

Minutes of the June 13, 2023 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 June 13, 2023.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Upon call of the roll, the following Committee members were recorded present: Mayor Shawn Lipani, Deputy Mayor Robert Britting, Jr., Committeeman James Ruh, Jr. and Committeeman Doug Tomson. Also in attendance were Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera, Township Clerk Pamela Borek and Township Attorney William Willard. Committeeman John Ciccarelli was absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MAYOR STATES

Mayor Lipani advised that in accordance with 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, June 13, 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MAY 23, 2023, REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Committeeman Jim Ruh, the Regular Session Minutes of May 23, 2023 were approved upon the call of the roll.

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

Committeeman Ruh

Committeeman Ruh spoke regarding the disposal of lithium batteries and reminded residents that the next Somerset County Hazardous Household Waste Day will be June 17th at the South County Public Works Garage.

Committeeman Ruh shared the winning results of the Recreation Department's Summer Movie Series for July and August.

Committeeman Ruh reminded residents to check out the Summer Activities Guide for a selection of fun programs for all ages.

Committeeman Ruh shared that Hillsborough Township's Green Living & Wellness Fair and a 5K Run was held on May 10, 2023. The event was designed to raise awareness about sustainable living, nutrition, exercise, agriculture, gardening, and other activities related to a healthy body and environment.

Committeeman Ruh reported that residents who include their email address on a permit application, the construction software, SDL, will send notifications for the application and inspection confirmation.

Committeeman Ruh spoke regarding the continuing of the pedestrian safety program of installing rapid flashing crosswalk signs. He noted that the latest installation is located at New Amwell and South Triangle Roads, making a total of 6 intersections throughout the Township with these beacons.

Committeeman Ruh advised that DPW crews have noticed an increase in the growth of poison hemlock this year throughout the township. More information can be found on the USDA Agricultural Research Service website.

Committeeman Tomson

Committeeman Tomson reminded Township residents to not leave their pets in cars unattended, especially during days with extreme heat. He advised residents to contact the police if they cannot immediately summon the owner.

Committeeman Tomson shared that on June 9th, several Hillsborough Township Police Officers took part in the Hillsborough leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run. He thanked them for their dedication to this event and noted that it was the 40th anniversary of the event and Hillsborough has been participating for all 40 years.

Committeeman Tomson reported that the Neshanic Garden Club received recognition from the Garden Club of Westfield for their outstanding marketing efforts. He congratulated members for this achievement and for their successful efforts in beautifying Hillsborough.

Deputy Mayor Britting

Deputy Mayor Britting shared that he visited Auten Road School and thanked 5th grade teacher Mrs. Andreski for the invitation to speak with students about sustainability.

Deputy Mayor Britting reported that the Assessor's Office is currently performing Farmland Inspections and stated that it would be greatly appreciated if the owners of the properties complied with the request for the inspection. He noted, per the NJ State Division of Taxation, farmland properties must be inspected minimally once every 3 years.

Deputy Mayor Britting invited Hillsborough residents to share scenic photos of Hillsborough for the annual township calendar and planner.

Deputy Mayor Britting reported that business nominations are open and invited residents to nominate a business or organization in Hillsborough for one of the annual awards. He noted that residents can find the form on the HBA page under the Residents tab at Hillsborough-nj.org.

Deputy Mayor Britting shared that on June 14th, the Hillsborough Business Association will host their sold-out Summer Networking Social at the Landing and noted additional event dates will be held in the future.

Deputy Mayor Britting announced that the township has received a \$2,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G for the creation of a community garden located at the Municipal Building, sharing that Hillsborough has been certified Silver, the highest level of recognition in the Sustainable Jersey program, for 10 years.

Mayor Lipani

Mayor Lipani reported that Pride Ribbons were hanging around the Municipal Building and thanked Township resident Maria Fariello for organizing this initiative.

Mayor Lipani reminded residents that Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth. Offices will resume business on Tuesday, June 20th at 8 am.

Mayor Lipani urged residents to save the date for the evening of June 23rd for Hillsborough Night at the Somerset County Patriots sharing he will also be there to throw out the first pitch.

Mayor Lipani reminded residents that Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday, June 24th, at Auten Road School beginning at 5:00 pm, and shuttle buses will also be available at Hillsborough High School beginning at 5:00 pm.

Mayor Lipani shared that the annual Rotary Fair and Business Expo will begin on Tuesday, August 15th. Fair hours are 6 – 10 PM on Tuesday through Thursday, and 6 – 11 PM on Friday and Saturday.

Mayor Lipani announced the opportunity for residents to take part in a survey from Coach USA, collecting opinions

on the need for public transportation to and from New York City. Residents can find the survey in the Mayor's eNews and on the Hillsborough Township website.

Mayor Lipani provided an update on the Route 206 construction. The Mayor shared he received a letter from the state informing him that NJDOT crews will be onsite to work on various sites throughout the township from Doctor's Way to the 206/Valley Road Project, weather permitting, starting June 5th. The Mayor assured residents that he would continue to update residents on the project's status as soon as he receives them.

PROCLAMATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

1. KAREN BIZZOCO - GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR FOR 2022-2023

WHEREAS, Karen Bizzoco, a Reading Specialist, has the honor of being named Triangle Elementary School's Governor's Educator of the Year for 2022-2023, because of her dedication and service to the Hillsborough School District; and

WHEREAS, Karen Bizzoco has been a member of the Hillsborough School District faculty for twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, Karen Bizzoco is one of the driving forces in the development of Triangle Elementary's intervention program and works with teachers to analyze student data and provide strategies to support all aspects of the reading process; and

WHEREAS, Karen Bizzoco orders, organizes, and maintains reading materials for all staff members covering all genres and grade levels, and supporting cultural diversity. Ms. Bizzoco has organized and facilitated Read Across America events, One School/One Book Literacy celebrations, and Packing Day for the Military; and

WHEREAS, Triangle Elementary School is proud to name Karen Bizzoco as their Educational Services Professional of the Year. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED **that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee**, further commend Karen Bizzoco for being recognized as Triangle Elementary School's Educational Services Professional of the Year and we thank her for all her work and dedication to Hillsborough's youth.

2. MAGGIE KRICK - GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR FOR 2022-2023

WHEREAS, Maggie Krick, a Music teacher, has the honor of being named Triangle Elementary School's Governor's Educator of the Year for 2022-2023, because of her dedication and service to the Hillsborough School District; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Krick has been a member of the Hillsborough School District faculty for thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, outside of the regular kindergarten to fifth grade music curriculum, Maggie Krick teaches the music and choreography, writes speaking parts and creates artwork for each grade level music program; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Krick also collaborates with other teachers preparing school-wide events and music programs and is always an active participant across various activities at Triangle School; and

WHEREAS, Triangle Elementary School is proud to name Maggie Krick as their Teacher of the Year. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, further commend Maggie Krick for being recognized as Triangle Elementary School's Teacher of the Year and we thank her for all her work and dedication to Hillsborough's youth.

3. LAUREN BARKER SOMERSET COUNTY SCHOLAR ATHLETE

WHEREAS, Lauren Barker, a senior at Hillsborough High School, has the honor of being named Somerset County Scholar/Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Barker has been running since seventh grade and participates in Hillsborough High School Cross Country, Winter Track and Spring Track; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Barker is a twelve-time varsity letter winner and fourth in the state in the four by eight hundred race while her favorite event is the 800 meter race; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Barker is a straight A student and a member of the French Honors Society. She has been

accepted to The College of New Jersey for Engineering with a partial scholarship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, further commend Lauren Barker for being named Somerset County Scholar/Athlete of the Year and we wish her luck in all her future endeavors.

4. ARNAV JAIN SOMERSET COUNTY SCHOLAR ATHLETE

WHEREAS, Arnav Jain, a senior at Hillsborough High School, has the honor of being named Somerset County Scholar/Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Arnav Jain is a member of the Hillsborough High School Varsity Boys Soccer team and has been recognized as an All-Conference First Team player and Hillsborough High School Boys Soccer Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, Arnav Jain ranks within the top 5% of his graduating class and a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, Spanish Honor Society, Neulock Consulting and is an online volunteer tutor for underprivileged students with Learn to Be.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, further commend Arnav Jain for being named Somerset County Scholar/Athlete of the Year and we wish him luck in all his future endeavors.

5. JOEY WITCOSKI - HHS WRESTLER -100TH CAREER WIN

WHEREAS, Hillsborough High School senior Joey Witcoski achieved his 100th career win in wrestling for the Hillsborough High School Varsity Wrestling Team; and

WHEREAS, Joey Witcoski was the Somerset County Champion in 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, Joey Witcoski was also the District 17 Champion in 2022 and 2023, and earned second place at Regions in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Joey Witcoski had a career record of 101-21; and

WHEREAS, Joey Witcoski has been playing both wrestling and football for 13 years. He will be playing football for Wagner College in the fall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby commend Joey Witcoski for his successful season and commitment to the sport and wish him success in all his future endeavors.

