

Minutes of the May 27, 2025 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 May 27, 2025.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Upon call of the roll, the following Committee members were recorded present: Mayor John Ciccarelli , Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, Committeeman Robert Britting, Jr., Committeewoman Samantha Hand and Committeeman Shawn Lipani . Also in attendance were Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera, Township Clerk Sarah Brake, Township Attorney William Willard, and Joe Monzo.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MAYOR STATES

Please be advised that in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, of the Public Laws of 1975, 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 Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Executive Session, if deemed necessary, to begin at 6:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 13, 2025

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2025 were approved upon the call of the roll.

2. EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 11, 2025

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, the Executive Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025 were approved upon the call of the roll.

3. EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 25, 2025

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, seconded by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, the Executive Meeting Minutes March 25, 2025 were approved upon the call of the roll. Committeeman Britting abstained.

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

Mayor Ciccarelli's Opening Remarks

Mayor Ciccarelli relayed that the Veterans breakfast and Memorial Day parade were a huge success this past weekend. The Mayor stated it was his honor to make remarks to more than 140 veterans and attendees at the breakfast, as well as to address the crowd at the Garden of Honor ceremony to introduce Grand Marshal, Mike Schraufnagel.

Mayor Ciccarelli advised that on Sunday, May 18, 2025, he was honored to attend the Unico bench dedication of chapter members and Bocce players Joe Bellantuono and Doug Rigg.

Mayor Ciccarelli reported that the Hillsborough Business Association proudly hosted its first collaborative Business

Networking Event with the Somerset County Business Partnership on May 13th, 2025, at Flounder Brewing Co. The Mayor thanked all who attended and helped make the evening a success, with special appreciation to Caffè Piazza for the catering.

Mayor Ciccarelli advised that on Thursday, May 22, he, along with Committeewoman Hand, attended the Roboraiders High School robotics team's end-of-season banquet. The Mayor was invited to open the dinner ceremony as the first VIP speaker.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated that he also attended the Sunnymead Elementary School 2nd Annual Multinational Festival wherein he experienced the diverse dress, food, cultures, and performances of Hillsborough and the Sunnymead family.

Committeeman Britting

Committeeman Britting relayed that the New Jersey Primary Election is two weeks away. The drop box is now open for mail-in ballots. Early in-person voting begins Tuesday, June 3rd, and ends Sunday, June 8th. The primary election date is Tuesday, June 10th.

Committeeman Britting advised that the Somerset County Election Board is hiring voters to serve as poll workers for the upcoming Primary Election on June 10, 2025. Training is provided prior to every election and poll workers are paid \$300 per election.

Committeeman Britting stated that Hillsborough Township is again working with Town Planner to produce a 2026 color-printed calendar that will be mailed to every residence in Hillsborough. For the first time, the Township is collecting digital images of artwork created by Hillsborough residents, instead of photographs of local scenery. The deadline for submissions is August 1st.

Committeeman Britting reported that Hillsborough Township is proud to have hard-working farmers as part of the Hillsborough Business Association (HBA) community. Local farmers are encouraged to register.

Committeeman Britting announced that the Annual Green Living and Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday, June 7th, in conjunction with the Hillsborough YMCA HOP 5K.

Committeeman Britting advised that the next Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on June 14, 2025, at the South County Public Works Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, from 9 am to 2 pm. Items that will be accepted include gasoline, oil, rechargeable batteries, and pesticides.

Committeeman Britting informed residents that Hillsborough is hiring for a variety of positions, including Building Department inspectors and summer Clean Communities help.

Committeeman Britting encouraged parents to seek out the Hillsborough Recreation 2025 Summer Camp Offerings.

Committeeman Britting stated that as part of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, young artists (ages 18 & under) are invited to participate in the Save the Monarch Butterfly Poster Contest. Submit artwork to the Recreation Department by Wednesday, June 4th for a chance to win prizes and have artwork displayed for public voting from June 9–15 at the Hillsborough Municipal Building.

Committeeman Britting announced that the Social Services Department will be hosting a BBQ distribution in June. Donations of assorted condiments—such as mustard, relish, bbq sauce, mayonnaise, and ketchup—are greatly appreciated.

Committeeman Britting advised that, thanks to a drop in egg prices, the Community Assistance Network food

pantry is pleased to reintroduce fresh eggs to its regular offerings.

