

Minutes of the March 22, 2022 Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, held in the Municipal Complex at 7:30 PM on March 22, 2022.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Upon call of the roll, the following Committee members were recorded present: Mayor Shawn Lipani, Deputy Mayor Janine Erickson, Committeeman Steve Cohen, Committeeman Frank DelCore and Committeeman Doug Tomson. Also in attendance were Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera, Township Clerk Pamela Borek and Township Attorney William Willard.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MAYOR STATES

Mayor Lipani advised that in accordance of section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, of the Public Laws of 1975 that notice of this meeting was made by the posting on the bulletin board at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex and notifying the officially designated newspapers that this meeting would take place at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE LIAISONS, AND RECEIPT OF REPORTS, PETITIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Committeeman DelCore

Committeeman DelCore reported that property owners who were eligible for a 2018 Homestead Rebate can expect to see that credit on their May 2022 tax bill.

Committeeman DelCore advised that the Somerset County Board of Elections is looking for registered voters to work on Election Day. Please visit their website for the application and a complete listing of frequently asked questions or call 908-231-7086.

Committeeman DelCore reminded residents that it is required by township ordinance that homeowners must remove any dead trees on their property. Standing dead trees represent a significant danger to people who are walking or driving, as well as to buildings and power lines.

Committeeman DelCore announced that the Recreation Department is not only offering the same low price for summer camp as last year, but they have also brought back weekly camp options at \$299 per child, per week.

Committeeman DelCore stated the Recreation Department is offering a variety of Summer Sports Clinics such as soccer, basketball, tennis & softball, as well as the very popular Summer Music Academy.

Committeeman DelCore reminded residents that the Hillsborough Township Credit Card Advisory Committee is accepting grant applications until April 19th for any Township based non-profit, senior or youth organizations to apply for up to \$2,000 grant.

Committeeman DelCore stated its disappointing that the board of education lost funding from the state by 7 percent and was one of 2 towns in Somerset County to be affected.

Committeeman Tomson

Committeeman Tomson reminded Hillsborough residents that they offer Saturday electrical inspections for residential properties.

Committeeman Tomson advised that the repaving of Amsterdam Drive Phase 1 (between Millstone River Road and Vliet Drive) will start as soon as the warm weather allows but should be no later than May. Phase 2 of Amsterdam Drive (between Vliet Drive and Murphy Drive) is in the process of preparing plans and specs and is anticipated to be paved in the fall of this year. The final phase, Phase 3 (between Murphy Drive and Amwell Road) will be a 2023 Local Aid Grant application with construction planned for next year.

Committeeman Tomson announced that the Public Works department is currently phasing out of winter operations and making necessary repairs to winter equipment before it is stored away. Public Works is getting ready for this year's paving program and storm drain repairs are always a priority before new pavement is in place.

Committeeman Tomson advised that many residents have already signed up for upcoming events such as the annual spring clean up and senior curbside pickup.

Deputy Mayor Erickson

Deputy Mayor Erickson reported that Project Medicine Drop promotes the safe and proper disposal of unused / unwanted prescription drugs. Hillsborough Township was the first municipality in the State of New Jersey to install a permanent disposal receptacle for unused and unwanted drugs.

Deputy Mayor Erickson thanked the Bureau of Fire Safety and Chief Fire Marshall Chris Weniger and his team for providing fire safety tips and information for Senior Chapter B at a recent meeting.

Mayor Lipani

Mayor Lipani reported that on May 4th, 2022, New Jersey will ban single-use grocery bags. With that in mind, Hillsborough Township is inviting all residents to submit a design for the first official Township reusable shopping bag. The last day to submit designs is Friday, March 25th. Any profits will be used to help fund recycling bins for the local parks.

Mayor Lipani announced the township is currently seeking local photos for the Hillsborough Township calendar and town planner.

Mayor Lipani advised that the Rotary Club is hosting an open house to answer questions about their organization on Wednesday, March 30th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at The Landing.

Mayor Lipani reminded residents that Hillsborough Township is once again participating in the Wyland Foundation's National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation from April 1st to April 30th. In 2021, Hillsborough maintained 1st place in New Jersey from the prior year and finished in the top 40 of the nationwide challenge.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER TO TEMPORARILY FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF STEVE COHEN

Mayor Lipani stated the committee will move forward with the appointment of a Township Committee Member to fill the unexpired term of Committeeman Steve Cohen. Three names have been provided to the Township Committee by the Republican Chair as is the process by statute: Mr. Robert Britting, Mr. Nathan Santaromita and Mr. John Ciccarrelli.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Janine Erickson, seconded by Committeeman Frank DelCore, the motion to fill the vacancy with Robert Britting was approved upon the call of the roll.

