

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Michele Dale at 6:30 p.m.

**Adequate Notice Statement**

Mayor Dale read the following statement:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-8) adequate notice of this Regular Meeting was advertised in the Herald News in and The Record in its issues of December 17, 2024 and January 13, 2025 and posted on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

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

Agenda No. I

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Agenda No. II

**Roll Call**

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

Absent:

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

Agenda No. III

**Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes**

April 23, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes.

Moved: Erik                      Seconded: Lichtenberg

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

Abstain:

Voted Nay:

Motion carried:

Agenda No. IV

**Meetings**

May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting

June 11, 2025 Regular Meeting

July 16, 2025 Regular Meeting

Agenda No. V

**Proclamations**

Mental Health Month – Mayor Dale read the proclamation and declared the month of May as Mental Health Month.

Agenda No. VI

**Presentations and Recognitions**

Mayor Dale swore in Police Officers Paris Petritsis and Kylie Calamita.

Mayor Dale swore in Special Police Officers Denes Mosolygo and Nicholas Szuszkowski.

Assemblyman Barranco was at the meeting and presented a Lifesaving Award in the form of a joint Legislative Resolution to John Ward, and Police Officers Nicholas Soltesz and Peter Wunk. He read the Resolutions to each. John Ward is a civilian who stopped at the scene of an accident where a vehicle had crashed and came to rest on an embankment on Clinton Road and had burst into flames. Officers were on the scene attempting to free the victims. There was a driver and one passenger and John leapt into action and assisted one of the officers in removing the driver from a burning car and that has earned him the respect and appreciation of the legislature as well as all that know of his selfless deeds. Assemblyman Barranco presented Resolutions to Officer Peter Wunk and Officer Nicholas Soltesz and thanked them for their courageous actions. The police deserve more attention and credit than we give them. We celebrate the love of people for other people.

Agenda No. VII

**Executive Session**

None

Agenda No. VIII

Public Hearing

Agenda No. VIII 1

~ Resolution 2025 – 205 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE 1615-33-027-013 ISSUED TO JAY Bhole LIQUOR CORPORATION LOCATED AT 3051 ROUTE 23, OAK RIDGE, NJ

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1615-33-027-013 issued to Jay Bhole Liquor Corporation for premises heretofore located at 3051 Route 23 Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438; and

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

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental ABC laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Place-to-Place transfer is approved to be transferred at the above location with a final site inspection with the Police Department before opening for business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of West Milford Governing Body does hereby approve effective May 7, 2025 the Place-to-Place Transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption licensed to the premises located at 3051 Route 23. Oak Ridge, NJ and does hereby direct the Township Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: “This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions is hereby transferred to premises located at 3051 Route 23, Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438”.

LICENSE	CONDITION
JAY Bhole LIQUOR CORPORATION t/a 23 Liquor & Tobacco 3051 Route 23 Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 1615-33-027-013	1. A final site inspection with the Police Department MUST be completed before opening for business.

Adopted: May 7, 2025

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

Motion to move Resolution 2025-205.