6. HHS WRESTLING TEAM

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Varsity Wrestling Team had a very successful season culminating in winning the Somerset County Championship with three individual county champions: Tommy Kester, Jack Miller, and Joey Witcoski; and

WHEREAS, the Wrestling Team came in second in District 17 with three individual district champions: Peter Quandt, Joey Witcoski, and Christian Quandt and 10 region qualifiers: Logan McDermid, Tommy Kester, Zach Iannucci, Corey Iannucci, Chris Spinelli, Jack Miller, Peter Quandt, Joey Witcoski, Matt Jones, and Christian Quandt; and

WHEREAS, the Wrestling Team also placed eighth in Region Five and achieved a 24-4 season record; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Wrestling Team consisted of the following athletes: Shane Borer, Xander Borowski, Giuseppe Cicciari, Nick Duarte, Anthony Franzoso, Justin Gilsilvetti, Kevin Hoefele, Corey Iannucci, Zach Iannucci, Matt Jones, Tommy Kester, Tyler Lange-Margelis, Brett Lockburner, Andrew Lodato, Anthony Mayo, Logan McDermid, Jacob McNerney, Sullivan McNerney, Jack Miller, Matt Miller, Dylan Patel, Pratham Patel, Christian Quandt, Peter Quandt, Sebastian Rodriguez Mora, Michael Sanchez, Anthony Sowinski, Chris Spinelli, Alex Villa, Ryan Vladyka, Joey Witcoski, and Aiden Yoder; and

WHEREAS, the team was led by Head Coach Rhys Weinberger and Assistant Coaches Justin Balunsat and Brian West.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby commend the Hillsborough High School Varsity Wrestling Team, the coaches and parents, not only for their successful season, but for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the sport and to those principles of good sportsmanship, teamwork and academic achievement which the organization endorses.

7. HHS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Girls Track & Field Team had a very successful season culminating in winning the Central Jersey Group 4 State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Girls Track & Field Team also won the Skyland Conference Relay Championship, the Somerset County Relay Championship, the 2023 Delaware Division Championship, the 2023 Overall Skylands Conference Championship, and the 2023 Somerset County Girls Track and Field Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Girls Track & Field Team consisted of the following athletes: Twelfth Grade: Elom Acolatse, Zoe Amofa, Lauren Barker, Chloe Bynes, Ernestina Danquah, Danae Dewberry, Anna King, Kayla Lockburner, Sophie Mantegna, Skylar Marso, Anastasia Ramirez, Emily Shoenfelt, Lauren Smith, Siena Sowers, Sophia Stibitz, Eleventh Grade: Erin Barry, Anna Dao, Laina Denys, Liana Dudajek, Adrianna Fetaya, Jessica Galette, Ananya Kabbinad, Ella Karolewski, Emma Kelner, Divya Kumari, Alexa LaMotta, Jessica Lew, Mackenzie McLaughlin, Emily Miller, Lisa O'Sullivan, Janvi Patel, Nyssa Patel, Juliana Ramirez, Michaela Ruffa, Sabrina Sardar, Natalie Schmitt, Rachel Yakubu, Sanjana Bhatta, Tenth Grade: Lindsey Buisson, Bridget Candon, Aurora Cunkelman, Lauren Daniels, Shannon Darcy, Essence Kelly, Rithanyaa Kumar, Mya Loniewski, Hasini Maddipatla, Kushdeep Nijjer, Cira Palmera, Namita Parekh, Suhani Patel, Sinia Peavey, Malana Radis, Sekai Summers, Nivedha Sundarajan, Reya Suresh Kumar, Juliette Viveros, Angela Volkova, Rayna Vos, Ninth Grade: Scarlett Auyeung, Anvitha Banda, Madeleine Bienstock, Alicia Bogumil, Emma Burd, Victoria Byra, Sruti Chandramoha, Anslee Coords, Kaia Gallagher, Carolina Giordano, Emily Harris, Paige Hill, Abigail Kim, Alexa Kling, Ava Lucariello, Stella Martinez, Kaylee Meszaros, Cassandra Montoya, Leah Neilan, Ruchita Parekh, Srija Patel, Jeeya Patel, Neha Rahul, Ella Rosenel, Rashmi Roy, Isabela Ruffa, Jianna Seale, Sydney Secor, Zaara Shaik, Alexis Shumaker, Natalia Simcak, Emma Stibitz, Madelynn Taras, Juhi Trivedi, Saanvi Trivedi, Gia Viscariello, Vivian Wasserman, Amanda Yarkoni, and Trayi Yerra; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Girls Track & Field Team was led by Head Coach Rich Refi.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby commend the Hillsborough High School Girls Track & Field Team, the coaches and parents, not only for their successful season but for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the sport and to those principles of good sportsmanship, teamwork and academic achievement which the organization endorses.

8. RYHS WEINBERGER- COACH OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Varsity Wrestling Team has been led by Head Coach Rhys Weinberger for past two years; and

WHEREAS, Rhys Weinberger was named 2023 Skyland Conference Coach of the Year and District 17 Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Rhys Weinberger, a 2013 Hillsborough High School graduate and wrestler, was a District Champion, Region Champion and placed eighth in the state; and

WHEREAS, after high school, Rhys Weinberger participated in club wrestling at Rutgers University and began his coaching career in 2017 at Hillsborough Middle School for two years and then coached three years with the Hillsborough Youth Wrestling Program; and

WHEREAS, in his two years as head coach, Rhys Weinberger has led the team to two straight Somerset County titles and has coached and trained seven individual county champions, six individual district champions, sixteen region qualifiers, and six state qualifiers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby congratulate Rhys Weinberger for being named Skyland Conference Coach of the Year and District 17 Coach of the Year and wish him continued success.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee thank Rhys

Weinberger for his dedication and support towards our athletic community.

PRESENTATIONS

1. REACH INTERNS

Certificates of Appreciation for Reach Interns

2. MAYOR'S CHOICE - HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP DISTRICT ARTS SHOW

Mayor's Choice - Hillsborough Township District Arts Show

3. APPOINTMENT OF SARAH BRAKE AS TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mayor Lipani asked to move on Consent #3, the Appointment of Sarah Brake as Township Clerk.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Britting, to move on consent #3 out of order, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Committeeman Jim Ruh, consent agenda #3 was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Township Clerk Pamela Borek administered the oath of office to Sarah Brake, accompanied by her father and family.

4. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Bob Matros reported the results from the 60 individual harvest surveys from the year and offered the proposed recommendations for the 2023-2024 hunting season, which include coyote and participation in the fall turkey season.

Mayor Lipani inquired how long the coyote season would be.

Mr. Matros responded to Mayor Lipani that it would include shotgun and archery season.

5. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor Lipani commented that this would be CFO Nancy Costa's last budget presentation as she is retiring at the end of the month and thanked her for all her years of service to the township.

Committeeman Tomson and Administrator Ferrera commented on Ms. Costa's retirement and thanked her for all her service.

Nancy Costa thanked her team and stated she would miss everyone she has worked with over the last 18 years.

Ms. Costa thanked Deputy Mayor Britting, Committeeman Ciccarelli, Mayor Lipani, Administrator Ferrera and acting-Treasurer Alicia Noon, for their help and guidance with the balancing the challenging 2023 Municipal Budget.

Ms. Costa reported the findings and tax trends of the 2023 Municipal Budget and announced the public hearing will be held on July 18, 2023.

Mayor Lipani thanked Ms. Costa and commented that the budget was very challenging this year due to the loss of revenue and the large increase in cost and stated how proud he was of the team's ability to work out a budget that

included needed services and kept a fair tax rate.

Deputy Mayor Britting and Committeeman Tomson further commented on the findings of the Municipal Budget.

Mayor Lipani restated the official adoption of the budget will be July 18, 2023.

Mayor Lipani asked to move on Consents 1 and 2.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Committeeman Jim Ruh, the consent agenda items 1 and 2 were unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Mayor Lipani thanked CFO Costa on her hard work on the budget and for maintaining the tax rate.

Deputy Mayor Britting congratulated the team on keeping the tax rate flat.

Committeeman Tomson acknowledged the flat tax rate with receiving less money from the state and huge increases in health costs and thanked the team that worked on the budget.

CONSENT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 18, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the introduction of the 2023 Municipal Budget and sets the public hearing for July 18, 2023.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Hillsborough has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2023 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body finds the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget has been introduced and will be publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

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

Mayor Lipani asked to move on Consent #1 and #2

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Committeeman Jim Ruh, the Resolution Authorizing the Introduction of the 2023 Municipal Budget and Setting the Public Hearing along with the Resolution Authorizing Self-Examination of the 2023 Municipal Budget was approved upon the call of the roll.

3. RESOLUTION APPOINTING SARAH BRAKE TO THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP CLERK AND PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the position of Township Clerk and Public Information Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator recommends Sarah Brake be appointed to the position of Township Clerk and Public Information Officer at a salary of \$105,000 effective June 14, 2023.

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 Township Administrator is hereby accepted and approved and Sarah Brake is appointed as Township Clerk and Public Information Officer effective June 14, 2023.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF HARRIET FENSTER-GUDE TO THE POSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the position of Human Resources Manager in the Administration Office; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator recommends the promotion of Harriet Fenster-Gude to the position of Human Resources Manager in the Administration Office at an annual salary of \$75,000.00, effective June 14, 2023.

