

Minutes of the September 9, 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 September 9, 2025.

CALL OF THE ROLL

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - o Litigation/Attorney Client Privilege - Volkert v. Hillsborough
 - o Litigation / Attorney Client Privilege-Concord
3. The Township Committee may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Committeewoman Samantha Hand, a Resolution Authorizing Executive Session the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the role. The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 6:35 pm.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, the public meeting was re-opened at 7:20 pm.

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, September 9, 2025. Executive Session, if deemed necessary, to begin at 6:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2025

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, seconded by Committeewoman Samantha Hand, the Regular Meeting Minutes August 12, 2025 were approved upon the call of the roll. Committeeman Britting abstained.

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

Mayor Ciccarelli's General Announcements

Mayor Ciccarelli relayed that every September 15th through October 15th, Hillsborough observes National Hispanic Heritage Month. This year's theme, "Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future" recognizes the influence of Hispanic Americans on the history, culture, and achievements of this country. This month also serves as a reminder of Hillsborough's ongoing commitment to improving access to services, particularly language access for people with limited English proficiency.

Mayor Ciccarelli reported that every year, the Rotary Fair sets aside one day as "Family Fun Day," a day when special needs children can enjoy the fair with their families. The Mayor along with Committeewoman Hand, Committeeman Lipani, and members of the Police Department, as well as members of UNICO and the Rotary Club of Hillsborough, cut the ribbon and participated in activities with the children.

Mayor Ciccarelli announced that the Fishing Dock and Pond at Ann Van Middlesworth Park was packed with 85 young anglers at the annual Fishing Derby on September 5th. The Mayor was joined by Township employees and members of the Hillsborough Police Department to assist with hooks and bait. Committeewoman Hand had the honor of recognizing the top three finishers. Congratulations to all.

Mayor Ciccarelli stated that the Doggy Splash Down at Ann Van Middlesworth Dog Park took place on August 30th. Mayor Ciccarelli thanked Cowabunga Cones & Sweets and T and T Pet Supply for providing such a fun time.

Mayor Ciccarelli advised that the Hillsborough Township's Mayor's Wellness Campaign hosted a blood drive on August 28th. The drive generated 34 donations which have the potential to save up to 102 lives.

Mayor Ciccarelli informed residents that he, along with Township staff and members of the police department, participated in "turn the town teal" to raise awareness for ovarian cancer on September 4th.

Committeeman Britting

Committeeman Britting reported that the fifth anniversary of the Scarecrow Festival begins on September 28th and provides the opportunity to showcase the remarkable creativity and talent of Hillsborough's residents and local businesses.

Committeeman Britting advised that the HBA Awards voting for the 2025 HBA Awards is now closed. More than 350 individuals submitted their votes across nine categories. Winners will be announced at the HBA Awards Dinner on Thursday, October 30th.

Committeeman Britting announced that Restaurant Week runs from September 23rd through September 28th, 2025, showcasing local dining.

Committeeman Britting relayed that the Summer 2025 edition of the Experience Hillsborough e-magazine is now live on the Economic and Business Development web page.

Committeeman Britting informed residents that the Health Department will be hosting several vaccine clinics throughout the fall, beginning September 25th.

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

Committeeman Britting reminded residents not to feed the wildlife. While it may seem harmless, feeding wild animals may cause the animals harm by making them dependent on humans for food, altering their natural behaviors, and increasing the risk of aggressive encounters.

Committeeman Britting encouraged residents to check out the pollinator gardens located here at the Municipal Building as well as at Ann Van Middlesworth Park.

Committeeman Britting urged residents to join in for Hillsborough Township Community Day at SHI Stadium as Rutgers takes on Maryland on November 8th. Tickets are just \$40 (plus fees).

Committeeman Britting reported that as the NJRPA Bathing Suit & Goggle drive was completed this past Friday, the generosity of Hillsborough residents made this a huge success.

Committeeman Britting announced that the Docherty Park pickleball courts are open for public use. Lights will remain on until 10 pm each evening until October 31st, except during inclement weather.

Committeeman Britting invited residents to the final 2025 Movie Under the Stars, featuring "Kickball with the Cops" and a movie screening of "A Minecraft Movie" on Friday, September 12th. Pre-registration is required.

Committeeman Britting cautioned residents that regardless of age, anyone can fall victim to a scam. The Social Services department invites Hillsborough residents to learn how to identify scams and what steps to take after receiving a suspected scam call, email, or text during a presentation on September 16th at 6:00 pm.

Committeeman Britting informed residents of the upcoming Older Adult Resource Fair, taking place on Thursday, September 25, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Municipal Complex.

Committeeman Britting stated that through a grant-funded PSE&G program, the Social Services department is assisting in the distribution of Free 7-outlet advanced power strips and efficient flow shower heads. Items were distributed to Senior Chapters A&B, C.A.N. Food Pantry clients, and the Hillsborough Rockettes. Additional items will be given out at the Older Adult Resource Fair on September 25th.

Committeeman Britting relayed that in observance of Falls Prevention Awareness Month in September, Somerset County wants residents to be aware of some evidence-based falls prevention programs that are offered at county senior wellness centers to help improve overall balance, strength, and flexibility, and are a great way to socialize and make new friends.

Committeeman Britting wished the children of Hillsborough a good new year in school and encouraged all to attend the Hillsborough High School football games.

Committeewoman Hand

Committeewoman Hand congratulated Jess McKelvey on being recruited by Boston College.

Committeewoman Hand gave a shout-out to Aileen Xu who has returned to the Hillsborough High School Volleyball Team after a tragic accident.

