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

#### **Adequate Notice Statement**

Mayor Dale read the following statement:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-8) adequate notice of this Regular Meeting was advertised in the Herald News in and The Record in its issue of January 10, 2023, February 14, 2023 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.

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#### Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda No. II

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Ada Erik, Michael Chazukow, Marilyn Lichtenberg,

Kevin Goodsir, Matthew Conlon, David Marsden

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Michele Dale, Township Administrator William Senande,

Township Attorney Ed Pasternak

Agenda No. III

#### Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

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Motion to approve the minutes.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg

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

Voted Nay: None Motion carried:

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Agenda No. IV

#### **Meetings**

October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda No. V

**Proclamations** 

None

Agenda No. VI

### **Presentations**

Senior Olympian Champions – Community Services and Recreation - Flo Mc Clellan did a presentation and announced West Milford placed first in the recent Senior Olympics. There are 6 Townships that participate, Pequannock, Morris Township, Wayne, Sparta, Randolph and West Milford. She listed a number of events that take place and said that West Milford was on a roll, tying with Randolph last year for first place and winning the year before that. Not only did the team do well but many team members performed very well individually. Congratulations to all the winners and to all those who participated.

Mayor Dale Congratulated all and thanked Flo and the team.

House Beautiful Award – Beautification and Recycling Committee – Beautification Task force members James Bennett, John Monahan and Derick Nicholson joined Liason Councilwoman Erik as she presented a plaque to Betty Leet. The contest rules stated that the garden could not be done by a professional landscaper. Photos are submitted, the garden is viewed from the street and the committee makes a decision.

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#### **Executive Session**

None

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#### **Discussion Items / Official Communications**

None

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#### **Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances**

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# ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 300-42 REMOVAL OF SEPTIC TANK SLUDGE AND 300-46 FEES OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 300 Sewers Section 42 Removal of Septic Tank Sludge is amended as follows: §300-42 Removal of septic tank sludge

- A. Any person, partnership, firm or corporation who or which empties, relieves or pumps out all or a portion of an individual or non-individual sewage disposal system within the Township of West Milford shall first apply to the Department of Health to become a licensed septic sludge removal operator and submit a list of addresses of all sludge removal performed during the prior licensing term in the Township and the date of the removal. Any such license shall be for a term of one year from July 1st through June 30th and shall be subject to the payment of a fee as provided in §300-46.
- E. The Department of Health may suspend or refuse to renew the license of any septic sludge removal operator who fails to comply with this article. The license shall be revoked if the licensee fails to timely submit permits of more than 10% of the sludge removals performed during the prior three-month period and/or submitted with incomplete or inaccurate information. Renewal shall be denied if 5% of the sludge removals performed during the prior license term were not submitted in a timely manner and/or submitted with incomplete or inaccurate information.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 300 Sewers Section 46 Fees is amended as follows:

 $\S 300\text{-}46\ \text{Fees}$  – fees and changes are herewith established as set forth below:

\$100 for up to 10 septic pumping permits;

\$200 for up to 25;

\$300 for up to 50;

\$400 for up to 100; and

\$500 for unlimited permits

If a licensee requires additional permits during the license term, they shall be credited with the amount previously paid.

**SECTION 3.** 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 4.** 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and

publication as required by law.

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

Introduced: September 13, 2023 Adopted: October 4, 2023 Effective Date: October 24, 2023

This Ordinance was introduced on September 13, 2023 and the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Herald News on or about September 19, 2023. The Governing Body will open the meeting to the public to speak on this ordinance only.

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

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2023-022.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Conlon

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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# ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 195 JUNK, JUNKYARD AND MOTOR VEHICLE JUNKYARDS OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

**WHEREAS**, the Township seeks to update its Code to remove redundant provisions within its Code; and

**WHEREAS**, within Chapter 195 Junk, Junkyards and Motor Vehicle Junkyards, the Township Code includes a section as to requiring "Monitoring Wells" at Section 195-8; and

**WHEREAS**, enforcement of this provision has never occurred, due in part to requiring identification of a multitude of specific environmental contaminants; and

**WHEREAS**, further amendment of the provision to set forth such prohibited environmental contaminants would be both costly and burdensome, but not otherwise further the ends of Chapter 195 as to licensure of junkyards; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 195 does set forth a number of other inspection criteria, to effectuate such licensure of junkyards and so as to protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

**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 revoke and repeal only Section 195-8, Monitoring Wells within Chapter 195, Junk, Junkyard and Motor Vehicle Junkyards of the Township Code.

**SECTION 1.** Within the Township Code, Township of West Milford, Part II, General Legislation,

Chapter 195-8, shall herein be revoked and repealed in its entirety.

**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.

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Seeing no one wished to speak Councilman Conlon made a motion to close the public portion. Seconded by Councilman Goodsir. All were in favor.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2023-023.

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Conlon

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XI 3

~ Ordinance 2023 - 024 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 500 ZONING SECTION 500-12 AREA AND YARD REQUIREMENTS AND SECTION 500-72 NON-CONFORMING LOTS, STRUCTURES AND USES TO CHANGE THE PERMITTED MAXIMUM BUILDING COVERAGE OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council determined that maximum building coverage for accessory structures was not consistent for residential zones and unnecessarily limited the maximum size of said structures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council wish to clarify the ordinance provisions for the maximum size and coverage for accessory structures in residential zones; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council have determined that clarifying the ordinance would be beneficial to the general welfare of the community; and

**NOW THEREFORE, 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 500 "Zoning" Section 500-12 Area and Yard Requirements is amended to read as follows:

#### § 500-12 Area and Yard Requirements

A. Individual sewerage and water facilities.

	De	etached D	wellings	
Minimum Requirements		R-3	R-2	R-1
Principal building				
Lot area (acres)	4	3	2	1
Lot frontage (feet)	300	250	200	150
Lot width (feet)	300	250	200	150
Lot depth (feet)	275	250	225	200
Side yard, each (feet)	60	50	40	30
Front yard (feet)	125	100	75	50
Rear yard (feet)	125	100	75	50
Accessory building				
Minimum distance to:				
Side line (feet)	50	50	30	15
Rear line (feet)	50	50	30	15
Other buildings (feet)	20	20	20	20
Maximum building coverage				
Principal building	10%	10%	10%	10%
Accessory building, maximum square feet footprint	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Accessory structures, maximum coverage	3%	3%	3%	3%