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 Township Administrator is hereby accepted and approved and Harriet Fenster-Gude is hereby promoted to the position of Human Resources Manager in the Administration Office at an annual salary of \$75,000 effective June 14, 2023.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SHAWN KIRK FOR THE POSITION OF PART-TIME ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR IN THE HILLSBOROUGH BUILDING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a part-time Electrical Inspector in the Township of Hillsborough Building Department; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official recommends the hiring of Shawn Kirk as a part-time Electrical Inspector in the Township of Hillsborough Building Department effective June 13, 2023, at a rate of \$33.00 per hour

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Construction Official is authorized to hire Shawn Kirk as a part-time Electrical Inspector effective June 13, 2023, at a rate of \$33.00 per hour.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF LUIS CORREIA FOR THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR IN THE HILLSBOROUGH BUILDING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a full-time Building Inspector in the Township of Hillsborough Building Department; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official recommends the hiring of Luis Correia as a full-time Building Inspector in the Township of Hillsborough Building Department effective June 13, 2023, at an annual salary of \$70,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Construction Official is authorized to hire Luis Correia as a full-time Building Inspector effective June 13, 2023, at an annual salary of \$70,000.00.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF SARA HARRILAL FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN SUPPORT OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY POLICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a police officer in the Hillsborough Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends the hiring of Sara Harrilal as a full-time Police Officer in the Hillsborough Township Police Department effective July 10th, 2023, and pending completion of a successful background check plus medical and psychiatric testing, at an annual salary of \$48,136.00, which Somerset County will reimburse as part of their Police Scholarship Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Chief of Police is authorized to hire Sara Harrilal as a full-time Police Officer effective July 10th, at an annual salary of \$48,136.00.

Mayor Lipani asked to move on Consent #4-7.

Township Administrator Ferrera commented on items 4-7 and welcomed and congratulated the appointees to their positions.

Committeeman Tomson congratulated the appointees on their positions and commented on Consent #7 regarding the grant opportunity of approximately \$50,000. Committeeman Tomson reported that the township would be fully reimbursed by Somerset County and he thanked the Chief and his team for allowing us to participate in this program.

8. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND WAGES OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the annual salaries and wages of the following part-time employees are to be adjusted as listed

below, with an effective date as shown:

Name	Department	Base Salary	Effective Date
Borisenko, Jennifer	Part-time Office Assistant	\$16.50 per hour	7/13/2023
Cummings, Linda	Floater	\$16.50 per hour	7/13/2023
Drab, Michelle	Part-time Office Assistant	\$16.50 per hour	3/14/2023
Lerman, Jill	Floater	\$16.50 per hour	7/13/2023
Mazzucco, Jeanne	Floater	\$16.50 per hour	4/13/2023
Nisenson, Deborah	Part-time Office Assistant	\$18.00 per hour	1/1/2023
Rotz, Ceclia	Receptionist	\$18.90 per hour	1/1/2023

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS AND STIPENDS OF TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator recommends the following appointments and stipends for Township employees:

- (1) the appointment of Dana Margelis as Qualified Purchasing Agent, effective July 1, 2023, at an annual stipend of \$5,000, to replace Nancy Costa who will be retiring as of June 30, 2023; and
- (2) the appointment of Alicia Noon as Acting Treasurer, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Certifying Agent for PERS & PFRS, and Fund Commissioner to the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund, effective July 1, 2023, to replace the Nancy Costa who will be retiring as of June 30, 2023; and
- (3) an annual stipend payment of \$2,500 to April Crossen retroactive to January 1, 2023, as per the recommendation of the Chief Fire Marshall, for the payroll services she provides on behalf of the Hillsborough Township Fire District which amount shall be reimbursed to the Township by the Fire District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendations of the Township Administrator as set forth herein are hereby accepted and approved.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALARY INCREASE FOR ASSISTANT SUBCODE OFFICIAL, MARK JANDOLI

WHEREAS, the Construction Official recommends an increase in the annual base salary for Assistant Subcode Official, Mark Jandoli, to \$88,794 effective July 2, 2023, as a result of his increased responsibilities and performance.

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 Construction Official is hereby accepted and approved and the annual base salary for Assistant Subcode Official, Mark Jandoli, is hereby increased to \$88,794 effective July 2, 2023.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2004-24 which established the Hillsborough Wildlife Management Commission, requires the Commission to report annually to the Township Committee and recommend a Wildlife Management Plan for the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, the Commission reports that the last deer hunting season on public properties in Hillsborough was again safe and successful; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2004-24 and Ordinance 2008-50 provides that the hunting, shooting, killing and removal of white-tailed deer and other wildlife, as approved by the State of New Jersey, on municipally-owned land shall be allowed for the purpose of reducing and managing the Township's deer and other wildlife population, but only with the possession of and under the provisions of a municipal game management permit for such activity; and

WHEREAS, the number of municipal game management permits issued each year for the culling of white-tailed deer and other wildlife and the properties for which such permits shall be issued, shall be determined annually by resolution of the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Management Commission has recommended, in its proposed Wildlife Management Plan for the upcoming hunting season, and the Police Chief has concurred, that twenty (20) properties be made available for permitted hunting; and

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of the Township Health Department, the culling of coyote shall be permitted again in this year's wildlife management program, as part of a pilot program designed to reduce the spread of mange and rabies throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Management Commission also recommends that in the lottery of available permits, preference be granted first to Hillsborough residents, next to Somerset County residents and finally to New Jersey residents and that three (3) alternate permits be allowed to create a substitute list if an original permit holder is unable to hunt; and

WHEREAS, the Commission further recommends that it be mandatory for all hunters to wear a safety harness while in their tree stands, that all hunters be limited to one (1) fixed style tree stand, that all hunters are to sign a consent form for a NJ Fish and Wildlife license check and that the program for processing and donating harvested deer be continued; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Management Commission also recommends that the limited number of days available to hunt with a firearm in Areas 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 16 coincide with all season dates set forth by the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Commission further recommends that licensed hunters who were permitted to hunt on public properties last season be able to have, if desired, that permit extended on the same terms and conditions for the upcoming season on the same property, without submitting to a lottery; and

WHEREAS, the Commission believes the permit extension privilege provides an added safety feature because continuity of hunters in hunting areas allows those hunters to become more familiar with the property and its boundaries, with deer habits, and with each other's habits, thereby increasing safety; and

WHEREAS, the Commission also recommends that additional steps be taken to provide non-lethal means of deer damage control.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that deer hunting, in accordance with New Jersey Laws, rules and regulations,

Township rules and regulations, the provisions of Ordinance 2004-24, and as recommended by the Wildlife Management Commission in their proposed Wildlife Management Plan for the 2022-2023 season, is hereby authorized on the following public properties:

Area	Location	Block & Lot	
Area 1	Montgomery Road and Pschorn Lane	Block 169, Lots 27 & 30	
Area 2	Davids Lane	Block 171, Lots 14C, 14L, 14Z & 112.01	
Area 3	Wertsville Road	Block 171, Lot 6	
Area 4	Auten Road	Block 151, Lot 1	Bow Hunting Only
Area 5	Montgomery Road and Amwell Road	Block 166, Lots 1 & 3.02 Block 167, Lot 8 and Block 167, lot 10.01	Bow Hunting Only
Area 6	Dutchtown Zion Road	Block 174, Lot 200	
Area 7	East Mountain Rd (PID Property)	Block 12, Lots 26.01, 33, 47	
Area 8	ELIMINATED FROM PROGRAM		
Area 9	Scott Drive	Block 203, Lot 22 Block 203-5, Lot 1	Bow Hunting Only
Area 10	River Road (Old Main Road)	Block 8, Lot 9	Bow Hunting Only
Area 11	Surrey Drive and Mulford Lane	Block 207.01, Lot 36	Bow Hunting Only
Area 12	River Road and Norz Drive	Block 13.01, Lot 14.18	Bow Hunting Only
Area 13	Horseshoe Drive	Block 205.11, Lots 41 & 58	Bow Hunting Only
Area 14	Raddel Court	Block 205.15, Lot 38	Bow Hunting Only
Area 15	ELIMINATED FROM PROGRAM		
Area 16	Montgomery Road between Wertsville and Amwell	Block 167 Lots 13.01, 13.02 & 13.03 and Block 167 Lots 9 & 12.04	
Area 17	South Branch Road	Block 149.08 Lots 81, 82 & 83	Bow Hunting Only
Area 18	Brooks Blvd.	Block 65, Lot 22	Bow Hunting Only
Area 19	Daval Road	Block 174.04 Lots 48 and 84	Bow Hunting Only
Area 20	River Road East	Block 11, Lot 13.02	Bow Hunting

			Only
Area 21	Hamilton Road	Block 198, Lot 2	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to the recommendation of the Wildlife Management Commission in its proposed 2023-2024 Wildlife Management Plan, the following steps are taken to provide non-lethal means of deer damage control: Continue to plot all road-killed deer from motor vehicle accidents on a map of the Township to locate where additional signage may be needed. Continue the replacement of worn deer crossing road signs and/or an increase of signs at key points around the Township; Continue the trimming of brush on public properties further back from the road to allow motorists improved vision of deer at the roadside; Provide “Wildlife Tips” throughout the year on the Township’s website on such topics relating to deer such as deer-resistant plants, leaving wildlife alone in the wild, driving tips during peak times when deer are most active and the negative issues of feeding deer and other wildlife issues; Make available a detailed list that can be obtained at the Townships Clerk’s office on landscape plants rated by deer resistance.