Committeeman Britting reported that the Social Services Department hosted its inaugural event for Hillsborough senior residents, spearheaded by Hillsborough High School Student Intern, Addison Harkin. The program featured two themed sessions, Mocktails & Games and Mocktails and a Movie.

Committeeman Britting recognized the several education events including the coffee cart at Amsterdam Elementary School, the Hillsborough High School Track and Field Team winning the Skyland Conference Championship, Ms. Shurick of Woods Road Elementary School being named the Applebees teacher Above and Bee-yond award, and Hillsborough Board of Education has been recognized as one of the best for music education.

Committeewoman Hand

Committeewoman Hand congratulated Jack Minetti, HHS Lacrosse Player for achieving 100 points.

Committeewoman Hand congratulated the Hillsborough High School Boys Volleyball team for winning the Skyland Conference Championship.

Committeewoman Hand announced that the Wildlife Commission will be delivering its annual presentation regarding this year's hunting season tonight. Applications for the new season will be available on the Township website in June and the lottery to fill open spots will be held in late July. The mandatory safety meeting will be held in August.

Committeewoman Hand relayed that June is Alzheimer's and Brain Health Awareness Month. There are more than 7 million Americans living with Alzheimer's. Nearly 12 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's. The signs of Alzheimer's include: memory loss that disrupts daily life, challenges in planning and solving problems, difficulty in completing familiar tasks, confusion with time or place, trouble understanding visual images, new problems with words, misplacing things, inability to retrace steps, decreased or poor judgment, withdrawal from work or social activities, and changes in mood or personality.

Committeeman Lipani

Committeeman Lipani congratulated the sports teams and their great successes.

Committeeman Lipani reported that the Building Department is working on the expansion of paperless correspondence. It is important for residents to provide email addresses with applications in order to take advantage of the SDL portal access and the expansion of upcoming digital permit correspondence.

Committeeman Lipani stated that Township policy requires property owners to conduct or hire engineering testing agencies for soil, water, wetlands, floodplain, or similar testing to obtain a Township Engineering Permit. Due to the new NJDEP mandates, the Township must now monitor these routes to determine if any trees over 6" caliper or more are being removed.

Committeeman Lipani encouraged residents to learn about Hillsborough's Municipal Water Story, developed by the Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee. The Water Story aims to identify challenges posed by water in and around Hillsborough and gain an understanding of how to address these challenges.

Committeeman Lipani advised that the deadline to take the Master Plan Land Use survey has been extended to June 15th at 11:59 PM.

Committeeman Lipani announced that on May 1st, Somerset County officially closed on the 402-acre Hillsborough Golf & Country Club from the estate of Bryce Thompson IV. Hillsborough Township joined Somerset County and New Jersey Green Acres by contributing \$1,450,000 from its Open Space Trust Fund, approximately 20 percent of the total cost. The County will soon invite the public to provide input on a master plan to guide the passive

development, restoration, and use of the property, including potential uses for the existing buildings.

Committeeman Lipani reported that the Public Works Department is currently in the process of sweeping its roadways. The sweeping program will continue into the fall months until our leaf collection program begins.

Deputy Mayor Payne

Deputy Mayor Payne advised that the Senior Assassin game is on-going at this time and be careful.

Deputy Mayor Payne invited residents to come out and “Cone-nect” with the Hillsborough Police Department at the Ice House on July 9th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Payne reminded residents that the Hillsborough Police will be hosting their second annual National Night Out on August 5th from 5:30 to 8 pm at Mountain View Park.

Deputy Mayor Payne informed residents that the next Veterans’ Information Session will be held on June 21st from 10-12 in the Senior Activities room.

Mayor Ciccarelli

Mayor Ciccarelli reminded residents that the annual Hillsborough Family Fun Day and Fireworks will be held on Saturday, June 28th. The Independence Day Celebration will feature inflatable amusements for children, a food tent, carnival games, and promotional information from local organizations. As always, there is no visitor parking at the event, but shuttle buses will begin transporting people to Auten Road at 5:00pm.

Mayor Ciccarelli reported that he was recently joined by Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera, Township Clerk Sarah Brake, Engineering Director Tom Belanger, Corporal Michael LaBoy, and Sergeant Chris Giraldi at a meeting with the Department of Transportation to discuss the Route 206 project. Discussions focused on traffic safety. The current phase should be done November 2026.