B. With central sewerage and water facilities and located within a wastewater management service area.

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Minimum Requirements		R-2	R-1	R-1/I
Principal building				
Lot area (square feet)	25,000	20,000	15,000	15,000
Lot frontage (feet)	140	125	110	110
Lot width (feet)	140	125	110	110
Lot depth (feet)	175	150	125	125
Side yard, each (feet)	40	30	25	25
Front yard (feet)	50	40	35	35
Rear yard (feet)	70	60	45	45
Accessory building Minimum distance to:				
Side line (feet)	15	10	10	10
Rear line (feet)	15	10	10	10
Other building (feet)	20	15	15	15
Maximum building coverage				
Principal building	10%	10%	10%	10%
Accessory building, maximum square feet footprint	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Accessory structures, maximum coverage	3%	3%	3%	3%

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A. Lots

(4) Any lot not conforming to the present zoning regulations and being developed pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to the May 7, 1969, zoning standards, including the standards for maximum lot coverage, except that the following building coverage limitations shall not be exceeded:

Present Zone	Accessory Building (square feet)
LR	3,000
R-1	3,000
R-2	3,000
R-3	3,000
R-4	3,000

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

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

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2023-024.

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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Agenda No. XI 4

~ Ordinance 2023 - 025 ~

## ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 500 "ZONING" ADDING A NEW SECTION 500-72B ENTITLED "STRUCTURES" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council determined that that there are no provisions with regards to non-Conforming structures that are specified within the zoning code.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council wish to clarify the ordinance provisions for non-conforming structures that are specified within the zoning code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council have determined that allowing the provision in the ordinance would be beneficial to the general welfare of the community; and

**NOW THEREFORE, 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 500 "Zoning" Section 500-72 Nonconforming lots, structures and uses is amended to add Section 50-72.B as follows:

§ 500-72 Nonconforming lots, structures and uses.

- **B.** Structures.
- (1) A pre-existing structure which is nonconforming with the standards of this code may be continued, maintained, remodeled, or reconstructed; provided, that the new construction does not further intrude

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into the required setbacks. Vertical construction within the existing setback encroachment is permitted. New construction or related activity shall not be considered further intruding into a required setback so long as the footprint of the structure lying within the setback is not increased by more than 500 square feet and meets the following standards:

- (a) The addition is aligned parallel with the existing building footprint to connect at a perpendicular point with the intent of squaring off the structure.
- (b) No portion of the structure is located closer to the property lines than the original footprint of the structure.

**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.

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Seeing no one wished to speak Councilwoman Erik made a motion to close the public portion. Seconded by Councilman Goodsir. All were in favor.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2023-025.

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Conlon

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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~ Ordinance 2023 - 026 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 500 ZONING TO PERMIT LICENSED CANNABIS RETAILERS TO HAVE A WALK-UP WINDOW AND AMENDING SECTION 500-193 CANNABIS RETAILER SECTION TO ESTABLISH WALK-UP WINDOW STANDARDS AND ADDING DEFINITIONS TO SECTION 500-195 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council determined that there may be a necessity for walk-up windows at cannabis retailers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council wish to clarify the ordinance provisions for cannabis retailers to permit walk-up windows and to provide standards for those facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council have determined that clarifying the ordinance would be beneficial to the general welfare of the community; and

**NOW THEREFORE, 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 500 "Zoning" Section 500-193 Cannabis Retailer is amended and supplemented to read as follows:

#### § 500-193 Cannabis retailer.

- A. Cannabis retailer shall be a permitted use in all zones of the Township of West Milford, with the exception that no such permitted use shall occur in any residential zone (LR, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-1I, R-1PN, SHD/R-2 Zones), and subject to the following:
  - (1) Eligible locations: Facilities shall be at least 500 feet from any parks and 1,000 feet from any schools.
  - (2) Location: Cannabis retailers shall be separate and distinct from growing operations.
  - (3) Buildings: All cannabis retailers shall be enclosed in heated/air-conditioned permanent buildings, not trailers, outdoors, movable kiosks, etc.

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(4) Signage: Signs shall be limited to location identification/name of business. Signage shall not promote consumption of any cannabis products.

- (5) Site plan approval: When seeking site plan approval, the applicant for cannabis retailers services shall submit a safety and security plan and emergency services access plan.
- (6) Accessibility: Any cannabis retailer shall only have one primary public access point, which shall be directly adjacent to the right-of-way or parking area of the building. Access should not be through common entrances with other uses.
- (7) Hours of operation for cannabis retailers shall be limited to 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- (8) Interior security: Cannabis retailers interiors shall provide a secure location for storage of products with minimum products in any customer service area.
- (9) Exterior loitering and security: People shall not be permitted to congregate outside of a cannabis retailer, loiter or wait in line to access the cannabis retailer. The facility shall have a plan in place if interior capacity is exceeded, i.e., numbers are given and customers wait in their vehicles until called.
- (10) Product consumption: No products shall be permitted to be consumed on-site.
- (11) State license: The facility must have a valid license to operate from the State of New Jersey.
- (12) Any cannabis facility is subject to compliance with all state laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to cannabis licenses issued by the State of New Jersey and the Township of West Milford.
- (13) Walk-up or service windows ("curbside retail sales"): Licensed cannabis retailers are permitted to operate walk-up windows subject to the following regulations:
   (a)Service windows must comply with N.J.A.C. 17:30-14.4 "Curbside retail sales."
  - (b) Walk-up windows shall be used only for online pick-up orders placed prior to the customer arriving on site.
  - (c) An informational sign must be posted at each walk-up window, in a place visible to customers utilizing the service window, informing customers of the retailer's procedures for walk-up windows and the legal age to purchase cannabis products.
  - (d) Walk-up windows must remain securely closed at all times except when opened to take an order or complete a transaction. The window must not be left open when unattended. When the service window is closed to the public, the window must be secured using security shutters.
  - (e) Procedure: the cannabis retailer shall establish a process for the utilization of the walk-up window, to include at least the following and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:30-14.4:
    - [1] Customers must have their government-issued identification and online order confirmed.
      - [2] As required by N.J.A.C. 17:30-14.3(d)1-5, the employee will confirm that the customer has not exceeded the daily allowed limit of cannabis products.
      - [3] A secure method to transfer payment and product(s) must be established.
  - (f) The receipt given to the customer must include the company's name, address, license number, telephone number, the date of retail sale, and the cannabis items purchased and their prices, the customer's ID, and all information as required by N.J.A.C. 17:30-14.3.
  - (g) The cannabis retailer shall have a process in place to avoid the formation of a queue of customers at the walk-up window.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 500 "Zoning" Section 500-195 Medical and Recreation Cannabis Activity Definitions is amended and supplemented to read as follows:

§ 500-195 Definitions.