Mayor Lipani swore in new committee member, Mr. Robert Briting.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Janine Erickson, seconded by Committeeman Frank DelCore, consent #10 was approved upon the call of the roll. Committeeman Britting abstained.
Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera welcomed Mr. Dabek and his extensive experience.

PROCLAMATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

1. NORZ HILL FARM & MARKET, LLC - VEGETABLE GROWER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Norz Hill Farm & Market, LLC has been honored as this year's Vegetable Grower of the Year by the NJ State Board of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Rich and Debbie Norz, fourth generation farmers, along with Rich Norz, Sr., have farmed the over 1200 owned and leased acres for the past century; and

WHEREAS, Norz Hill Farm & Market, LLC was recognized for its dedication and commitment to cultivating and supporting the agricultural community as a whole, while also recognizing their adaptability to unprecedented times with a focus on safety and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Rich and Debbie Norz implemented extra precautions in the field while handling vegetables, picking 35 acres of corn, managing guests safely through 35 acres of you-pick pumpkins, and readjusting Farmer's Market setups; and

WHEREAS, Norz Hill Farm & Market, LLC has adapted through the years from a dairy farm to now year-round agritourism and direct marketing on-the-farm and in several communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby congratulate Norz Hill Farm & Market, LLC for being honored with this year's Vegetable Grower of the Year award.

2. THOMAS BURNS- HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Thomas Burns has been honored with the title 2022 Hibernian of the Year by the Somerset 1 Ancient Order of Hibernians; and

WHEREAS, the Ancient Order of Hibernians is a civic, charitable, and fraternal organization of practicing Catholics of Irish descent whose primary goal is to promote friendship, unity, and Christian charity, and to keep the tradition alive by sponsoring many Irish activities; and

WHEREAS, during his 20 years as a Hibernian he has served as Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Vice President, and President of the Somerset 1 Ancient Order of Hibernians; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Burns has chaired the Thanksgiving Dinner Project for eight years, the "Hamsgiving" Project, organized the annual Irish Seisiun, co-hosted WRSU radio's Voice of Ireland show, and served as the Grand Marshal of the Somerville St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Burns received a 2006 Shamrock Award in recognition of his efforts promoting Irish music and regularly performs with his band at the Hibernians' annual Irish Night since 2014; and

WHEREAS, Thomas was born in Queens, New York, graduated from Rutgers University with a Chemical Engineering degree, and has lived in Hillsborough since 2000 with his wife, Grace and their two children.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby congratulate Thomas Burns for being honored with the 2022 Hibernian of the Year award.

3. TRISTEN GARRETSON - TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Tristen Garretson, a social worker, has the honor of being named as Hillsborough Middle School's Governor's Educator of the Year for the 2021-2022 school year because of her dedication and service to the Hillsborough School District; and

WHEREAS, Tristen Garretson has been a member of the Hillsborough School District faculty for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Tristen Garretson has supported students in her calm, inviting space providing a safe environment for all who enter. Mrs. Garretson also provides one on one counseling and group counseling. Additionally, she provides support to teachers and parents, and is a member of the child study team; and

WHEREAS, Tristen Garretson was the mastermind behind the decorations in the Commons during COVID to infuse some fun in the school day and bring smiles to students' faces during a very serious time; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Middle School is proud to name Tristen Garretson as their Educational Services Professional of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, further commend Tristen Garretson for being recognized as Hillsborough Middle School's Educational Services Professional of the Year and we thank her for all her work and dedication to Hillsborough's youth.