Mayor Ciccarelli relayed that on Wednesday, May 14th, he attended the NJ Clean Communities Council grant award ceremony with Rich Resavy and Justin Bartolo from the DPW. The Department of Public Works Clean Communities Program received a grant for \$126,198.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated that the Hillsborough’s Mayor’s Wellness Program partnered with RWJ Barnabas Health for a blood drive on May 20th, with refreshments provided by Starbucks. The Mayor thanked the many employees and residents who donated much-needed blood.

PROCLAMATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

1. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots which occurred in June of 1969 and are generally recognized as the catalyst of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus (LGBTQ+) Rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles that includes every person has been created equal, that each has rights to their life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of the law; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes that LGBTQ+ teens are at higher risk of being the victims of violence and have increased suicide rates. It is imperative that young people in the community, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its citizens and preventing discrimination and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Our community is strengthened by and

thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender, and sexual identities of its residents, all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our Township; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough is a welcoming community and an exceptional place to live, learn, work, play, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township LGBTQ+ community is a vital part of all fields and professions and contributes to a stronger community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize June as Pride Month.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee urge all residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality and liberty.

2. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is a neurological disorder characterized by repetitive, involuntary movements and vocalizations known as tics, which affect people of all ages, races, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome and similar tic disorders affect approximately 1 in 50 children and adolescents, with an estimated 200,000 individuals living with the disorder in the United States; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with Tourette Syndrome face unique challenges including social stigma, discrimination, and misunderstanding, thereby necessitating education about the disorder; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome (NJCTS) is dedicated to advancing public understanding, supporting individuals and families, and promoting research into better treatments and potential cures; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day highlights the importance of creating supportive environments that foster respect, empathy, and inclusion for all people, regardless of their neurological differences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize June 4th as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day and encourage all residents to educate themselves about Tourette Syndrome.

3. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MADISON CAMPBELL

WHEREAS, Auten Road Intermediate School sixth-grader Madison Campbell is the first ever female wrestling New Jersey State Champion in Hillsborough for the 2025 Girls Junior Division at 80 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Madison Campbell also won the 2024 New Jersey USA Wrestling State Championship Girls Junior Division at 75 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Madison Campbell was the 2024 Co-Ed Central Jersey Junior Varsity League Champion, Most Outstanding Wrestler Award Winner, and the 2025 Co-Ed Central Jersey Varsity League 3rd Place League Finisher; and

WHEREAS, Madison Campbell has been invited to represent New Jersey and compete in Indiana for the USA Freestyle Women's National Wrestling Duals this summer; and

WHEREAS, Madison Campbell also wrestles in the co-ed town league, plays club soccer, and girls flag football. Madison is a member of the Art Club and iRun Club at Auten Road Intermediate School and plays the piano.

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

4. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DEVIN MILANO- EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, Devin Milano, a Hillsborough High School freshman and member of Boy Scout Troop 1776, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Committee recognizes the many hours Devin devoted to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, working with diligence and making sacrifices to reach this highly coveted accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Devin's Eagle Scout project consisted of painting, hanging a chair rail and fixing up the entirety of the

Fellowship Hall at Neshanic Reformed Church. The project took nine days to complete with over 50 volunteers and approximately 410 hours; and

WHEREAS, Devin served as Chaplain's Aide, a cooking instructor, and is currently the Troop Guide for Service. Devin has completed 20 more merit badges than are required for an Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Devin has served the Boy Scouts in an exemplary manner and is deserving of the honor bestowed upon him; and

WHEREAS, Devin is on the Hillsborough High School Junior Varsity Tennis Team and is a member of the Medical Minds Club. Devin has been a team leader on the Hillsborough Chase Thanksgiving Project for five years serving as co-director last year, and ran a blood drive in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Devin serves as an example to the youth of Hillsborough Township through his high level of leadership and community service, and we are very proud that he is a member of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize and extend our sincere congratulations to Devin Milano for having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, an honor for both himself and for those who guided him, with best wishes for a bright future.