Moved: Erik

Seconded: Goodsir

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. IX

Discussion Items / Official Communications

1.	Cannabis Ordinance Amendments- Councilman Conlon began by discussing the hours of operation. He indicated that he didn't see an issue with businesses opening earlier to capitalize on sales during the morning commute. Councilman Chazukow has had conversations with some of the dispensary owners and suggested on behalf of Souflora that businesses be allowed to open as early as 7 a.m. He was not sure what the rest of the Council thought about possibly limiting it to the Route 23 overlay zone. While he can see the logic of doing that it could be considered an unfair advantage. There was some discussion about when bars are allowed to serve alcohol. Councilman Chazukow also suggested that cannabis businesses be allowed to stay open until midnight. Mayor Dale indicated that hours of operation are determined by local government not the State. Councilman Marsden indicated that the opening time was set for 9 a.m. originally, due to school buses being out and it being commute time. Councilman Conlon indicated that he was not in favor of the hours applying to the highway, and that it should be applied to all or none. He would support it for everyone. Consensus was given to make the change to operating hours from 7 a.m. to midnight for 7 days of
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<p>the week.</p> <p>Regarding the number of licenses, Councilman Conlon reminded everyone that there had been a proposal at the January 17, 2024 Council meeting to allow the initial round of 10 licensees to open and stay open until such time as they cease operation. And licenses would not be reissued unless the number was less than 5. At the time it was determined that it was kind of premature to enact that measure. Now that all 10 are open or soon to be, now is the appropriate time to discuss the issue. Councilman Marsden indicated that the thought is if you would rather have 10 businesses that were struggling or 5 that were thriving, or 7 or 8 or 9. His thought is that the market will bear out the number. Councilman Chazukow indicated that the ordinance needs to have more comprehensive text regarding the issue of a cannabis licensee that may want to sell the business. A new license would need to be issued to the new owner. If a building were to burn down or become uninhabitable, that isn't an indication of the market being over saturated . If someone wants to change location they should be allowed to relocate within the Township, not be forced out. Councilman Marden indicated that there should be a mechanism in place for someone who has followed the rules and built up a business to be able to transfer that business to a family member or someone else. Councilman Conlon agreed 100%. Even though it would be a transfer of the existing business, it is technically a new license. Administrator Senande indicated that with the current ordinance there would be a new license and Council approval would be required. The amendment would bypass Council approval if the transfer occurs. He indicated that it could be amended to allow someone to transfer to a new business owner. Mayor Dale indicated with the hypothetical of a building burning down that the owner would have to go and get a new license for the new site because licenses are site specific. Administrator Senande indicated that if the business were to go to a new location it would be like starting from scratch and they would have to go through the entire process all over again. It is not like just moving to a new building and putting up a sign. We can work on the language for that scenario.</p> <p>Councilman Chazukow indicated that he was not in favor of reducing the number of licenses that are allowed in Town. He would like the ordinance to be true to it's intention of not oversaturating the market and not something that is perceived as an intention to push businesses out of the Township that we have worked so hard to attract. We have about 30 alcohol licenses currently and he finds it difficult to see going from 10 cannabis businesses down to 5 as being fair. He proposed changing the reduction from 5 to 7. He prefers to let the smaller business owners get an opportunity. Councilman Goodsir indicated that the idea is not anti-cannabis, it is pro-business. Councilman Conlon indicated that the intention of the ordinance is not to harm the existing operators. It is to allow the market to dictate how many businesses to have. He feels it is best to do something, so the public doesn't think we are turning into "Weed Milford". The perception is not accurate and not a fair smear to put on the business owners who are operating with high compliance and regulation in a highly scrutinized industry. He is okay with the number going from 5 to 7 and wants the public to know that we are not taking 3 of you out. Councilman Chazukow indicated that there are still unlicensed cannabis businesses still operating in Town and they are a problem. He would like to see them stop taking a slice of the pie, so that the licensed operators get what they deserve. He would like to see the unlicensed operators put out of business. Councilmembers Marsden, Goodsir and Erik wanted the number of businesses to be 5. Councilman Conlon was fine with 5 or 7. Councilman Chazukow gave consensus but with the additional language regarding selling and relocating a business. Council gave consensus for the number to be 5.</p> <p>Administrator Senande spoke about special events. There had been a complaint from a constituent regarding events that have been happening. There has been discussion about additional limits. If the event should be screened. The events can happen more frequently since we do have 10 dispensaries that could possibly each have 6 events, so that would equal 60 days a year and they can have two day events and that would make the number 120 days of special events per year. Councilman Marsden indicated that if businesses hold special events, they need to have security and take responsibility for what takes place. If people are violating the ordinance there has to be a mechanism to say that you are not allowed to have special events. Mayor Dale indicated that the business owners need to take responsibility and realize where they are located. Along the highway it wouldn't be a problem but if the dispensary is located in the middle of Town or in a neighborhood, they would need to show respect. Councilman Conlon wants to make sure there is some type of parking and security plan for the special events. Administrator Senande indicated that the police usually ask for parking and security plans but it would be good to put it in the ordinance so that it is automatic.</p> <p>Chief Sommerville had prepared some information for the Mayor, Council and Public regarding consumption licenses. He had prepared a list of pros and cons. The pros were that a licenses lounge offers a controlled, monitored setting for consumption, reducing the likelihood of cannabis use in public space, like parks or near schools. Tax revenue and business licensing fees could contribute to local services including public safety initiatives. The police department would have access to security compliance inspections. The police have done all the inspections so far and things are going well with the cannabis businesses in Town currently. Some of the cons for consumption lounges</p>
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<p>include DWI enforcement. The primary concern for public safety is the potential for impaired driving. Roadside cannabis impairment is harder to detect than alcohol. Patrons leaving a lounge may present a greater risk to road safety and enforcement would require additional training and resources. Unlike alcohol where there is a test to see if you are over the limit, the minute you ingest cannabis and get into your car and pull out, it is an automatic DWI. There is no quantitative test for it. If an officer happened to be parked across the street and saw someone pull out in their car they could be arrested for DWI. Another con is that it would require increased patrols and more training coordinated with State agencies. These things are all manageable but will be a cost to the Town. Although lounges have an age restriction of 21 or older, their presence may contribute to the normalization of cannabis among minors. This requires ongoing education and preventative programs in schools and community settings. Another issue is the food and beverage loophole. New Jersey does not permit consumption lounges to sell or provide food or drink on site. However patrons are legally allowed to bring their own. This creates a significant challenge to law enforcement. Individuals may be tempted to sneak in alcohol or put cannabis in food items that was not legally purchased or tested which opens up the door to unregulated product consumption and undermines the State compliance goals and increases the risk of overconsumption or unsafe behavior. The odor, noise and loitering may become issues for nearby residents. If the building has more than one tenant second hand smoke may become an issue. That could affect families, customers, vulnerable populations leading to complaint, health concerns and disputes. Atlantic City and Jersey City allow cannabis lounges but they have mass transit and West Milford doesn't have that and nobody walks. It also leaves the cannabis business open to liability if someone gets in a crash. There is nothing currently for cannabis that is similar to the alcohol last drink report.</p> <p>Mayor Dale thanked Chief Sommerville for his report and asked the Council if they wanted to move forward with consumption lounges. Council members Erik, Lichtenberg, and Marsden were not in favor. Councilman Conlon said he thought it was premature. Councilman Marsden indicated that he wanted to hear from the operators now that they have heard the concerns presented. Councilman Chazukow said that it would be hard to have consumption lounges, but it could be done and also agrees there is no rush. He suggested that anyone wishing to have a consumption lounge put together a plan for parking and security and address the issues that have been presented. If the issues can be addressed he doesn't see why future governing bodies would say no. Mayor Dale made the point that the business operators do not have a way to test for intoxication. Councilman Chazukow indicated that the laws around consuming cannabis are more strict and anyone consuming it and then getting into a car would be foolish. There was more discussion about not having mass transit and how it would be great to partner with a ride share of some type. Councilman Marsden would like to see evidence that there is more benefit than risk, and currently he doesn't. Consensus was not given for consumption lounges.</p> <p>Councilman Chazukow returned to the matter of special events. He has no problem with codifying some of the details mentioned before, the screening and security and parking issues. He indicated that special events are critical for these entrepreneurs. Councilwoman Lichtenberg indicated that the hours for special events shouldn't go until midnight. Mayor Dale indicated that they could only go until 10 p.m. Administrator Senande indicated that with alcohol being consumed it is considered a beer garden and there are specific State rules and with cannabis there are no rules except to be 21 years of age or older. So we have no restrictions as it is an age restricted product. There needs to be more restrictions because we don't have the ABC involved in the process. ABC requires fencing and security, ingress and egress conditions and other things. Administrator Senande indicated that the ordinance was written geared toward a grand opening, not for special events to be held every month. Mayor Dale confirmed that this was for an outdoor permit. Administrator Senande indicated that the amount as it stands now is 6 events with a maximum of two days equals 12 days total.</p> <p>Consensus was given to allow (2) two-day permits.</p> <p>Administrator Senande indicated that no one has applied for a two-day permit. The total number of special event permits allowed will be 6 and owners will be allowed to use them consecutively. Administrator Senande indicated that they could have (2) 3 day events if the business owner chose to do so. Consensus was given by the Council.</p> <p>Councilman Chazukow asked about the other items, the parking, security, and screening. Administrator Senande indicated that he was going to try to match what the State requires for liquor licenses since it is still the 21 year old age limit. He is going to put in those restrictions because currently there are none for cannabis consumption. Councilman Conlon indicated that there are some locations where an area may be screened off by a building or something else and other areas are more out in the open. The flip side is that the entire event doesn't need to be shielded, as the idea is to bring the public in. Administrator Senande indicated that perhaps a certain area would be blocked off. No one is going to stop someone smoking in the parking lot.</p>
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Agenda No. X

