

Minutes of the July 8, 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 July 8, 2025.

CALL OF THE ROLL

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MAYOR STATES

Please be advised that in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was made by the posting on the bulletin board at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex and notifying the officially designated newspapers that this meeting would take place at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex at Tuesday, July 8, 2025. Executive Session, if deemed necessary, to begin at 6:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 5-27-2025

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, the Regular Meeting Minutes of 5-27-2025 were approved upon the call of the roll. Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne abstained.

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

Mayor Ciccarelli's Opening Comments

Mayor Ciccarelli stated: "Our hearts go out to the people of Texas and all who were affected by the recent flash flooding in the Hill Country of Texas, including more than 100 souls who lost their lives. Please keep the victims of the catastrophic flooding and their families in your prayers. Our condolences go out to all who were impacted by this tragedy."

Mayor Ciccarelli reported that Hillsborough Township's annual Family Fun Day and Fireworks was a great success. The Mayor thanked the Recreation and Public Works Departments and everyone else who worked hard to make this event so special for the Hillsborough Community.

Mayor Ciccarelli announced two grand openings and ribbon cuttings on June 27th — Vayn Aesthetics and Hillsborough Hair Studio.

Mayor Ciccarelli encouraged business owners to register with the HBA to take advantage of the many valuable business resources offered.

Mayor Ciccarelli advised that he along with Deputy Mayor Payne and Committeeman Lipani attended the The HBA Summer Social on June 26th at The Landing.

Committeeman Britting

Committeeman Britting reported that the last day to submit original artwork for the Township Calendar/Planner is August 1st.

Committeeman Britting advised that due to equipment issues, the NJMVC Mobile Unit event, originally scheduled for Wednesday, July 9th, has been rescheduled for Monday, July 14th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Committeeman Britting congratulated HBA member Ada Yung, owner of The Little Gym, for receiving the 2025 Ida Rosenthal Rising Star Award at the New Jersey Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards.

Committeeman Britting stated that Hillsborough is hiring for a variety of positions.

Committeeman Britting relayed that Recreation Registration is now open for 2025 Co-Ed Fall Soccer Leagues and Girls Fall Softball Leagues. The registration deadline is August 10th.

Committeeman Britting congratulated the 9U Hillsborough Baseball Team and his son Robbie for getting the winning hit.

Committeeman Britting announced that the applications are out for parking tags at the high school.

Committeeman Britting recognized several athletes including the All-State Group 4 Second Team doubles tennis team of Nikhil Shankar and Sujay Nandamuri, the High School Varsity Volleyball player, Mannan Wadahwan for the 10th most aces in NJ, and Tommy Marquette for his achievements as a Special Olympics swimmer.

Committeeman Britting announced that there will be a Property Tax Rebate Filing Event in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Taxation at the Municipal Building on Saturday, July 12, 2025.

Committeewoman Hand

Committeewoman Hand congratulated Luke Sudol, Hillsborough High School Track and Field athlete who competed at the Meet of Champions and was awarded top sophomore in New Jersey for the 16 meter race.

Committeewoman Hand advised that the Clerk's Office is now accepting applications for the wildlife management program. Applications are due on Wednesday, July 23rd, and the lottery will be held on Friday, July 25th.

Committeewoman Hand reported that following a recent incident in which a groundhog in the area tested positive for rabies, it's essential to remember that any mammal can carry the rabies virus. Rabies is most commonly spread through the bite of an infected animal, and it is almost always fatal unless treated before symptoms begin. If exposure is suspected, post-exposure treatment is available through hospital emergency rooms.

Committeewoman Hand stated that this is also a good time to remind everyone that dog licensing is required in New Jersey. The primary reason for this requirement is to ensure that all licensed dogs are up-to-date on their rabies vaccination.

Committeewoman Hand relayed that the Hillsborough Library is in the process of ordering decorative acoustic tiles in the shape of leaves that will absorb sound while matching the existing decor.