4. RICHARD TICHENOR, DAVE FOELSCH, RICH CRATER, FRANK MAGROSKY, AND NICK PATULLO - EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Police Officer Richard Tichenor, Fire Marshal Dave Foelsch, Fire Chief Rich Crater, Firefighter Frank Magrosky, and former Firefighter Nick Patullo are being recognized for their heroic efforts occurring on January 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough emergency responders responded to a report of a single motor vehicle crash into the water at River Road; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tichenor, Chief Crater, Fire Marshal Foelsch, Firefighter Magrosky, and former Firefighter now civilian Patullo entered the 30 degree partially frozen river to extricate the unconscious seat belted victim, Patricia Perhac and carry her to safety; and

WHEREAS, the first responders found the victim unresponsive; CPR was administered and the victim was transported to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Perhac continues to show daily improvement in her condition; and

WHEREAS, these heroic first responders were assisted by additional members of the Hillsborough Police Department, Branchburg Police Department, Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Dive Team, Somerset County Prosecutor's Office CART Team, Hillsborough Fire Departments Units 36, 37, and 38, Neshanic Fire Station 48, Somerset County Hazmat Team, Robert Wood Johnson Medics, and Robert Wood Johnson EMS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby extend our sincere congratulations and appreciation to Hillsborough Township Police Officer Tichenor, Fire Marshal Foelsch, Fire Chief Crater, Firefighter Magrosky, and former Firefighter Patullo for saving the life of this individual and for being shining members of our community.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee thank Hillsborough Township Police Officer Richard Tichenor, Fire Marshal Dave Foelsch, Fire Chief Rich Crater, Firefighter Frank Magrosky, and former Firefighter Nick Patullo for their service to the residents of Hillsborough.

5. OFFICER RICHARD TICHENOR MEDAL OF MERIT

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Police Officer Richard Tichenor received a medal of merit for his heroic efforts occurring on September 1, 2021 during Tropical Storm Ida; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tichenor was dispatched to Mountainview Road for a report of vehicles submerged in the flooded roadway and people trapped in their vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tichenor observed Kristen Sikorski trapped on the roof of her submerged vehicle; and

WHEREAS, due to the water rising quickly, Officer Tichenor was unable to wait for additional support and initiated a water rescue with the victim's husband, Joseph Samec, an off-duty Montgomery Township Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tichenor positioned himself in neck deep water allowing Officer Samec to swim to his wife. Officer Tichenor then pulled both Kristen Sikorski and Officer Samec out of the rising waters; and

WHEREAS, the quick thinking and immediate action of Officer Tichenor ultimately saved lives and prevented a tragic outcome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby extend our sincere congratulations and appreciation to Hillsborough Township Police Officer Richard Tichenor for saving the life of this individual and for being a shining member of our community.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee thank Hillsborough Township Police Officer Richard Tichenor for his service to the residents of Hillsborough.

6. NATIONAL DONATE A LIFE MONTH 2022

WHEREAS, realizing the urgent need for donors around the country, the National Donate Life Month observance was established in 2003 to promote a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation. Established in 2012, National Donate Life Blue and Green Day represents a national effort to support and raise awareness for organ and tissue donation and transplantation; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network (NJ Sharing Network) is committed to addressing that need through enhanced awareness; and

WHEREAS, the transplantation of organs and tissues is a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors, enabling surgeons to save thousands of lives every year. Donors not only give the gift of life, but also often restore health and sight to the recipients of the tissue and organs; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions are affected by the need for organ transplants; there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents and over 106,000 Americans awaiting life-saving and life-enhancing transplant operations; and

WHEREAS, every capable person should support this vital effort by learning more about donating tissue and organs, registering as organ and tissue donors, making their families aware of their wishes, and be willing to give the precious gift of health, sight, and life to people in need. Registering as an organ and tissue donor at a local motor vehicle commission or online at www.NJSharingNetwork.org signifies our fundamental human responsibility to help others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize National Donate Life Month and National Blue and Green Day on April 22, 2022, as a great opportunity to join in the fight to save lives by giving the greatest gift.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee urge all residents to join in promoting organ and tissue donor education through the National Donate Life Month observance.

7. RED CROSS WEEK 2022

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has touched many lives in Hillsborough as well as across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize our everyday heroes, and thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, whether through time, money or blood donation, and we invite others to support the Red Cross in helping people in need down the street, across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, training in CPR, aquatics safety, first aid to millions, and collects about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; and

WHEREAS, in Hillsborough, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and many volunteers to support the Township when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood or to give comfort in the form of a helping hand.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, in conjunction with the President of the United States of America, do hereby declare March as American Red Cross Month.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK 2022

WHEREAS, local government is the government closest to most citizens and the one that most directly impacts its residents on a daily basis. It is essential that residents understand how their local government operates, the services it provides, and the importance of active involvement; and