Public Comments

Rich Lyons, the chief legal officer at Jersey Roots indicated that there needs to be a crackdown on the illegal businesses in Town because they are directly affecting all of the businesses who have gone about doing things the right way. Anything Council can do on that front would be greatly appreciated. He indicated that with regard to saturation, the illegal businesses are the biggest issue. Mr. Lyons feels that with regard to a license transfer as long as it is the same entity, that would restrict it to a stock sale which might not be typical in the market. He would like it to have free assignability, whether it is a stock or an asset purchase which is the more generalized structure of any type of transfer if it were to happen in the future.

Michelle Liebau from 4Twenty Somewhere thanked the Council and Mayor for all their work over the last three years. She stressed the importance of knowing your audience, and that residents don't want large parties in the parking lot. Be mindful that it makes her dispensary look bad and she doesn't appreciate that. She would like to see the Council spend more time on special events, because even the CRC is struggling with it. She would like to have West Milford be the example for what looks good for an event. She suggested that the dispensary owners should get together as a dispensary committee and make suggestions and come up with ideas with the Council. She invited all to come to her dispensary and ask questions and it will help lessen the stigma around cannabis.

The owners from Beyond Bleaf invited everyone to their grand opening on May 24, 2025. It is much appreciated that everything is coming from a solution space mindset. They are open to answering questions, partnering with other businesses and the community to better service West Milford.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak Councilman Conlon made a motion to close the public portion. Councilman Goodsir seconded. All were in favor.

Agenda No. XI

Council Comments

Councilman Goodsir indicated that although he goes to a lot of grand openings where everyone is saying they are the best cannabis businesses have the mindset that they want to do well and have their fellow businesses do well too.

