	01-201-20-135-200	\$-
Annual Audit Additional Services	01-201-20-135-200	\$15,000
TOTAL		\$15,000
Tax Collector S&W	01-201-20-145-100	102,845
Tax Collector O.E	01-201-20-145-200	25,765
TOTAL		\$128,610
Tax Assessor S&W	01-201-20-150-100	98,615
Tax Assessor O.E.	01-201-20-150-200	9,781
TOTAL		\$108,396
PLANNING BOARD O.E.	01-201-21-180-200	\$20,525
Planning, Comp. S&W	01-201-21-181-100	28,283
Planning, Comp. O.E.	01-201-21-181-200	30,775
TOTAL		\$59,058
Zoning S&W	01-201-21-185-100	55,858
Zoning O.E.	01-201-21-185-200	-
TOTAL		\$55,858
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT O.E.	01-201-21-186-200	\$35,285
Historic Preservation S&W	01-201-20-175-100	780
Historic Preservation O.E.	01-201-20-175-200	500
TOTAL		\$1,280
Building S&W	01-201-22-195-100	218,881
Building O.E.	01-201-22-195-200	24,850
TOTAL		\$243,731
Environmental Commission S&W	01-201-22-196-100	1,000
Environmental Commission O.E.	01-201-22-196-200	1,650
TOTAL		\$2,650
Police Patrol S&W	01-201-25-240-100	2,626,925
Police Patrol O.E.	01-201-25-240-200	261,400
Police Patrol-Purchase of Police Vehicles	01-201-25-240-900	-
Police Detective S&W	01-201-25-241-100	-
Police Administration S&W	01-201-25-242-100	301,680
Police Communication S&W	01-201-25-243-100	190,240
Police Comm. O.E.	01-201-25-243-400	250
Police Specials S&W	01-201-25-244-100	20,000
Police Specials O.E.	01-201-25-244-200	4,738
TOTAL		\$3,405,233

APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET
Emergency Management S&W	01-201-25-252-100	5,203
Emergency Management O.E.	01-201-25-252-200	44,750
TOTAL		\$49,953
First Aid - WMFAS Contributions	01-201-25-260-200	63,300
First Aid - UGLFAS Contributions	01-201-25-261-200	-
TOTAL		\$63,300
Aid To Vol. Fire Co.	01-201-25-255-200	65,000
Fire Prevention Bureau S&W	01-201-25-265-100	91,035
Fire Prevention Bureau O.E.	01-201-25-265-200	9,500
Fire Co. Admin. S&W	01-201-25-266-100	5,550
Fire Co. Admin. O.E.	01-201-25-266-200	145,325
LOSAP	01-201-25-267-200	\$-
TOTAL		\$316,410
DPW Streets & Roads S&W	01-201-26-290-100	1,099,793
DPW Streets & Roads O.E.	01-201-26-290-200	594,350
DPW Buildings & Grounds S&W	01-201-26-291-100	78,425
DPW Buildings & Grounds O.E.	01-201-26-291-200	194,250
DPW Snow Removal S&W	01-201-26-294-100	250,000
DPW Snow Removal O.E.	01-201-26-294-200	1,234,000
DPW Vehicle Maintenance S&W	01-201-26-315-100	189,783
DPW Vehicle Maintenance O.E.	01-201-26-315-200	254,750
TOTAL		\$3,895,351
Public Health S&W	01-201-27-330-100	-
Public Health O.E.	01-201-27-330-200	15,525
Vital Statistics S&W	01-201-27-331-100	21,398
Vital Statistics O.E.	01-201-27-331-200	1,000
Housing Standard Bureau O.E.	01-201-27-332-441	4,000
Environmental Health S&W	01-201-27-335-100	-
Environmental Health O.E.	01-201-27-335-200	69,835
Animal Control O.E.	01-201-27-340-200	47,500
TOTAL		\$159,258
Recreation Programs S&W	01-201-28-370-100	66,362
Recreation Programs O.E.	01-201-28-370-200	70,000
Recreation.-Bubbling Springs S&W	01-201-28-371-100	130,000
Recreation.-Bubbling Springs O.E.	01-201-28-371-200	60,000
Recreation.-Admin. S&W	01-201-28-372-100	79,070
Recreation.-Admin. O.E.	01-201-28-372-200	13,025
Recreation.-Community Center S&W	01-201-28-374-100	25,000
Recreation.-Parks Maintenance S&W	01-201-28-375-100	203,523
Senior Citizen Services S&W	01-201-28-376-100	31,885
Senior Citizen Services O.E.	01-201-28-376-200	3,000
TOTAL		\$681,865
Veteran's Bureau S&W	01-201-20-172-100	668
Veteran's Bureau O.E.	01-201-20-172-200	75
TOTAL		\$743
Celebration of Public Events O.E.	01-201-30-420-200	15,500

APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET
Mass Transportation S.W	01-201-30-432-100	23,743
Mass Transportation O.E.	01-201-30-432-200	-
TOTAL		\$23,743
Library S&W	01-201-29-390-100	290,000
Library O.E.	01-201-29-390-200	407,005
TOTAL		\$697,005
Municipal Court S&W	01-201-43-490-100	132,725
Municipal Court O.E.	01-201-43-490-200	12,250
Municipal Court Prosecutor S&W	01-201-43-491-101	19,773
Municipal Court Prosecutor O.E.	01-201-43-491-200	300
Public Defender	01-201-43-495-450	5,000
TOTAL		\$170,048
Utilities-Electricity	01-201-31-430-200	62,900
Utilities-Street Lights	01-201-31-435-200	37,250
Utilities-Telephone	01-201-31-440-200	72,500
Utilities-Natural Gas	01-201-31-446-200	29,950
Utilities-Fuel	01-201-31-460-200	220,000
TOTAL		\$422,600
PERS	01-201-36-471-532	1,251,688
Social Security	01-201-36-472-533	350,000
Defined Contributions Retirement Prog	01-201-36-475-536	7,500
PFRS	01-201-36-473-534	1,910,688
TOTAL		\$3,519,876
Salaries & Wages Adjustment Account	01-201-37-480-501	-
Compensated Absences	01-201-38-485-110	\$25,000
Interlocal Agreement – Health	01-201-47-600-200	\$232,675
Def. Charge – Ord. 00-09 Rec. Fac. Contr.	01-201-46-886-596	\$-
Reserve for Tax Appeals	01-201-46-886-667	\$-
Def. Charge - Ord. 07-06 Various Rd. Imp.	01-46-887-531	\$-
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	01-201-50-899-200	\$-
TOTAL		\$-
GRANTS	G-02-41	\$-
SUBTOTAL		\$17,978,421
Capital Improvements Fund	01-201-44-900-200	-
Cap. Improv. Fund-Fire Emer Equip.	01-201-44-900-230	-
TOTAL		\$-
Debt Service Total		\$2,098,253
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$20,076,674
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BUDGET		
Solid Waste S&W	26-201-55-500-100	53,908
Solid Waste O.E. All Other	26-201-55-500-200	122,511
Contractual Services	26-201-55-500-514	1,185,908
Disposal Fees	26-201-55-500-548	450,000
TOTAL		\$1,812,327

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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~ Resolution 2025 – 163 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

WHEREAS, the sunset provision of March 1, 2025 imposed under P.L. 2024 c.106 is fast approaching in what was a temporary solution that allowed local governments to comply with the public notice requirements under the law in time for annual reorganization meetings in January; and

WHEREAS, local government officials serve as the stewards of property taxpayer dollars and should no longer be required to subsidize the newspaper industry with revenues collected from publishing legal notices in the press; and

WHEREAS, long before NJ Advanced Media's announcement that it was terminating daily print publications in January of 2025, local government officials found it increasingly difficult to comply with the public notice requirements under the law as the media has become almost exclusively digitized and struggled to retain staff, resources, and publications; and

WHEREAS, legislation that will authorize local governments to publish legal notices on a local government's official website will streamline an antiquated and overly burdensome process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of West Milford does in fact, hereby urge state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize municipalities, counties, school districts, and all local governments to publish legal notices in a clear, transparent, and timely manner on a local government's official website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Senator Anthony M. Bucco, Assemblywoman Aura K. Dunn, Assemblyman Christian E. Barranco, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Adopted: March 19, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 164 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZATION A 2025 TAX TITLE LIEN SALE

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes has requested that the Township conduct a 2025 Township Tax Title Lien Sale on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that the proper officers be and are hereby authorized and directed to conduct a 2025 Tax Title Lien Sale on-line at www.realauction.com on Tuesday, October 14, 2025; site opens on Friday, September 12, 2025.