12. RESOLUTION TO RENEW TOWNSHIP LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2023-2024 LICENSE TERM

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Police Department has conducted an investigation of each retail licensee and club licensee to ensure that criminally disqualified and other unfit persons do not acquire or hold direct interests in the retail alcoholic beverage industry; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforementioned investigations, the Hillsborough Police Department has confirmed that the applicants are not subject to any of the disabilities set forth in Title 33 of New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk has certified that each licensee has posted the required municipal fee of \$2,500 for a Plenary License and \$188 for the Club License; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk has further certified that each licensee has been granted a New Jersey State Tax Clearance Certificate as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses are hereby renewed to the following license holders for the year 2023-2024, effective July 01, 2023:

License No	Establishment	Licensee
1810-31-012-001	Manville-Hillsborough BPOE Lodge 2119 1500 Brooks Boulevard	Manville BPOE Lodge No 2119 1500 Brooks Boulevard Hillsborough, NJ 8844
1810-32-002-010	ABC Pocket License	Hillsborough Group LLC 8 Independence Way Jersey City, NJ 07305
1810-32-003-009	The Landing 311 Amwell Road Suite 1	C&J Operating LLC 438 North Avenue Garwood, NJ 7027

1810-32-010-005	Petrock's Bar & Grill 419 Amwell Road	Woods Tavern LLC 419 Amwell Road Hillsborough, NJ 8844
1810-32-011-004	ABC Pocket License	Polish Falcons Camp Inc 140 Falcon Rd Hillsborough, NJ 08844
1810-33-001-004	Royce Brook 201 Hamilton Road	Royce Brook Golf, LLC Casper Golf 12700 Sunrise Valley S300 Reston, VA 20191
1810-33-005-004	Applebee's 315 Route 206	Apple Food Service of Hillsborough LLC 7 Pearl Court Allendale, NJ 7401
1810-33-006-009	Favorites 150 Route 206 South	Monmouth Park Spirits LLC 595 Shrewsbury Ave Suite 200 Shrewsbury, NJ 7702
1810-33-007-011	ABC Pocket License	Hillsborough 1 LLC 1260 Stelton Rd Piscataway, NJ 08854
1810-33-008-008	Old Man Rafferty's 284 Route 206 South	Hillsborough Hospitality Inc. 284 Route 206 South Hillsborough, NJ 8844
1810-33-009-007	ABC Pocket License	Hillsborough Golf Club Inc PO Box 365 Neshanic Station, NJ 8853
1810-33-015-003	ABC Pocket License	JSM Investments at Hillsborough 1260 Stelton Rd Piscataway, NJ 08854
1810-36-016-002	Manhattan Drive Bar & Restaurant (Days Inn) 118 Route 206 South	Prime American Inns Inc. 118 Route 206 South Hillsborough, NJ 8844
1810-44-013-006	Petrock's Liquors 419 Amwell Road	419 Amwell Road LLC 419 Amwell Road Hillsborough, NJ 8844
1810-44-014-001	Bottle King 626 Route 206	Hillsborough Bottle King 626 Route 206 Hillsborough, NJ 8844
1810-44-017-005	Home Wines & Marketplace 601 Route 206	Hillsborough Spirits, LLC 601 Route 206 Hillsborough, NJ 8844

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF CONTRACT WITH CME ASSOCIATES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT SERVICES FOR 2023

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2023, as a result of the fair and open procurement process, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq., a contract for “Professional Services” was awarded to CME Associates as Affordable Housing Administrative Agent for the year 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the amount to exceed in the contract needs to be increased by \$25,000.00 for additional services to be provided for the remainder of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies sufficient funds are available in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the not to exceed amount in the contract with CME Associates be increased by \$25,000.00 for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent services for the remainder of 2023.

14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH ESCROW IN THE AMOUNT \$150.00 FOR ROAD OPENING PERMIT NO. 2022-23

WHEREAS, a cash escrow in the amount of \$150.00 was posted for Road Opening Permit No. 2022-23, and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department received a request for the release of cash escrow because the work is not moving forward; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant to the Township Engineer recommends the Township Committee authorize the release of the Cash Escrow in the amount of \$150.00 for Road Opening Permit No. 2022-23.

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 Assistant to the Township Engineer is hereby accepted and approved.

15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH ESCROW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00 FOR ROAD OPENING PERMIT NO. 2020-25

WHEREAS, a Cash Escrow in the amount of \$150.00 was posted for Road Opening Permit No. 2020-25; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant to the Township Engineer certifies all work has been satisfactorily completed and recommends the Township Committee authorize the release of the Cash Escrow in the amount of \$150.00 for Road Opening Permit No. 2020-25.

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 Assistant to the Township Engineer is hereby accepted and approved.

16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LEAD GRANT ASSISTANT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, effective July 22, 2022, the Legislature enacted P.L. 2021, c. 182, “An Act concerning certain lead-based paint hazard, and residential rental property, and establishing lead-based paint hazard programs, supplementing P.L. 2003, c. 311 (C. 52:27D-437.1 et al.) amending various parts of the statutory law, and making an appropriation”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(b)(1), a municipality that maintains a permanent local agency for the purpose of conducting inspections and enforcing laws, ordinances, and regulations concerning buildings and structures, is required to inspect for lead-based paint hazards in certain specified single-family, two-family, and multiple rental dwellings, at the time periods set forth in the statute; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(b)(2) a municipality that does not maintain such a permanent local agency must hire a lead evaluation contractor, certified to provide lead paint inspection services by DCA, or enter a shared services agreement as permitted by law, for the purpose of conducting the inspections for lead-based paint hazards; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9 of P.L. 2021, c. 182, the State of New Jersey has appropriated from the General Fund to the DCA the sum of \$3,900,000 to effectuate the purposes of P.L. 2021, c. 182 (C. 52:27D-437.16) and pursuant to the FY 2023 Appropriations Act (P.L. 2022, Chapter 49), the DCA received a grant-in-aid amount of \$3,900,000 for P.L. 2021, c. 182, for a total of \$7,800,000 in appropriations to effectuate the purpose of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the DCA has allocated \$7,000,000 of this appropriation to the development of the Lead Grant Assistance Program ("LGAP") for the issuance of grant funds to municipalities for the purpose of assisting in municipal compliance with P.L. 2021, c. 182.

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS), within the DCA, administers the LGAP; and

WHEREAS, the LGAP exists to provide funding to help off-set the costs to municipalities to provide the required inspections at stipulated times of certain single-family, two-family, and multiple rental dwelling units for lead-based paint hazards, pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 182; and

WHEREAS, an authorized municipal officer must execute the Grant Agreement in order to receive LGAP funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, Somerset County, New Jersey, that the Township Administrator, Anthony Ferrera, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Grant Agreement and thus bind the Township of Hillsborough to the Grant Agreement's terms in order to receive the \$11,000 grant from the DLGS.

17. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ESCROW TO VALLEY INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS, LLC

WHEREAS, Valley Industrial Partners, LLC, posted a Development Review Escrow with the Township for DR-23-01; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Planning Director advises that conceptual plans will not be proceeding and recommends the refund of the \$2,000 Development Review Escrow funds to Valley Industrial Partners, LLC.

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 Hillsborough Township Planning Director is hereby accepted and approved

18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REPAVING OF AUTEN ROAD PHASE I

WHEREAS, each year the Township submits a grant application to receive funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Director recommends the submission of a grant application to receive funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program for the repaving of Auten Road between Triangle Road and the railroad crossing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) it approves the submission of a grant application for the above-stated project; (2) the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified MA 2024 -1 - Auten Road Phase I - Sage ID number 00023 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Hillsborough Township; and (3) the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Hillsborough Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant

agreement and approval of the execution of the grant agreement.

19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ESCROW TO VALLEY INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS, LLC

WHEREAS, Valley Industrial Partners, LLC, posted a Development Review Escrow with the Township for DR-23-02; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Planning Director advises that conceptual plans will not be proceeding and recommends the refund of the \$2,000 Development Review Escrow funds to Valley Industrial Partners, LLC.

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 Hillsborough Township Planning Director is hereby accepted and approved

20. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Finance Office may be unable to mail the Township's 2023 tax bills on a timely basis, if the Somerset County Tax Board cannot issue a timely certified tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Tax Collector has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and has signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) the Hillsborough Township Tax Collector is hereby authorized to prepare and issue estimated tax bills, if deemed necessary by the Tax Collector, for the Township for the third installment of 2023 taxes; (2) the Tax Collector shall proceed upon approval, if required, from the Director Division of Local Government Services, and take such actions as are permitted and required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3; and (3) the entire estimated tax levy for 2023 is hereby set at \$164,245,899.42; and (4) in accordance with law the third installment of 2023 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10th or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills are mailed and the estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

21. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE OF UNPAID 2022 TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES THROUGH NJ TAX LIEN INVESTORS/REAL AUCTION.COM

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

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for electronic tax sales; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct electronic tax sales; and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the Qualified Purchasing Agent and Tax Collector, the Township of Hillsborough wishes to hold an electronic tax sale for unpaid 2022 taxes and other municipal charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is authorized to hold an electronic tax sale for unpaid 2022 taxes and other municipal charges through NJ Tax Lien Investors/Real Auction.com.

22. 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
Gateway Phase 7	Gateway7in	\$577.00
Green Village	Greenvilin	\$141.61
Hillsborough 206 Holdings	Hills206in	\$3,031.32
McDonalds 2022	Mcdonldin	\$230.80
Nassau Dog Daycare	Nassaudoin	\$182.04
PSE&G 202 gas project	pseg2020in	\$115.40
Rd opening 2021-53	Domanskain	\$57.70
Road opening 2023-17	JSmasonin	\$227.55
Sherman Tract	Shermanin	\$1,552.62
Village Point (3 Ronson)	Villagptin	\$182.04
	Grand Total	-\$6,298.08

23. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CASH BOND FOR LANDMARK AT HILLSBOROUGH/TECUMSEH - NESHANIC RIVERSIDE II

WHEREAS, a cash bond was posted for the Landmark at Hillsborough/Tecumseh - Neshanic Riverside II project; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant to the Township Engineer certifies all work has been completed and recommends release of the remaining cash bond in the amount of \$81.00.