Committeewoman Hand announced that the Adult Services team of the Library will be launching a Seed Library to encourage patrons to explore gardening and sustainability. The Seed Library will provide free seeds, donated by regional seed companies and local gardeners, including vegetables, herbs, and pollinator-friendly wildflowers.

Committeewoman Hand informed residents that Senator Andrew Zwicker will be visiting the library on Wednesday, July 9. During his visit, he will also be receiving the Library Champion award from the New Jersey Library Association.

Committeeman Lipani

Committeeman Lipani reminded residents that if H.V.A.C. units (air conditioner, water heater, etc.) stop working and need to be replaced, residents are required to notify the Building Department before starting the work. The licensed contractor must submit the permit application within 72 hours of the initial notification. This procedure only applies to "like for like" replacement of HVAC.

Committeeman Lipani advised that the 2025 Road Paving Program is starting. The concrete ADA ramp reconstruction will start the week of June 30th, weather permitting. Milling and paving will follow. All roads should be completed by October. Below is a full list of the 2025 roads to be repaved. Beverly Drive, Kilmer Drive, Fern Way, Gail Court, Briar Way, Scott Drive, Barbara Drive, Arlene Court, Matthew Road, Daniel Drive, Grove Road, Falcon Crest Lane, Falcon Road (remaining portion), Bloomingdale Drive (small portion from Auten to Clubhouse Drive only).

Committeeman Lipani reported that Hillsborough Township mails out third-quarter estimated tax bills each July. For the 2025 tax year, only 14% of the tax bill funds municipal services provided by the Township. An additional 16% supports Somerset County services, 3% funds the local Fire District, and 1% is allocated to Open Space. The largest portion—a significant 66%—is directed to the Board of Education. As such, any substantial increases in property tax bills are primarily driven by the Board of Education's budgetary needs and decisions, not by the municipal government.

Committeeman Lipani explained that impervious coverage is any surface in the landscape that cannot effectively absorb or infiltrate rainfall, such as driveways, patios, and walkways. As areas become more developed, the amount of impervious coverage increases and natural filter systems are no longer in place to intercept the runoff, which has serious implications for water quality and flood control.

Committeeman Lipani reminded residents of the importance of preparing their properties for severe weather, especially when it comes to hazardous trees. It is every homeowner's responsibility to inspect their property for any trees that may pose a risk during high winds or storms.

If a tree from township-owned property falls onto residential property, and it was not previously reported or documented as hazardous, the homeowner will be responsible for cleanup and any damages that result. If a resident believes a tree on township property near the home may be a hazard, please report it.

Committeeman Lipani educated residents that Ordinance 2024-16 now requires a Township permit for any trees removed. Trees removed must be mitigated by planting new trees. This is a NJDEP mandate. Any land clearing for the construction of new homes, pools, additions, or other purposes will now require a tree mitigation plan. The Engineering Department will require a clearing survey and an as-built clearing certification. The Township will also have the Township Tree Expert review the clearing to verify that only approved trees were cleared and required replacement trees planted.

Committeeman Lipani encouraged residents to keep an eye out for township road crews working on various repairs in advance of the upcoming road preservation and paving programs.

Committeeman Lipani relayed that there are still spots available to take part in the 2025 township clean-up/drop-off program.

Deputy Mayor Payne

Deputy Mayor Payne reported that the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Annual New Jersey Law Enforcement Recognition Event took place on June 13, 2025. Officer Gennaro won the Somerset County Top Cop Award of Excellence and the Recognition of Excellence Award. Cpl. Laboy won 3rd place as Top Drug Recognition Expert in New Jersey. Officer Nazaryk won the Recognition of Excellence Award.

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

Deputy Mayor Payne reminded residents that the third annual National Night Out will take place on August 5th from 5:30 pm to 8 pm at Mountain View Park.

Deputy Mayor Payne stated that there's still time to take a dive into Hillsborough's Municipal Water Story, developed by the Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee.