WHEREAS, NJ Local Government Week, sponsored by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, is a weeklong celebration to raise awareness about the importance of municipal government and its daily impact on residents; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough has over 200 employees who are directly responsible for keeping our town growing in a fiscally responsible direction, providing excellent public safety resources, offering recreation opportunities for residents of all ages, maintaining town infrastructure, and practicing responsible sustainable efforts; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township employees are dedicated to providing exceptional customer service to residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Local government shapes quality of life in more direct ways than state and federal government, and the quality of life in Hillsborough continues to be very high because of the township's great personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, hereby join the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and do hereby proclaim April 3-9, 2022 as NJ Local Government Week.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AND MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Township Clerk Pamela Borek stated the following. The Township Committee welcomes input from the public. Please state your name and address and please spell your name for the record. You will be given one three minute allotment for your comments. Please understand that this public forum is not structured as a question and answer session. Comments are to be addressed to the Mayor. Again, please keep your comments to three minutes. Thank you.

Maria Janucik, 720 E. Frech Ave. Manville stated nothing was mentioned why there was an unexpired term of Steve Cohen. Mayor Lipani explained the process of filling the remainder of Steve Cohen's term. Mrs. Janucik disputed the need to redevelop the Sherman Property phase 2 by M&M Realty and questioned why this company was given preferential treatment.

Committeeman Tomson asked for a moment of personal privilege. Committeeman Tomson thanked the three individuals that volunteered for the position and congratulated Robert Britting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

1. 2022-06 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FOR WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF FALCON ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 26, 2022

WHEREAS, Application No.: 03-PB-12-GDP was filed with the Township of Hillsborough Planning Board seeking general development plan approval for the construction of up to 698 residential units on approximately 190 acres of land identified on the Hillsborough Tax Maps at the time of application as Block 140, Lot 1, and Block 141, Lots 2.01, 7.01 and 31.02;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2004, the Board adopted a memorializing Resolution approving the Application; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Board requires the developer to widen and improve Falcon Road; and

WHEREAS, the widening and improvement of Falcon Road requires the acquisition of various portions of property situated along Falcon Road; and

WHEREAS, the developer of the project has acquired the following Deed of Dedication necessary for the widening

and improvement of Falcon Road: (a) portion of Block 141, Lot 15 (0.09 acres).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) the Township hereby accepts the following Deed of Dedication: (a) portion of Block 141, Lot 15 (0.09 acres); (2) the Township Attorney is authorized to record the Deed of Dedication with the Somerset County Clerk; and (3) this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Committeeman Frank DelCore, to introduce Ordinance 2022-06, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll. Committeeman Britting abstained.

2. 2022-07 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF BLOCK 185, LOT 1.05, KNOWN AS THE WESTON ROAD LANDFILL. FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 26, 2022.

EXPLANATION: This Ordinance authorizes the public auction of Block 185, Lot 1.05, known as the Weston Road Landfill.

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough owns Block 185, Lot 1.05, consisting of approximately 4.9140 acres, commonly known as the Weston Road Landfill ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, because the Property is no longer in use or operated as a landfill and needs remediation and closure, and is no longer necessary for a public purpose, the Township of Hillsborough desires to offer the Property to prospective bidders which are willing to remediate and close the Property in accordance with Department of Environmental Protection requirements and return the Property to the Township tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Township to offer the Property to the public following the auction process found in the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., with the Property to be auctioned as surplus property to that bidder meeting the requirements in the Legal Notice attached as Exhibit A to this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, Somerset County, New Jersey, that the Property be auctioned on the following conditions:

1. The Property is no longer needed and is hereby declared surplus property.
2. The Property shall be auctioned on the terms and conditions contained in the Legal Notice attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A.
3. The Township Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare the necessary bidding package to solicit bids and the Clerk is authorized to issue that bid package.
4. The Township Administrator, Clerk and Township Attorney are authorized to conduct a public auction of the Property.
5. After the receipt of bids for the Property, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough will review the bids and award the Property by Resolution to that bidder whose bid conforms with the conditions contained in the Legal Notice attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A and which bid is the most advantageous to the Township, price and other factors considered. The Township Committee, however, expressly reserves the right to reject all bids where the highest bid is not accepted.
6. Upon the adoption of a Resolution awarding the Property, the Township Attorney is authorized to prepare the necessary documents to convey the Property and attend the closing, and that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign the necessary closing documents to convey the Property.
7. The Property shall be auctioned and sold "AS IS" and "WHERE IS".