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 Assistant to the Township Engineer is hereby accepted and approved.

24. RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE FOR ROAD OPENING BOND NO. 104703734 FOR JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the code of the Township of Hillsborough, Chapter 259 "Street and Sidewalks", subsection 4G, the utility company Jersey Central Power & Light has submitted a Continuation Certificate for Road Opening Bond No. 104703734, in the required amount of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this is a general performance guarantee for the continuous stream of road opening permits that are processed each year; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Township Engineer and Township Attorney recommend the Township Committee accept the Continuation Certificate for the above-referenced Road Opening Bond.

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 Assistant to the Township Engineer and Township Attorney is hereby accepted and approved.

25. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES FROM 4/1/2023 THROUGH 6/30/2023 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 April 1, 2023:

Jefferson, Cedric	Block 163.06 Lot 2 C1643	\$1,565.89
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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 property taxes from 4/1/2023 through 6/30/2023 to the above referenced property owner.

26. 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.

Tara Hurley	\$275.00
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27. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2022 COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT FOR THE VANDERVEER HARRIS HOUSE

WHEREAS, there is a need for professional architectural services pertaining to updating the 2005 Preservation Plan for the restoration of the Van der Veer-Harris House; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project is provided in part by the Somerset County Historic Preservation Grant Program in the amount of \$39,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Mills & Schnoering Architects provided the Township will provide a plan, pursuant to their proposal dated April 11, 2022, which was submitted as part of the grant application and requirements in an amount not to exceed \$39,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Hillsborough accepts the county grant for the next phase in the preservation project to update the 2005 Preservation Plan for the restoration of the Vanderveer Harris House in the amount of \$39,000.00, which will be prepared by Mills & Schnoering Architects based on their proposal dated April 11, 2022, which was submitted as part of the grant, in an amount not to exceed \$39,000.00.

28. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH DILWORTH PAXSON, LLP, AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2023 the law firm of GluckWalrath LLP was appointed as Bond Counsel; and

WHEREAS, on June 1 2023, the law firm of GluckWalrath, LLP, will become affiliated with the firm of Dilworth Paxson, LLP; and

WHEREAS the Township desires to amend the appointment of Bond Counsel and to enter into an agreement to reflect the affiliation of GluckWalrath, LLP, with Dilworth Paxson, LLP.

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

1. Effective immediately, the law firm of Dilworth Paxson, LLP, is hereby retained for the provision of bond counsel services for the balance of the one-year term ending December 31, 2023, pursuant to an agreement that shall include the same terms, fees and conditions of the agreement previously authorized on January 4th, 2023 for the calendar year 2023.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement with the law firm of Dilworth Paxson, LLP.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
4. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer and to Michael H. Gluck, Esquire.

29. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BINSKY & SNYDER SERVICE, LLC, FOR A PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT ON THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has requested the execution of a contract for the preventative maintenance of the HVAC system at the Municipal Complex, to help avert large and unnecessary repair bills by being proactive with maintaining the system; and

WHEREAS, the services are available from Binsky & Snyder Service, LLC, through the Bergen County Cooperative Contract #CK04-NJ at a cost not to exceed \$36,200.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township is a member of the Bergen County Cooperative and as such is eligible to obtain these services through contracts awarded by them; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available in the 2023 budget and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through account #3-01-26-772-079 in an amount not to exceed \$36,200.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes and approves a contract with Binsky & Snyder, LLC, for preventative maintenance on the HVAC system at the Municipal Complex in an amount not to exceed \$36,200.00.

30. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2023/2024 STRENGTHENING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH OFFICER TO FILL PART-TIME POSITIONS AS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT

WHEREAS, the Township has been awarded the 2023/2024 Strengthening Local Public Health Grant in the amount of \$406,046.00;

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire part-time staff as required to support the Strengthening Local Public Health Grant requirements;

WHEREAS, the Health Officer requests that the Township accept the grant, and authorize the hiring of one (1) public health nurse and two (2) interns as part of the requirements to support the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the 2023/2024 Strengthening Local Public Health Grant in the amount of \$406,046.00 is hereby accepted and the Health Officer is authorized to hire part time staff as required to support the Strengthening Public Health Grant requirements.

31. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 2016 FORD F450 RECHASSIED AMBULANCE TO JERSEY ONE AUTO SALES, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough owns a 2016 Ford F-450 Ambulance that is no longer required for public use; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the ambulance was advertised and bids were received and opened, as advertised, on May 24, 2023, at 9:00 am, by the Township's Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received as follows:

Jersey One Auto Sales Inc.	\$10,555.00
South Bound Brook First Aid Squad	\$10,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) the bid received from Jersey One Auto Sales, Inc., in the amount of \$10,555.00 is hereby accepted; and (2) the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute all documents required to sell and transfer title of the 2016 Ford F-450 Ambulance to Jersey One Auto Sales, Inc., for payment in the amount of \$10,555.00.

32. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGES IN THE CUSTODIANS OF PETTY CASH FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Custodians of Petty Cash Funds for the Township of Hillsborough need to be updated per N.J.S.A. 40:5-21; and

WHEREAS, the current records show the following:

Office	Custodian	Amount	Bond
Administrator's Office	Ronald Zilinski	\$300.00	\$530,000
Police	Paul Kaminsky, Chief	\$250.00	N/A
Public Assistance	Tomas Ormosi	\$1,000.00	\$5,000

WHEREAS, the Custodians of Petty Cash Funds need to be updated to reflect the following effective immediately:

Office	Custodian	Amount	Bond
Finance	Alicia Noon	\$300.00	\$1,000,000
Police	Michael McMahon, Chief	\$250.00	N/A

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough wishes to rescind the Public Assistance petty cash fund, as it is no longer necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) the Custodians of the Petty Cash Funds are hereby updated effective immediately as set forth in this Resolution; (2) the Public Assistance Petty Cash Fund is hereby rescinded effective immediately; and (3) the Township Clerk shall file two (2) copies of this Resolution with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for their approval.

33. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE DIGITIZING OF FILES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT BY FOVEONICS DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS THROUGH THE ESCNJ COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township was awarded American Rescue Plan Act funding which can be used to provide digitalizing of documents; and

WHEREAS, Foveonics Document Solutions will provide these services through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative (ESCNJ) Contract #22/23-11, of which the Township of Hillsborough is a member, in an amount not to exceed \$19,985.00; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available in the 2023 municipal budget through the ARP funding and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #G-02-40-650-000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes a contract with Foveonics Document Solutions to provide services for the digitalization of the Construction Department files in an amount not to exceed \$19,985.00 through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Contract #22/23-11.

34. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PENNONI ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE A SURVEY, ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT PLAN FOR THE MIKE MERDINGER PARK PAVILION CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2023, as a result of the Fair and Open Selection Process, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq., Pennoni Associates was awarded a professional services contract designating them as the Township of Hillsborough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, there is now the necessity for professional engineering services, namely, to provide a survey, engineering and support plan for the Mike Merdinger Park Pavilion construction as described in a proposal from

Pennoni Associates, dated June 2, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$16,100.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) Pennoni Associates is authorized to provide a survey, engineering and construction plan for the Mike Merdinger Park Pavillion construction, as described in a proposal from Pennoni Associates, dated June 2, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$16,100.00; (2) the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the Professional Services Contract With Pennoni Associates for these services in an amount not to exceed \$16,100.00; (3) this Contract is awarded, as a result of the Fair and Open Selection Process as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)a of the Local Public Contracts Law and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq.) because these services will be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, the performance of which service requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instructions as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training.

35. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME INTERNS TO SUPPORT THE NJ CAREER ACCELERATOR INTERNSHIP GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the NJ Career Accelerator Internship Grant Funding Distribution Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS Hillsborough was approved to hire four (4) interns through the NJ Career Accelerator Internship Grant Funding Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk has reviewed the applicants and requests authorization to hire the following individuals for a minimum of 15 work hours per week and be paid \$20.00 per hour for at least 10 weeks between June 2023 and August 2023:

Andreas Porter
Jake Smith
Frank Cihon
Michael Panchery

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Township is authorized to hire part-time staff to support the NJ Career Accelerator Internship Grant program requirements as set forth in this Resolution.

36. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP 2024 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PAVING OF TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD

WHEREAS, Montgomery Township is submitting a 2024 Municipal Aid Grant Application to NJDOT for the repaving of the Township Line Road; and

WHEREAS, part of Township Line Road is located in Hillsborough Township; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Township has asked for a Letter of Support from Hillsborough Township for this application submittal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee supports the signing of a Letter of Support by the Mayor pertaining to the 2024 Municipal Aid Grant Application filed by Montgomery Township with the NJDOT for

the repaving of Township Line Road.

37. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE ENHANCING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT

WHEREAS, the Township solicited proposals for Professional Services Relating to the Enhancing Local Public Health Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Township received one (1) bid in response to the public advertisement for each service as follows:

Workforce Development Planning Services:

Strategic Health Advisers LLC	\$18,000.00
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Quality Improvement Planning Services:

Strategic Health Advisers LLC	\$7,500.00
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WHEREAS, the Township Health Officer and the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the award of each of these contracts to Strategic Health Advisers, LLC, in the amounts shown above.