#### **CURBSIDE RETAIL SALE**

When a cannabis retailer sells a cannabis item to a consumer who is on the exterior of the facility on the cannabis retailer premises, which includes any parking lot and adjacent sidewalk that are located at the physical address listed on the cannabis business license, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-14.4.

#### SERVICE/WALK-UP WINDOW

A window where customers of a licensed retail cannabis establishment can walk up for the purpose of purchasing cannabis products. See also **CURBSIDE RETAIL SALE**.

#### **SECURITY SHUTTERS**

Interior or exterior accordion, rolling, or bifold shutters made of steel or aluminum.

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Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2023-026.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Conlon

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

Voted Nay: Lichtenberg

Motion carried:

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#### Agenda No. XI 6

#### ~ Ordinance 2023 - 027 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 500 ZONING SECTION 500-90 FARM ANIMALS TO PERMIT CERTAIN EXOTIC ANIMALS AND TO AMEND SECTION 500-66 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS WITH RESPECT TO REQUIREMENTS FOR POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK SHELTERS TO REMOVE INCONSISTENCIES OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council determined that the keeping of certain exotic animals is in keeping with farming practices within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council wish to clarify the ordinance provisions for Farm Animals in the Township and eliminate inconsistencies with other ordinance sections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council have determined that clarifying the ordinance would be beneficial to the general welfare of the community; and

**NOW THEREFORE, 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 500 "Zoning" Section 500-90 Farm Animals is amended to read as follows:

§ 500-90 Farm Animals.

- A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, farm animals shall be housed and kept in a manner which will not constitute a public nuisance.
- B. A minimum tract for the keeping of farm animals shall be:
- (1) One acre for the keeping of horses. The number of horses permitted shall be determined by the size of the accessory structure(s) housing the animals, using 100 square feet of roof area per animal as the criteria for determining the number of horses permitted on the property. A minimum of 32 square feet of roof area shall be required per animal.
- One acre for the keeping of cows, sheep, pigs, goats, llamas, alpacas, ostriches, rheas, and emus. No more than one animal shall be kept per acre of lot area.
- (3) One acre for the keeping of poultry and fowl, except as provided in Subsection B(5) of this section except that there shall be allowed a maximum amount of 12 chicken hens allowed on lots of less than one acre. No more than 32 animals shall be kept per acre of lot area. Roosters are only permitted on lots of five acres or more.

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- (4) There shall be no minimum lot size for the keeping of rabbits. No more than 25 rabbits shall be kept on lots of one acre or less and no more than 75 rabbits shall be kept on lots of over one acre.
- (5) The housing and keeping of all other farm animals, except those determined by the Zoning Officer to be substantially similar to one or more farm animals listed above, is prohibited.
- (6) All poultry and livestock shelters shall be a minimum distance of 25 feet to any off-site residential structures.
- C. No farm animals shall be kept unless they can be contained on the property of their owner or the agent of their owner.
- D. Any use for the keeping of farm animals prior to the adoption of this chapter shall be considered nonconforming, provided that the owner registers the use with the Township Zoning Officer within 90 days of the passage of this chapter.
- E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to farms or commercial horse stables as defined in § **420-6**, Definitions.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 500 "Zoning" Section 500-66 Accessory Buildings is amended to read as follows:

§ 500-66 Accessory buildings.

- C. Distance between adjacent buildings. The minimum distance between an accessory building and any other buildings on the same lot shall be as prescribed in §§ 500-12, 500-28, 500-40 and 500-48. Minimum distance between an outdoor wood burning furnace and any other buildings on the lot shall be as per manufacturer's specifications and zoning standards for the respective zone district.
- D. Location. An accessory building may be erected in side or rear yard areas only, and shall be set back from side and rear lot lines as prescribed in §§ 500-12, 500-23C(4)(b), 500-28, 500-40, and 500-48, except that, if erected on lots with more than one street frontage, the accessory building shall be set back from the secondary street to comply with the setback line applying to the principal building for that side street. Outdoor wood burning furnaces must meet accessory building setbacks in the respective zone district.
- F. Location. An accessory building may be erected anywhere on a lot within the principal building setbacks and in side or rear yard areas when meeting the accessory structure side or rear yard setbacks as prescribed herein. Except that, if erected on a lot with two or more street frontages, the accessory building shall be set back from any secondary street to comply with the setback line applying to the principal building for side yards. The secondary street shall be any street that the building does not front on or face with a front door and would otherwise be considered a side yard, if not for the street frontage. Also except that no poultry or livestock shelter shall be erected nearer than 25 feet to any adjacent -off-site residential structure.
- G. Accessory buildings not exceeding 100 square feet. All accessory buildings that do not exceed 100 square feet in total area and are not used to shelter livestock or poultry may be located within five feet of any side or rear lot line.

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

Introduced: September 13, 2023 Adopted: October 4, 2023 Effective Date: October 24, 2023

This Ordinance was introduced on September 13, 2023 and the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Herald News on or about September 19, 2023. The Governing Body will open the meeting to the public to speak on this ordinance only.

Susan Eckler questioned how close roosters would be able to get to a neighboring property line. Even though roosters would be restricted to a property having 5 acres or more, she would like additional clarification as to the proximity to adjoining properties because roosters are very loud and would be a potential nuisance. She indicated that enclosures for the roosters should be subject to an accessory building setback.

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

Councilwoman Erik indicated that the roosters were only allowed on properties that were 5 acres or more and that the setbacks for assessor structures were not the same as for a fence. Fencing can go right up to the property line. Councilman Marsden agreed that if people wanted to free-range their birds that would be the case.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2023-027.