PRESENTATIONS

1. VOTE16 PRESENTATION

2. WILDLIFE PRESENTATION

2025 BUDGET

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, the municipal budget may be read by its title if (1) at least one week prior to the date of the hearing and at the hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget is made available for public inspection and to each person upon request and (2) the governing body by resolution passed by not less than a majority of the full membership, determine that the budget shall be read by its title and declare the conditions set forth in the statute have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby finds and declares that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing and at the hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget has been made available for public inspection and to each person upon request and a majority of the full membership of the governing body have determined the budget shall be read by title only.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, a Resolution Authorizing The 2025 Municipal Budget by Title Only was approved upon the call of the roll.

2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the Hillsborough Beacon in the issue of May 2, 2025.

The Governing Body of the Township of Hillsborough does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the

year 2025.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT									
SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND SECTION OF APPROVED BUDGET									
									YEAR 2025
General Appropriations For: (Reference to item and sheet number should be omitted in advertised budget)									xxxxxxxxxxxx
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" -									xxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-1, Sheet 19)(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2))									34,314,612.10
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" -									xxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-2, Sheet 28)(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53.3 as amended))									4,686,319.80
(b) Local District School Purposes in Municipal Budget (Item K, Sheet 29)									-
Total General Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (Item O, Sheet 29)									4,686,319.80
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item M, Sheet 29) Based on Estimated				99.41%	Percent of Tax Collections				1,100,000.00
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)					Building Aid Allowance	2025 - \$			
					for Schools-State Aid	2024 - \$			40,100,931.90
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11) (i.e. Surplus, Miscellaneous Revenues and Receipts from Delinquent Taxes)									11,592,366.80
6. Difference: Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget (as follows)									xxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)									28,508,565.10
(b) Addition to Local District School Tax (Item 6(b), Sheet 11)									-
(c) Minimum Library Tax									-

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, on April 22, 2025. A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Township of Hillsborough Peter J. Biondi Municipal Building, Courtroom, 379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough, New Jersey, on May 27, 2025, at 7:30 pm, at which time objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, seconded by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, to open the public hearing for the 2025 Municipal Budget, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Joe Monzo, former acting CFO explained the budget process and the DCA required amendment.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, to close the public hearing and adopt the 2025 Municipal Budget, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll.

Upon a motion by Committeewoman Samantha, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, to open the public hearing a second time for the 2025 Municipal Budget the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

David Brook, 7 Winding Way referred to page 32 out of 90 (sheet 10), the revenues, \$868,132 looks to be money taken out of the open space fund to pay for holes in the budget. Mr. Monzo stated that is not true, it was to pay for principal and interest on a loan taken out for an open space purchase. Mr. Brook stated he believes taking debt and paying the note through the open space trust fund is fiscally irresponsible in his opinion. Mr. Monzo stated he believes it to be very fiscally responsible and was approved by the DCA. The alternative would have been to withdraw \$14 million directly from the open space trust fund. It's common practice to use open space funds to take out notes and pay the debt service.

Judy Haas, 2 Titus Court disagreed with taking on debt to purchase property when it can be purchased outright. Ms. Haas also criticized numerous aspects of the amended budget.

Ron Yoder, 412 South Woods Road, asked why don't we have separate public hearings rather than limiting them to a township committee meeting.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated this has been the practice for years. Notice of 35 days was given for comment and the Township Committee feels it is sufficient.

Attorney Willard stated the township is in compliance with the state requirements.

Administrator Ferrera encouraged public comment and out of a town of 43,000 residents they received one comment.

Committeewoman Hand stated she attended the master plan discussions which were very interesting and that is what she has been advocating for with regard to the budget.

Committeeman Lipani stated 98% of the budget is what it is. There is no movement. Discretionary spending is about 4% of a \$40 million budget. To the contrary, the master plan is a holistic review that is not subject to state financial requirements. Further, additional meetings would require extra payment to staff to attend the off-hours meetings which in itself would be financially irresponsible.

Deputy Mayor Payne stated that if the committee had spent \$13 million on the open space purchase then there would have been no money available for Mr. Brook's request to purchase property for open space that was made recently.

Deputy Mayor Payne further stated she does not believe the majority of the public would agree with decreasing funding for the police and public works.