WHEREAS, funds will be available through the Enhancing Local Public Health Grant as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that a contract for Workforce Development Planning Services in the amount of \$18,000.00 and a contract for Quality Improvement Planning Services in the amount of \$7,500.00 are awarded to Strategic Health Advisers, LLC.

38. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN THE BERGEN COUNTY PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen ("Lead Agency ") has offered voluntary participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance # CK04- a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent recommends the Township Committee authorize participation in said Cooperative Pricing System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows: (1) this Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Hillsborough; (2) pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Township CFO/QPA Nancy Costa is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency; (3) the Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and (4) this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

39. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the schedule of regular public meetings of the Township Committee to be held during 2023 is amended as follows:

2023 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS AMENDMENT

7:30 P.M. – Regular Meetings at the Hillsborough Municipal Complex
(TUESDAYS)

JUNE

Adding Special Public Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 5:00 pm

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that this meeting notice amendment shall be provided to and posted in two official newspapers within seven (7) days of its passing and shall be distributed according to law, with notice that official action may be taken.

40. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGN AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough was awarded an Enhancing Local Public Health Grant; and

WHEREAS, these grant monies may be used for the fabrication and installation of a sign at the Municipal Complex to be used to communicate information on events and resources for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend a contract for the fabrication and installation of the sign be authorized for KC Sign & Awnings per their quote dated June 12, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$36,795.00, through the ESCNJ Coop contract #65MCESCCPS of which the Township is a member.

WHEREAS, funds are available through the Enhancing Local Public Health Grant and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through account #G-02-40-363-000 in an amount not to exceed \$36,795.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes and approves a contract with KC Sign & Awnings for the fabrication and installation of a sign at the Municipal Complex in an amount not to exceed \$36,795.00.

Mayor Lipani asked to move on Consent #4-7.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Robert Britting, seconded by Committeeman Doug Tomson, the consent agenda items 4 to 7 were unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Township Administrator Ferrera commented on items 4-7 and welcomed and congratulated the appointees to their positions.

Committeeman Tomson congratulated the appointees on their positions and commented on Consent #7 regarding the grant opportunity of approximately \$50,000. Committeeman Tomson reported that the township would be fully reimbursed by Somerset County and he thanked the Chief and his team for allowing us to participate in this program.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Britting, the consent agenda items 8 to 40 were unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Maria Janucik, 720 E. Frech Ave, Manville asked about items 9, 12, 13, 24, 30 and 31.

Mayor Lipani, Committeeman Tomson and Administrator Ferrera provided explanations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2023-06 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 143 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE V "STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS", AND ARTICLE XII "SCHEDULES" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, TO CREATE RIGHT TURN ONLY INTERSECTIONS AND PROHIBIT ALL MOVEMENTS EXCEPT RIGHT TURNS FROM MARSHALL ROAD TO AMWELL ROAD.

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Police Department conducted a traffic control assessment study of the intersection of Amwell Road and Marshall Road; and

WHEREAS, the results of said study were documented and forwarded to the Somerset County Engineering Department; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Engineering Department advised that restricting movements of traffic at the intersection of Amwell Road and Marshall Road is within the jurisdiction of Hillsborough Township; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the traffic control assessment study and the recommendations of the Township Police and Engineering Departments and in order to promote the public health, safety and welfare to reduce the risks of accidents, the Township wishes to prohibit all movements except right turns from Marshall Road to Amwell Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 143 "Vehicles And Traffic", Article V "Stop and Yield Intersections" and Article XII "Schedules", of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough, Somerset County, New Jersey, be amended as follows: **New language is underlined thus and deletions are indicated with strikethroughs ~~thus~~.**

Section 1. Chapter 143 "Vehicles And Traffic", Article V "Stop and Yield Intersections" is amended as follows:

Article V ~~Stop and Yield~~ Intersections

§ 143-13 Through streets designated.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule VIII (§ **143-37**) attached to and made a part of this chapter are hereby designated as through streets. Stop signs shall be installed on the near right side of each street intersecting the through street, except where yield signs are provided for in the designations.

§ 143-14 Stop intersections designated.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, the intersections described in Schedule IX (§ **143-38**) attached to and made a part of this chapter are hereby designated as stop intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein.

§ 143-15 Yield intersections designated.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, the intersections described in Schedule X (§ **143-39**) attached to and made a part of this chapter are hereby designated as yield intersections. Yield signs shall be installed as provided therein.

§ 143-15.1 Right turn only at intersections designated.

All movements at the intersections described in Schedule XX (§ **143-48.1**) attached to and made a part of this chapter are prohibited except for right turns. Right turn only signs shall be installed at the designated intersections provided therein.

Section 2. Chapter 143 "Vehicles And Traffic", Article XII "Schedules", is hereby amended to add a new Section § 143-48.1 "Schedule XX: Right Turn Only at Intersection" to prohibit all movements except right turns from Marshall Road to Amwell Road:

§ 143-48.1 "Schedule XX: Right Turn Only at Intersection"

In accordance with the provisions of § 143-15.1, the following described intersections are designated as right turn only:

<u>Name Of Street</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>	<u>Allowable Turn Only</u>	<u>At the Intersection of</u>
<u>Marshall Road</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>Right</u>	<u>Amwell Road</u>
<u>Marshall Road</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Right</u>	<u>Amwell Road</u>

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Committeeman Jim Ruh, to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-06, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Committeeman Jim Ruh, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2023-06, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll.

2. 2023-07 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 237 “RECORDS, PUBLIC” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, TO ADOPT AND CODIFY AN OPEN DATA POLICY.

WHEREAS, access to public information promotes a higher level of civic engagement and allows citizens to provide valuable feedback to government officials regarding local issues; and

WHEREAS, every citizen has the right to prompt, efficient service from the government; and

WHEREAS, the thoughtful implementation of an open data program improves provision of services, increases transparency and access to public information, and enhances coordination and efficiencies among departments, partner organizations and citizens; and

WHEREAS, one goal of an Open Data Policy is to proactively provide information currently sought through public records requests, thereby saving the Township time and money; and

WHEREAS, in commitment to the spirit of Open Government, the Township will proactively publish data and data containing information consistent with relevant public records law; and

WHEREAS, information technologies, including web-based and other Internet applications and services, are an essential means for Open Government and good government generally; and

WHEREAS, by publishing structured standardized data in machine-readable formats the Township seeks to encourage the local software community to develop software applications and tools to collect, organize and share public record data in new and innovative ways; and

WHEREAS, the protection of privacy, confidentiality and security will be maintained as a paramount priority while also advancing the government’s transparency and accountability through open data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 237 “Records, Public” of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough,

Somerset County, New Jersey, be amended to adopt and codify an Open Data Policy as follows: **New language is underlined thus and deletions are indicated with strikethroughs ~~thus~~.**

Section 1. Chapter 237 "Records, Public" is amended as follows:

Article I Public Records

§ 237-1 Accessibility of records for examination and copying; fees.

The public records of the Township of Hillsborough shall be accessible for examination and copying in accordance with N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. upon the terms and conditions as hereinafter provided. Such inspection shall be made only at reasonable times during business hours and without interference with the conduct of the affairs of the office or other place where such records are kept or maintained. The Township of Hillsborough is entitled to charge and collect fees for the reproduction of any public records, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5. The fee for the reproduction of public records pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5 shall be \$0.05 per letter-size page or smaller and \$0.07 per legal-size page or larger. The Township shall be permitted to charge the actual cost of duplicating the record if it can demonstrate that the actual cost exceeds the foregoing rates.

A. The Clerk of the Township of Hillsborough and any other department so authorized under statute or ordinance shall, upon providing photocopies of documents requested, also charge requestor for the following:

- (1) The actual cost for any document sent by mail, including cost of envelope and postage.
- (2) Photographs will be photocopied at the rate established herein. If requests are made for duplicate photographs, the actual cost of making the photograph shall be charged.
- (3) Any item that cannot be photocopied by the Township, or not otherwise provided for by ordinance, shall be subject to a charge based on actual costs incurred in making the copy.
- (4) Duplication of videotapes/DVDs will be charged for the actual cost of the videotape/DVD.

B. Any citizen who is seeking a copy of documents not currently stored on Township property will be charged for the retrieval and delivery of such documents as well as the cost of sending the documents back to the original location.

C. Should a citizen request information or documents in a medium not routinely maintained by the Township or requiring a substantial amount of manipulation or programming of information technology, then the custodian of records can charge the actual cost of duplication and a service charge that shall be reasonable and shall be based on the cost for any extensive use of information technology, or for the labor cost of personnel providing the service, that is actually incurred by the Township attributable to the Township for programming, clerical and supervisory assistance required, or both, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.

D. The custodian of records shall also charge a requestor for information or documents and the cost of postage should the request include mailing of the documents to the requestor.

§ 237-2 Fees set by resolution.

Any fee for the copying or reproducing of items not set forth herein and any changes to the fee schedule set forth herein may be established, supplemented or amended by resolution of the governing body of the Township of Hillsborough.

§ 237-3 Severability.

If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this chapter shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this chapter, shall be deemed valid and effective.

§ 237-4 Repealer.