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Conlon

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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#### ~ Ordinance 2023 - 028 ~

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

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey that pursuant to Chapter 33 entitled Personnel of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Milford, New Jersey, 1976, the following Officer(s) and Employee(s) here below stated shall be classified by job title with the corresponding pay ranges:

#### DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE HEADS

JOB TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00

- 1. The aforelisted Officer(s) and Employee(s) shall be compensated in accordance with the preceding Salary Range.
- BENEFITS: Benefits relating to vacation, sick days, personal days, longevity, holidays, bereavement leave and medical insurance shall be those as contained in the contract between the West Milford Municipal Employees Guild (AFSCME 3301) and the Township of West Milford or any employment agreement consistent with applicable law.
- 3. OVERTIME: If not otherwise eligible for overtime compensation by contract or law, each full-time department and division head in lieu of overtime compensation as provided in the Guild contract, shall receive three (3) vacation days and up to 35 compensatory hours annually, the latter earned hour for hour for hours worked above forty per week. All other full-time employees listed in this ordinance if not otherwise eligible for overtime compensation by contract or law, shall receive 21 compensatory hours annually, plus one half hour for each hour worked above thirty-five or forty hours per week depending on the applicable contract for the employee's department. Vacation and compensatory time may be used or accumulated as follows: vacation days may be carried for up to one year from January 1 following the year earned, and compensatory hours may be taken no later than April 1 of the year following the year earned.
- 4. Stipend Positions will not be subject to increases unless specifically authorized by Resolution of the Governing Body.
- 5. Any ordinance or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to such extent as they are in conflict or inconsistent. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after its final passage by the Township Council.

Introduced: September 13, 2023 Adopted: October 4, 2023 Effective Date: October 24, 2023

This Ordinance was introduced on September 13, 2023 and the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Herald News on or about September 19, 2023. The Governing Body will open the meeting to the public to speak on this ordinance only.

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

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2023-028.

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

Voted Nay: None

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Motion carried:	
Motion carried:	

At this time Mayor Dale began the Public Portion of the meeting.

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#### **Public Comments**

Renee Allessio – Indicated that on August 31 the State Superior Court concluded that the DEP erred in issuing TGP Company an exemption from the legal requirement to obtain a legal Highlands Preservation Area Approval for the project without determining if the compression station constituted a routine upgrade. She expressed concerns with the Tennessee Gas Pipeline and asked that the Council contact the Governor and the NJ DEP Commissioner to get a stop-work order to halt the project. Other entities appealed to the Courts because the Mayor, Council and Administration did nothing to stop the project. TGP has experienced three different accidents. There was an unplanned blowdown that took over an hour to shut off in Wantage, a pipeline explosion in Pennsylvania that caused a wildfire and a compressor station explosion in Tennessee causing a mile radius evacuation. The gas isn't being utilized by West Milford but is going to New York which now has a law banning new gas hook-ups and Governor Murphy has committed to transition New Jersey to 100% clean energy by the year 2035.

Laura Ashtyani – Reiterated what Ms. Allessio said about petitioning the Governor and asked if there was any plan in place for evacuation in an emergency for a one to two mile radius, and if so, where could these plans be found. She questioned if there were any plans in place to mitigate potential fires. She also questioned what would happen if a regular resident started work without permits, what would the repercussions be.

Tom Miceli – Attended a condo meeting recently and the question arose regarding Richmond Road and Lafayette St. He would like information regarding the history of these two roads, more specifically why it is not owned or maintained by the Township.

Melissa Brown-Blauer – Currently is the Leader of the West Milford Democrats and is running for Mayor. Corporations are not in our Constitution and should not be protected by it or involved in government. The Superior Court Justices for the State of New Jersey invalidated the exemption because it was fraudulently misrepresented as a routine upgrade and out of compliance with the Highlands Act. The project has been misrepresented since it began. It is not a routine upgrade but a major expansion of capacity that endangers our residents for decades to come. TGP is a short-sighted project. A company of their stature should be investing in solar, water and wind, and going green. This Council should be doing the same thing to help West Milford prosper. Corporations only exist to make a profit. She challenged the Council to uphold their oaths of office and represent the people, not the United Corporations of America.

Robin Rose Bennett – Is not here to petition the Council but told a story about the comic book Superman where the ignorant and arrogant Planetary Council didn't listen to Superman's father when he said their plant is about to explode and Superman was sent to Earth. The new story is that the people in power are few and the empowered people are many and they are not going to be quiet and stop. The fact that the permit was declared illegal August 31, is a very good example. The story ends with – permit denied-project cancelled.

Margaret Wood – Read an article about the Hickman County Gas explosion due to an equipment failure and one person was hospitalized. She indicated that a few years ago she presented the Council with documentation that stated that having a compressor station in your county increase the death rate by 2%. She indicated that her recollection was that Councilman Marsden was fine with that statistic. When someone has an accident on the highway the DOT isn't okay with it. They take steps to ensure that it does not happen again with signage, rumple strips, reflective paint etc. West Milford residents do not want TGP blood money. She encouraged the Town Council to repent and change their ways.

Ken Dalsy – Reminded Council that they took an oath of office that included protecting the health and safety of the people of West Milford. The Council failed to do so when the TGP project came through the first time but now have been given a second chance to do the right thing and Council is supported by the determination that the permit application violates the Highlands Act.

Paula Rigovan – Indicated that on April 17, 2023 eight people were arrested, ranging in ages from 23 to 82 for blocking the entrance to the compressor station. The reason for doing so was because the pipes that are 65 years old run under the reservoir and the compressor station is just putting additional pressure on those pipes. This could cause a serious wildfire or contaminate the drinking water and nearly 4 million people could be affected. The building of the compressor station is not routine maintenance. Members of the group are working to ask Governor Murphy and the DEP to please issue a "stop work" order. This is a very serious situation. She is also concerned about the impacts to the climate as well as possible heath problems like miscarriages, still births, asthma and cancers. We need to transition to clean energy as rapidly as possible. She asked the Council to draft a resolution and send it to Governor Murphy.