Mr. Brook stated the township should partner with Green Acres in the purchase of open space and then would receive up to 50% of the price from Green Acres. Deputy Mayor Payne advised that the Township did partner with Green Acres for the purchase of the golf course and did not receive anywhere near 50%.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, to close the public hearing a second time and adopt the 2025 Municipal Budget, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated that 90% of the paving in the country is funded by municipal debt. We still have the best debt ratio in the county while still able to fund many necessary improvements.

3. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE APPROVED 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the introduction of the Local Municipal Budget for the Year 2025 was approved on April 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said Budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend the approved Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments to the approved Budget of 2025 be made:

	FROM	TO
1. Surplus Anticipated	1,785,000.00	1,880,000.00
5. Subtotal General Revenues	11,592,366.80	11,687,366.80
6. Amount to be raised by Taxes	28,508,565.10	28,424,882.10
7. General Revenues	40,100,931.90	40,112,248.90
8. General appropriations (A) Excluded from CAPS		

SFSP	-	11,317.00
Total Operations Excluded from CAP	434,804.00	446,121.00
Total Operations Excluded Fom Caps	669,319.80	680,636.80
Other Expenses	422,118.80	433,435.80
(H2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposesd Excluded	4,686,319.80	4,697,636.80
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations	39,000,931.90	39,012,248.90
9. Total General Appropriations	40,100,931.90	40,112,248.90

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, the Resolution Amending the 2025 Budget was approved upon the call of the roll.

Judy Haas, 2 Titus Court, asked questions regarding the amendments.
Mr. Monzo provided explanations.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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 adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget as amended.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, the Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget as amended was approved upon the call of the roll. Committeewoman Hand voted no.

Committeewoman Hand asked regarding Somerville Business Park, whether the county or the schools are participating on a proportional basis. Mr. Monzo stated these are municipal funds. Administrator Ferrera explained that it is a voluntary payment agreed upon 30 years ago determined by occupancy. It is a payment of \$200,000 guaranteed. Neither the county nor the schools share in that payment. Attorney Willard clarified that the county and school do not share in the money paid. Only the township gets the money. Administrator Ferrera estimated that there is maybe 10 yrs left on the 30-year contract and it automatically renews.

Committeewoman Hand then asked regarding the Amwell Commons pilot if the county and school participate in that. Mr. Monzo explained the county gets 5% and the schools get nothing as per pilot rules.

Committeewoman Hand stated while she supports the police and public works she must vote no in this unstable economy referring to a spending and debt issue in the township.

Committeeman Lipani voted yes explaining the roads need to be done, the DPW building needs to be redone, the roof of the municipal building needs fixing. Bonding defers the cost among all resident current and future who will use the improvement over the next 30 years. Hillsborough is one of the lowest debt ratios, highest ratable and high bond rating in the county.

Deputy Mayor Payne thanks Mr. Monzo for his work on the budget

Mayor Ciccarelli thanked Joe Monzo for his work on the budget.

Administrator Ferrera thanked Joe Monzo for his work and his appearance at the meeting on his wedding anniversary.

CONSENT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE 2025 SOMERSET COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE VANDERVEER HARRIS HOUSE

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough wishes to preserve the Township's Historic Vanderveer Harris House; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission has announced the availability of 2025 Historic Preservation Grant funds for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) the Planning and Zoning Department is authorized to prepare and submit the 2025 Somerset County Historic Preservation Grant Application; and (2) the Township Administrator is authorized to sign and certify the "Applicant Assurances" form to be submitted with the Grant Application.

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON

WHEREAS, Township Ordinance 183-7 requires the Wildlife Management 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, Township Ordinance 183-4 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, Township Ordinance 183-4 provides that 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 one (21) 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 recommends discontinuing participation in the fall turkey hunting season; 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, 16, and 21 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 Township Ordinance 183-1 et seq., and as recommended by the Wildlife Management Commission in their proposed Wildlife Management Plan for the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ACCEPT THE GREATER RARITAN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD SUMMER YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS AND FILL THE APPROVED POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough applied for the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (GRWDB) 2025 Summer Youth Work Experience Program, which facilitates work training opportunities between New Jersey employers and Somerset or Hunterdon County residents, between the ages of 16 to 24; and

WHEREAS, the GRWDB program is funded by a grant from the NJ Department of Labor and the Township would be awarded up to \$37,400.00 in grant funds, for up to 11 participants, each receiving a \$3,400 stipend for their completion of the program's 180 work-hours on our projects and 20 hours of career-readiness training requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) the Township is authorized to accept a Grant award for up to \$37,400.00 and (2) to hire up to 11 candidates to support the projects and fulfill the Township's participation in the GRWDB program.

4. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REVOLUTION NJ

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature created RevolutionNJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Tahesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country, State, and Township; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jerseyans played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution when people of diverse backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality embedded in the United States Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it: (1) endorses RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey; (2) commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation; (3) authorizes the appointment of a committee to develop a plan for this commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations, and institutions in

the commemorations; and (4) urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State and its diverse people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the revolutionary ideals articulated in our founding documents.

5. Resolution Authorizing Execution Of Memorandum Of Understanding Between Hillsborough Township And Raritan Borough Pertaining To The Transfer Of Title Of A Used Street Sweeper By Raritan Borough To Hillsborough Township In Exchange For In-Kind Public Works Services To Provided By Hillsborough Township For The Benefit Of Raritan Borough

WHEREAS, Raritan Borough has a used street sweeper with an estimated value of \$25,000 that it is willing to transfer title of to Hillsborough Township in return for in-kind public works related services to be provided by Hillsborough Township for the benefit of Raritan Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding between the parties provides for Raritan Borough to transfer title of the street sweeper to Hillsborough Township in return for in-kind public works related services which may include, but are not limited to, equipment usage, labor assistance and technical support for municipal maintenance projects; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Director of Public Works has reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding and recommends the approval thereof on behalf of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between Hillsborough Township and Raritan Borough consistent with this Resolution for the transfer of title of a used street sweeper by Raritan Borough to Hillsborough Township in return for in-kind public works related services to be provided by Hillsborough Township for the benefit of Raritan Borough.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PENNONI ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE DESIGN PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR OLD MUNICIPAL BUILDING DEMOLITION

WHEREAS, a need exists for plans and specifications to demolish the old Municipal Building located at 21 East Mountain Road; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the contract for professional services awarded by the Township to Pennoni Engineering through the Fair and Open procurement process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4.5 et seq.) appointing them as the Township Engineer, Pennoni Engineering has prepared a proposal, dated April 4, 2025, to provide these services in an amount not to exceed \$12,700.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified as such by the Chief Financial Officer through account #04-215-55-218-960.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Pennoni Engineering is hereby authorized to provide Design Plans and Specifications for the demolition of the old Municipal Building located at 21 East Mountain Road in accordance with the proposal submitted in an amount not to exceed \$12,700.00.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPAIRS TO VEHICLE #601 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested authorization for the repair of vehicle #601; and

WHEREAS, the services are available from Niro's Auto Body through Somerset County Cooperative Contract #CC-0029-24 in an amount not to exceed \$10,175.27; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #01-201-25-745-250 (Requisition #2310205).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby ratifies and confirms the repairs to vehicle #601 for the Police Department from Niro's AutoBody in an amount not to exceed \$10,175.27.

8. Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Four (4) 29 -Yard Open Top Containers From Rudco Products, Inc

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough solicited quotes for the Purchase of Four (4) 29 -Yard Open Top Containers for Litter Clean-Ups at the Auten Road Site and three (3) responses were received as follows:

Rudco Products, Inc	\$26,786.00
Conshohocken Steel Products	\$27,450.00
Thompson Fabrication, LLC	\$30,390.00

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Work and the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the Four (4) 29 -Yard Open Top Containers from Rudco Products, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$26,786.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2025 budget through account #02-213-24-304-764-280 (Requisition #2310168), and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer.

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 the purchase of Four (4) 29 -Yard Open Top Containers from Rudco Products, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$26,786.00.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector indicates tax overpayments have been received as indicated below and recommends refunds be issued for such overpayments.

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 hereby authorized to refund the amounts set forth below for tax overpayments.

