

Minutes of the June 24, 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 June 24, 2025.

CALL OF THE ROLL

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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, June 24, 2025. Executive Session, if deemed necessary, to begin at 6:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

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

Mayor Ciccarelli

Mayor Ciccarelli relayed that "Hillsborough Township is committed to ending the spread of hate, bigotry, and harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected characteristic.

Today, Hillsborough Township will affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of all of its community members and to ensure that they will be protected and their rights respected. Hillsborough Township also wishes to affirm its commitment to cultivating an inclusive community.

For more information, see Consent #27 for a Resolution affirming Hillsborough's commitment to countering hate so we can better celebrate our diverse community and continue as One of the Best Places to Live in America."

Mayor Ciccarelli reported that he along with Deputy Mayor Payne and Committeewoman Hand, had the pleasure of attending Project Graduation at Iron Peak last week to celebrate the Hillsborough High School graduation class of 2025. Approximately 458 of this year's graduating class attended the event.

Mayor Ciccarelli announced that on June 7, he was the starter for the Hillsborough YMCA's Hillsborough Hop 5K race. More than 600 racers participated this year, and it was the largest number since COVID.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated that he attended the Green Living and Wellness Fair, which had 49 exhibitors, which immediately followed the 5k race.

Committeeman Britting

Committeeman Britting reported that there will be a passport clinic at the Municipal Building in the Senior

Activities Room on Thursday, June 26th, from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Committeeman Britting advised that the NJMVC Mobile Unit is returning to the Municipal Building on Thursday, July 9th. Residents can apply for their REAL ID licenses or renew vehicle registrations. While those services will require registration in advance, handicapped placard acquisitions and license plate drop-offs won't need an appointment.

Committeeman Britting announced that Hillsborough is Officially a RevolutionNJ Community. RevolutionNJ is a partnership between the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the New Jersey Department of State, and the nonprofit Crossroads of the American Revolution Association to plan the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in New Jersey.

Committeeman Britting relayed that the Hillsborough Business Association is hosting its 2025 Summer Social on June 26th from 6–8 PM at The Landing.

Committeeman Britting stated that the one-on-one sessions with Kathy Guzman from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, held on June 4th, were a success. Business owners received helpful information about grant opportunities, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Committeeman Britting reported that the Economic and Business Development Department is excited to announce the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremonies on June 27th of Vayne Aesthetics and Hillsborough Hair Studio.

Committeeman Britting announced that the Economic and Business Development Office is proud to announce the release of the 2025 Spring Issue of the Experience Hillsborough digital magazine. This edition celebrates the strength, growth, and spirit of Hillsborough's vibrant business community.

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

Committeeman Britting announced that Kaushal B., Age 10 years, is the winner of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge Poster Contest.

Committeeman Britting encouraged residents to keep their children active and engaged this summer with Hillsborough Recreation 2025 Summer Camp Offerings.

Committeeman Britting reminded residents that Hillsborough Township Social Services will be hosting a PAS-1 Property Tax Rebate Filing Event held in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Taxation on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00pm in the multipurpose room of the Municipal Building. State representatives will be on hand to assist.

Committeeman Britting advised that the Social Services Department will soon transition to a new and improved system for managing food pantry registrations. This updated system is designed to better organize client information and enhance overall service delivery.

Committeeman Britting informed residents that this is the time of year when the Assessor's Office conducts farmland inspections. According to the New Jersey Division of Taxation, all farmland properties must be inspected at least once every three years.

Committeeman Britting announced that estimated third-quarter tax bills will be mailed during the week of July 14. Payment is due by August 1,

Committeeman Britting relayed that the Hillsborough Township Public Schools is introducing a new way to connect

with the school community via a new website chatbot. The AI Chatbot is designed to provide informational support and answer your questions instantly.

Committeeman Britting stated that Hillsborough Schools' weekly newsletter, Hillsborough Happenings, is a great way to connect with all things Hillsborough.

Committeeman Britting congratulated the Girls Track and Field Team on their sectional win, Alex Susan on being named the number one ranked freshman Volleyball player in the State, Jess McKelvey on obtaining 100 saves in Lacrosse, and the Treble and Mixed Choir on performing in the Memorial Day Parade.

Committeewoman Hand

Committeewoman Hand wished everyone a happy Pride Month.

Committeewoman Hand congratulated HHS swimmer Tommy Marketta on winning the 100 Fly in the Special Olympics, the HHS Baseball Team on its sixth Central NJ Group 4 Crown, and all the graduates from Hillsborough High School.

Committeewoman Hand encouraged residents to contribute to Project Graduation.

Committeewoman Hand recognized the Hillsborough Library staff for having won the NJLA Annual Conference (New Jersey Library Association) County Section Great Solutions Award for the Hillsborough Space Reorganization and Cathy DeBerry, Hillsborough's Branch Manager, won the NJLA County Section award for Staff Member of the Year.

Committeewoman Hand advised that the Farmers Market Playhouse, secured with a generous donation from the Friends of the Library was delivered in May 2025. The Somerset County Board of Agriculture also made a donation to the branch with the help of Debbie Norz, so that the staff could outfit the Farmers Market Playhouse with appropriate toys.

Committeewoman Hand reminded residents that Wildlife Applications are due on Wednesday, July 23rd, and the lottery will be held on Friday, July 25th.

Committeewoman Hand relayed tips from the Hillsborough Fire District for keeping everyone safe during the fireworks season: use only fireworks that are legal in New Jersey, keep a bucket of water close by when shooting off fireworks, keep a safe distance after lighting a fuse, and step away from the fireworks. If a firework didn't light properly, don't attempt to reuse it. Douse it with water. Only use fireworks outdoors and keep children away from fireworks

Committeeman Lipani

Committeeman Lipani advised that permits will remain open until all final inspections have passed.

Committeeman Lipani reported that the annual sidewalk repair program is currently underway. This year, the focus is on Auten Road, between New Amwell and Amwell Road. This is a high pedestrian use area as it leads to the High School, and replacing the many uneven areas here will improve pedestrian safety.

Committeeman Lipani stated that:

- 1 The ditch along Johanson Avenue was cleaned of leaves, branches, and other debris. A contract with a landscaping contractor was bid. Regrading/reprofiling of the ditch cannot be completed because a wetlands regrading permit is required.
2. The grate at the pipe inlet was cleared of debris so that uphill runoff can discharge into the pipe system along Johanson Avenue. DPW is clearing this grate monthly.
3. Detention basins at the Courtyard Office Complex and the Stellar Academy School have been cleaned, inspected,

and are functioning.

4. The detention basin at the rear of Harvard Way, which was damaged by Hurricane Ida, is being reconstructed. NJDEP permit was finally issued after 2 years, but work cannot begin until October 2025 due to bat habitat restrictions.

5. A stormwater study of the development was conducted by Pennoni Engineering and some stormwater improvements can be explored to reduce runoff. The detention basin at Harvard Way needs to be repaired in October before any further improvements.

6. Letters are being sent to homeowners along Johanson Avenue to please maintain the ditch and request no dumping into the ditch.

7. FEMA and NJDEP Blue Acres are looking to buy homes in the floodplain along Dukes Parkway East and Kimberly Road.

Committeeman Lipani reminded residents that while no zoning permit is required for a yard sale, please do not put any signs up more than 48 hours before the sale, or leave any signs up longer than 48 hours, do not put any signs in the public right-of-way or in sight triangles that are taller than 24 inches, and do not attach any signs to utility, light, or traffic poles.

Committeeman Lipani cautioned residents to keep an eye out for township road crews working on various repairs in advance of the upcoming road preservation and paving programs. Please pay extra attention and drive carefully through the work zones.

Committeeman Lipani advised that there are still spots available for the 2025 township clean-up / drop-off program.

Committeeman Lipani reported that on June 6, 2025, Hillsborough Police officers proudly ran in the 42nd Annual New Jersey Law Enforcement Torch Run, where dedicated officers, known as the “Guardians of the Flame,” proudly keep the “Flame of Hope” burning throughout the Garden State for the Special Olympics. Sgt. Peltack, Cpl. Gorka, Officers Gurba, Lawrence, Edmonds, Botiquin, and Raquel carried the torch through Hillsborough, with assistance from Patrol, who escorted the runners down Rt. 206.