This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Janine Erickson, seconded by Committeeman Doug Tomson, to introduce Ordinance 2022-07, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll. Committeeman Britting abstained.

CONSENT**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF RECREATION PROGRAM FEES**

WHEREAS, there are refunds due from Recreation program fees; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has received proof of such refunds being due and payable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund said amounts as detailed below.

Gunjan Ahluwalia	\$1,299.00
Ekta Jain	\$ 140.00
Andrea Dean	\$2,591.00
Marc Cuevas	\$5.00

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF EARNED AMOUNTS FROM THE SUBDIVISION AND SITE PLAN ENGINEERING TRUST ACCOUNTS TO THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Assistant Township Engineer indicates inspections and engineering work have been completed for the indicated projects and recommends funds be transferred from the Engineering Inspection Escrow Accounts to the Treasurer's Account as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, each of the project line items has been verified against the Treasurer's Office account records to ensure that sufficient funds are available for these transfers of unanticipated revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the funds set forth herein be transferred from the Engineering Escrow Accounts into the Treasurer's Account.

Name	ID	Balance
Amwell Terrace	amwelltein	\$440.50
Gateway Phase 7	gateway6in	\$676.57
Hillsborough 206 Holdings	hills206in	\$91.02
Hillsborough Crossings	hilcrossin	\$618.87
Hillsborough Village	hillvillin	\$482.76
MAAC 18-PB-12	maacdev2in	\$419.40
PSE&G 2020 gas project	PSEG2020in	\$52.42
Pilgrim River 2021	Pilgrimin	\$1,840.96
Sherman Track	Shermanin	\$2,269.46
	Grand Total	-\$6,891.96

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL PORTION OF

THE PROPERTY TAXES FROM 7/8/21 THROUGH 12/31/21 AND A FULL REFUND FOR TAXES PAID IN 2022 FOR A QUALIFIED 100% DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the Township Committee by Resolution adopted on September 11, 2007 and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 authorized a tax exemption from local property taxes for veterans who have suffered a 100% permanent disability resulting from war time service in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee authorized the date for qualification for the municipal portion of the property tax exemption to be the date on which the United States Veterans' Administration determined the 100% service connected disability; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received proof of such information from the Tax Assessor for the following property effective July 8, 2021:

Clarke, Robert D & April A	Block 5 Lot 2.02	\$2,815.61
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that in recognition of the serious and debilitating nature of 100% permanent service connected disabilities suffered by our veterans while serving in war time and in fairness to those disabled veterans, the Chief Finance Officer is authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32, to reimburse the municipal portion of property taxes from 7/8/21 to 12/31/21 and a full refund for taxes paid in 2022 to the above referenced property owner.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING KERMESSE SPORT TO HOLD THE L'ENFER D'HUNTERDON BICYCLE RIDE IN HILLSBOROUGH ON APRIL 10, 2022

WHEREAS, Kermesse Sport has requested permission to hold the L'Enfer D'Hunterdon Bicycle Ride in Hillsborough on April 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the planned route, Certificate of Liability Insurance and Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement have been provided for this event; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Police Department has reviewed the request and the Chief of Police recommends approval of the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Kermesse Sport is granted permission to hold the L'Enfer D'Hunterdon Bicycle Ride in Hillsborough on April 10, 2022.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT STATUS OF SERGEANT MCCARTHY IN THE HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 15, 2022

WHEREAS, Scott McCarthy was appointed as Sergeant in the Hillsborough Township Police Department on September 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police certifies that Sergeant McCarthy has performed his duties and assignments in a capable and competent manner; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends that permanent status be conferred upon Sergeant McCarthy effective March 15, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County

of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Chief of Police be and hereby is accepted and approved.

6. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CENTRAL JERSEY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S 2022 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township is a member of the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (CENTRAL JIF); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the CENTRAL JIF to achieve the best and most practical degree of freedom from accidents and/or injuries; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members' employees, volunteers and public are provided with a safe and healthy environment, free from any recognized hazards; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members are in compliance with applicable safety and health requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JIF's Safety Committee is made up of representatives of the Fund's Municipalities along with the professionals employed by the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Program will assist all the Central JIF members in becoming or maintaining compliance with all Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JIF has adopted the 2022 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM which should succeed in providing a safe, healthful and pleasant environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM is hereby adopted by the Township of Hillsborough.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSE TO BE SOLD UNDER THE "PUBLIC SALE OPTION"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.14 and Section 113-5 of the Hillsborough Township Code authorizes the Township to issue up to five (5) Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Township has issued a total of three (3) Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses and two (2) remain available; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3, the Township desires to offer for public sale to the highest qualified bidder one (1) of the two (2) remaining Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. It is hereby authorized that one (1) of the remaining two (2) Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses be issued.
2. It is hereby determined that one (1) of the remaining two (2) Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses be sold under the "Public Sale Option" in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3 et seq.
3. It is hereby required that all bidders be qualified to have an interest in a Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor

License under the standards set forth in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and all applicable Township ordinances.