Block	Lot	Qualifier	Name	Amount	Qtr	Year
9	1.01		Corelogic	2312.30	2	2025
11	21		Corelogic	3585.77	2	2025
65	42		Corelogic	2978.77	2	2025
140.02	27		Corelogic	3012.17	2	2025
151.20	1	C1001	Corelogic	2019.24	2	2025
163.06	2	C1533	Corelogic	1822.09	2	2025
163.06	3	C2114	Corelogic	1956.56	2	2025

163.09	1	C0047	Corelogic	1808.69	2	2025
163.09	6	C0206	Corelogic	1705.83	2	2025
163.21	7	C2844	Corelogic	2022.99	2	2025
175.09	8		Corelogic	3318.97	2	2025
177.13	25		Corelogic	2759.65	2	2025
178	13.06		Corelogic	2290.87	2	2025
178.01	72		Corelogic	2021.92	2	2025
191	22.02		Corelogic	3657.75	2	2025
203.16	29		Corelogic	3729.89	2	2025
204	37.08		Corelogic	4806.21	2	2025
204.02	18		Merrill & Lawrence Davies	3072.53	2	2025
205.18	7		Corelogic	5097.66	2	2025
207.13	33		Corelogic	3138.96	2	2025

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF ESCROW FUND FOR 1170 MILLSTONE RIVER ROAD, BLOCK 183.01, LOT 40, HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

WHEAREAS, JMJ4 ABEEL and the Township of Hillsborough entered into an Agreement for Purchase of Real Estate for the property identified as 1170 Millstone River Road, Block 183.01, Lot 40, Hillsborough, New Jersey, consisting of approximately +/- 17.42 acres of land (“Property”) for the purchase price of \$5,300,000; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the Township’s due diligence investigation of the Property certain environmental assessment issues were discovered requiring remediation; and

WHEREAS, JMJ4 ABEEL agreed to perform the remediation and provide the Township with an Unrestricted Use Remedial Action Outcome for the entire Property (“RAO-E”) at their sole cost and expense; and

WHEREAS, the parties desiring to close title on the Property prior to JMJ4 ABEEL providing the RAO-E entered into an Environmental Remediation and Escrow Agreement, dated September 12, 2024, with \$500,000 being deducted from the proceeds of sale and held in escrow (“Escrow Fund”) as security for JMJ4 ABEEL’s remediation of the Property and provision of the RAO-E; and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2024, the Property was conveyed by JMJ4 ABEEL to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Property was subject to environmental remediation by JMJ4 ABEEL in accordance with the New Jersey Site Remediation Reform Act (“SRRA”), N.J.S.A. 58:10C-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, JMJ4 ABEEL provided the Township with a copy of the RAO-E, dated February 13, 2025, for the Property; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) retains the right to audit the RAO-E for a period of three (3) years from the date of issuance in accordance with N.J.S.A. 58:10C-25; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP’s audit period extends through February 13, 2028 (“Audit Period”); and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to enter into an Environmental Remediation Responsibility Agreement to outline

JMJ4 ABEEL's obligations during the Audit Period.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute on behalf of the Township an Environmental Remediation Responsibility Agreement with MJJ4 ABEEL consistent with this Resolution and in a form approved by the Township Attorney; and (2) the escrow agent, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., is authorized to release the \$500,000 escrow fund to MJJ4 ABEEL upon execution of the Environmental Remediation Responsibility Agreement by the parties.

11. RESOLUTION TO REFLECT THE CORRECT ANNUAL SALARY FOR ANTHONY DIFABRIZIO, PUBLIC WORKS WORKER IV

WHEREAS, Anthony DiFabrizio's level changed from Public Works Worker III to Public Works Worker IV on January 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, due to a clerical error, Anthony DiFabrizio's annual salary for Level III from 1/1/2025 to 1/3/2025 should have been calculated at \$55,632 and his Level IV annual salary as of 1/4/2025 at \$69,262; and

WHEREAS, Anthony DiFabrizio is due an additional \$645.37 for the period 1/1/2025 to 5/15/2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Anthony DiFabrizio should receive the additional pay of \$645.37 to correct the clerical error and his annual salary for Level III and Level IV to be adjusted to the correct amounts.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated: " Reminder, we are going to hear all comments from the dais and from the floor first. After that, if any committee member would like to take any item from the consent agenda separately for voting purposes, I will give you the opportunity to do so. There is no need to take items separately for the purpose of commenting or questioning."

Committeewoman Hand regarding consent 5 asked about sharing of street sweeper and the issue of liability of Hillsborough's DPW staff. Administrator Ferrera stated there has been success with Raritan Borough in the past. There is always some potential liability, that's why there is insurance.