Deputy Mayor Payne VFW advised that Hillsborough Post 8371 announced a grant from the Starbucks Foundation to support local veterans and their families in Hillsborough, Montgomery, and Branchburg. This grant will also strengthen community outreach efforts, including partnerships with local food banks, scholarships for 6th- to 12th-grade students, and awards for Girl Scout Gold Award and Boy Scout Eagle Scout recipients.

Mayor Ciccarelli

Mayor Ciccarelli reported that the DOT patched the sunken ditch at the Coptic church, as well as, clearing roadside weeds.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated that the Brown Ave project was paved and striped as of this morning. When officially opened, this extension will take truck traffic into the Hillsborough logistics center and ease truck circulation in that area of 206.

Mayor Ciccarelli advised he attended a ribbon cutting for a new basketball court at Village Green. The rehabilitation included a new surface, backboards and rims. This project was proposed in the 2023 budget, approved in 2024 as part of the capital plan, and recently completed for the public's enjoyment.

Mayor Ciccarelli announced that Hillsborough Township Parks & Recreation and the Hillsborough Township Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) are proud to partner with the 2025 Bathing Suit & Goggle drive that's spearheaded each year by the New Jersey Parks & Recreation Association (NJPRA), New Jersey Swim Safety Alliance, and Dolfin Swimwear. Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death among children ages one through four.

Mayor Ciccarelli noted that the Somerset County Board of Commissioners is introducing a new initiative to enhance support for residents in need of various services. This two-year program will include local canvassers who will be going door-to-door to connect residents with vital resources, including behavioral health services, food insecurity support, and aging and disability services. The goal of this program is to increase awareness and provide support to residents who might not otherwise reach out for assistance.

PROCLAMATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

1. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the 2025 Hillsborough High School Varsity Baseball Team had a very successful season because of their hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Hillsborough High School Varsity Baseball Team won the NJSIAA Central Jersey, Group 4 State Sectional Champions; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Varsity Baseball Team obtained the third sectional baseball title in Hillsborough High School's 54 year history with a 14-11 overall record and the first time finishing the season over .500 since 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Hillsborough High School Varsity Baseball Team consists of the following young athletes: Andrew Advani, Michael Albanese, Matthew Battoglia, Shane Borer, Nicholas Collison, Aidan Cooper, Elijah

Dawes, James Drinkwater, Brayden Fox, Matthew Gerard, Gavin Glazewski, Anthony Guerrero, Garrett Herndon, David Kandell, Tommy Kester, Shane Khurana, Drew Kipila, Samuel Malone, Aidan Murphy, Apoorva Nigam, Krish Patel, Shaan Patel, Brian Quabeck, Alex Reiling, Krish Shah, Rahil Shah, Kyle Simonitis, Mark Ward, TJ Westlake, and Jason Williams; and

WHEREAS, the 2024/2025 Hillsborough High School Varsity Baseball Team was led by Head Coach Matt Mosko, Assistant Coach Justin Nastasi, JV Coach Daynon Blevins, Freshman Coach Christian Meyers, and volunteer assistants Logan Blevins and Rob Kumbatovic; and

WHEREAS, TJ Westlake was named to First Team Skyland Conference All Delaware Division, and TJ Westlake and Brayden Fox were named to First Team Courier News All Area. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby commend the 2025 Hillsborough High School Varsity Baseball Team, Coaches, and parents, not only for their successful season but for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the sport and to those principles of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and academic achievement which the organization endorses.

2. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MATT MOSKO COURIER NEWS COACH OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Varsity Baseball Team has been led by Head Coach Matt Mosko for the past four years; and

WHEREAS, Matt Mosko was named Courier News 2025 Baseball Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Matt Mosko, a 2009 Hillsborough High School graduate, was a former catcher for the baseball team; and

WHEREAS, Matt Mosko is a social studies teacher at Auten Road Intermediate School; and

WHEREAS, The Varsity Baseball Team won six straight games, becoming the lowest seeded team in the state to win a section title; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough won its third sectional title in the program's 54-year history and first since 2012. It celebrated its first winning season since 2019, finishing 14-11.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby congratulate Matt Mosko for being named Courier News 2025 Coach of the Year and NJ.com Skyland Conference Coach of the Year and wish him continued success.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, thank Matt Mosko for his dedication and support towards our athletic community.

3. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

WHEREAS, the 2024/2025 Hillsborough High School Girls Track and Field Team had a very successful season because of their hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the 2024/2025 Hillsborough High School Girls Track and Field Team are the Skyland Conference Relay Champions, Somerset County Relay Champions, Skyland Conference Champions, Delaware Division Champions, and Somerset County Champions; and

WHEREAS, the 2024/2025 Hillsborough High School Girls Track and Field Team consists of the following young athletes: Khadajza Cuyler, Lauren Daniels, Shannon Darcy, Juliette Gonzalez, Mya Loniewski, April Lu, Chloe Montgomery, Cira Palmera, Suhani Patel, Malana Radis, Nivedha Sundarajan, Reya Sureshkumar, Angela Volkova, Nicole Ambrose, Scarlett Auyeung, Alicia Bogumil, Emma Burd, Victoria Byra, Louiza Chewaah, Milan Citarella, Anslee Coords, Nilajza Cuyler, Kaia Gallagher, Ketevan Gurasashvili, Emily Harris, Arianna Johnson, Isata Kargbo, Alexa Kling, Nai'Ceona Leonard-Brown, Ava Lucariello, Stella Martinez, Cassandra Montoya, Leah Neilan, Ava Psemeneki, Ella Rosenel, Rashi Roy, Isabella Ruffa, Natalia Simcak, Emma Stibitz, Madelynn Taras, Vivian Wasserman, Amanda Yarkoni, Elikem Acolatse, Sasha Aguilar, Malia Amofa, Alexa Batkowski, Bethiel Beraki, Tori Brink, Sophia Carey, Alexandra Castellano, Violet DeFlippis, Marlayna Gonzales, Treesa Joby, Parker Johnson, Lia LaValva, Nevya Loniewski, Kathryn Marvin, Sofia Mathew, Marakee Matios, Madelyn Mercurio, Mia Mesita, Jorja Meyer, Emily Minetti, Barungi Muhumuza, Alivia Novak, Daberechi Ozokpor, Soumya Panduri, Emery Pierson, Brenna Roarty, Madeline Sawade, D'Ann Stewart, Emily Sudol, Boka Tawe, Mia Toro Rodriguez, Peyton Wallace, Izabella Ahorrio, Angel Asamoah, Ellie Auyeung, Lia Callesano, Molly Campbell, Eleanor Enna,

Emily Gengler, Antonella Guerrero, Pari Jani, Vidhika Mehta, Andrea Montoya, Rachel Napoli, Jiah Nelson, Rebecca Pace, Krina Patel, Maya Rigby, Samantha Robles, Jessica Sardar, Gemma Steck, Srushti Talati, Avah Vera, and Antenea Winfrey; and

WHEREAS, the 2024/2025 Hillsborough High School Girls Track and Field Team was led by Head Coach Rich Refi. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby commend the 2024/2025 Hillsborough High School Girls Track and Field Team, Coaches, and parents, not only for their successful season but for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the sport and to those principles of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and academic achievement which the organization endorses.

4. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RICH REFI HHS HALL OF FAME

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Girls Track and Field Team has been led by Head Coach Rich Refi for the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Rich Refi was inducted into the Hillsborough High School Hall of Fame this year; and

WHEREAS, Rich Refi is the longest tenured Head Coach at Hillsborough High School and started the Winter Track & Field Program as the only paid coach. He is also certified in Special Education and co-teaches Algebra 1 College Prep; and

WHEREAS, every school record for Girls Cross Country and Winter and Spring Track & Field has been set during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Rich Refi has been named New Jersey Coach of the Year eight times and was inducted into the New Jersey State Hall of Fame in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Girls Cross Country team was Overall New Jersey State Champions two times and won Group 4 Championships seven times; and

WHEREAS, Rich Refi has coached 80 All Americans including National Champions, 14 Overall New Jersey State Champions, and various other individual county and conference champions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby congratulate Rich Refi for being inducted into the Hillsborough High School Hall of Fame and wish him continued success.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, thank Rich Refi for his dedication and support towards our athletic community.