Councilman Conlon indicated that it will be important that businesses are sellable down the line. He thanked the public for thanking Council because it is a lot of work even though they signed up for it, and nights like this where we honor the police and a good Samaritan and can speak openly with the public because people get a better understanding of things. The Town is not allowing cannabis businesses just to make money, but the success of these businesses directly affects and benefits the operation of the Township. It directly benefits the taxpayers because it means certain costs are not passed onto them.

Councilman Goodsir indicated that it was the 10<sup>th</sup> year with a zero increase in taxes, and we lost funding from the State, but if we did not have the revenue from the cannabis businesses taxes would have had to be raised.

Councilman Chazukow is excited to see the businesses grow and succeed. Having a manufacturer or cultivator is big time, it's a Statewide business. He indicated that the evening was difficult for him because he is pro-freedom and a lot of the conversation was about restricting the market but he's okay with things as long as the political process is being followed. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight. There has to be some type of enforcement for the illegal cannabis businesses.

Councilwoman Erik likes the idea of having a group that comes together with a Council member liaison. The original ordinance was based on information from the cannabis business owners and the ideas they had.

Councilman Conlon thanked Councilman Chazukow for all the work he has done and the information he has presented on the subject. He thanked everyone for having an open mind throughout the entire process.

Agenda No. XIX

Discussion Items / Official Communications

1.	Board of Health – County Health Inspector Wale Akande indicated that recreational bathing season is upon us. Applications to the lakes used to be mailed out but now they are being emailed out. Council should be aware of this change. In the months of March and April there were about 26 blood pressure screenings that were done. There was a family event in April where they had over 25 screenings which included blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose and about 12 flu and Covid shots. There were 5 breast exams. There were child vaccination clinics in March and April and over 26 vaccinations were given. The Health Educator is working on an event for teen suicide
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	prevention on September 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It’s called Hike for Healing. It’s a hike to create awareness on the matter.
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Agenda No. XII

Action Items – Finance Matters

Agenda No. XII 1

~ Ordinance 2025 – 013 ~

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford in the County of Passaic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council hereby determines that a 1.00% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$399,034.91 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this Governing Body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of West Milford shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.50%, amounting to \$1,396,622.18, and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Township of West Milford be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Introduced: April 2, 2025  
Adopted: May 7, 2025  
Effective Date: May 27, 2025

This Ordinance was introduced on April 2, 2025 and Notice of the public hearing was published in the Herald News on April 8, 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 Erik.

Moved:

Conlon

Seconded: Erik

Voted Aye:

Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay:

None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XII 2

~ Resolution 2025 – 206 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2025 BUDGET RESOLUTION (AS REQUIRED BY DCA)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of West Milford has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2025 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of West Milford that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the Governing Body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1.

That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

a.

Payment of interest and debt redemption charges

b.

Deferred charges and statutory expenditures

c.

Cash deficit of preceding year

d.

Reserve for uncollected taxes

e.

Other reserves and non-disbursement items

f.

Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2.

That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3.

That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4.

That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

a.

All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,

b.

Items of appropriation are properly set forth

c.

In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5.

The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6.

That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Approved: May 7, 2025

Motion to move Resolution 2025-206.

Moved:

Conlon

Seconded: Chazukow

Voted Aye:

Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay:

None

Motion carried:

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

Minutes of:Governing Body Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting:May 7, 2025

Time of Meeting:6:30 p.m.

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~ Resolution 2025 – 207 ~

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

WHEREAS, the Township Council has completed its review of the General Fund Budget, revised the proposal from the Administration where it deemed necessary and held the required public hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford of the County of Passaic that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$23,261,113.00. (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type 1 School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation; and
- (c) (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
- (d) \$548,992.58 (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (e) (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
- (f) \$1,545,246.00 (Item 5 below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE	Ayes	(Erik	Nays	(None	Abstained	(None
		(Chazukow				
		(Lichtenberg				
		(Goodsir			Absent	(None
		(Conlon				
		(Marsden				

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1 General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated		08-100	\$ 5,100,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		13-099	\$ 8,670,093.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		15-499	\$ 1,100,000.00
2 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)		07-190	\$ 23,261,113.00
3 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY: Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195		
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191		
4 To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON Item 6(b),Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)			
5 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX	07-192		\$ 1,545,246.00
Total Revenues	13-299		\$ 39,676,452.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

6 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	xxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Within "CAPS"	xxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a&b) Operations including Contingent	34-201	\$ 26,731,392.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures – Municipal	34-209	\$ 4,018,000.00
(g)Cash Deficit	46-885	
Excluded from "CAPS"	xxxxxx	Xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Operations – Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$ 2,710,267.00
(c)Capital Improvements	44-999	\$ 507,686.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$ 3,404,040.00
(e)Deferred Charges – Municipal	46-999	\$5,067.00
(f)Judgements	37-480	\$0.00
(n)Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (NJSA 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	29-405	\$0.00
(g)Cash Deficit	46-885	\$0.00
(k)For Local District School Purposes	29-410	\$0.00
(m)Reserve for Uncollected taxes	50-899	\$ 2,300,000.00
7 SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS – TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)	07-195	
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$ 39,676,452.00

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2025 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Adopted: May 7, 2025

Councilman Conlon mentioned that for those at home this resolution is to adopt the municipal budget. It



is the 10<sup>th</sup> year without an increase and all those involved with it should be commended.