Committeeman Lipani reminded residents not to leave pets in cars unattended. This is especially important during days with extreme heat.

Committeeman Lipani invited Hillsborough residents to come out and “Cone-nect” with them at the Ice House on July 9th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. In addition to meeting the local police, the first 100 kids will get a free cone.

Committeeman Lipani The Hillsborough Police Department is hosting the Township’s third annual National Night Out on August 5th from 5:30 pm to 8 pm at Mountain View Park.

Mayor Ciccarelli

Mayor Ciccarelli updated residents on the Rt 206 Doctors Way to Valley Road project. Phase 2 is proceeding with work on the Valley Road bridge and jughandle plus secondary utility relocation. The DOT has planned funding for Phase 3, which includes the bridge from Valley Road to Brown Avenue, in 2027-2030.

Mayor Ciccarelli reported that the Township submitted a local aid grant request to pave Farm Road from 206 to Triangle Road. If awarded the grant, this work will likely be in 2026. Mayor Ciccarelli explained that complaints of potholes on Farm Road should be directed to the DOT.

Mayor Ciccarelli advised that residents have inquired about pavement treatment for Montgomery Road. Full paving would cost approximately \$1.5 million while the chip-seal preservation process would be approximately \$100,000. The engineering and DPW departments will continue to maintain the gravel road, while the committee considers this solution in the 2026 budget and pavement preservation plan.

Mayor Ciccarelli announced that on June 12th, Hillsborough Township proudly cut the ribbon on four new Pickleball courts at Harold Docherty Memorial Park.

Mayor Ciccarelli relayed that the newly formed 250th-anniversary committee is planning several interactive displays and events to be announced at later dates.

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.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated that the 2025 Summer Yoga Series is underway as part of the Mayor's Wellness Program. There will be free monthly yoga classes designed to help residents relax, recharge, and focus on their well-being on July 13, August 17, and September 21.

PROCLAMATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

1. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING EDWARD BERTIN

WHEREAS, Edward Bertin has served over 70 years with Fire Company Number 2 in Hillsborough and is a Life Member; and

WHEREAS, Edward Bertin joined Fire Department Company Number 2 at 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Edward Bertin served as the first of five elected Fire Commissioners and as the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners from July 1977 through February 1992, and then as Vice Chairman from 1992 through 2009; and

WHEREAS, Edward Bertin has volunteered at the Fireman's Fair for 27 years where he is fondly known as the "French Fry King"; and

WHEREAS, Edward Bertin has also served on the Credit Card Advisory Committee for several years and as an officer for many years of Hillsborough Senior Club Chapter B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby extend our congratulations to Edward Bertin, and thank him for his many years of service to Hillsborough.

2. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING TIM JOHNSON

WHEREAS, Tim Johnson has served for 22 years with the Hillsborough Township Historic Preservation Commission from 2003 to 2025, serving as Vice Chairman in 2005, 2006, 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, Tim Johnson, as an "A" member, provided technical advice to the committee and residents looking for guidance on projects; and

WHEREAS, Tim Johnson spearheaded two projects, The Gabriel House and JK Design which won county awards, and

WHEREAS, Tim Johnson has been a Hillsborough resident for 28 years, worked in the financial industry, attained a postgraduate certification in Historic Preservation from Drew University, and then began his own historic restoration company; and

WHEREAS, Tim Johnson has been a member of the Sourland Conservancy since 2007, serving two terms on the Board of Directors, and since joining, has been one of the producers of the Sourland Mountain Festival.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby extend our congratulations on retirement to Tim Johnson and thank him for his many years of service to Hillsborough.

3. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BOB MCCRAY

WHEREAS, Bob McCray has served for over 23 years with The Township of Hillsborough Municipal Utilities Authority and has been awarded the 2025 NJAEA Wave Award for Outstanding Commissioner; and
 WHEREAS, Bob McCray was also a dedicated servant as a Commissioner of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority from 2005 through 2013; and
 WHEREAS, previously Bob McCray served as the Administrator for the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority from 1983 through 2015; and
 WHEREAS, Bob McCray attracts conversations with everyone he meets because of his charismatic personality and his vast knowledge of wastewater treatment and conveyance; and
 WHEREAS, Bob McCray proudly served in the U.S. Navy in Italy and then finished his term at the Naval Submarine Base in Connecticut.
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby extend our congratulations to Bob McCray and thank him for his many years of service to Hillsborough.

4. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SIDDHU NAGARAJAN

5. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL TEAM 75 ROBORAIDERS

WHEREAS, the 2024/2025 Hillsborough High School Team 75 RoboRaiders had a very successful season because of their hard work and dedication; and
 WHEREAS, the 2024/2025 Hillsborough High School Team 75 RoboRaiders won the Gracious Professionalism Award at the Worlds Championship in Houston, Texas; and
 WHEREAS, the Team 75 RoboRaiders also won first place and the Autonomous Award at Montgomery, first place and First Impact Award at Seneca District Event, and the Sustainability Award at the Lehigh District Championship Event; and
 WHEREAS, the 2024/2025 Hillsborough High School Team 75 RoboRaiders consists of the following students: Taran Appia, Om Babaria, Soham Bajaj, Anvitha Banda, Nirav Banerjee, Sragvi Basireddy, Pehel Bhaiya, Mannan Bhardwaj, Priyam Bhuyan, Fizza Bilal, Hania Bilal, Steven Blanco, Isheetta Chadha, Neel Chauhan, Nina Chevliagine, Harita Chithambaranathan, Julianne Chu, Gabriella Czechowicz, Ronav Desai, Saanvi Gande, Alexa Gibson, Matthew Goldman, Milaap Gupta, Benjamin Haase, Ashay Hajarnis, Rithvik Hari, Ashwin Harikumar, Ethan Huang, Siddarth Itagi, Alan Mathew Jacob, Dhruv Jampa, Shivesh Jayakumar, Jiachen Jiang, Roshan Jobi, Aadarsh Karthik, Nivedha Karthikeyan, Aaditya Kaushik, Isabella Kearney, Darya Khalipava, Surabhi Koppam, Vikhya Kota, Brennan Lee, Daniel Lee, Ethan Lepkowski, Durga Mahesh Sethulekshmi, Joseph Mathew, Monil Mehta, Simon Mizrachy, Jishnu Mukherjee, Tarun Nadhamuni, Iniya Nagarajan, Akshay Nair, Apoorva Nigam, Eunchae Noh, Aidan Patel, Bhavya Patel, Davin Patel, Devin Patel, Krish Patel, Manan Patel, Milan Patel, Pratham Patel, Reyhaan Patel, Srija Patel, Judith Paulraj, Aarav Pidaparthi, Selena Poon, Shravan Prasanth, Devisha Priya, Rio Quiampang, Saumya Rastogi, Karman Rath, Ritvik Rattehalli, Aadit Saraiya, Akshara Sarathy, Rayna Saxena, Liam Schwartz, Namita Shah, Rohaan Shah, Shruti Shah, Sri Girish Subramoniam, Afreen Sultan, Daivik Surendra, Ojas Tamhane, Jay Taneja, Aditi Tupakula, Krish Vyas, Laura Weintraub, Trayi Yerra, Joshua Zhang, and Samuel Zhang; and
 WHEREAS, the 2024/2025 Hillsborough High School Team 75 RoboRaiders was led by the following mentors: Harsh Agarwal, John Askew, David Blackburn, Deb Boyea, John Boyea, John Hardenberg, Jen Hoffman, Sam Hoffman, Kevin Kalenty, Mike Kalenty, Chris Keller, Scott Keller, Andrei Khalipau, Andrew Kraft, Jennifer Tuller and Dan Tuttle. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby commend the 2024/2025 Hillsborough High School Team 75 RoboRaiders, coaches, and parents, not only for their successful season but for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the team and to those principles of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and academic achievement which the organization endorses.

PRESENTATIONS

1. ART GALA MAYOR'S PICKS

2. LOUIS BAY 2ND FUTURE MUNICIPAL LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

CONSENT

1. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 SOMERSET COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Hillsborough recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2025 Somerset County Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Somerset County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Hillsborough from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by Hillsborough demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2025 Somerset County Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Hillsborough Township adopts the 2025 Somerset County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY26 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR FARM ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

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 Township Engineering Director recommends the submission of a grant application to receive funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program for the project “Farm Road Roadway Improvements” application ID “MA-2026-Farm Road Improvements-00184.”