PRESENTATIONS

CONSENT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL PORTION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR A QUALIFIED 100% DISABLED VETERAN

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

WHEREAS, the Township Committee authorized the date for qualification for the municipal portion of the property tax exemption to be the date on which the United States Veterans' Administration determined the 100% service connected disability, however said exemption shall not extend beyond January 1 of the year prior to the date of submission of the application to the Township with all qualifying documents; and

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

Conahan, J Michael & Jackalyn D

Block 8 Lot 81

\$6,174.79

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that in recognition of the serious and debilitating nature of 100% permanent service connected disabilities suffered by our veterans while serving in war time and in fairness to those disabled veterans, the Chief Finance Officer is authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32, to reimburse the municipal portion of property taxes paid from September 30, 2024 to December 31, 2024 and a full refund for taxes paid for the first and second quarters of 2025 to the above referenced property owner.

2. 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.

Novena Petryk-Cordi	\$125.00
Jeanette Sena	\$700.00

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FROM THREE BRIDGES VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY TO HOLD A PORTION OF THE THREE BRIDGES 5-MILE RUN IN HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP ON AUGUST 9, 2025

WHEREAS, Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company requested permission to hold the Three Bridges 5-Mile Run on Saturday, August 9, 2025, in Hillsborough Township; and

WHEREAS, Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company has produced a certificate of insurance naming the Township of Hillsborough as an insured; and

WHEREAS, Chief McMahon and Hillsborough Township Police Department's Traffic Safety Bureau have determined that the planned route will provide an acceptable level of safety for the runners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company are hereby authorized to hold a race in Hillsborough Township on August 9, 2025.

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION

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

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$16,844.97 from State of New Jersey and wishes to amend its CY 2025 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget for the year 2025 in the sum of \$16,844.97 which items are now available as a revenue from: Miscellaneous Revenues:Special Items of General Revenue

Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public & Private Programs Off-Set with Appropriations:CY 2025 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund (DDEF) \$16,844.97

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$16,844.97 is hereby appropriated under the caption of: General Appropriations: Operations excluded from "CAPS": Public & Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:CY 2025 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund (DDEF)\$16,844.97

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION

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

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$27,803.73 from State of New Jersey and wishes to amend its CY 2025 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget for the year 2025 in the sum of \$27,803.73 which items are now available as a revenue from: Miscellaneous Revenues:Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public & Private Programs Off-Set with Appropriations:CY 2025 Recycling Tonnage Grant \$27,803.73

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$27,803.73 is hereby appropriated under the caption of: General Appropriations:Operations excluded from "CAPS": Public & Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues: CY 2025 Recycling Tonnage Grant \$27,803.73

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FORD FLEET PUBLICATIONS & TRAINING SOFTWARE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has requested authorization to renew the annual software subscription for Ford Fleet Publications & Training; and

WHEREAS, the software is available from Helm, LLC, of Ford Motor Company in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #01-201-26-767-460 (Requisition #2310582).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the purchase of software subscription for Ford Fleet Publications & Training for the Department of Public Works from Helm, LLC, of Ford Motor Company in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT FROM FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE THROUGH THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #CC-0004-24

WHEREAS, the Parks Department requires its annual uniform purchase; and

WHEREAS, Flemington Department Store offers various uniform option items through the Somerset County Cooperative Contract #C-0004-24, of which the Township of Hillsborough is a member; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2025 Municipal Budget and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #01-201-28-796-430 in the amount of \$8,500.00 (Requisition #2310677)