Motion to move Resolution 2025-207.

Moved:Conlon

Seconded: Erik

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

Voted Nay:None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XII 4

~ Resolution 2025 – 208 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2025 SOLID WASTE BUDGET

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has completed its review of the Solid Waste Budget ,revised the proposal from the Administration where it deemed necessary, and held the required public hearings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford of the County of Passaic that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$3,145,496.00 (Item 2 below) for amount to be raised by taxation for Solid Waste Collection District.

RECORDED VOTE	Ayes	(Erik	Nays	(	Abstained	(
		(Chazukow		(		(None
		(Lichtenberg		(None		(
		(Goodsir		(		(
		(Conlon		(	Absent	(None
		(Marsden		(		(

SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS

1 General Revenues		
Surplus Anticipated		\$ 90,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		\$ 100,000.00
2 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION DISTRICT		\$ 3,145,496.00
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 3,335,496.00
3 General Appropriations		
Operations		\$ 3,335,496.00
Deferred Charges		
Statutory Expenditures		
Judgement		
Deficit in Operations in Prior Years		
Surplus (General Budget)		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 3,335,496.00

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2025 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Adopted: May 7, 2025

Motion to move Resolution 2025-208.

Moved:Erik

Seconded: Conlon

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

Voted Nay:None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XIII

Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances

Minutes of: Governing Body Regular Meeting  
Date of Meeting: May 7, 2025  
Time of Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
Minute Page No: Page 10 of 21

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 135 FEES AND COSTS SECTION 135-7 FINANCE OF THE  
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD**

- A. Nonsufficient funds (returned checks): \$20.
- B. Redemption certificate: \$25.
- C. Tax assessment:
  - (1) Duplicate bills: \$5.
- D. There is hereby established a fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of taxes, interest, penalties and municipal charges or other fees and charged by the Township of West Milford, which shall equal a percentage fee on the amount of payment charged as set by a financial institution chosen by the Township to process said credit card payments. Said percentage fee shall not exceed, in any event, 3% of the total amount of the payment.
- E. Request for redemption calculation; third and subsequent request in a calendar year: \$50 per request.
- F. Lien redemption calculation: \$50.
- G. Tax Sale Notification Mailings (2): \$50.  
(Cost of Sale)

Introduced: April 23, 2025  
Adopted: May 7, 2025  
Effective Date: May 27, 2025

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

**BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$4,590,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,899,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY**

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 several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by The Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey. For the said several improvements or purposes stated in said Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for said improvements or purposes, said sums, except as otherwise set forth herein, being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and amounting in the aggregate to \$4,590,000 including the aggregate sum of \$195,510 as the several down payments for said improvements or purposes required by law and more particularly described in said Section 3 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, in the case of the improvement or purpose described in paragraph (a) of said Section 3, the sum of \$495,490 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 improvements or purposes, 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 \$4,590,000 appropriations not provided for by application hereunder of said down payments and grant, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$3,899,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$3,899,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.** The improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, the appropriation made for and estimated cost of each such purpose, and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each such purpose, are respectively as follows:

IMPROVEMENT OR PURPOSE	APPROP. & EST. COST	EST. MAX. AMOUNT OF BONDS & NOTES
(a) Improvement of Clinton Road in and by the Township by 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 used or referred to in Section 40A:2 22 of said Local Bond Law), together with all sidewalks, curbing, structures, appurtenances, milling, drainage improvements, equipment, 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, the \$955,000 appropriation hereby made therefor being inclusive of the amount of \$495,490 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	\$955,000	\$437,600
(b) Acquisition by purchase of new and additional vehicular equipment including six (6) utility vehicles for use by the Police Department of the Township and one (1) pick-up truck for use by the Parks Department of the Township, together with all equipment, attachments and accessories necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved	\$320,000	\$304,500
(c) Improvement of various roads in and by the Township by 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 used or referred to in Section 40A:2 22 of said Local Bond Law), including, without limitation, Alpine Ridge Road for its entire length, Hearthstone Drive for its entire length, Hirth Drive for its entire length, Sherwood Court for its entire length, Charcoal Road for its entire length, Lone Pine Lane for its entire length, Sugar Maple Road for its entire length, Split Rock Road for its entire length, Dongan Lane for its entire length, Tintle Avenue for its entire length, Ringwood Lane for its entire length, Hewitt Road for its entire length, Quinton Road for its entire length, Ellisdale Road for its entire length, Layton Road for its entire length, Kresson Road for its entire length and Clinton Road from the Wildcat Preserve to Goldfinch Lane, together with all sidewalks, curbing, crack sealing, guide rail installation,	\$1,500,000	\$1,428,500