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 Committee 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 as MA-2026-Farm Road Improvements-00184 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.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH PERTAINING TO MANAGEMENT OF BLUE ACRES PROGRAM ACQUIRED PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the Blue Acres Program is administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) for the purposes of helping New Jersey residents whose homes have been damaged in flooding events and contributing to New Jersey’s climate change resiliency strategy through the strategic acquisition of lands that

have been damaged or may be prone to future damage as a result of sea-level rise, storms, or storm-related flooding or that may protect other lands from such damage; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:8C-49, the Blue Acres Program has dedicated funding to acquire properties statewide for flood mitigation and climate resilience purposes; and

WHEREAS, such acquisitions and the removal of improvements situated on properties acquired for flood mitigation and climate resilience purposes will alleviate adverse physical, social, and economic impacts that beset the residents of the immediate area during periodic flooding and also will result in lessening the intensity of periodic flooding by increasing the area of absorption of flood waters; and

WHEREAS, such acquisitions and the removal of improvements situated on properties acquired for flood mitigation and climate resilience purposes will reduce the need for municipal services to the properties acquired; and

WHEREAS, upon acquisition of flood prone properties by the NJDEP, the NJDEP requires that such properties be managed by the local municipality pursuant to the terms set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding prepared by the NJDEP; and

WHEREAS, the Township supports the NJDEP's acquisition of flood prone properties in the municipality.

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 hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Township of Hillsborough pertaining to the management of Blue Acres Program acquired properties; and (2) the Township and its representatives are authorized to execute all documents and take all actions consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding and management of the properties.

4. RESOLUTION TO RENEW TOWNSHIP LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2025-2026 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 2025-2026, effective July 01, 2025:

License No	Establishment	Licensee
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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	Vineborough Lounge & Liquors	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
1810-32-011-005	ABC Pocket License	ELMO Liquor LLC 299 Schilling Dr Somerset, NJ 08873
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
1810-33-009-009	Iron Peak Entertainment LLC	Iron Peak Entertainment LLC 137 Mountain View Rd Hillsborough, NJ 08844
1810-33-015-003	ABC Pocket License	JSM Investments at Hillsborough 1260 Stelton Rd Piscataway, NJ 08854
1810-33-019-001	AMA Cucina	AMA Cucina 236 S. Branch Rd. Hillsborough, NJ 08844
1810-33-020-001	ABC Pocket License	Hillsborough RB, LLC
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
1810-44-018-002	Bottle and Barrel	Little Investors, LLC 856 Route 206, Building E Hillsborough, NJ 08844
1810-44-021-001	ABC Pocket License	Hillsborough Liquor Store, LLC

5. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF ENERGY TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief, since just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities, the State is supposed to collect energy taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, State budget makers have diverted funding from energy taxes to fund State programs and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, while the State may need to have the right to override the statutory dedication of these revenues to local governments, in order to deal with emergencies and crises that may occur, current State policymakers should not exercise that right automatically; and

WHEREAS, while that right should be the exception, it has become the rule; and

WHEREAS, by keeping flat funding of the appropriation for CMPTRA year-over-year, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting energy taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2023, the State did provide some much-needed relief in the allocation of \$75 million of new funds identified as the Municipal Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2024, the State allocated \$150 million in Municipal Relief Funds, however, in SFY 2025 and, as proposed in SFY 2026, no allocation will exist; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2024 the Energy Tax Receipts Program should have received over \$350 million to restore municipalities back to 2008 levels, however, the State's diversion of Energy Taxes has continued to grow causing more of a financial gap; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of flat funding and underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services.

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 calls for the immediate restoration of funding diverted from energy taxes intended for local use; (2) the Township calls on State policymakers to end the diversion of our municipal resources to cover State spending and to provide us with this important tool to relieve the worst-in-the-nation property tax burden borne, for too long, by the people of New Jersey; and (3) the Township Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Governor Phil Murphy, Lieutenant Governor Tahesha Way, Senator Andrew Zwicker, Assemblyman Roy Freiman, Assemblywoman Michelle Drulis, Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs Jacquelyn Suárez, State Treasurer Elizabeth Maher Muoio and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

6. 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.

Rishi Goyal	\$125.00
Katharine Marshall	\$160.00
Allison Ruh	\$330.00
Aravindh Kamakshinadha	\$145.00

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 permits the Tax Collector to issue an estimated tax bill for the third installment of taxes in a calendar year when the tax rate has not yet been certified; and

WHEREAS, the County Tax Board of Taxation has not certified the tax rate at this time and the Tax Collector will be unable to mail the tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to issue estimated tax bills for the third installment of taxes payable to the Township in 2025 to ensure timely and consistent billings to the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Township estimates a total Tax Levy of \$199,860,645.77, inclusive of the County, School, Fire District and Municipal 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 and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the third installment for 2025 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; (3) the entire estimated tax levy for 2025 is hereby set at \$199,860,645.77 and the estimated tax rate is set at \$2.205; (4) in accordance with the law, the third installment of 2025 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 11th or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills are mailed; and (5) certified copies of this resolution shall be filed with the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services and with the Somerset County Board of Taxation.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE OF UNPAID 2024 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 2024 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 2024 taxes and other municipal charges through NJ Tax Lien Investors/Real Auction.com.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JOANNE MARTIN TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME ALTERNATE CROSSING GUARD IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an alternate crossing guard to work when the regular crossing guard is not available; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends the hiring of Joanne Martin to this position, at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, starting 6/25/2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Chief of Police is hereby accepted and approved.

10. RESOLUTION TO ADJUST SALARY FOR IRA GREENBERG, PART TIME CROSSING GUARD IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Ira Greenberg has satisfied the conditions of his rehiring as a Part-Time Crossing Guard in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and HR Director are recommending a fifty-cent (.50 ¢) per hour salary adjustment, making his salary \$19.00 per hour, effective 7/7/2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Ira Greenberg per hour salary be adjusted to \$19.00 per hour, effective 7/7/2025.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH ESCROW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00 TO ALFRED BALL FOR ROAD OPENING PERMIT NO. 2022-25

WHEREAS, a cash escrow in the amount of \$150.00 was posted for Road Opening Permit No. 2022-25; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Director certifies all work has been satisfactorily completed and recommends the Township Committee authorize the release of cash escrow in the amount of \$150.00 to Alfred Ball for Road Opening Permit No. 2022-25.

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 Engineering Director is accepted and approved.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE FOR ROAD OPENING BOND NO. 6225483 FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough Chapter 259, "Streets and Sidewalks", subsection 4G, the utility company Public Service Electric and Gas has submitted a Continuation Certificate for Road Opening Bond No. 6225483, 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 Engineering Director recommends that the Township Committee authorize acceptance of the Continuation Certificate for the above-referenced Road Opening Bond; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed the Bond Continuation Certificate and finds it acceptable.

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 Engineering Director is hereby accepted and approved.

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH AND BRIDGEWAY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO ESTABLISH JOINT PARTICIPATION IN THE ARRIVE TOGETHER PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND SUPPORT RESPONSE TO CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CALLS

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.1, et seq. ("Screening Law") and N.J.A.C. 10:31-1.1., et seq. ("Screening Regulations"), it is the policy of the State of New Jersey to provide a public mental health system that delivers treatment consistent with a person's clinical condition, and that screening services be developed as the public mental health system's entry point in order to provide accessible crisis intervention, evaluation and referral services to persons with mental illness, to offer persons with mental illness clinically appropriate alternatives to inpatient care, and when necessary, to provide a means for involuntary commitment and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Screening Law provides officers and mental health specialists with legal authority to transport or authorize transport of individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis to an emergency department for a full assessment where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers may request the assistance of mental health specialists when responding to emergency service calls that relate to behavioral health crises and mental health personnel may request assistance from officers when responding to requests for emergency screening; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of its residents to ensure the safety of every person involved in civilian-law enforcement interactions, while recognizing that many of the negative outcomes that have resulted from such interactions may

stem from individuals having underlying behavioral health crises; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services (“BBHS”) has been designated by the New Jersey Department of Human Services to provide screening and other medical health services in accordance with state law and regulations; and

WHEREAS, BBHS participates in the ARRIVE Together (“Alternative Responses Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation”) Pilot Program with participating police departments in Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee supports the Hillsborough Police Department entering into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with BBHS to participate in the ARRIVE Together Pilot Program.