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 uniforms through the Somerset County Contract #CC-0004-24 in an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00 is hereby authorized.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR 5-YEAR FARM LEASE AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Township's current 5-year Farm Lease Agreements will expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that leasing these properties for agricultural purposes is in the best interest of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee authorizes the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the following properties for 5-year Farm Lease Agreements:

Block 198 Lot 2	Hamilton Road & Amwell Road
Block 198.01 Lot 1	Amwell Road
Block 198.02 Lot 1.01	Amwell Road
Block 171 Lot 2	Wertsville Road
Block 171 Lot 6	Wertsville Road
Block 171 Lot 6.03	Wertsville Road
Block 12 Lot 26.01	29 East Mountain Road
Block 12 Lot 47	South Branch Road
Block 145.02 Lot 49	Orchard Drive
Block 13.01 Lot 7.02	South Branch Road
Block 145 Lot 49	Beekman Lane
Block 5 Lot 37.01	Amwell Road
Block 148 Lot 1	New Centre
Block 203.23 Lot 53.25	Willow Road

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to solicit bids for 5-year Farm Lease Agreements for the above-referenced properties to be effective January 1, 2026.

9. RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE HIRING OF MATTHEW BONGIOVANNI AND CHRISTOPHER VITKOVITS FOR THE CLEAN COMMUNITIES POSITION IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exists 2 positions for Clean Communities Summer Help in the Parks Department, funded by a NJ Clean Communities Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation recommends the hiring of Matthew Bongiovanni and Christopher Vitkovits for Clean Communities Summer Help effective June 30, 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 Parks and Recreation is authorized to hire Matthew Bongiovanni and Christopher Vitkovits as Clean Communities Summer Help effective June 30, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$17.00 for a maximum of 10 weeks not to exceed 40 hours per week.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF THREE NEW POLICE OFFICERS IN THE HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exist vacancies in the position of Police Officer in the Hillsborough Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Police Committee conducted an examination of the top candidates; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends Donald Ala, Terrance Fox, and Anthony Santos be hired as Police Officers in the Hillsborough Township Police Department, effective 7/9/2025, at an annual salary of:

Donald Ala	\$87,874
Terrance Fox	\$58,726
Anthony Santos	\$58,726

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

11. Resolution Authorizing The Promotions Of Sergeant Henry Olszyk To Lieutenant And Corporals Michael Laboy And Brian Gorka To Sergeant In The Hillsborough Township Police Department

WHEREAS, the promotional process conducted to select the most suitable candidates for promotion to the positions of Lieutenant and Sergeant in the Hillsborough Police Department has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the highest-rated candidates for the positions were determined to be Sergeant Henry Olszyk, Corporal Michael Laboy, and Corporal Brian Gorka; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends the appointment of Sergeant Henry Olszyk to the position of Lieutenant, effective July 9, 2025, at an annual salary of \$180,870, pursuant to the current P.B.A. Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends the appointment of Corporal Michael Laboy and Corporal Brian Gorka to the position of Sergeant, effective July 9, 2025, at an annual salary of \$148,883, pursuant to the current P.B.A. Contract.