structures, appurtenances, milling, drainage improvements, equipment, 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		
(d) Improvement of Dygos Field in and by the Township, said field being located on property owned by the Board of Education of the Township (the "Board"), and being jointly used by the Township and the Board including, without limitation, the installation of artificial turf, together with all structures, facilities, landscaping, site work, equipment, 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	\$1,553,000	\$1,479,000
(e) Acquisition by purchase of new and additional vehicular equipment including one (1) mason dump truck for use by the Department of Public Works of the Township (said vehicles each having a gross vehicle weight in excess of 15,000 pounds), together with all attachments, appurtenances, accessories and equipment necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved	\$142,000	\$135,200
(f) Acquisition by purchase of new and additional equipment including turnout gear and fire extrication equipment for use by the Fire Department of the Township, together with all attachments, appurtenances, accessories and equipment necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved	\$120,000	\$114,200
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$4,590,000</b>	<b>\$3,899,000</b>

Except as otherwise stated in paragraph (a) above with respect to the said grant-in-aid of financing the purpose described in said paragraph, the excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the said down payment for said purpose.

**Section 4.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and each 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 benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the respective amounts of the said obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 11.65 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 \$3,899,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) Amounts not exceeding \$450,000 in the aggregate for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs 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 costs of said improvements and are included in the foregoing estimate thereof (and, in particular, \$50,000 of such costs allocable to costs of issuance have been included in the improvement described in Section 3(f) of this bond ordinance).

**Section 5.** The funds from time to time received by the Township on account of the \$495,490 grant referred to in Section 1 of this bond ordinance shall be used for financing the improvement or purpose described in paragraph (a) of Section 3 of this bond ordinance by application thereof either to direct payment of the costs of said improvements or purposes, or to payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized therefor by this bond ordinance. Any such funds so received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the costs of said improvements or purposes 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 acting chief financial officer or the treasurer (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 at no less than par 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: May 7, 2025  
Adopted:  
Effective Date:

Second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance is set for the Regular Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for May 21, 2025. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the Herald News on or about May 13, 2025.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-015.

Moved:

Conlon

Seconded:

Erik

Voted Aye:

Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay:

None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XIV 2

~ Ordinance 2025 – 016 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 348, TATTOO PARLORS AND TATTOO ARTISTS,  
TO ALLOW TEMPORARY ESTABLISHMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the Township regulates Tattoo Parlors and Tattoo Artists, for the betterment of the public's health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to expand Tattoo Establishments to temporary locations, and so as to allow them at events as may be held within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, while allowing such temporary locations, it shall continue and remain unlawful for any person to engage in tattooing without first obtaining approval from the Township Health Department to engage in such activity; and

**WHEREAS**, temporary locations shall be subject to the same licensing fee as for other tattoo establishments.

**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 Code of the Township of West Milford, Chapter 348, Tattoo Parlors and Tattoo Artist, shall be amended only to add the following new Section Chapter 348—7, Temporary Establishments:

SECTION 1. § 348-7 Temporary Establishments

- A. Temporary Establishments are herein authorized, subject to the approval of the Township of West Milford Health Department. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of or operating a temporary establishment where Tattooing is performed without first obtaining a license from the Township of West Milford Health Department to engage in such activity.
- B. An application for any temporary establishment must be accompanied by the fee as set forth in Chapter 135-35.

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: May 7, 2025  
Adopted:  
Effective Date:

Second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance is set for the Regular Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for May 21, 2025. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the Herald News on or about May 13, 2025.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-016.

Moved: Conlon

Seconded: Erik

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XIV 3

~ Ordinance 2025 – 017 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 135-35, TATTOO PARLORS AND TATTOO  
ARTISTS, TO ESTABLISH THE LICENSE FEE FOR TEMPORARY ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE  
TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, the Township regulates Tattoo Parlors and Tattoo Artists, for the betterment of the public’s health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to expand Tattoo Establishments to allow temporary locations at events as may be held within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to amend its license fees to set forth those fees.

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 Code of the Township of West Milford, Chapter 135-35, Tattoo Parlors and tattoo artists, shall be amended only to add the following:

SECTION 1. § 135-35 Tattoo parlors and tattoo artists

- C. Temporary Tattooing Facility: \$205.00

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.

Minutes of: Governing Body Regular Meeting  
Date of Meeting: May 7, 2025  
Time of Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED** that the Township's white-collar managerial personnel shall be authorized to utilize flex time in accordance with the provisions outlined in this resolution.