With regard to consent 10, Committeewoman Hand stated it appears the township is returning a half million to owner stating the area is cleaned up and why the rush if land may still be contaminated. Attorney Willard clarified a licensed LSRP certified the property was clean, township professionals have reviewed the certification, thus the transaction is complete and the escrow needs to be returned. The township did receive written assurances from the property owner of further cleanup if needed. Committeeman Lipani stated that the LSRP is the official that the NJDEP requires to act on its behalf to determine if the property is clean.

David Brook, 7 Winding Way regarding consent 10 asked for reconsideration of passing this consent because the LSRP is being paid for by the owner and is not acting in the interest of the residents of the township. Mr. Brook raised additional concerns regarding the purchase of the property, the need for additional appraisals, the concern over releasing the \$500,000 escrow, and an alleged conflict of interest of Mayor Ciccarelli with Redcom. Attorney Willard stated an appraisal was done when purchased, a due diligence investigation of the property was done prior to purchase, the Township's LSRP reviewed the property owners' LSRP report, if this consent is not approved, there will be litigation for the township being in breach of a contract to return the money.

Judy Haas, 2 Titus Court also asked questions about consent 10. Attorney Willard stated the township entered into a contract and the owner agreed to clean up the property with the proceeds of the sale. This is very common practice.

Upon a motion by Mayor John Ciccarelli, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, to take item 10 separately.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, seconded by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, the consent agenda 1-11 excluding 10 was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, the consent agenda item 10 was approved upon the call of the roll. Mayor Ciccarelli abstained and Committeewoman Hand voted no.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

None

CLAIMS LIST

1. CLAIMS LIST 2024-10

Mayor Ciccarelli asked to approve Claims List 2024-10.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, Claims List 2024-10, was approved upon the call of the roll.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AND MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Township Clerk Sarah Brake 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.

Lily Campbell, a senior at HHS spoke in support of Vote 16 NJ for 16 year olds being able to vote in school board matters.

Aditi, a sophomore at HHS spoke in support of Vote 16 NJ to enable students to have a voice in school board matters.

Anir Banerjee, a HHS junior spoke in support of Vote 16 NJ and urged the committee to adopt the ordinance.

Danielle Shapiro, a HHS sophomore spoke in support of Vote 16 NJ to give a voice to students in school board issues.

Addison Harkin, a HHS spoke in support of Vote 16 NJ as a means of empowering young adults and increasing civic awareness and responsibility.

Delia Wagner, a HHS senior spoke in support of Vote 16 NJ in that students are most directly affected by school board decisions and should have a say.

Duncan Campbell, 64 Chamberlain expressed concern over the newly owned Los Amigos Farm which is preserved farm land to be used only for horse farm purposes. He contends they constantly violate noise statutes, zoning statutes, and excessive alcohol drinking posted on social media. The property is being used as an event venue and store not a horse farm. Mr. Campbell asked the Township Committee for help.

Lorraine Soisson, 6 Van Fleet Court, stated she called the police after very loud music which shook the house and was advised to attend a Township Committee meeting.

Rich Principia, 70 Chamberlain stated his concern that the Township gave a permit for the concert.

Trevor Sellers, 1174 Orchard Drive stated he does not hear the noise at night but thinks the noise ordinance is very well written and asked who enforces the noise ordinance.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated the police department and health department have investigated, but it is the county that is the enforcement arm for noise ordinances. The county agricultural department will investigate as to the usage issue. The township will follow up with the county and report back to the residents.

David Brook, 7 Winding Way stated he was very impressed by the students speaking in favor of Vote 16 NJ and voiced support for the ordinance. Mr. Brook renewed his request for a podium, an earlier release of the agenda for the meeting, and front cameras for the public speaking during the meetings.

Attorney Willard clarified that a draft agenda is released 48 hours before as required by the law.

Sal Puleo, 681 Montgomery Road, asked for the paving of the unpaved portion of Montgomery Road to be made a priority. It creates excessive dust, is hazardous during rain and snow, and has numerous pot holes. Mr. Puleo noted the township would save money in maintaining the unpaved roadway.

Committeewoman Hand asked for clarification of the area of the road.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, the meeting duly adjourned at 10:45 pm. Said motion was unanimously carried upon voice vote.

Attested:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Sarah Brake', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sarah Brake
Township Clerk