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

12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENTS IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2025, as a result of the fair and open procurement process, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq., contracts were awarded to various professionals for the provision of professional services on behalf of the Township of Hillsborough for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the original contract awards contained not to exceed amounts which now must be increased to maintain continuity of service for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed amount of the professional service contract with DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., for the position of Township Attorney, needs to be increased by \$75,000 (original not to exceed amount \$75,000); and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed amount of the professional service contract with DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., for the position of Labor Attorney, needs to be increased by \$75,000 (original not to exceed amount \$75,000); and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed amount of the professional service contract with McManimon Scotland Baumann, for the position of Bond Counsel, needs to be increased by \$40,000 (original not to exceed amount \$10,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed amount of the professional service contract with Leon S. Avakian, Inc, for the position of Planning Consultant for the Affordable Housing Plan, needs to be increased by \$40,000 (original not to exceed amount \$20,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed amount of the professional service contract with NW Financial Group, for the position of Financial Advisor, needs to be increased by \$20,000 (original not to exceed amount \$10,000); and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed amount of the professional service contract with Cornerstone Architectural Group, LLC, for the position of Township Architect, needs to be increased by \$40,000 (original not to exceed amount \$5,000); and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed amount of the professional service contract with Eric Bernstein & Associates, LLC, for the position of Special Counsel for Affordable Housing Matters, needs to be increased by \$50,000 (original not to exceed amount \$50,000); and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed amount of the professional service contract with Pennoni Associated, Inc, for the position of Consulting Township Engineer & Planning Consultant, needs to be increased by \$100,000 (original not to exceed amount \$75,000); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2025 budget for said contracts and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the above professionals are authorized to perform professional services as designated above through December 31, 2025 for the additional amount not to exceed amounts set forth herein.

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM PLANNING/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ESCROW ACCOUNTS TO THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Township Planner indicates review work has been completed for the indicated projects and recommends funds be transferred from the Planning/Board of Adjustment Escrow Accounts to the Treasurer's Account as set forth below; and

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

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

Application Name	Application #	Escrow Name	Amount
Bricker, Kirsten and Mravcak, Sally	BA-25-02	BRICKNERPL	\$60.78
Campus Associates, LLC	20-PB-13-MSP (2025 Update)	FPHILLSPL	\$26.55
Carfagno, Kevin and Jacqueline	BA-24-10	CARFAGNOPB	\$364.67
Community Options, Inc	BA-24-08	COMMOPTPB	\$227.92
Dukes Parkway East LLC (Crane Farm LLC)	24-PB-11-MSPV (RE: 86-PB-05-SRV)	CRANEFARPL	\$159.85
Estate of Harriet Durling (Strnatko)	25-PB-03-SV	HDURLINGPL	\$159.30
Farooq, Yasir and Saba Yasir	BA-23-26	FAROOQPL	\$227.92
Green Care Farms	24-PB-09-MSV	GRNCAREPB	\$265.50
Harvestate Group LLC	BA-23-11	HARVESTAPL	\$60.78
HMG Fuel, LLC	24-PB-03MSPV	HMGFUELPL	\$159.30
Homestead Road LLC	21-PB-25-MS/MSP(V)	HOMEROADPL	\$1,354.05
Kani International LLC	25-PB-04-MSPV	AROORANPB	\$106.20
Lazorchak, John	BA-24-12	LAZORCHAPB	\$167.14
M&M Realty Partners at Hillsborough LLC (West Tract)	21-PB-16-MSV (Amended 2025)	MMREALTYPL	\$106.20
Marucci, Anthony	BA-23-03	MARUCCIPB	\$349.48
SPG Hillsborough LLC	25-PB-02-MSPV	SPGHBOROPL	\$238.95
TEEVEE, LLC	23-PB-02-MSV	TEEVEEPB	\$185.85
Valley Road Realty LLC	25-PB-04-SPV	VALLEYRDPL	\$371.70
Weston RD LLC	22-PB-03-MSPV	WESTONRDPL	\$371.70
Planning Transfers for Q1 and Q2 2025			
Total Transfer:			\$4,963.84

14. Resolution Authorizing The Hiring Of Nina Ramirez To The Position Of Temporary Part Time Master Plan Assistant

WHEREAS, due to an employee resignation, there exists a vacancy in the position of Temporary Part-Time Master Plan Assistant; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning & Zoning recommends the hiring of Nina Ramirez as Part-Time Master Plan Assistant, starting 7/9/2025, at an hourly rate of \$18 per hour, working no more than 116 hours per month.

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 Planning & Zoning is hereby accepted and approved.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, the consent agenda was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Administrator Ferrera welcomed the new hires, the 3 new police officers, and congratulated the 3 police promotions.