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**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY**

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Minutes of:  
Date of Meeting:  
Time of Meeting:  
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Governing Body Regular Meeting  
May 7, 2025  
6:30 p.m.  
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Adopted: May 7, 2025

Agenda No. XIV 5

**~ Resolution 2025 – 210 ~**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A WIBIT AQUATRACK STANDARD COMBINATION PLAY PRODUCT OPEN WATER SYSTEM FOR BUBBLING SPRINGS LAKE 1468 MACOPIN RD, WEST MILFORD, NJ 07480 WITH FUNDING FROM THE PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford wishes to purchase and install a Wibit AquaTrack open water system for Bubbling Springs Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Community Services and Recreation has provided a recommendation to purchase this through Commercial Recreation Specialist State Contract #16-FLEET-00133; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the purchase shall not exceed \$17,055.60

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

1. The Township Council hereby authorizes the purchase of a Wibit AquaTrack open water system for Bubbling Springs lake at 1468 Macopin Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 in an amount not to exceed \$17,055.60 through Commercial Recreation Specialist 807 Liberty Drive Suite 101, Verona, WI 53593
2. The Township Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in account #: 19-295-56-100-701
3. This resolution shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: May 7, 2025

Agenda No. XIV 6

**~ Resolution 2025 – 211 ~**

(Was removed-number not used.)

Agenda No. XIV 7

**~ Resolution 2025 – 212 ~**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC SALE OF MUNICIPALITY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD ONLINE AT MUNICIBID.COM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 12A:2-328 SALE BY AUCTION AND N.J.S.A. 19:9-2.6 SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 12A:2-328 and N.J.S.A. 19:9-2.6, the Township of West Milford may sell any municipality-owned personal property at a public auction; and

**WHEREAS**, the sales are being conducted pursuant to the Division of Local Government Services' Local Finance Notice 2008-21: and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:9-2.6 and the Division of Local Government Services' Notice 2008-9 outline specific advertising requirements to provide for transparency and public participation in such sales; and

**WHEREAS**, The Township has secured the services of municibid.com to organize and conduct all aspects of the Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to commencement of such sale, municibid.com shall confirm that the Township Administrator and Department of Public Works is apprised of all necessary information to provide such public notice and the date of sale shall be such that there is sufficient time within the law to advertise in the Township's official newspaper.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to sell the municipality-owned property as indicated in Schedule "A" Property Auction Manifest shown below on an online auction website entitled [www.municibid.com](http://www.municibid.com).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the terms and conditions entered into between municibid.com and the Township of West Milford are available at [www.municibid.com](http://www.municibid.com); and



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, and that a notice will be published in the official newspaper in accordance with the requirements for same.

Schedule “A” - Property Auction Manifest

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION
Video Games	Broken videos games at Teen Center
Amusement Devises	Broken or unneeded amusement games at Teen Center
Furniture	3 chairs and 2 loveseats from the Teen Center
Water Tanks	Large capacity industrial water tanks
2012 Asphalt Warmer	Manufacturer: Falcon Road Maintenance – Type: Slip in Pathway – Small truck or trailer mounted asphalt hot box for warming asphalt – holds approximately ½ ton of material
Shipping Containers	Unneeded containers for shipping or storage
Outdoor Storage Lockers	2 metal lockers to store equipment and propane tanks
Computer Equipment	Old printers, computers, monitors, and parts at end of life

Adopted: May 7, 2025

Agenda No. XIV 8

~ Resolution 2025 – 213 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ULTRA-SAFE SECURITY SYSTEMS INC. FOR MONITORING AND INSPECTIONS OF THE FIRE ALARM, CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AND/OR BURGLARY SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Resolution 2018-113 the Township of West Milford entered into an agreement with Ultra-Safe Security Systems, Inc. for the monitoring and inspection of the fire alarm, carbon monoxide detectors and/or burglary systems; and

**WHEREAS**, said Resolution authorized the execution of an agreement with Ultra-Safe Security Systems, Inc., for a period of May 2018 through May 2019, at which time the Township may, by written notice, renew for additional one (1) year periods; and

**WHEREAS**, Ultra-Safe Security Systems, Inc., has satisfactorily worked with the Township for the monitoring and inspection of the fire alarm, carbon monoxide detectors and/or burglary systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works has recommended a one-year extension of the agreement with Ultra-Safe Security Systems, Inc. for the period from June 2025 through May 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that encumbrances for these services shall come from account 01-201-20-161-450.

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

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a one-year extension to the agreement with Ultra-Safe Security Systems, Inc., 79 Timber Lane East, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 for the period of June 2025 through May 2026 for the monitoring and inspection of the fire alarm, carbon monoxide detectors and/or burglary systems in an amount not to exceed \$9,840.00.
2. This extension will expire on May 31, 2026.
3. The Township’s Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
4. This resolution shall serve as an addendum to the Agreement with Ultra-Safe Security Systems, Inc. for alarm system monitoring as stated above.

Adopted: May 7, 2025

Agenda No. XIV 9

~ Resolution 2025 – 214 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF OFF-SITE FILE STORAGE THROUGH FILEBANK, INC.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford has a need requiring off-site storage for all departments, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the Chief Financial Officer has certified the funds to be available; 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 payments to the above referenced vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

Adopted: May 7, 2025

Councilman Conlon questioned who Resolution 2025-209 applied to and why it needed to happen in the same pay period. Administrator Senande indicated that it has to be during the pay period because otherwise it would be considered comp-time. The resolution basically applies to Administrator Senande and Directors. Directors still have the option of comp-time. There is currently no rule to allow for the flexibility to attend late night meetings and this will set the policy.