Latasha Novik and Lucian Cotton – From the cannabis dispensary Beyond Bleaf LLC introduced themselves to the Governing Body and the residents of West Milford. They thanked Cathy Shanahan and Michael Gerst for all of their help and indicated that they wish to abide by all of the rules regarding a

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cannabis business and they resolve to contribute to and support the Township and change the negative tone regarding cannabis. Beyond Bleaf is a minority owned woman's small business.

Jan Berry – A member of the New Jersey Highlands Commission, was a GI in Vietnam and made it to age 75 without a lot of the health issues his contemporaries encountered having been exposed to Agent Orange, but then it hit him. He pointed out that as a society we are poisoning ourselves and although sometimes it takes decades, eventually that is what the result is. He wished to encourage Council to think about clean energy and investments in the future but also brought up pesticides that are used on people's lawns. He has reactions to pesticides and has been in touch with the County because when they spray for Mosquitos he gets sick. The concerns raised by himself and the other speakers are not theoretical.

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

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#### **Council Comments**

Councilman Marsden clarified with Attorney Pasternak that the part of the TGP project that was denied was the construction of a road and parking lot, not the actual compressor station. Councilman Marsden indicated that he does care about the environment, he is a bee keeper and has chickens, but he doesn't appreciate fear-mongering and misstatement of facts. He refuted that he made the statements Ms. Wood indicated and said people can watch the tape to see what he said. He is a medical physicist and works with cancer patients and had spoken in the past about risk vs benefit. He read the article that had been presented at a previous Council meeting and ended up questioning the author. The author said that what was stated by the public regarding the article on cancer was completely wrong, feel free to contact the author directly. Though he understands that people care about the environment, they need to get their facts straight. The pipes that are there can explode any time whether there is a compressor station or not. Councilman Marsden indicated that he does not appreciate being insulted but is willing to speak with anyone who wishes to speak with him. He later added that the 65 year old pipes need to be cleaned and to the Mayor's credit, she made sure that emergency plans were in place.

Councilman Chazukow added that the Council does care about the health and safety of the public and mischaracterizing it as indifference or fascism is unnecessary. The Council does not have negotiations with corporations, they read and listen and make decisions based on the merits. It is unnecessary to mischaracterize any of the Council members or attack Councilman Marsden. A welcome was extend to Beyond Bleaf. There was some discussion regarding the ownership of certain roads that may require a more detailed explanation to the public.

Councilman Conlon indicated that the way to get things done was not to attack people but to bring cool heads to the table and discuss things. We hear the voices of the many and the few from the Township and have to make our decisions based on the information that we have, based on listening to the concerns expressed at the podium and reviewing the New Jersey 's appellate division decisions witch is still subject to superior legal entities as it moves up. He mentioned that corporations will have their funding and activist groups like the Sierra Club have their funding and act to fund the legal end of the appeal. This is the most accessible Council in at least the last 15 years. No one is going to come to the podium and lie about Councilman Marsden, a man of great integrity. He encouraged people to come and speak about the matters at hand.

Mayor Dale indicated that the Township does have emergency plans in place for any type of disaster that may occur. Attorney Pasternak indicated that although we do have plans, not all are public. Mayor Dale indicated that portions of those plans are actually privileged for the safety of the residents. The Office of Emergency Management may be able to provide portions of the plan to the public. The approval for the TGP project did not rely upon the local, county or state government. As stated in meetings previous, the approval was in the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. Mayor Dale respects people supporting causes that they believe in, but as several members of the public stated the decision is up to Governor Murphy and the NJ DEP. People need to direct their concerns and comments to where action can be taken. Mayor Dale reiterated that the latest action does not apply to the compressor station, but rather to an access road and a potential parking area. With regard to the roads Mr. Miceli mentioned, that answer may take a little research for a full explanation and Mayor Dale will look into it and address that so he will be able to have answers.

Motion to close comments by Councilwoman Lichtenberg. Seconded by Councilman Goodsir. All were in favor

Mayor Dale asked to move Resolution 2023-371 through Resolution 2023-383.

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New Business, Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions

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#### ~ Resolution 2023 - 371 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO SPARWICK CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT OF STOWAWAY ROAD OVER BELCHER CREEK

**WHEREAS**, Stowaway Road is a non-Township road and the Stowaway Road bridge is a privately owned and constructed bridge; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of West Milford advertised for the receipt of sealed competitive bids to be received on June 30, 2023 at 10:00 am for the Superstructure Replacement of Stowaway Road over Belcher Creek as per the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford received one (1) bid for this contract; and

**WHEREAS**, said bid has been duly reviewed and analyzed by the consulting bridge engineer and Township Attorney; and

**WHEREAS,** the bid received from the low bidder, Sparwick Contracting, Inc., has been found to be in proper form and in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.5 and the specifications as written; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that encumbrances for these services shall come from account number 04-215-55-842-001; and

**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 Township Council hereby awards a contract to Sparwick Contracting, Inc., 21 Sunset Inn Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848, for the Superstructure Replacement of Stowaway Road over Belcher Creek in an amount not to exceed \$385,953.00.
- 2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Sparwick Contracting, Inc. in accordance with its bid for said Superstructure Replacement of Stowaway Road over Belcher Creek 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.

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#### ~ Resolution 2023 - 372 ~

#### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING CONTRACTS FOR 2023-2024 SNOWPLOWING SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford advertised for the receipt of sealed bids for 4x4 pickups and single axle dump trucks to be received on September 22, 2023 for 2023-2024 Snowplowing Services; and

**WHEREAS**, said bids have been duly reviewed and analyzed by the Department of Public Works, Engineering Division and the Township Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, the award of contracts to vendors whose bids have been found to be in proper form and in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.5 and the specifications as written, noting a five percent (5%) increase of the awarded Class 1 rate for operations on Class 2 areas and Special Rates for additional equipment to be used if and when needed per rates bid; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has rendered an opinion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds, said funds to be encumbered from account number 01-201-26-294-364.

**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 Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute contracts for 2023-2024 Snowplowing Services in accordance with the following outline:

	#	\$ Per Hr	\$ Per Hr
CONTRACTOR	TRKS	Class 1	Class 1
		4x4 Pickup	Single Axle

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1	Longstaff Paving, LLC	10	\$202.00	N/A
2	Tom Buske & Son Construction, LLC	8	\$204.50	N/A
3	Crevina Enterprises, Inc.	2	\$205.00	\$205.00
4	Silver Stone Landscaping LLC	4	\$205.00	N/A
5	Cowboys Landscaping	6	\$205.00	N/A
6	NextGen Solutions, LLC	20	\$225.00	\$235.00
	TOTAL TRUCKS	50		

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution and these contracts shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: October 4, 2023

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#### ~ Resolution 2023 - 373 ~

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS THROUGH ESCNJ CONTRACT #23/24-04 FROM CLIFFSIDE BODY CORP.