Committeewoman Hand asked about resolutions 8, the expected revenue from land auction and 12, increases to professional contracts.

Attorney Willard explained that more money is allocated but it is not all given at once.

Committeeman Lipani explained the budgeting process.

Maria Janucik, 720 E. Frech Ave, inquired about consents 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12. Attorney Willard and Mayor Ciccarelli provided explanations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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.

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. Clean 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 Robert Britting, seconded by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2025-08, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Committeewoman Hand questioned the period of usefulness of the items sought to be purchased.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated the items use a weighted average for everyday use in the bond.

Committeeman Lipani explained for example, the average life of a salt truck is 5 years but the township has had one for 10-15 years but they must go by the bond law for useful life.

Committeeman Britting stated the difference between debt and bonds is very different.

Committeeman Lipani further explained that several of the items will not come to fruition for several years, repairs to the library come with very little reimbursement from the county. These items will be spread over many years rather than placing a burden on taxpayers in just one year.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated he takes exception to the characterization of "an air of desperation" in financial planning.

Steve Cohen, 60 Oak Terrace, stated frugality has always been the keystone in Hillsborough Township. He is pleased to see many facilities being fixed and repaired.

Joseph Maloney, 27 Stonewyck Drive, asked if the CFO stated the township could do this and whether the bonds would be callable.

Mr. Jessup, Bond Counsel advised yes, the bonds issued are typically callable in year 8 or so. The first 7 years the interest rate is locked. Mr. Maloney further suggested long-term planning to construct a separate building for the police and court.

Maria Janucik, 740 E. Frech Ave, stated the vague description of improvements to the DPW building for 12 million dollars should provide more detail.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2025-08, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll. Committeewoman Hand voted no.

Committeeman Britting stated we have the SP 1 rating, the highest rating and an AA+rating which is the second best rating and this bond will put the township in a great position. This is a bond and not a debt.

Committeewoman Hand stated she wished there was more commentary and will be voting no.

Committeeman Lipani stated this is an investment in the future and will be voting yes.

Deputy Mayor Payne echoed other comments and stated the police expansion will be an immense help. Deputy Mayor Payne votes yes.

Mayor Ciccarelli votes yes, stating the bond touches parks, admin, library, police, etc.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

1. 2025-09 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 FOR THE PAYMENT OF CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED SEVERANCE LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM THE RETIREMENT OR TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY. FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 12, 2025

Be It Ordained, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County Of Somerset, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. The payment of contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the retirement or termination of employees by the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, is hereby authorized, and a special emergency appropriation in the amount of \$350,000 is hereby authorized pursuant to the Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(h)).

Section 2. A copy of this ordinance as finally adopted shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, to introduce Ordinance 2025-09, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Committeewoman Hand asked how many employees were retiring and whether additional information could be provided to the public before August 12, 2025.

Administrator Ferrera stated unless the employees advise ahead of time that they are retiring, there is no way to know.

CLAIMS LIST

1. CLAIMS LIST

Mayor Ciccarelli asked to approve Claims List 2025-12.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, Claims List 2025-12, was approved upon the call of the roll.

Maria Janucik, 720 E Frech Ave. asked about fines for other courts and how they are paid.

Administrator Ferrera stated the revenues go directly to the municipality. The township receives a set fee from each municipality for providing court services.

Committeewoman Hand asked how many people are retiring this year and why is there no backup for this line item.

Committeeman Lipani explained this borrowing of \$350,000 is a program to alleviate a tax burden on the taxpayers in a single year and to spread the cost of retirements over several years.

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.

Maria Janucik, 720 E. Frech Ave, stated she received a certified letter on June 2, 2025 regarding the M&M development at Block 86, Lots 21.01 and .02. The letter referenced fresh water wetlands and wants to know what is going on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeewoman Samantha Hand, the meeting duly adjourned at 9:27 pm. Said motion was unanimously carried upon voice vote.

Attested:

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

Sarah Brake
Township Clerk