Any ordinances, or parts or ordinances, inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

Article II Open Data Policy

§ 237-5 Definitions.

"Data" means statistical, factual, quantitative, or qualitative information that is maintained or created by or on behalf of a Township agency.

“Open data” means data that is available online, in an open format, with no legal encumbrances on use or reuse, and is available for all to access and download in full without fees or a requirement of registration. “Legal encumbrance” includes federal copyright protections and other non-statutory legal limitations on how or under what conditions a dataset may be used.

“Open format” means any widely accepted, nonproprietary, platform-independent, machine-readable data format, which permits automated processing of such data and facilitates analysis and search capabilities.

“Dataset” means a named collection of related records, with the collection containing data organized or formatted in a specific or prescribed way, often in tabular form.

“Protected information” means any dataset or portion thereof to which an agency may deny access pursuant to Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47-1A1 et seq.) and Daniel’s Law (N.J.S.A. 47:1B-1 et seq)

“Sensitive information” means any data which, if published by the Township online, could raise privacy, confidentiality or security concerns or have the potential to jeopardize public health, safety or welfare to an extent that is greater than the potential public benefit of publishing that data.

“Publishable data” means data which is not protected or sensitive and which has been prepared for release to the public.

§ 237-6 Open Data Program.

a. Hillsborough Township commits to develop and implement practices that will allow it to:

1. Proactively release all publishable Township data, making it freely available in open formats, with no restrictions on use or reuse, and fully accessible to the broadest range of users to use for varying purposes;
2. Publish high quality, updated data with documentation (metadata) and permanence to encourage maximum use;
3. Provide or support access to free, historical archives of all released Township data;
4. Measure the effectiveness of datasets made available through the Open Data Program by connecting open data efforts to the Township’s programmatic priorities;
5. Minimize limitations on the disclosure of public information while appropriately safeguarding protected and sensitive information; and
6. Support innovative uses of the Township’s publishable data by agencies, the public and other partners.

b. The development and implementation of these practices shall be overseen by the Open Data Management Team, reporting to the Administrator or to the Administrator’s designee.

c. The requirements of this ordinance shall apply to any Township department, office, administrative unit, or other division of Township government (“agency”), including the records of third party agency contractors that create or acquire information, records, or data on behalf of a Township agency.

d. Appropriate funding shall be made available to achieve the goals of this program.

§ 237-7 Governance.

a. Implementation of the Open Data Program will be overseen by an Open Data Management Team, made up of designated individuals, who will work with the Township’s departments and agencies to:

1. For each Township agency, identify and publish appropriate contact information for a lead open data coordinator who will be responsible for managing that agency's participation in the Open Data Program;
 2. Oversee the creation of a comprehensive inventory of datasets held by each Township agency which is published to the central open data location and is regularly updated;
 3. Develop and implement a process for determining the relative level of risk and public benefit associated with potentially sensitive, non-protected information so as to make a determination about whether and how to publish it;
 4. Develop and implement a process for prioritizing the release of datasets which takes into account new and existing signals of interest from the public (such as the frequency of public records requests), the Township's programmatic priorities, existing opportunities for data use in the public interest, and cost;
 5. Proactively consult with members of the public, agency staff, journalists, researchers, and other stakeholders to identify the datasets which will have the greatest benefit to Township residents if published in a high quality manner;
 6. Establish processes for publishing datasets to the central open data location, including processes for ensuring that datasets are high quality, up-to-date, are in use-appropriate formats, and exclude protected and sensitive information;
 7. Ensure that appropriate metadata is provided for each dataset in order to facilitate its use;
 8. Develop and oversee a routinely updated, public timeline for new dataset publication; and
 9. Ensure that published datasets are available for bulk download without legal encumbrance.
- b. In order to increase and improve use of the Township's open data, the Open Data Management Team will actively encourage agency and public participation through providing regular opportunities for feedback and collaboration.

§ 237-8 Central Online Location for Published Data.

- a. The Township will create and maintain a publicly available location on the Township's website or in another suitable online location where the Township's published data will be available for download.
- b. Published datasets shall be placed into the public domain. Dedicating datasets to the public domain means that there are no restrictions or requirements placed on use of these datasets.
- c. Each published dataset should be associated with contact information for the appropriate manager of that dataset as well as with a file layout or data dictionary that provides information about field labels and values.

§ 237-9 Open Data Report and Review.

- a. Within one year of the effective date of this Ordinance, and thereafter no later than July 1st of each year, the Open Data Management Team shall publish an annual Open Data Report. The report shall include an assessment of progress towards achievement of the goals of the Township's Open Data Program, an assessment of how the Township's open data work has furthered or will further the Township's programmatic priorities, and a description and publication timeline for datasets envisioned to be published by the Township in the following year.
- b. During the review and reporting period, the Open Data Management Team should also make suggestions for improving the Township's open data management processes in order to ensure that the Township continues to move towards the achievement of the policy's goals.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Britting, to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-07, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Maria Janucik, 720 E. Frech Ave, Manville asked what the ordinance meant.

Township Clerk Borek explained this would avoid the need to file opora's for certain records.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Committeeman Jim Ruh, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2023-07, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll.

3. 2023-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 188 “LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT”, ARTICLE I “TITLE; PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS”, SECTION 188-3 “WORDS AND TERMS DEFINED” AND ARTICLE V “DISTRICTS AND STANDARDS”, SECTION 188-106 “I-1, I-2 AND I-3 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS”, SECTION 188-107 “GI GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT”, AND SECTION 188-107.1 “LI LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, TO REMOVE WAREHOUSING, SHIPPING AND RECEIVING FACILITIES AS PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES IN THESE DISTRICTS.

Whereas, the Township of Hillsborough has experienced a high volume of warehouse applications due to the rise in e-commerce and consumer expectations for same-day delivery services perpetuating demand for large scale warehousing for the storage and distribution of goods; and

Whereas, while these warehousing facilities generate economic activity, jobs and ratables, it should not be at the expense of the public good; and

Whereas, many of these warehousing facilities are located in close proximity to sensitive land uses, including environmentally sensitive and residential zones; and

Whereas, these warehousing facilities produce negative impacts to the public, including noise, truck traffic and air pollution; and

Whereas, the rapid growth of warehousing facilities within the State of New Jersey has affected the state and thus, the New Jersey Planning Commission issued a report, “Distribution Warehousing and Goods Movement Guidelines,” which provides guidance to local governments to control warehouse development; and

Whereas, the Township has the right to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents and preserve the natural landscape of the community which directly aligns with multiple goals of the Master Plan and the Township Committee believes the removal of warehousing, shipping and receiving facilities as principal permitted uses in the I-1, I-2 and I-3 Light Industrial Districts, GI General Industrial District and LI Light Industrial District is necessary to do so.

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 188 “Land Use and Development” of the Municipal Code of the Township of Hillsborough is amended as follows: **New language is underlined thus and deletions are indicated with strikethroughs ~~thus~~.**

Section 1. Chapter 188 “Land Use and Development”, Article I “Title; Purpose; Definitions”, Section 188-3 “Words and terms defined” is amended as follows:

§188-3 Words and terms defined.

B. Certain phrases and words are herein defined as follows:

INDUSTRIAL OR OFFICE PARK

Multiple buildings and/or lots involving permitted industrial and/or office uses, including manufacturing, finishing and assembly of products, offices and medical offices, ~~warehousing, shipping and receiving~~, contractor facilities and research and development uses, which may have any combination of the following shared amenities and improvements: stormwater management facilities, parking, access, landscaping, lighting, signs, and/or open space/recreation.

Section 2. Chapter 188 “Land Use and Development”, Article V “Districts and Standards”, Section 188-106 “I-1, I-2 and I-3 Light Industrial Districts” is amended as follows:

§188-106 I-1, I-2 and I-3 Light Industrial Districts.

B. Principal permitted uses.

Reserved. ~~Warehousing, shipping and receiving located completely within an enclosed building.~~

Section 3. Chapter 188 “Land Use and Development”, Article V “Districts and Standards”, Section 188-107 “GI General Industrial District” is amended as follows:

§188-107 GI General Industrial District.

B. Principal permitted uses.

Reserved. ~~Warehousing, shipping and receiving.~~

Section 4. Chapter 188 “Land Use and Development”, Article V “Districts and Standards”, Section 188-107.1 “LI Light Industrial District” is amended as follows:

§188-107.1 LI Light Industrial District.

B. Principal permitted uses. All uses shall be provided at a scale and size that is appropriate for the district. There may be more than one permitted principal use or structure on a lot, subject to compliance with §107.1B to H below.

Reserved. ~~Warehousing, shipping and receiving located completely within an enclosed building.~~

F. Off-street parking requirements.

The minimum number of required off-street parking spaces for the permitted uses in the LI District is as follows:

[j] Reserved. ~~Warehousing uses: one space per 5,000 square feet of usable floor area.~~

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be construed so as not to conflict with any provision of New Jersey or Federal law. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative with, and not in substitution for, all other applicable zoning, planning, and land use regulations. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the provisions of this Ordinance or other local requirements, the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply.

Section 6. If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

Section 7. After introduction, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of the within Ordinance to the Planning Board for its review in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.J.S.A.40:55D-64. The Planning Board is directed to make and transmit to the Township Committee within 35 days after referral a report, including

identification of any provisions in the proposed Ordinance which are inconsistent with the Master Plan and recommendations concerning any inconsistencies and any other matter as the Board deems appropriate.