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

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as though specifically set forth herein.

Section 2. The Township Committee hereby approves and endorses the Hillsborough Township Police Department’s participation in the ARRIVE Together Program to enhance and support law enforcement and response to certain behavioral health crisis calls.

Section 3. The Township Committee hereby authorizes Township Staff and the Police Chief/Captain to take all necessary steps to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding, substantially consistent with the form of agreement attached hereto, between the Township of Hillsborough Police Department and Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services, 282 East Main Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 for the establishment of a pilot program for the assistance of mental health specialists when responding to emergency service calls that relate to behavioral health crises.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any part(s) of this resolution shall be deemed invalid, such part(s) shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately, and that a copy of this resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Township Clerk.

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

WHEREAS, the Engineering Director 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 have 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
Bilkoo 2024

ID
2028656110699

Balance
\$277.95

Bright speed	2028656109499	\$613.60
Campus Assoc onsite	2028656111599	\$1,017.50
Esco Precision Inc.	2028656025599	\$110.12
Harvesters Gospel insp.	2028656027899	\$117.23
Hillsborough206 Holdings	2028656029499	\$208.25
Toll Enclave private	2028656110399	\$959.99
True Jesus Church	2028656045299	\$234.46
Grand Total		-\$3,539.10

15. Resolution Authorizing Execution Of Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Township Of Hillsborough And County Of Somerset For Print And Copying Services

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, any local unit may contract with any other local unit for the shared provision within their several jurisdictions of any service that any party to the agreement is empowered to provide within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset provides print and copying services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough and County of Somerset desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") for the provision of print, copy and related services ("Services") by the County on behalf of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the County will provide said Services to the Township in accordance with the MOU and fee schedule adopted by the County.

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 MOU with the County of Somerset for the provision of print, copy and related services by the County on behalf of the Township.

16. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO DEER CARCASS REMOVAL SERVICE FOR REMOVAL OF DEBRIS AT THE AUTEN ROAD SITE

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has determined there is a need for the removal of debris at the Auten Road Site; and

WHEREAS, Deer Carcass Removal Service was awarded a contract through the Morris County Cooperative of which the Township is a member; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the award of a contract to Deer Carcass Removal Service in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00 for the removal of debris at the Auten Road site through MCCPC Contract #49; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies there are sufficient funds in account #01-201-26-775-940 (requisition #2310295) 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 a contract is hereby awarded to Deer Carcass Removal Service in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00 for the removal of debris at the Auten Road site.

17. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF QUARRY STONE FROM TILCON NEW YORK THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #9

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works has requested authorization for the purchase of quarry stone for maintenance of roads throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, Tilcon New York provides these materials through the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, of which the Township of Hillsborough is a member, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies there are sufficient funds in account #01-201-26-765-300 (requisition #2310339) for these materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the purchase of quarry stone from Tilcon New York through the Morris County Cooperative Contract #9 in an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00 is hereby authorized.

18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 60-MONTH COPIER MACHINE LEASE FOR 12 MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COPIERS WITH KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE THROUGH SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #112124-KON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,909.12 PER YEAR

WHEREAS, the current copier machine leases at the Municipal Complex are expiring and the copier machines need to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, new machines with 60-month leases are available from Konica Minolta through the Sourcewell Cooperative, of which the Township is a member, for a total cost of \$36,909.12 per year for 12 machines; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through multiple accounts for 2025 and the four (4) subsequent years of the contract.

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 for a 60-month lease for 12 new copy machines for the Municipal Complex from Konica Minolta through Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #112124-KON in an amount not to exceed \$36,909.12 per year.

19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE DRIVE GATES FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough solicited quotes for the purchase and installation of two 28' to 29' wide x 6' high edible drive galvanized chain-link swing gates and three (3) responses were received as follows:

York Fence	\$6,850.00
Hollywood Fence	\$10,321.00
Tino's Fencing	\$9,063.13

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the purchase and installation of two 28' to 29' wide x 6' high edible drive galvanized chain-link swing gates from York Fence in an amount not to exceed \$6,850.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2025 budget through account #01-201-28-796-550 (Requisition #2310476), 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 and installation of two 28' to 29'

wide x 6' high edible drive galvanized chain-link swing gates for the Department of Parks & Recreation in an amount not to exceed \$6,850.00.

20. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO DELL FOR OFFICE 365 AND EMAIL LICENSE RENEWALS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH STATE CONTRACT #20-TELE-01510

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has determined there is a need to renew Office 365 and email licenses for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Dell was awarded a contract through New Jersey State Contract #20-TELE-01510 (T3121) for such goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the award of a contract to Dell in an amount not to exceed \$22,485.72 for Office 365 and email license renewals; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies there are sufficient funds in the 2025 budget through account #01-201-25-745-238 (requisition #2310475) 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 a contract through New Jersey State Contract #20-TELE-01510 (T3121) is hereby awarded to Dell in an amount not to exceed \$22,485.72.

21. RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE RENEWAL OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SOFTWARE FROM PUBLICINPUT

WHEREAS, the Public Engagement Software from PublicInput, utilized by the township for surveys and data collection, was due for renewal; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 40AA:11-5(1)(dd), the township may renew the software platform from PublicInput; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend a two-year renewal of the software platform from PublicInput in an amount not to exceed \$19,055 for year one and \$19,627 for year two; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2025 Budget through account #01-201-21-720-941 (requisition #2310427) and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer and will be available for the 2026 budget year.

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 renewal of Public Engagement Software from PublicInput in an amount not to exceed \$19,055.00 for year one and subject to an appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$19,627 for year two.

22. RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF 2026-2028 COOPERATION AGREEMENTS REGARDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 provides for substantial federal funds being made available to certain urban counties for use therein; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Programs have benefited the County as a whole and have provided a unique opportunity for intermunicipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the program has provided substantial benefits to persons of low and moderate income including the elderly and disabled, and that these benefits would be lost without a renewal of the County cooperation agreement; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township desires to preserve benefits of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Programs for the County by renewing its participation in the Somerset County Community Development Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, provides a mechanism through which counties and municipalities may enter into agreements for the provision of joint services; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act provides that authorization for participation in such a cooperative program must be by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Hillsborough Township, County of Somerset, New Jersey, that: (1) it authorizes continued participation in the Somerset County Community Development Consortium or Urban County; (2) it authorizes, ratifies and confirms a certain agreement between Hillsborough Township and Somerset County entitled "Agreement Between the County of Somerset and Certain Municipalities Located Therein For the Establishment of Cooperative Means of Conducting Certain Community Development Activities" and amendments thereto to comply with new requirements from the Department of Housing and Urban Development which agreement shall automatically renew in every successive qualification period unless notice that the Township wishes to withdraw is provided to HUD and Somerset County; (3) it authorizes full participation by Hillsborough Township in all aspects of the activities provided for within said Agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions as more fully set forth in said Agreement; (4) it hereby incorporates said Agreement into this Resolution by reference, as if fully set forth herein; and (5) the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with the County and a copy of said Agreement will remain filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for public inspection.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Sarah Brake, Township Clerk

John Ciccarelli, Mayor

23. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS IN THE TOWNSHIP FROM ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS THROUGH STATE CONTRACT #T2507

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has determined various township roads need asphalt resurfacing as part of the 2025 Road Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, Asphalt Paving Systems offers resurfacing services through New Jersey State Contract #T2507; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommends the resurfacing of various township roads to Asphalt Paving Systems through State Contract #T2507 in an amount not to exceed \$724,930.83;

and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2025 municipal budget and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #04-215-55-241-900 (requisition #2310572).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the resurfacing of various township roads from Asphalt Paving Systems through New Jersey State Contract #T2507 in an amount not to exceed \$724,930.83 is hereby authorized.

24. RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE REHIRING AND HIRING OF PART-TIME POSITIONS TO SUPPORT HILLSBOROUGH 2025 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, there exists a need to hire part-time staff to support the Hillsborough Township 2025 Summer Recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation has recommended the rehiring and hiring of the following individual(s) to support the Hillsborough Township Recreation:

2025 Summer Programs					
Last Name	First Name	Position	Rate	New Hire Date	Rehire
Agarhwal	Ansh	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.00		X
Agarwal	Ansh	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00		X
Agarwal	Ansh	Youth Basketball Ref	\$18.00		X
Ahlawat	Arjun	Basketball Coach	\$15.00	6/16	
Akella	Rithvik	Tennis Instructor	\$25.00		X
Albee	Eric	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00		X
Albee	Eric	Youth Basketball Ref	\$18.00		X
Amato	Damian	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00		X
Amato	Damian	Youth Basketball Ref	\$18.00		X
Amato	Nick	Basketball Ref	\$50.00		X
Araujo	Michael	Basketball Coach	\$15.00	6/16	
Arudi	Siddharth	Tennis Instructor	\$22.00		X
Bakhru	Aayan	Tennis Instructor	\$19.00		X
Balas	Kendall	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.00	6/2	
Caliguari	Gracie	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Catalan	Rafael	Tennis Instructor	\$40.00		X
Chalil-Rakheesh	Dhrupath	Tennis Instructor	\$20.00		X
Chapkowski	Greg	Basketball Ref	\$50.00		X
Chase	Emily	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Cooper	Leo	Basketball Coach	\$15.00		X
Cooper	Leo	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.00		X

Cuevas	Chloe	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.00	6/2	
Daly	William	Professional Tennis Clinician	\$60.00		X
Devaravar	Sid	Basketball Scorekeeper/Coach	\$15.00		X
DiChiara	Francis	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00		X
DiChiara	Francis	Youth Basketball Ref	\$18.00		X
Elmalis	Julia	Basketball Coach	\$15.00		X
Fischer	Steve	Basketball Ref	\$50.00		X
Garcia	Gabriela	Tennis Instructor	\$25.00		X
Gaspar	Alexa	Basketball Coach	\$15.00		X
Gaspar	Alexa	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Gaspar	Keith	Basketball Ref	\$50.00		X
Gaspar	Matthew	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.00		X
Gaspar	Matthew	Youth Basketball Ref	\$18.00		X
Geraci	Jack	Basketball Coach	\$15.00		X
Geraci	Jack	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Grady	Jim	Basketball Ref	\$50.00		X
Gray	Nicholas	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Griffith	Ariel	Basketball Scorekeeper/Coach	\$15.00		X
Hasting	Sam	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Heiser	Lucia	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.00	6/23	
Henderson	Emily	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Henderson	Emily	Various Programs	\$15.00		X
Hoang	Khoi	Tennis Instructor	\$18.00		X
Hoffmeister	Stacey	Tennis Instructor	\$22.00		X
Jackson	Sean	Basketball Ref	\$50.00	6/16	
Jaje	Kamil	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00	6/16	
Jaje	Patryk	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00	6/16	
Kafka	Timothy	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00		X
Kafka	Timothy	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Kafka	Timothy	Youth Basketball Ref	\$18.00		X
Khosla	Jaskeerat (Kiki)	Tennis Instructor	\$20.00		X
Khurana	Devon	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00		X
Khurana	Devon	Youth Basketball Ref	\$18.00		X
Klaproth	Devon	Admin Assistant	\$25.00		X

Kondratiuk	Nathan	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Lodhia	Shaan	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Makarevic	Jason	Basketball Ref	\$50.00		X
McCann	Taylor	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00		X
McCann	Taylor	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Metzel	Nicole	Basketball Ref	\$50.00		X
Milano	Dean	Tennis Instructor	\$17.00	6/14	
Morgan	Danielle	Summer Camp Supervisor	\$30.00		X
Morgan	Wynn	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00		X
Murday	Dylan	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Nagarajan	Iniyah	Tennis Instructor	\$20.00		X
Nandamuri	Sujay	Tennis Instructor	\$16.00	6/14	
Poletti-Metzel	Diane	Basketball Ref	\$50.00		X
Ponce	Maya	Tennis Instructor	\$17.00	6/14	
Progin	Jeff	Basketball Coach/Scorekeeper	\$15.00	6/16	
Rice	Tommy	Activities Coordinator	\$17.00		X
Roberts	John	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.00	6/23	
Roberts	Travis	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.00	6/23	
Ruh	Isabella	Basketball Coach	\$15.00		X
Sasso	Massimo	Summer Camp Supervisor	\$24.00		X
Schwarz	Andrew	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00		X
Sena	Shawn	Tennis Instructor	\$16.00	6/14	
Siegelaub	Matthew	Basketball Coach	\$15.00		X
Siegelaub	Matthew	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Sohnle	James	Basketball Coach	\$15.00	6/16	
Spencer	Larry G.	Summer Camp Supervisor	\$25.00		X
Srinivas Shankar	Nikhil	Tennis Instructor	\$19.00		X
Stevens	Mark	Tennis Instructor	\$40.00		X
Trivedi	Jaival	Tennis Instructor	\$20.00		X
Trivedi	Vir	Tennis Instructor	\$20.00		X
Van Dongen	Brian	Basketball Ref	\$50.00		X
Villano	Aidan	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Watson	Ryley	Basketball Scorekeeper	\$15.00		X
Watson	Ryley	Summer Camp Counselor	\$15.50		X
Weisberg	Allan	Basketball Ref	\$50.00		X

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Director of Parks & Recreation is hereby ratified and approved.

25. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT STATUS OF VARIOUS EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Officers Ryan Dean, Andrew DeMaio, and Orrin Falby have satisfied their 12-month probationary period; and

WHEREAS, Officers Dean, DeMaio, and Falby have performed their duties and assignments in a capable and competent manner; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends that permanent status be conferred upon Officers Ryan Dean, Andrew DeMaio, and Orrin Falby effective June 12, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Chief of Police is accepted and approved.

26. RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ENTRANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$158,040.00

WHEREAS, the Director of the Public Works Department has determined that there is a need for renovations and repairs to the Municipal Building Entrance; and

WHEREAS, the Township solicited bids for said goods and services in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law and Fair and Open Process; and

WHEREAS, in response to the solicitation the Township received the following bids:

Macsun Construction LLC	\$158,040.00
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WHEREAS, the Director of the Public Works Department and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the award of a contract to Macsun Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$158,040.00 for renovations to the Municipal Building Entrance in accordance with the bid specifications and bid submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified sufficient funds are available in account #04-215-55-240-502 (requisition #2310589) for this contract award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that a contract is hereby awarded to Macsun Construction, LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$158,040.00 for renovations to the Municipal Building Entrance in accordance with the bid specifications and bid submitted.

27. RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATE AND EXTREMISM

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township is committed to ending the spread of hate, bigotry and harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected characteristic as defined by law; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of all of its

community members and to ensure that they will be protected and their rights respected; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township wishes to affirm its commitment to cultivating an inclusive community, including within Hillsborough Township operations and institutions; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of our community is beneficial to all within it, making us stronger and more resilient; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township supports the peaceful exercise of free speech, free assembly, and freedom to worship safely for all people; and

WHEREAS, each of our elected leaders has the ability and obligation to promote inclusiveness; celebrate diversity; work to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society; prevent the spread of misinformation and disinformation; and reject hate and bias in all forms and should set a positive example for their constituents in this regard; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township commits to countering hate and violence through engagement with community leaders, governmental transparency, and public information-sharing regarding efforts to fight hate and violence, and the investigation and prosecution of those who commit criminal acts, consistent with civil liberties protections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Hillsborough Township affirms its ongoing commitment to cultivating an inclusive, safe, and just society and culture, including within Hillsborough Township operations and institutions, that values the diversity of our community, works to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society, and celebrates both our individuality and commonality and urges residents to join us by adopting these values in their own lives, calling attention to these harms, and denouncing hate and extremism to help keep us all safe.

28. RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM FILLING THE APPROVED POSITIONS UNDER THE GREATER RARITAN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD SUMMER YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough was awarded, by the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (GRWDB) as part of their 2025 Summer Youth Work Experience Program, six positions to complete projects for our Economic & Business Development, Health, IT/Clerk Office, Planning & Zoning, and Recreation departments; and

WHEREAS, GRWDB provided the Township with applications for six program participants who were interviewed by the Director of Human Resources and the Director of each department and deemed skilled to support the department's project; and

WHEREAS, the HR Director recommends bringing on the following six program participants, each receiving a \$3,400 stipend for their completion of the program's 200 hour requirement for career-readiness training and project work.

Program Participant	Department	Start Date
Scarlett Bottone	Economic & Business Development	6/11/2025
Jannah Hameed	Planning & Zoning	6/9/2025

Nicholas Henderson	Recreation Summer Programs	6/2/2025
Austin Keeth	IT / Clerk's Office	6/16/2025
Ethan Lee	Health	6/6/2025
Emily Margelis	Recreation Summer Programs	6/2/2025

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 Human Resources Director is hereby ratified and approved.

29. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2024, c.2, which was signed into law on March 20, 2024, amending the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. ("FHA"), and the New Jersey Declaratory Judgment Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:16-50, et seq., the Township of Hillsborough ("Township") has filed a Declaratory Judgment action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Somerset County, regarding its constitutional affordable housing obligations for Fourth (4th) Round; and,

WHEREAS, under authorization of the FHA, the Township is implementing a program to provide affordable housing units to low- and moderate-income households desiring to live within the Township; and

WHEREAS, at Title 5, Chapter 80, Subchapter 26 of the New Jersey Administrative Code ("Rules"), the State has promulgated affordability controls in regulations designed to implement the FHA, by assuring that low- and moderate-income units that are created under the FHA are occupied by low- and moderate-income households for an appropriate period of time; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.14 provides that affordability controls shall be administered by an administrative agent acting on behalf of a municipality; and **WHEREAS**, the Township has selected CME Associates to be the Administrative Agent for the purposes of providing affordability control services for all affordable housing within the Township as included in this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the Administrative Agent shall perform the duties and responsibilities of an administrative agent as are set forth in the Rules, including those set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.14, 16 and 18 thereof, which includes:

1. Affirmative Marketing

a. Conducting an outreach process to insure affirmative marketing of affordable housing units in accordance with the Affirmative Marketing Plan of the Township of Hillsborough and the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.15;

b. Attending continuing education opportunities on affordability controls, compliance monitoring, and affirmative marketing as offered or approved by the Court; and,

c. Providing counseling or contracting to provide counseling services to low and moderate income applicants on subjects such as budgeting, credit issues, mortgage qualification, rental lease requirements, and landlord/tenant law.

2. Household Certification

- a. Soliciting, scheduling, conducting and following up on interviews with interested households;
- b. Conducting interviews and obtaining sufficient documentation of gross income and assets upon which to base a determination of income eligibility for a low- or moderate-income unit;
- c. Providing written notification to each applicant as to the determination of eligibility or non-eligibility;
- d. Requiring that all certified applicants for restricted units execute a certificate substantially in the form, as applicable, of either the ownership or rental certificates set forth in Appendices J and K of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.;
- e. Creating and maintaining a referral list of eligible applicant households living in the housing region and eligible applicant households with members working in the housing region where the units are located; and,
- f. Employing a random selection process as provided in the Affirmative Marketing Plan of the Township when referring households for certification to affordable units.

3. Affordability Controls

- a. Furnishing to attorneys or closing agents forms of deed restrictions and mortgages for recording at the time of conveyance of title of each restricted unit;
- b. Creating and maintaining a file on each restricted unit for its control period, including the recorded deed with restrictions, recorded mortgage and note, as appropriate;
- c. Ensuring that the removal of the deed restrictions and cancellation of the mortgage note are effectuated and properly filed with the appropriate county's register of deeds or county clerk's office after the termination of the affordability controls for each restricted unit;
- d. Communicating with lenders regarding foreclosures; and,
- e. Ensuring the issuance of Continuing Certificates of Occupancy or certifications pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.10.

4. Resale and rental

- a. Instituting and maintaining an effective means of communicating information between owners and the Administrative Agent regarding the availability of restricted units for resale or rental; and,

b. Instituting and maintaining an effective means of communicating information to low- and moderate-income households regarding the availability of restricted units for resale or re-rental.

5. Processing requests from unit owners

a. Reviewing and approving requests from owners of restricted units who wish to take out home equity loans or refinance during the term of their ownership;

b. Reviewing and approving requests to increase sales prices from owners of restricted units who wish to make capital improvements to the units that would affect the selling price, such authorizations to be limited to those improvements resulting in additional bedrooms or bathrooms and the cost of central air conditioning systems; and,

c. Processing requests and making determinations on requests by owners of restricted units for hardship waivers.

6. Enforcement

a. Securing lists of all affordable housing units for which tax bills are mailed to absentee owners, and notifying all such owners that they must either move back to their unit or sell it;

b. Securing from all developers and sponsors of restricted units, at the earliest point of contact in the processing of the project or development, written acknowledgement of the requirement that no restricted unit can be offered, or in any other way committed, to any person, other than a household duly certified to the unit by the Administrative Agent;

c. The posting annually in all rental properties, including two-family homes, of a notice as to the maximum permitted rent together with the telephone number of the Administrative Agent where complaints of excess rent can be made;

d. Sending annual mailings to all owners of affordable dwelling units, reminding them of the notices and requirements outlined in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.18(d)4;

e. Establishing a program for diverting unlawful rent payments to the municipality's affordable housing trust fund or other appropriate municipal fund approved by the DCA;

f. Creating and publishing a written operating manual setting forth procedures for administering such affordability controls; and

g. Providing annual reports to the DCA and the Fair Share Housing Center as required.

7. Records received, retained, retrieved, or transmitted in performance of these administrative duties may constitute public records of the Township as defined by N.J.S.A. 47:3-16, and are legal property of the Township. The Administrative Agent named in this resolution must agree to administer and dispose of such records in compliance with the State's public records laws and associated administrative rules.

8. The Administrative Agent shall have authority to take all actions necessary and appropriate to carry out its responsibilities hereunder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that CME Associates is hereby appointed as the Administrative Agent for the

administration of the affordable housing program.

Mayor John Ciccarelli

By my signature below, I, Sarah Brake, RMC, Township Clerk for the Township of Hillsborough do hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution memorializing an action of the Hillsborough Township Committee, which occurred at a meeting of the Hillsborough Township Committee held on the 24th day of June, 2025.

Sarah Brake,
RMC
Township Clerk of the Township of Hillsborough

30. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2024, c.2, which was signed into law on March 20, 2024, amending the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. ("FHA"), and the New Jersey Declaratory Judgment Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:16-50, et seq., the Township of Hillsborough ("Township") has filed a Declaratory Judgment action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Somerset County, regarding its constitutional affordable housing obligations for Fourth (4th) Round; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq., the Township of Hillsborough is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the Township's affordable housing program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Marcella McLaughlin is hereby appointed as the Township of Hillsborough's Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program.

Mayor John Ciccarelli

By my signature below, I, Sarah Brake, RMC, Township Clerk for the Township of Hillsborough do hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution memorializing an action of the Hillsborough Township Committee, which occurred at a meeting of the Hillsborough Township Committee held on the 24th day of June, 2025.

Sarah Brake, RMC
Township Clerk, Township of Hillsborough

31. Resolution Endorsing The Housing Element Plan And Fair Share Plan To The Township Of Hillsborough's Master Plan Previously Adopted By The Township Planning Board

WHEREAS, by a Resolution dated June 12, 2025, the Planning Board of the Township of Hillsborough ("Board") adopted a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to the Township's Master Plan prepared by Jennifer C. Beahm, PP, AICP of Leon S. Avakian, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee agrees with the Board's finding that the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan complies with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(3) and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-310 in that it is designed to achieve the goal of providing the realistic development of affordable housing to meet present and prospective housing needs, with particular attention to low and moderate income housing; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further agrees with the Board's determination that the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Township of Hillsborough's Master Plan and that adoption and implementation of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan is in the public interest and will protect public health and safety and promote the general welfare.

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 hereby approves and endorses the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan that has been adopted by the Board.