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 14

~ Resolution 2025 – 165 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO SEND TWO (2) NOTICES OF TAX SALES TO ALL PROPERTIES INCLUDED IN THE TAX TITLE LIEN SALE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1, authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send two (2) notices of tax sales to all properties included in said sale; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Township of West Milford wishes to charge \$25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed; specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, that a fee of \$25.00 per notice be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2025 electronic tax sale.

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 15

~ Resolution 2025 – 166 ~

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 2024 Licenses as listed below:

License Nos.	2025 CLOTHING BINS
2025-24-25	NJ&NY Volunteer Firemen’s Association – H&M Leasing KYH Properties 1618 Union Valley Road, West Milford (2 bins)

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 16

~ Resolution 2025 – 167 ~

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF ELAINE MAXWELL AS CERTIFIED TAX COLLECTOR WITH COUNCIL CONSENT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that they do hereby provide advice and consent to the Mayor’s appointment of Elaine Maxwell to the position of Certified Tax Collector from April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, in accordance with statute N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142.

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Councilman Conlon indicated that he would be abstaining on Resolution 2025-162.

Motion to move Resolutions 2025-155 through 2025-167.

Moved:

Voted Aye:

Voted Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried:

Conlon

Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

None

Conlon only on 2025-162

Seconded:

Lichtenberg

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Consent Agenda

~ Resolution 2025 – 168 ~

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) **2025-169** – Refund Other Liens
 - b) **2025-170** – Cancel Taxes
 - c) **2025-171** – Refund Recreation Fees
 - d) **2025-172** – Refund Overpayments
 - e) **2025-173** – Reinstatement of Taxes

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Agenda No. XIV a

~ Resolution 2025 – 169 ~

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
20-0012	10/13/2020	01816-017	\$39,134.99	\$60,500.00	FNA DZ, LLC 201 W LAKE STREET #165 CHICAGO, IL 60606
23-0032	10/10/2023	06404-006	\$6,053.94	\$0.00	GETRO MACENO SOLE MBR 339 NORTH 5 TH STREET NEWARK, NJ 07107
23-0041	10/10/2023	10202-001	\$28,875.50	\$16,700.00	PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK PO BOX 774 FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034-0774
24-0019	10/15/2024	05501-008	\$14,141.82	\$23,300.00	FEDIGAN LLC 474 MARY ALLEN WAY MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
TOTAL:			\$88,206.25	\$100,500.00	

Adopted: March 19, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 170 ~

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.

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. Deleted Off 2025 Tax Duplicate
 - 6. Exempt

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
15102-005 QFARM	SOVA, PAUL & ROSALIND P	\$16.00	1 ST HALF 2025	5
03101-001.1 BLDG	CARD, SCOTT & BISHOP, BRENDA	\$156.00	1 ST HALF 2025	5
02304-002	CHRISTOPHER MANGIAPANE	\$50.00	1 ST HALF 2025	5
00407-004	KNAPP, MATTHEW & ARIEL	\$124.00	1 ST HALF 2025	5
18000-002	WARWICK VALLEY TELEPHONE CO	\$2.00	1 ST HALF 2025	5
14601-007	ALPHA DEVELOPMENT INC	\$7,258.00	1 ST HALF 2025	6

Adopted: March 19, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 171 ~

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:

MILITARY BANNER			
\$149.00	163 Wooley Road West Milford, NJ 07480		
HATHA MAT YOGA			
\$10.00	68 Broadway West Milford, NJ 07480		
GET FIT WHERE YOU SIT			
\$45.00	17 B Quincy Lane West Milford, NJ 07480		
LIFEGUARD RECERT			
\$200.00	41 Newark Road Hewitt, NJ 07421		
FIELD HOCKEY GOLD			
\$50.00	50 Woodridge Drive Oak Ridge, NJ 07438	\$25.00	199 Bearfort Road West Milford, NJ 07480
\$25.00	20 Heritage Drive WM, NJ 07480	\$25.00	243 Ridge Road WM, NJ 07480
\$25.00	1 Wesley Drive WM, NJ 07480	\$25.00	1407 Union Valley Road WM, NJ 07480
LIFEGUARD TRAINING			
\$310.00	224 High Crest Drive WM, NJ 07480		

Adopted: March 19, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 172 ~

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

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayment as shown below and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund of such overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayment as shown below:

- REASON:
1. Incorrect Payment

2. Duplicate Payment

3. Senior Citizen

4. Veteran Deduction

5. Homestead Rebate

6. Tax Appeal County Board

7. Tax Appeal State Tax Court

8. 100% Disabled Veteran

9. Replacement Check

10. Bank/Mortgage Co.

11. Exempt

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
01904-001	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9208	\$2,745.00	2025	2

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
02310-012	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9208	\$2,829.00	2025	2
02409-016	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9208	\$3,365.00	2025	2
04302-001	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9208	\$2,412.00	2025	2
07301-001	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9208	\$2,917.00	2025	2
15401-039	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9208	\$3,245.00	2025	2
04108-002	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9208	\$2,949.00	2025	8
10101-001	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9208	\$2,686.00	2025	8
10508-003	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9208	\$2,065.00	2025	8
15102-005 & QFARM	CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9208	\$3,322.00	2025	8
		8.00	2025	8
03101-001.1 BLDG	423 Lakeside Road Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$78.00	2025	1
18000-002	Warwick Valley Telephone Co 47-49 Main Street Warwick, NY 10990	\$2.00	2025	1
16306-003	Alliance First Title 1000 Germantown Pike, Suite J-1 Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462	\$2,014.37	2025	2
14601-007	Alpha Development Inc. 39 Oak Ridge Road Newfoundland, NJ 07435	\$3,629.00	2025	11
10103-001	Alpha Development Inc. 39 Oak Ridge Road Newfoundland, NJ 07435	\$5,844.00	2025	11
15803-015	Alpha Development Inc. 39 Oak Ridge Road Newfoundland, NJ 07435	\$6,315.10	2025	11
02601-036	P.O. Box 314 Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$2,883.00	2024	8
05203-019	Zielonka Real Estate Holdings LLC 35 8 th Street, Suite 7B Passaic, NJ 07005	\$53.28	2024	6
05705-003	Corelogic 2001 Hackberry Road Irving, TX 75063	\$450.00	2024	2
05504-004.04	1404 Richmond Road West Milford, NJ 07480	\$250.00	2024	2
TOTAL:		\$50,061.75		

Adopted: March 19, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 173 ~

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.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.
- INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

NO ACCOUNT/CANNOT LOCATE

ACCOUNT CLOSED

STOP PAYMENT

NO SIGNATURE ON CHECK

NON TRANSACTION ACCOUNT

INVALID ACCOUNT NUMBER

ACCOUNT FROZEN

BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT	INT	YEAR	REASON
05311-003.15	\$979.00		2025	7
05311-003.06	\$450.00		2025	2
10602-071	\$2,444.00		2025	4
00806-006	\$1,801.00		2025	2
05311-003.08	\$1,042.00		2025	7
05317-004.09	\$992.00		2025	8
03610-030	\$823.00		2025	1
12307-018	\$1,444.00		2025	2
03610-023	\$1,154.00		2025	7
03701-003	\$1,731.00		2025	7
10803-020	\$1,817.00		2025	7
02012-014	\$28.00		2025	2
16802-004	\$275.52		2025	2
09302-014	\$2,209.00	\$11.01	2025	7
12307-017	\$1,444.00	\$3.53	2025	7
12102-015	\$1,993.00	\$14.50	2025	1
Total:	\$20,626.52	\$29.04		

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Motion to move Resolutions 2025-168 through 2025-173.

Moved:Conlon

Seconded: Lichtenberg

Voted Aye:Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay:None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XV

Approval of Expenditures

~ Resolution 2025 – 151 ~

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	\$760,350.02
3	Reserve Account	62,023.37
2	Grants	3,432.00
6	Refunds	239,657.00
1	General Ledger	233.00
26	Refuse	64,047.97
4	Capital	3,753.38
19	Animal Control	90.85

19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	20,401.99
16	Development Escrow	0.00
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	22,073.77
	Special Reserve	87.00
Total		\$1,176,150.35
Less Refund Resolution		239,657.00
Actual Bills List		\$936,493.35
Other Payments:		
Payroll		576,520.44
Mitchell Humphrey		5,000.00
NJDMV		420.00
Total Expenditures		\$1,518,433.79

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Moved: Chazukow

Seconded: Conlon

Voted Aye: Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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Reports of Mayor, Council Members, Administrator, and Attorney

Councilman Marsden – No report.