Section 8. After introduction, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to provide by personal service, certified mail or email with confirmation that the email was delivered, at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing, a copy of this Ordinance and a Notice of Hearing in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15 to: the clerk of any adjoining municipalities located within 200 feet of the boundaries of the affected properties; and the County Planning Board.

Section 9. After introduction, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to provide by personal service or certified and regular mail, at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing, a Notice of Hearing in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62.1 to: the owners of the properties affected by this Ordinance; the owners of all properties within 200 feet of the boundaries of the affected properties; the Office of Planning Advocacy; and any military facility commander who has registered with the municipality.

Section 10. After introduction, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 and N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1, is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in its entirety or by title and summary at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the municipality, if there is one, and if not, in a newspaper printed in the county and circulating in the municipality, together with a notice of the introduction thereof, the time and place when and where it will be further considered for final passage. The publication shall include a clear and concise statement prepared by the Clerk setting forth the purpose of this Ordinance and a time and place when and where a copy of this Ordinance can be obtained without cost by any member of the general public. The publication shall be at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing.

Section 11. If adopted, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 and N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1, is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance, in its entirety or by title and summary, together with a notice of the date of passage or approval, at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the municipality, if there is one, and if not, in a newspaper printed in the county and circulating in the municipality.

Section 12. If adopted, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16, shall forward a copy of this Ordinance to the County Planning Board for filing.

Section 13. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Robert Britting, seconded by Committeeman Doug Tomson, to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-08, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

The following individuals sent in written comments in support of Ordinance 2023-08: Rafiq Bolar and Suni Bolar, 7 Winding Way; Ina Sivriver, 24 Tally Ho Trail; Raymond Croot, 20 Winding Way; Madeleine Sidelnik, 39 Thornton Street; Mingling Li, Zining Fu; 48 Weber Ave; Hari Rayapudi, 16 Todd Street; David Brook, 7 Winding Way; Cynthia Morelli, Hillsborough; Michele Guarino, 1 Gillette Court; Ilona O'Sullivan, 25 Weber Ave.; Roman Sivriver, 24 Tally Ho Trail; Diane TalanWhitman, 6 Fredrick Court; Barbara Sugam, 7 Steele Place; Thomas Burns, 8 Camden Road; Jan Miller, 2305 Tudor Court; Anne Mullins, 4 Waterman Lane; Elaine S. Kimball, 21 Weber Ave; Licia Gaber-Baylis, Hillsborough.

The following individuals spoke at the meeting.

1. Michael O'Grodnick, Savo Schalk Law Firm, for Hillsborough Park LLC, Larken Associates and Weston Road LLC spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

2. David Gardner, CEO Larken Associates, spoke in opposition to the ordinance for existing warehouse uses but

has no objection as to future warehouse restrictions. Mr. Gardner stated there would be a huge burden placed upon his company, his loans would be considered in technical default and a huge burden would be placed upon new tenants to obtain use variances.

Committeeman Tomson stated there were many inaccuracies in the previous comments as to the effect on property owners and future tenants of existing locations.

3. Justin Auciello, American Planning Association, NJ Chapter, argued the ordinance treats all warehouse use under a single umbrella and there are many different kinds of warehouses.

4. Brian Griffin, O'Toole Scrivo LLC for Village Supermarkets entered his objection to the ordinance in that it eliminates a previously permitted use.

5. Matt Flynn, Savo Schalk Law Firm for individual property owner within the I2 industrial district stated the Township will be committing legal error and asked that the motion to adopt be tabled.

6. Peter Flannery, Bisgaier Hoff LLC for Premier Development also asked that the hearing be tabled.

7. Joyce Eldridge Howard 75 Weber Ave, VP of Hearthstone Homeowners Association spoke in support of the Ordinance.

8. Jim Vonderhosrt, 88 Weber Ave, President of Hearthstone Homeowners Association spoke in support of the Ordinance.

9. Niyati Shah, 3 Deer Run spoke in support of the Ordinance.

10. Rich Gahrman, 53 Winding Way asked for a clarification of the Ordinance wherein it requires a completely enclosed facility.

Township Planner Kois and Township Attorney Willard stated they do not read and interpret the ordinance in the same manner as Mr. Gahrman.

11. John Cardinale, 12 Fredrick Court asked the committee to consider the peace and quiet of the town.

12. Juan Bezares, 6 Deer Run spoke in support of the Ordinance.

13. Grant Kolmar, 144 Taylor Ave spoke in support of the Ordinance.

14. Maria Janucik, 720 E. Frech Ave, Manville spoke in opposition to the Ordinance stating its inviting litigation by the warehouse attorneys and hurting the small existing warehouses there now.

Mayor Lipani, Township Attorney Willard, Planner Kois and Committeeman Tomson explained the meaning and intent of the ordinance.

15. Christine Koeppen, 7 Magda Lane spoke in support of the Ordinance.

16. Carl Cucchiara, 17 Elmendorf Circle spoke in support of the Ordinance.

Township Planner Kois stated to date the State has only provided guidance on this issue. The Township has the right to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Hillsborough. There is a process for property owners with a non conforming use wherein the first year they can apply for a certificate of nonconformity and after one year they can apply to the Board of Adjustment.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Britting, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2023-08, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll.

Mayor Lipani stated he appreciates the opinions of all that appeared.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

1. 2023-10 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK. FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 18, 2023.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$791,445.17 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, a majority of the full authorized membership of the Township Committee affirmatively concurring, that in the CY 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hillsborough shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$791,445.17 and that the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Township of Hillsborough be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

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

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

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

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Britting, to introduce Ordinance 2023-10, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll. Further consideration and a public hearing will be held on July 18, 2023.

2. 2023-11 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REDEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH AND SUNNYMEADE VENTURES, LLC, FOR THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS SUNNYMEADE ROAD, BLOCK 182, LOT 7.02, HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY. Further consideration and a public hearing will be held on

June 27, 2023.

Whereas, the Township of Hillsborough is the owner of the property identified as Sunnymead Road, Block 182, Lot 7.02, Hillsborough, New Jersey, consisting of approximately 10.71 acres ("Property"); and

Whereas, the Property is the site of a former landfill; and

Whereas, the landfill requires closure in accordance with applicable federal, state and local statutes, rules, regulations, codes and ordinances; and

Whereas, on September 25, 2007, the Township Committee adopted a Resolution designating the Property as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

Whereas, in September 2009, the Township publicly solicited Statements of Interest for closure of the landfill and redevelopment of the Property; and

Whereas, in response to the publicly solicited Statements of Interest, Sunnymead Ventures offered to assume responsibility for closure and monitoring of the landfill in accordance with applicable law in consideration for the Township transferring title to the Property to Sunnymead Ventures and the Township adopting a mutually agreeable Redevelopment Plan for the Property; and

Whereas, since 2009, Township and Sunnymead Ventures have collectively pursued with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection mutually agreeable closure and monitoring requirements for the Property; and

Whereas, the Township installed a passive methane mitigation system at the Property and engaged in gas monitoring; and

Whereas, Sunnymead Ventures installed complements to the passive methane mitigation system at the Property and engaged in gas monitoring; and

Whereas, the parties now desire to enter into a Redevelopment and Property Sale Agreement for the sale and redevelopment of the Property and closure of the landfill.

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) Sunnymead Ventures, LLC, is hereby designated as Redeveloper of the Property; (2) the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Redevelopment and Property Sale Agreement with Sunnymead Ventures, LLC, consistent with this Ordinance and in a form approved by the Township Attorney designating Sunnymead Ventures, LLC, as Redeveloper of the Property and authorizing the sale and transfer of the Property to Sunnymead Ventures, LLC; (3) the Mayor, Township Clerk and Township Attorney are authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary for sale and transfer of title to the Property to Sunnymead Ventures, LLC, and redevelopment thereof consistent with the terms of the Redevelopment and Property Sale Agreement and to be adopted Redevelopment Plan for the Property; (4) Sunnymead Ventures, LLC, shall be responsible for closure of the landfill and monitoring thereof in accordance with applicable law and all New Jersey Department of Environmental requirements, at their sole cost and expense; and (4) this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Britting, to introduce Ordinance 2023-11, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll. Further consideration and a public hearing will be held on June 27, 2023 at 5pm.

CLAIMS LIST

1. CLAIMS LIST NO. 2023-10

Mayor Lipani asked to approve Claims List No. 2023-10.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Doug Tomson, seconded by Committeeman Jim Ruh, Claims List No. 2023-10, was approved upon the call of the roll.

NEW BUSINESS

None

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. We will begin this evening with email comments.

Grant Kolmar, 144 Taylor Ave, regarding the downstream analysis in Green Hills area, he would like to see that report presented to the Township Committee.

Maria Janucik, 720 E. Frech Ave, Manville asked if property owners get noticed of a zone amendment ordinance and advised about the safety aspect of tractor trailers on Weston Road and Sunnymead Road.

Niyati Shah, 3 Deer Run, spoke about the safety of the roads and stated more police will be needed if warehouses go through bringing extra tractor trailers into town.

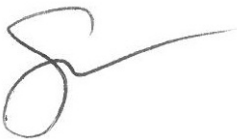
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Committeeman Jim Ruh, seconded by Committeeman Doug Tomson, the meeting duly adjourned at 10:31 pm. Said motion was unanimously carried upon voice vote.

Attested:



Sarah Brake
Township Clerk