Mayor John Ciccarelli

By my signature below, I, Sarak Brake, RMC, Township Clerk for the Township of Hillsborough do hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution memorializing an action of the Hillsborough Township Committee, which occurred at a meeting of the Hillsborough Township Committee held on the _____ day of _____ 2025.

Sarak Brake, RMC
Township Clerk of the Township of Hillsborough

32. RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO FUND ANY SHORTFALL IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2024, c.2, which was signed into law on March 20, 2024, amending the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. ("FHA"), and the New Jersey Declaratory Judgment Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:16-50, et seq., the Township of Hillsborough ("Township") has filed a Declaratory Judgment action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Somerset County, regarding its constitutional affordable housing obligations for Fourth (4th) Round; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has adopted development fee ordinance creating a dedicated revenue source for affordable housing and establishing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.1(d) requires that a municipality with an affordable housing trust fund receive approval of a spending plan from the Court prior to spending any of the funds in its affordable housing trust fund;

and,

WHEREAS, the Township's planning consultant, Jennifer C. Beahm, PP, AICP of Leon S. Avakian, Inc., consulting Engineers, has prepared an Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan for the Township consistent with the regulatory requirements; and;

WHEREAS, the Township intends to submit such Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan to the Court for its review and approval as part of its constitutional affordable housing obligations for Fourth (4th) Round.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that in the event that adequate funding is not available from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan to fund the Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, the Township will provide the funding needed to cover any such shortfall through municipal bonding, or any other legal means, when and if that may become necessary.

Mayor John Ciccarelli

By my signature below, I, Sarah Brake, RMC, Township Clerk for the Township of Hillsborough do hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution memorializing an action of the Hillsborough Township Committee, which occurred at a meeting of the Hillsborough Township Committee held on the 24th day of June, 2025.

Sarah Brake, RMC
Township Clerk, Township of Hillsborough

33. RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Fair Housing Act, the New Jersey Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26-1, et seq.), the Township is required to adopt an Affirmative Marketing Plan to ensure that all affordable housing units created, including those created within the Township are affirmatively marketed to very low-, low- and moderate-income households, particularly those living and/or working within the Housing Region 3, the Housing Region encompassing the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey does hereby adopt the Affirmative Marketing Plan attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Mayor John Ciccarelli

By my signature below, I, Sarah Brake, RMC, Township Clerk for the Township of Hillsborough do hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution memorializing an action of the Hillsborough Township Committee, which occurred at a meeting of the Hillsborough Township Committee held on the 24th day of June, 2025.

Sarah Brake, RMC

Township Clerk, Township of Hillsborough

34. Resolution Authorizing The Health Officer To Accept The NJ Dept. Of Health Sustaining Localpublic Health Grant Additional \$24,951 For A Total Of \$193,000 And To Extend The Contract With Robin Vlamis, Health Educator/Public Health Consultant , And Alana Wojciechowski, REHS Trainee, And To Extend The Positions Of Public Health Nurse As Part Of The Sustaining Local Public Health Grant

WHEREAS, a noncompetitive grant, offered by the NJ Department of Health, called “Sustaining Local Public Health” was applied for and awarded to the Hillsborough Health Department for \$168,049 and, an additional \$24,951 was applied for and approved by the NJ Dept. of Health, through the NJ Association of County and Local Health Officials;

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the time for the Public Health Nurse , Health Educator/Public Health Consultant, and Health Department REHS Intern to support the Sustaining Local Public Health Grant. This grant was previously approved for these positions to extend to 12/31/25;

WHEREAS, the Health Officer requests authorization to:1. Extend the contract with REHS Trainee, Alana Wojciechowski who is currently paid from the Strengthening Local Public Health Grant (from 7/1/24 to 6/30/25) and previously approved on this Sustainability Grant to extend to 12/31/25, to further extend this appointment from 7/1/25 to 3/31/26 at the rate of \$30 per hour for 29 hours per week, not to exceed 116 hours per month.

2. Extend Robin Vlamis, who is in the position of Health Educator/Public Health Consultant at the rate of \$75 per hour, 12 hours per week from 7/1/25 to 3/31/26. This position was previously approved to extend to 12/31/25 on this grant.

3. Hire/contract with a Public Health Nurse to fill the vacant position that was held by Anita Persaud prior to the grant being retracted, who has since found another job, for \$75 per hour for 20 hours per week, which will extend from 7/1/25 to 3/31/ 2026. This position was previously approved for this person from 7/1/25 to 12/31/25.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Health Officer is authorized to extend the existing positions of REHS Intern, Health Educator/Public Health Consultant, and Public Health Nurse, and to hire for the vacant position of Public Health Nurse at the rates in this document.

35. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

Title	Name	Term Expiration
Certifying Agent	Christiaan Bushell	12/31/2025
PERS & PFRS	Christiaan Bushell	12/31/2025
Treasurer	Christiaan Bushell	12/31/2025
Fund Commissioner Central Jersey	Christiaan Bushell	12/31/2025
Joint Insurance Fund		

36. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF ALEX GILLEECE AND CONNOR ZAKOWSKI FOR THE CLEAN COMMUNITIES POSITION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exists 4 positions for Clean Communities Summer Help in Public Works funded by a NJ Clean Communities Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works recommends the hiring of Alex Gilleece and Connor Zakowski as Clean Communities Summer Help effective June 24, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$17.00 for a maximum of 10 weeks, not to exceed 40 hours per week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Director of Public Works is authorized to hire Alex Gilleece and Connor Zakowski as Clean Communities Summer Help effective June 25, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$17.00 for a maximum of 10 weeks not to exceed 40 hours per week.

37. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DANIEL LENZO TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM AS THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, EFFECTIVE JULY 7, 2025 THROUGH JULY 6, 2028

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.1 requires every municipality to have a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator appointed by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Coordinator is of vital importance to the Township of Hillsborough in preparing for natural and/or man-made disasters in the furtherance of the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the Township of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, due to the retirement of the currently appointed Emergency Management Coordinator, and in accordance with the N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.1 requirement, Hillsborough Township appoints Daniel Lenzo to a three (3) year term as Emergency Management Coordinator, effective July 7, 2025 through July 6, 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Daniel Lenzo is duly appointed to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for a three (3) year term commencing on July 7, 2025 through July 6, 2028.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated: "As a 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 onset agenda separately for voting purposed, I will give you the opportunity to do so. There is no need to take items separately for the purpose of commenting or questioning.

#9- correction to Joanne from Janet

Administrator Ferrera welcomed the interns and the new OEM Director, Dan Lenzo.

Committeewoman Hand asked regarding consent 3 what the average time to vacate and demo is and how many properties are included and regarding consent 19 asked about the location of the gates.

Committeeman Lipani responded that once the closing is done, the premises must be vacated, then the house is secured and demolished within 90 days and made into a field of grass. 11 property owners applied for Blue Acres. Attorney Willard stated it was a take it or leave it offer from the State. The State will own the property, and pay for demolition, but once it is demolished the Township is responsible for maintaining the property.

Committeewoman Hand confirmed that the gates referred to in consent 19 were for the Lowe's adjacent property to keep out cars. With regard to consent 21 are there limitations on use of the program. Mayor Ciccarelli stated there are other options for which the software could be used. Committeewoman Hand asked to take consent 31 separately.

Committeeman Lipani thanked John Sheridan for his service to Hillsborough for his 21 years plus as a police officer and many years as the OEM Director. Committeeman Lipani wished him a very quiet retirement. He also welcomed all the new officers.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, the consent agenda 1-37 excluding 31, was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, the consent agenda 31, was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Committeeman Lipani stated there was an extensive amount of work done on this in a very short amount of time given by the State. The number of 565 given by the State was laughable and the Township was able to show proof and the math to get it down to 223, which in turn translates into 1000 total units. The State seemingly has no concern about the town's infrastructure, such as the schools, roadways, sewer system, and other services. This all has to be accomplished in 10 years as opposed to the 20 years the State afforded in the prior round.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated this was the best outcome from a mandate by the State.

Committeewoman Hand read various excerpts from Judge Mennen's order to enter judgment. Attorney Bernstein asked that either the entire order be read or none of it as excerpts taken out of context would be misleading. Committeewoman Hand stated the excerpts read were embarrassing for the town, believes the situation to have been mishandled and called for a motion to appoint new Fair Share Housing counsel. No second was made and the motion failed.