4. The Township Committee shall make the award of one (1) of the remaining two (2) Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses to the highest qualified bidder at a public sale to be conducted by the Township Committee.
5. The Township Clerk shall publish a Public Notice of the proposed issuance of one (1) of the remaining two (2) Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses, indicating that applications therefore shall be accepted by the Township Committee at the time, date and place specified in the Notice, after which time and date, no further applications shall be accepted.
6. The Public Notice shall also specify that all prospective bidders shall be preliminary qualified on a date at least five (5) business days prior to the opening of bids.
7. The Public Notice shall be published in The Hillsborough Beacon at least two (2) times, which publications shall not be less than one (1) week apart, and none shall be published less than thirty (30) days prior to the time and date specified in the Public Notice as the time and date after which no further applications shall be accepted.
8. The minimum bid price for the Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License shall be \$390,000.00.
9. Bids shall be made upon the Proposal Form available in the Office of the Township Clerk with the name and address of the bidder on the outside of the sealed envelope.
10. The bid shall contain a deposit in the form of a certified check, bank check, or cashier's check in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid price. The successful bidder will be required to close the sale of the Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License and pay to the Township the balance due for the liquor license within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the award of the bid. This payment shall also be in the form of a certified check, bank check, or cashier's check. The deposit of any bidder deemed to be unqualified shall be returned within seventy-two (72) hours of the determination of lack of qualification. The deposit of any unsuccessful bidder deemed to be qualified shall be returned within seventy-two (72) hours of the award of the license or rejection of all bids as the case may be.
11. All bidders shall submit a separate Certificate of Proof of Compliance stating that the application has been properly completed and that the bidder meets all special conditions or requirements contained in the Public Notice and knows of no reason why the bidder would be disqualified from having an interest in a Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License in New Jersey. All bidders shall also submit a Source of Funding Affidavit.
12. No bid will be opened from or on behalf of any bidder who does not qualify or has not submitted a Certificate of Proof of Compliance, Source of Funding Affidavit and completed the Alcoholic Beverage Control License Application.
13. The successful bidder shall comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, codes and Township ordinances in locating the license. Should the successful bidder's application be completed without specifying the premises to be licensed, the license issued hereunder shall be a Pocket License and a Place-to-Place transfer shall be required when the location of the premises to be licensed has been determined.
14. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids if the highest bid is not accepted.
15. The sale may be postponed or canceled at any time prior to the opening of the bids.
16. The terms and conditions of the sale of the Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License shall be as set forth in this Resolution and contained in the Public Notice which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF BULK ROCK SALT FOR PUBLIC WORKS THROUGH THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works has requested authorization for the purchase of bulk rock salt; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Salt, Inc., will provide these materials through the Somerset County Cooperative Contract

#CC-0054-20 of which the Township of Hillsborough is a member in an amount not to exceed \$58,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2022 municipal budget and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #2-01-25-769-084.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the purchase of bulk rock sale from Atlantic Salt, Inc., through the Somerset County Cooperative Contract #CC-0054-20 in an amount not to exceed \$58,000.00 is hereby authorized.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE TO BE SOLD UNDER THE "PUBLIC SALE OPTION"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.14 and Section 113-5 of the Hillsborough Township Code authorizes the Township to issue up to fourteen (14) Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Township has issued a total of three (11) Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses and three (3) remain available; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3, the Township desires to offer for public sale to the highest qualified bidder one (1) of the three (3) remaining Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. It is hereby authorized that one (1) of the three (3) remaining Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses be issued.
2. It is hereby determined that one (1) of the three (3) remaining Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses be sold under the "Public Sale Option" in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3 et seq.
3. It is hereby required that all bidders be qualified to have an interest in a Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License under the standards set forth in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and all applicable Township ordinances.
4. The Township Committee shall make the award of one (1) of the three (3) remaining Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses to the highest qualified bidder at a public sale to be conducted by the Township Committee.
5. The Township Clerk shall publish a Public Notice of the proposed issuance of one (1) of the three (3) remaining Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses, indicating that applications therefore shall be accepted by the Township Committee at the time, date and place specified in the Notice, after which time and date, no further applications shall be accepted.
6. The Public Notice shall also specify that all prospective bidders shall be preliminary qualified on a date at least five (5) business days prior to the opening of bids.
7. The Public Notice shall be published in The Hillsborough Beacon at least two (2) times, which publications shall not be less than one (1) week apart, and none shall be published less than thirty (30) days prior to the time and date specified in the Public Notice as the time and date after which no further applications shall be accepted.
8. The minimum bid price for the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License shall be \$390,000.00.
9. Bids shall be made upon the Proposal Form available in the Office of the Township Clerk with the name and address of the bidder on the outside of the sealed envelope.
10. The bid shall contain a deposit in the form of a certified check, bank check, or cashier's check in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid price. The successful bidder will be required to close the sale of the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License and pay to the Township the balance due for the liquor license within