Motion to move Resolutions 2025-209 through 2025-214 with 2025-211 removed.

Moved:ConlonSeconded: Marsden

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

Voted Nay:None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XV

Consent Agenda

~ Resolution 2025 – 215 ~

**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) **2025-216** – Refund Recreation Fees

Adopted: May 7, 2025

Agenda No. XV a

~ Resolution 2025 – 216 ~

**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:

SPRING SOCCER			
\$80.00	54 Ramapo Road Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$10.00	34 Carteret Street West Milford, NJ 07480
\$10.00	256 Macopin Road West Milford NJ 07480	\$10.00	20 Ardena Road Hewitt, NJ 07421
MULTI SPORTS			
\$170.00	4 Sophie Ave. West Milford, NJ 07480	\$180.00	10 Russell Ct. Montville, NJ 07045
\$170.00	4 Rumson Ct. Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$170.00	60 Spring Ave. West Milford, NJ 07480
\$170.00	56 Yorkshire Ave. West Milford, NJ 07480	\$170.00	29 Sussex Drive West Milford, NJ 07480

HATHA MAT YOGA & YOGA STRENGTH			
\$20.00	271 Weaver Road West Milford, NJ 07480		
DAYCAMP BEFORE CARE			
\$46.00	68 Bergen Drive West Milford, NJ 07480		

Adopted: May 7, 2025

Moved: ErikSeconded: Lichtenberg

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XVI

Approval of Expenditures

~ Resolution 2025 – 217 ~

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	\$889,798.24
3	Reserve Account	17,139.85
2	Grants	5,139.64
6	Refunds	1,206.00
1	General Ledger	0.00
26	Refuse	175,650.00
4	Capital	1,060,124.74
19	Animal Control	0.00
19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	17,714.04
16	Development Escrow	0.00
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	0.00
Total		\$2,166,772.51
Less Refund Resolution		-1,206.00
<b>Actual Bills List</b>		<b>\$2,165,566.51</b>
Other Payments:		
Payroll		575,355.51
Petty Cash		250.00
Total Expenditures		<b>\$2,741,172.02</b>

Adopted: May 7, 2025

Moved: ErikSeconded: Conlon

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XVII

Reports of Mayor, Council Members, Administrator, and Attorney

Councilwoman Lichtenberg – No report.

Councilman Goodsir –Registration is now open for the Pump Track Clinic with Instructor Kathi Krause with Dirt, Rock N Root Training. Registration is open for Introduction to Archery for Kids and Adults. This 4 week program at Bubbling Springs is a great introduction to the sport. There is a new story at the Nosenzo Pond Story Walk. Worm Weather by Jean Taft. The Story Walk is an interactive walk through nature promoting literacy and exercise brought to you by the Recreation Department and the West Milford Township Library. Registration is open for Bubbling Springs Lake memberships. Registration is open for our Introduction to Rowing Program at Bubbling Springs. This is a great opportunity to introduce your child to the sport of rowing with Coach Oksana. May 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a fishing derby. There will be pizza, hot dogs, prizes and more. The Elks will be providing hot dogs June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Recreation Center.

Councilman Conlon – Congratulations to the two new officers and two new special police officers. Thank you to officers Soltesz and Wunk as well as our good Samaritan John Ward. Thank you to Senator Barranco for being here tonight. Happy Mother’s Day.

Councilman Marsden – No report.

Councilwoman Erik – Roadside cleanup is still going on.

Councilman Chazukow – No report.

Mayor Dale – Had gone to the Beautification and Recycling Committee in the beginning of the year to say that a cleanup two times a year just wasn’t enough with a Town the size of West Milford. Councilwoman Erik embraced the effort and it has made a difference. As of May 5<sup>th</sup> there have been 72 people who have participated and 1,963 bags have been picked up and delivered to the dump. They collected 59 tires and 72 hubcaps and spent 1,308 hours. She thanked all the volunteers and let people know they could volunteer for just an hour if they wanted or maybe clean a section and leave the bag to help out.

Administrator Senande – No report.

Attorney Pasternak – No report.

Agenda No. XVIII

Appointments and Resignations

Liaison Councilman Conlon made a motion to appoint John Bossolt as Alternate #1 to the Economic Development Commission. Councilwoman Erik made a motion to close and confirm. All were in favor.

Agenda No. XVIII

Adjournment

Moved:

Voted Aye:

Voted Nay:

Motion carried.

Conlon

Unanimous voice vote

None

Seconded: Chazukow

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Deidre Ellis, Keyboarding Clerk III

MICHELE DALE, MAYOR

WILLIAM SENANDE, TOWNSHIP CLERK