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

**WHEREAS**, ESCNJ- (Educational Services Commission of New Jersey) has awarded Contract #23/24-04 for repair parts to Cliffside Body Corp.; 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 Cliffside Body Corp., which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Cliffside Body Corp. 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: October 4, 2023

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#### ~ Resolution 2023 - 374 ~

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SWEEPER REPAIR PARTS THROUGH ESCNJ CONTRACT #23/24-04 FROM W. E. TIMMERMAN

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

**WHEREAS**, ESCNJ- (Educational Services Commission of New Jersey) has awarded Contract #23/24-04 sweeper repair parts to W. E. Timmerman; 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 W. E. Timmerman, which expenses would exceed the threshold of \$17,500.00; and

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

#### TOWNSHIP OF MEAT MILEORS ASSISTED AS A SAME MENT INDOOR

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**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: October 4, 2023

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#### ~ Resolution 2023 - 375 ~

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EQUALIS GROUP COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq., authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Purchasing Agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equalis Group hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Purchasing System for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey desires to participate in the Equalis Group Cooperative Purchasing Agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township of West Milford to participate in the Equalis Group Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and execute a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Equalis Group upon its approval by the Division of Local Government Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Equalis Group as Lead Agency is expected to comply with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. and all of the provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey).

Adopted: October 4, 2023

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#### ~ Resolution 2023 - 376 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING RESOLUTIONS 2023-039 AND 2023-268 WITH DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP FOR SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL SERVICES TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT VALUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00

**WHEREAS,** by virtue of Resolution 2023-039 adopted January 4, 2023 the Township Council did authorize the engagement of Special Legal Counsel services to be provided by Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2023-039 and the related Professional Services Contract did authorize services in an amount not to exceed \$60,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2023-268 increased the not to exceed amount by an additional \$40,000 to cover special labor counsel services; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2023-347 changed the township's primary contact at Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP from Mark Semeraro, Esq. to Deena Rosendahl, Esq. due to Mark Semeraro's departure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator has been advised that the township requires an additional amendment to include an another \$20,000 for labor counsel services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds and said funds to be encumbered from account 01-201-20-155-502 for \$20,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, that a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the originally awarded Professional Services Contract, and this resolution serving as the Addendum to the Contract are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk and that the professional services by Deena Rosendahl, Esq. are extended by an additional twelve months or until the conclusion of the legal matter, whichever comes first.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that they do hereby authorize the Township Administrator to approve an amendment of \$20,000 to Deena Rosendahl, Esq. for Special Legal Services which amount is in excess of the approved contract amount of \$100,000 bringing the contract total to an amount not to exceed \$120,000 and engaging the services of Deena Rosendahl, Esq. for an additional twelve months or until the conclusion of this legal matter, whichever comes first.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: October 4, 2023

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~ Resolution 2023 - 377 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING OF A GRANT FROM THE COLUMBIA BANK FOUNDATION BY THE FRIENDS OF WALLISCH HOMESTEAD FOR THE WALLISCH HOMESTEAD HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN, PHASE 2, PART 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey via Resolution 2023-092 authorized the submission of a grant to the Columbia Bank Foundation by the Friends of Wallisch Homestead for the Wallisch Homestead Historic Preservation Plan, Phase 2, Part 1; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Wallisch Homestead received a check in the amount of \$2,500; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant will be effective for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey hereby approves the acceptance of the Columbia Bank Foundation grant in the amount of \$2,500 for the Wallisch Homestead Historic Preservation Plan, Phase 2, Part 1, in the amount of \$2,500.

Adopted: October 4, 2023

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~ Resolution 2023 - 378 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING OF A GRANT FROM THE PASSAIC COUNTY HISTORIC TRUST REGRANT PROGRAM BY THE FRIENDS OF WALLISCH HOMESTEAD FOR THE WALLISCH HOMESTEAD TIMBER BARN STABILIZATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,000.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey via Resolution 2023-162 authorized the submission of a grant to the Passaic County Historic Trust Regrant Program by the Friends of Wallisch Homestead for the Wallisch Homestead Timber Barn Stabilization Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of Wallisch Homestead received a letter of intent from the Passaic County Board of County Commissioners awarding the grant in the amount of \$39,000; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant will be effective for the period to be advised in the forthcoming formal grant agreement and purchase order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey hereby approves the acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$39,000 for the Wallisch Homestead Timber Barn Stabilization Project.

Adopted: October 4, 2023

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~ Resolution 2023 - 379 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-413 FOR THE APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE THE BUSINESS NAME OF TREEHOUSE VENTURES LLC TO DOOBIEZ, LLC'S CANNABIS BUSINESS AND IN SUPPORT OF SAME

#### TOWNSHIP OF MEAT MILEORS AGUNTY OF BAGGAIO MEM, JERGEY

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**WHEREAS,** the Cannabis Regulatory Commission is charged with implementing the provisions of P.L. 2021c.16, known and cited as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance and Marketplace Modernization Act"; and

**WHEREAS**, the regulations for personal-use cannabis provide a process at N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.2 for changes to an issued adult-use cannabis license or award, including changes of the business's name; and

**WHEREAS**, Treehouse Ventures, LLC did request to change their respective business name; and

**WHEREAS**, Treehouse Ventures, LLC followed the requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.2; and

**WHEREAS** Treehouse Ventures, LLC has submitted documentation of a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services with its amended business name; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.2 concerning changes of the business name, the adult-use cannabis conditional license awardee was APPROVED to change their business names as proposed in their submission to the CRC below:

Applicant Name	Approved New Name
Treehouse Ventures, LLC	Doobiez, LLC

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 2022 by Resolution 2022-413 the West Milford Township Council gave support for Treehouse Ventures LLC now Doobiez, LLC and has expressed interest in siting such a retail cannabis dispensary at 1612 Union Valley Road (Block 7006, Lot 1); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed location is within the Township's Community Commercial Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford has not imposed any limits on the number of retail cannabis dispensary that may operate in the Community Commercial Zone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the West Milford Township Council supports the safe and appropriate siting of a retail cannabis dispensary within the Township's Cannabis Community Commercial Zone by Doobiez, LLC to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Township of West Milford supports the safe and appropriate siting of a retail cannabis dispensary within the Township's Community Commercial Zone, where such facilities are permitted use pursuant to Chapter 500-193, to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

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#### ~ Resolution 2023 - 380 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A TITLE TRANSFER FOR ONE (1) 2016 FORD F-350 FROM TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD TO ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELLING SAME

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford has owned one (1) 2016 Ford F-350 Pick-up Truck VIN #1FTRF3B6XGEC09459; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford wishes to enter into an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management (EFM) for the purpose of selling said vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, EFM requires a clear title for said vehicle to be sold and requires possession of clear titles to effectuate the sale; and

WHEREAS, the Township has possession of said title to be transferred; and

WHEREAS, the transfer is being done in conjunction with the leasing of replacement vehicles.

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

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1. The Administrator is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement to sell one (1) 2016 Ford F-350 Pick-up Truck VIN #1FTRF3B6XGEC09459 and transfer a title from said vehicle to Enterprise Fleet Management.

2. The Administrator is authorized to take any other incidental actions to effectuate this transaction.

Adopted: October 4, 2023

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#### ~ Resolution 2023 - 381 ~

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATION

**WHEREAS** N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget and,

**WHEREAS**, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford wishes to amend its 2023 Budget to include an amount as revenue,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Township of West Milford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item in the budget of the year 2023 which is now available as a revenue from:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:

County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; \$750,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

**General Appropriations** 

(A) Operations – Excluded from CAPS

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenue

County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; \$750,000.00

Local Match

\$ 0.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Finance Department will electronically file with the State of NJ in accordance with LFN 2014-11.

Adopted: October 4, 2023

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#### ~ Resolution 2023 - 382 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CROSS BRIDGE TITLE LLC FOR THE REPORT OF TITLE RELATED TO DEED FOR BLOCK 6404 LOT 7 WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2022-12 adopted on March 16, 2022 the Township accepted the donation of property located at 301 Marshall Hill referred to as Block 6404 Lot 7; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford accepted the donated property and requested to receive a report of title from Cross Bridge Title LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney reviewed the report of title showing the owner has good title to the property and can convey same to the Township; and

WHEREAS, Cross Bridge Title LLC submitted their invoice in the amount of \$1,724.00.

**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 that the invoice of Cross Bridge Title LLC in the amount of \$1,724.00 is hereby approved.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Township Administrator to process the gift and donation of Block 6404 Lot 7 from the owners for the sum of One Dollar and No Cents (\$1.00); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Township Administrator authorize the payment to Cross Bridge Title LLC in the amount of \$1,724.00 for an Affidavit of Title to process the property donation above.

Adopted: October 4, 2023

Agenda No. XII 13

#### ~ Resolution 2023 - 383 ~

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF BEYOND BLEAF LLC'S CANNABIS BUSINESS

**WHEREAS,** on January 18, 2010, Governor Jon Corzine signed the New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act, N.J.S.A. 24:61-1 et seq., which provided for the legalization of medical marijuana and creation of a program to allow persons suffering from qualifying debilitating medical conditions to obtain medical marijuana in a safe, timely and compassionate manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey in 2018 amended its regulatory scheme so as to expand the scope of citizens to whom medical marijuana may be prescribed and so as to make medical marijuana more accessible and available to many of the citizens who need it; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2020, the Marijuana Legalization Amendment was approved by voters in New Jersey, which legalized the possession and use of cannabis for residents twenty-one years of age or older; and

**WHEREAS,** on February 22, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act, which established the adult use cannabis program in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford endorses the adult use cannabis program in the State of New Jersey, as well as the medical use program, which provides needed relief to the many persons suffering from chronic and/or debilitating illnesses who may benefit from this program; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of West Milford supports the safe and appropriate siting of a retail cannabis dispensary within the Township's Community Commercial Zone, where such facilities are permitted use pursuant to Chapter 500-193, to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, Beyond Bleaf LLC has expressed an interest in siting such a retail cannabis dispensary at 753 Macopin Road, West Milford, NJ (Block 14001, Lot 10); and

WHEREAS, the proposed location is within the Township's Community Commercial Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford has not imposed any limits on the number of retail cannabis dispensary that may operate in the Community Commercial Zone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the West Milford Township Council supports the safe and appropriate siting of a retail cannabis dispensary within the Township's Cannabis Community Commercial Zone by Beyond Bleaf LLC to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances.

Adopted: October 4, 2023

Councilman Conlon referred to Resolution 2023-383 and welcomed the new business. Councilwoman Erik mentioned that the community has a lot of committees and needs a lot of volunteers.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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Consent Agenda

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**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) 2023-385 Recreation Fee Refunds
- b) 2023-386 Overpayment Refunds
- c) 2023-387 Health Refund

Adopted: October 4, 2023

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~ Resolution 2023 - 385 ~

## 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:

	PICKLEBALL CLINIC				
\$50.00	74 Mountainview Court	\$50.00	276 Germantown Road		
	Riverdale, NJ 07457	'	West Milford, NJ 07480		
\$50.00	12 Distillery Road				
\$30.00	Warwick, NY 10990				
	FALL SOCCER				
\$100.00	19 Lakewood Road				
\$100.00	Hewitt, NJ 07421				
	DAY C	AMP			
	Treasurer, State of NJ				
#040 00	50 East State St				
\$940.00	PO Box 717				
	Trenton, NJ 08625				

Adopted: October 4, 2023

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~ Resolution 2023 - 386 ~

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

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

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

**REASON:** 1. Incorrect Payment

6. Tax Appeal County Board

2. Duplicate Payment

7. Tax Appeal State Tax Court

Senior Citizen

8. 100% Disabled Veteran9. Replacement Check

4. Veteran Deduction

5. Homestead Rebate

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
03703-017	c/o Masessa & Cluff, Esqs. 1524 Route 23 North Butler, NJ 07405	\$1,524.14	2023	8
TOTALS		\$1.524.14		