Mayor Dale indicated that the first cleanup date for the Beautification Committee collected 192 bags of trash from the roadsides and took place on Canistear and Reservoir Roads. Thank you to all the volunteers that assisted with the cleanup. People should check the upcoming dates on the website and social media. April 19th is the next date.

Councilman Chazukow – No report.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg – March 28, 2025 the Department of Human Services will be having a free Community Outreach Program from 9 a.m. to noon at 649 Ridge Road. Topics will include substance use and misuse education, Narcan distribution and training, resources and referrals and screenings and follow up. There is no appointment or insurance needed. There will be a Wellness Family Festival on April 5th at the High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a lot of activities and vendors. The event has grown much larger.

Councilman Goodsir – The Recreation Department would like to thank all the volunteer coaches who stepped up this season to coach the Recreation and Travel basketball teams. Your support is greatly appreciated. Registration is now open for the Kids Fishing Derby. It will be held at the lower lake at Bubbling Springs Park on Saturday May 17th from 9-11 a.m. There will be pizza, hot dogs prizes and more. The registration deadline for Spring Soccer is April 6th. The Recreation Department is running a new Spring Hoop Hustle program designed to keep a ball in the hands of our young basketball playing girls and boys grades 2-4. Registration is now open for the Learn to Garden Program. It's a great opportunity to learn from educator, gardener, and certified holistic nutritionist Judy DeJosia from Growing with Food. Councilman Goodsir indicated that Councilmembers need to have a thick skin and to anyone who may have served as a Councilmember, to bring a lawsuit against the Town that you know you can't win and cost the taxpayers money, it's disgraceful.

Councilman Conlon –The Economic Development Commission is moving ahead with the Mayor's Business Spotlight Program. He thanked his colleagues for allowing the EDC to move forward with the changes that will benefit the working relationship with the Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor's Business Spotlight Program is free for anyone to participate in, businesses need to complete a questionnaire and provide information about their businesses and the goods and services they provide. Any local businesses that are interested can email the EDC at EDC@westmilford.org. Congratulations to two police officers and a good Samaritan for their heroic action, saving the lives of two young men who had gotten trapped in a burning car over the weekend. The public should do research before saying reckless things and trying to hide behind the thought that Councilmembers are elected officials so they can say whatever they want.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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Councilman Chazukow indicated that the comments that have been made were not careless, but rather they were calculated.

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. The Mayor and Council will select a recipient for the award from the nominations they receive. The deadline for nominations is March 21, 2025. Nominations should be submitted to the clerk's office in person or via email at clerksoffice1@westmilford.org or fax 973-728-2704. A special panel of former Mayors will choose the Mary B. Haase Lifetime Volunteer Award to someone who has exhibited a lifelong spirit of volunteerism to the community. Forms are available at Town Hall, the Recreation Center and the Library. Presentation request forms must be submitted to the clerk's office no later than March 28th.

Administrator Senande – Gave an update on Film Ready New Jersey. Our application has been on hold in Trenton for roughly a year, and he got a notice this week that the Township met all the requirements except for the adoption of the ordinance. There will be an ordinance provided at the next meeting and once that is adopted, we will have fulfilled all the requirements to become certified as Film Ready New Jersey

Councilman Conlon added that the EDC would be meeting with the new Director of the Passaic County Economic Development Department to try to engage with them.

Attorney Pasternak – No report.

Agenda No. XVII

Appointments and Resignations

Mayor Dale asked Council hold off at this time on appointing anyone to the Environmental Commission. Council gave consensus.

Agenda No. VII

Executive Session

Agenda No. VII 1

~ Resolution 2025 – 154 ~

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford on the 19th day of March 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.
 - () b. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
 - () b. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
 - () 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: March 19, 2025

Motion to move Resolution 2025-154 and go into Executive Session

Moved: Conlon

Seconded: Goodsir

Voted Aye: Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Conlon, Marsden

Abstain:

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

The Governing Body went into executive session at 7:15 p.m. and returned at 7:49 p.m.

Mayor Dale indicated that there was no action taken in executive session.

Agenda No. XVI

Adjournment

Moved: Conlon

Seconded: Lichtenberg

Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approved: April 2, 2025

Respectfully submitted:

Deidre Ellis, Keyboarding Clerk III

MICHELE DALE, MAYOR

WILLIAM SENANDE, TOWNSHIP CLERK