one hundred and eighty (180) days of the award of the bid. This payment shall also be in the form of a certified check, bank check, or cashier's check. The deposit of any bidder deemed to be unqualified shall be returned within seventy-two (72) hours of the determination of lack of qualification. The deposit of any unsuccessful bidder deemed to be qualified shall be returned within seventy-two (72) hours of the award of the license or rejection of all bids as the case may be.

11. All bidders shall submit a separate Certificate of Proof of Compliance stating that the application has been properly completed and that the bidder meets all special conditions or requirements contained in the Public Notice and knows of no reason why the bidder would be disqualified from having an interest in a Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License in New Jersey. All bidders shall also submit a Source of Funding Affidavit.
12. No bid will be opened from or on behalf of any bidder who does not qualify or has not submitted a Certificate of Proof of Compliance, Source of Funding Affidavit and completed the Alcoholic Beverage Control License Application.
13. The successful bidder shall comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, codes and Township ordinances in locating the license. Should the successful bidder's application be completed without specifying the premises to be licensed, the license issued hereunder shall be a Pocket License and a Place-to-Place transfer shall be required when the location of the premises to be licensed has been determined.
14. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids if the highest bid is not accepted.
15. The sale may be postponed or canceled at any time prior to the opening of the bids.
16. The terms and conditions of the sale of the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License shall be as set forth in this Resolution and contained in the Public Notice which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF RAFAL DABEK TO THE POSITION OF DPW WORKER III IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, there is a need for a DPW Worker III in the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works recommends the hiring of Rafal Dabek to the position of DPW Worker III in the Department of Public Works at an annual salary of \$47,567, effective March 28, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Director of Public Works is hereby accepted and approved and Rafal Dabek is hired to the position of DPW Worker III in the Department of Public Works at an annual salary of \$47,567, effective March 28, 2022.

11. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION FUNDED BY PSE&G

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, and improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program funded by PSE&G; and

WHEREAS, the Social Services and Health Departments of the Township Hillsborough wish to apply to the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program for grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 for a reusable bag education program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, authorizes and supports the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program Application funded by PSE&G in the amount of \$20,000.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Janine Erickson, seconded by Committeeman Doug Tomson, the consent agenda #1-9, 11 was approved upon the call of the roll. Committeeman Britting abstained.

Maria Janucik, 720 E. Frech Ave, Manville inquired about the number of distribution and consumption liquor licenses going out to bid in consent 7 and 9 and questioned the correct name for the Sherman property in consent 2.

Township Clerk Borek explained the township has available 2 distribution and 2 consumption licenses and has authorized the sale of one from each category at this time.

CLAIMS LIST

1. CLAIMS LIST 2022-05

Mayor Lipani asked to approve Claims List 2022-05.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Frank DelCore, seconded by Committeeman Doug Tomson, Claims List 2022-05, was approved upon the call of the roll. Committeeman Britting abstained.

Maria Janucik, 720 E. Frech Ave., Manville inquired as to the lien redemption on the supplemental check list and asked why the name was changed from manual to supplemental.

Mayor Lipani advised Mrs. Janucik to reach out to CFO Nancy Costa.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Janine Erickson, seconded by Committeeman Frank DelCore, the meeting duly adjourned at 8:38 pm. Said motion was unanimously carried upon voice vote.

Attested:



Pamela Borek
Township Clerk