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#### BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cygnus Home Service, LLC be refunded:

Name & Address	Account No.	Amount to be Refunded
Cygnus Home Service, LLC PO Box 178 Marshall, MN 56258	Food License Renewal Application- 2023	\$40.00

Adopted: October 4, 2023

Moved: Erik Seconded: Conlon

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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#### **Approval of Expenditures**

~ Resolution 2023 - 388 ~

#### **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	\$937,438.95
3	Reserve Account	11,281.95
2	Grants	94,823.27
6	Refunds	5,194.14
1	General Ledger	245.10
26	Refuse	286,238.84
4	Capital	182,064.67
19	Animal Control	750.00
19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	4,860.50
19	Trust	10,735.72
19	Scala Trust	0.00
16	Development Escrow	9,283.75
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	21,424.58
	Special Reserve	149.00
Total		\$1,564,490.47
Less Refund Resolution		-5,194.14
Actual Bills List		\$1,559,296.33
Other Payments:		
Payroll		1,137,466.15
Enterprise Lease		21,253.68
NJ DOL, Unemployment		1,515.15
Depository Trust Co.		1,417,640.63
Total Expenditures		\$4,137,171.94

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Goodsir

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

Voted Nay: None Motion carried:

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Agenda No. XV

#### Reports of Mayor, Council Members, Administrator, and Attorney

<u>Councilman Chazukow</u> – Recently attended a meeting of the County Historical Economic Development Authority. Businesses within a historical site are eligible for grant money to get their businesses up and running. There is a lot of money available.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg – Despite the rainy weather the Wellness Family Festival on September 23 was well attended. The County van was there to give free blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings. Saturday October 7, Friends of Wallisch will be having square dancing and line dancing in the barn at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested should go to the website wallischhomestead.org. Due to rain, the new date for the Sheriff's car show will be October 14 from 9 to 3 p.m. at the Wallisch Homestead and the show is free to spectators and there will be food trucks, music and cornhole. Friends of Wallisch meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month and the public is welcome. The Friends of Wallisch will be holding another event October 21 and 22 from 9 to 4 p.m. The East Coast Research and Discovery Association will be holding an event for families displaying artifacts, hosting metal detecting mobile museum and free kids' metal detecting hunts. It is a great educational opportunity.

Councilman Goodsir – Registration is open for the 2023-24 season of boys and girls travelling basketball. Try-outs need to be registered before October 22. Coaches are needed for girls 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and for boys 4<sup>th</sup> grade levels. The Military Tribute Banner applications will be available online through the website starting April 18 and a limited number of applications will be accepted. The Recreation Department is working with Columbia Bank to bring an outdoor movie night to Bubbling Springs on October 13. In the event of rain, the event will be moved to the Recreation Center. \$10 per carload. The Wreaths Across America event is coming in December. The West Milford Elks is having a special Children's Charity Ball. It is a costume party October 28, from 4-9 p.m. Dinner will be turkey with all the fixings, soup and dessert and the 3M Band will perform. The cost is \$50. The 3M Band was the headliner at the recent Elks Beer Garden at Wallisch Estates. There are a lot of events in West Milford, there are a lot of things to do. Councilman Goodsir mentioned Lou Wallisch and the fact that the Elks have stepped up to support the community. He would like to see more participation with the other civic groups in the Township.

Councilman Conlon – Due to rain in the forecast the Autumn Lights Festival is now scheduled for October 8, 2023 from 11 to 6 p.m. The procedure will be the same, just scheduled a day later now. It will be the 27<sup>th</sup> year of the event and it is quite a testament to how the Township and the event have grown. There will be a wide variety of vendors and things to do. He encouraged the residents to attend and to invite as many people as possible. There will be designated parking and free shuttles available. Councilman Conlon agreed that more volunteers are needed and suggested that people check out the Township Facebook page.

Councilman Marsden - No report.

<u>Councilwoman Erik</u> – Thanked Rick of Timber Trees and Shrub spraying for fertilizing the Christmas Tree in front of Town Hall which is a designated Beautification Committee area. It is a donation. Councilwoman Erik indicated that just recently, though a lot of people complain that there is nothing to do, several people have approached her asking if there could be some type of organization of local events because there is so much to do, a lot of the events fall on the same day.

<u>Mayor Dale</u> – Sheriff Berdnik and the Passaic County Sheriff's Department will be doing a Harvest Festival on October 14, 2023 from 12 to 4 p.m. The PBA and the West Milford High School will be doing a Trunk or Treat on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the High School. The Friends of Walisch music event was well attended but perhaps people were deterred by the rain somewhat. Mayor Dale indicated that it is a real gem of a property and has great potential with volunteerism and engagement with the public. Perhaps there is some way to get creative with scheduled events so that things don't overlap as much. Mayor Dale thanked everyone who contributed and participated in the recent events. There is a digital mail newsletter that has community events listed, as long as people submit the information. It is called the Buzz.

Administrator Senande - No report.

Attorney Pasternak - No report.

### TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY Governing Body Regular Meeting Minutes of: Date of Meeting: October 4, 2023 Time of Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Minute Page No: Page 23 of 23 **Appointments and Resignations** ~ Resolution 2023 - 389 ~ RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF **NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING RESIGNATION TENDERED** BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that they do hereby accept the following resignation tendered to the Historic Preservation Committee: Position **Date Tendered** <u>Name</u> **Brandon Romaine** Historic Preservation Committee September 19, 2023 Citizen Member Term expires 12/31/23 Adopted: October 4, 2023 A motion was made by Councilwoman Erik and seconded by Councilman Conlon to accept the resignation tendered. Moved: Seconded: Lichtenberg Conlon Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden Voted Nay: None Motion carried: Mayor Dale wished to appoint Timothy Struble as the Fire Commissioner as recommended by the Fire Chiefs Association. This appointment will serve as a correction to the September 13, 2023 Council meeting and does not require Council consent. Agenda No. XVII <u>Adjournment</u> Moved: Seconded: Lichtenberg Conlon Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote Voted Nay: None Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. Approved: October 18, 2023 Respectfully submitted:

Deidre Ellis, Keyboarding Clerk II

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