Attorney Bernstein explained that all the necessary documents were submitted. Fair Share has not been in favor of reducing the number of units for which Hillsborough is responsible. Hillsborough is responsible for all the numbers in the region even though it has no control over other towns that will not meet their obligation.

Committeewoman Hand stated the Township was late in filing this plan with the State.

Committeeman Lipani explained the Township has 48 hours to file after the plan is adopted, which is happening currently, or get filed by June 30th.

Committeewoman Hand stated this has nothing to do with the number of units to be built but rather the handling of the situation.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated the DCA will never admit that the numbers are incorrect even after acknowledging that 40 acres that was included is not able to be developed.

Committeeman Britting stated he is incredibly disappointed with the State but pleased that Mayor Ciccarelli and Committeeman Lipani along with others were able to get the obligation down to a lower number.

Attorney Bernstein explained that once the plan is filed with the State, individuals will have 60 days to comment or object to the plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2025-07 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 143 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE XII "SCHEDULES", SECTION 143-38 "SCHEDULE XI: STOP INTERSECTIONS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, TO ADD THE INTERSECTION OF MONTGOMERY ROAD AND WERTSVILLE ROAD AS STOP INTERSECTIONS.

WHEREAS, a complaint was received by the Hillsborough Police Department Traffic Safety Bureau about blind spots at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Wertsville Road; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Hillsborough Police Department Traffic Safety Bureau investigated and completed a traffic study at the intersection and recommended the intersection of Montgomery Road and Wertsville Road be converted to a 4-way stop to improve safety; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Township Engineering Department reviewed the recommendation of the

Traffic Safety Bureau and recommended the Township Committee adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 143 "Vehicles And Traffic", Article XII "Schedules", Section 143-38 "Schedule XI: Stop Intersections", of the Township Code to convert the intersection of Montgomery Road and Wertsville Road to a 4-way stop to improve safety.

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 XII "Schedules", Section 143-38 "Schedule XI: Stop Intersections", 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 XII "Schedules", Section 143-38 "Schedule XI: Stop Intersections" is amended as follows:

§ 143-38 Schedule IX: Stop Intersections.

In accordance with the provisions of §143-14, the following described intersections are hereby designated as stop intersections:

Intersection

Beechwood Circle (east/west) and Beechwood Circle (north/south)

Bigley Road and Sheppard Court

Buckland Drive and Waymeet Circle

Bywater Way and Bywater Court

Capricorn Drive and Gemini Drive (2 intersections)

Claudia Road and Hammler Road

Deer Path and Deer Path (westerly intersection)

Deer Path and Deer Path (easterly intersection)

Fifth Street and Hall Avenue

Foster Street and Odell Court

Gemini Drive and Aquarius Court

Greenfields Lane

Hampshire Drive and Drake Road

Lane Road and Lewis Street

Montgomery Road and Wertsville Road

New Amwell Road and Auten Road

North Willow Road and Hamilton Road

Norz Drive and Fellen Place

Snowbourn Place and Dunedain Street

Strawberry Lane and Surrey Drive

Thatcher Terrace and Bigley Road

Van Deripe Road and Polhemus Drive (southerly intersection)

Stop Sign On

Beechwood Circle facing southbound traffic

Sheppard Court

Waymeet Circle

Bywater Court

Capricorn Drive

Hammler Road

Deer Path (facing northbound traffic)

Deer Path (facing northbound traffic)

Hall Avenue

Odell Court

Aquarius Court

Rock Hills Lane

Drake Road

Lewis Street

All Approaches

All approaches

Westerly approach of Hamilton Road, facing eastbound traffic, and on North Willow Road

Fellen Place

Dunedain Street

Surrey Drive

Bigley Road

Polhemus Drive

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeewoman Samantha Hand, to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2025-07, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2025-07, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

1. 2025-08 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$17,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$16,150,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF. FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 8, 2025.

Be It Ordained By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Hillsborough, In The County Of Somerset, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), As Follows:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "Township"), as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$17,000,000, and further including the aggregate sum of \$850,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$16,150,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a. Replacement of sidewalks on Fleming Drive, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$225,000	\$213,750	10 years
b. Acquisition of a salt truck for Public Works Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$335,000	\$318,250	5 years
c. Acquisition of a Kubota SVL full cab skid steer for Public Works Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$68,000	\$64,600	10 years
d. Acquisition of a John Deere 410 backhoe for Public Works Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$200,000	\$190,000	15 years
e. Acquisition of a Toro Dingo compact utility loader for Public Works Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$80,000	\$76,000	5 years
f. Acquisition of a bucket truck for Public Works Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$200,000	\$190,000	5 years
g. Acquisition of vehicles for Police Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$335,000	\$318,250	5 years
h. Acquisition of QED software for Police Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$115,000	\$109,250	5 years

i. Information technology improvements, including firewall replacement, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$21,000	\$19,950	5 years
j. Replacement of Singly Park Pavilion, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$220,000	\$209,000	15 years
k. Repair of Route 206 pedestrian bridge, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$300,000	\$285,000	20 years
l. Archiving of municipal records, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$250,000	\$237,500	5 years
m. Replacement of slate tile at library and court hall, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$400,000	\$380,000	15 years
n. Repair of library roof, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$300,000	\$285,000	10 years
o. Improvements and addition to Public Works Building, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$11,923,000	\$11,326,850	20 years
p. Cleaning agent system for IT server rooms, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$150,000	\$142,500	5 years
q. MPR floor replacement, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$50,000	\$47,500	15 years
r. Replacement of flooring at Senior Room in Municipal Building, including all work and materials	\$25,000	\$23,750	15 years

necessary therefor and incidental thereto.				
s. Expansion of Police Department facilities, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$773,000	\$734,350	15 years	
t. Replacement of library boiler, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$50,000	\$47,500	15 years	
u. Replacement of library heat pump, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$300,000	\$285,000	15 years	
v. Acquisition of rapid radios, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$30,000	\$28,500	5 years	
w. Acquisition of bus for Office of Emergency Management, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$600,000	\$570,000	10 years	
x. Acquisition of Senior Services transportation van, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$47,500</u>	10 years	
Totals:	<u>\$17,000,000</u>	<u>\$16,150,000</u>		

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as

may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 17.33 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is

increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$16,150,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$1,000,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, to introduce Ordinance 2025-08, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Committeewoman Hand stated she would like ask a question on an introduction. Committeewoman Hand commented that residents should be afforded additional information on each of the line items, what this bond ordinance will cost the taxpayers, and the period of usefulness.

CLAIMS LIST

1. CLAIMS LIST 25-11

Mayor Ciccarelli asked to approve Claims List 2025-11.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, Claims List 2025-11, 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.

Tira Rees, used to live on 705 Montgomery Road and hopes this paving makes it to the budget for 2026. Committeeman Lipani stated it was pushed to 2026 before all the initial prep work gets completed. Ms. Rees also requested additional speed limit signs and some type of warning that the paved road was going to change to a dirt road.

Ethel last name unknown complained about the excessive dust stating she can't be outside and can't breathe.

April Linkroum, 715 Montgomery Road stated the ditches are deep, 2-3 feet deep. The stream in the area has changed and now goes across the road and not in the drainage pipe.

David Reyes, 797 Belle Mead Blauenberg Road, Montgomery invited all to the Juneteenth Festival and History on the Green a living history event.

Chris Meyers, 25 Onka Drive requested a meeting requesting a meeting around the Claremont sewer system and the Toll Brothers development.

Doug Eden, 55 Ann Street also wants a meeting with the committee to discuss sanitary sewer system. He was told many times that Toll Brothers would not be hooking up to the Claremont system and now he is advised that they are.

Tim Veracco, 3 Franklin Drive stated if it turns out that Toll Brothers is hooking up to the sewer system that Claremont property owners paid for, then they should be reimbursed.

Attorney Willard clarified that when the Claremont sewer system was built it was an extension and property owners paid a sewer connection fee to both the Township and SRBSA. Toll Brothers is now doing the same thing. Mr. Willard stated in his opinion there is no legal basis to require Toll Brothers to reimburse or pay Claremont property owners for accessing the sewer lines.

Committeewoman Hand expressed her desire to hold a meeting to present information on both sides.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, the meeting duly adjourned at 9:43 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