Committeewoman Hand wished Susan Gulliford well in her fight and asked all to send her prayers.

Committeewoman Hand thanked the Recreation Department for the Fishing Derby program.

Committeewoman Hand advised that nearly 1400 residents participated in the Summer Reading Challenge. The Hillsborough branch had the highest number of registered readers in the entire Library system.

Committeewoman Hand relayed that Fall programs include a multicultural fall festival on Saturday, October 18th.

Committeewoman Hand announced that library staff will be visiting Township offices as well as other organizations to encourage those who live, work, or go to school in Hillsborough to sign up for a library card. Those who sign up in the month of September will be entered into a drawing to win a Kindle.

Committeewoman Hand reported that the Somerset County Department of Health is presenting “Public Health Emergency Preparedness” at the Library on Thursday, September 18th at 12:30 pm.

Committeewoman Hand informed residents that September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, an initiative intended to help raise awareness that prevention is possible, treatment is effective, and people do recover. If anyone is in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline at 988.

Committeewoman Hand cautioned residents of the existence of birds with Avian Flu. There have been 20 vultures testing positive for Avian Flu.

Committeeman Lipani

Committeeman Lipani advised that the Building Department scheduling procedure is now online. All requests must be made through the online SDL portal or by filling out the inspection request form and emailing it to the designated email. No inspections shall be scheduled over the phone.

Committeeman Lipani reported that the paving of Falcon Road, Kilmer Drive, Matthew Road, Daniel Drive, Walnut Grove Road, and Township Line Road have been completed. The remaining scheduled roads will be completed in the next few weeks. Duke Parkway West, which is being repaved with a grant from NJDOT, is expected to begin in October. Brown Ave will open soon.

Committeeman Lipani relayed that Schifano Construction will be on site for milling and paving from Monday, September 8th, to Thursday, September 11th, for the following roads: Amsterdam Drive – Amwell Road to Old Amwell Road/Schilke Lane – Amsterdam Drive to Cul-de-sac/Old Amwell Road - Amsterdam Drive to Millstone River Road. Residents, school buses, and emergency vehicles will have access to these areas during closures.

Committeeman Lipani stated that microsealing began on the following roads as of September 3rd: Claremont Drive, High Acre Drive, Sunnyside Lane, Franklin, Anne, Hendrickson, Larson, Hamilton, Todd, Cruser, Doyle, Boehm, Peak, Drost (Peak to Bend), Crane, Woods Road, Frey Lane, Wagner Lane, Fellen Place, Norz Drive, and Pheasant Run Road.

Committeeman Lipani announced that Hillsborough's Mapping Hub is the best place to find information on a variety of topics, from sewer service areas to voting districts. Residents can look at whole zoning districts or individual properties.

Committeeman Lipani informed residents that the Department of Public Works continues to make steady progress on road repairs throughout the township, with crews actively addressing potholes and milling and filling prioritized areas. Storm drain repairs are also ongoing, with additional maintenance planned to help mitigate future flooding and improve overall drainage.

Committeeman Lipani reminded residents that the Drop-Off Program at the Auten Road site is nearing its end for the season, with only a few remaining registration dates available.

Committeeman Lipani congratulated Hillsborough Tax Assessor Debra Blaney, who recently won two prestigious awards. The A.E. Weiler Award for Education - "In recognition of an Assessor who has contributed the most in the field of education" and the 2025 NRAAO Scholarship Education Award- Northeastern Regional Association of

Assessing Officers.

Deputy Mayor Payne

Deputy Mayor Payne reported that the Hillsborough Fire District has been working diligently on ways to better serve the community.

Community Connect is a program that helps the Fire District get to know residents better in the event of an emergency. Through the Community Connect website, residents can provide property information on the people who live at their residence, particularly those with disabilities, as well as details about pets.

Deputy Mayor Payne advised that on Saturday, October 25, 2025, the Hillsborough Township Police Department will participate in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

Deputy Mayor Payne reminded residents that it is illegal to steal political signs. Signs posted on private property may only be removed by the property owner, and signs posted on public property may only be removed by state or local personnel who maintain that property. Anyone caught stealing these signs can and will be charged as a disorderly person, fined up to \$1000, and serve jail time of up to six months.

Deputy Mayor Payne informed residents that there's still time to register to attend Sustainable Hillsborough's Compost 101 class on September 13th. The first 50 registrants will receive a free compost bin.

Deputy Mayor Payne relayed that the upcoming Veteran Information session will be on October 18th. The VSOs of Somerset County will be presenting.

Deputy Mayor Payne announced that the following ceremonies will be hosted at the Garden of Honor and led by VFW Post 8371: Thursday, Sept 11th, Patriots Day Tribute (9:00 AM, Garden of Honor), Friday, Sept 19th, POW/MIA Recognition Day Tribute (9:00 AM Garden of Honor), Tuesday, November 11th, Veterans' Day (9 AM, Garden of Honor).

Mayor Ciccarelli

Mayor Ciccarelli stated the following work is currently in progress or completed: widened section of Route 206 NB north of Lake Drive/Valley Road, a new ramp is being paved on Southbound 206, overhead wires are being transferred from old poles to new poles along Route 206, preparing stormwater retention ponds for major work.

Mayor Ciccarelli reported that Hillsborough Township and the Hillsborough Branch of the Somerset County Library System (SCLS) are partnering to 'Go Green for Halloween'. This initiative encourages Hillsborough residents to "get into the spirit of recycling" by donating their clean, gently used costumes in the drop box located at the entrance to the Hillsborough Library between September 15th and 25th. Donated costumes can include all sizes from children to adults, and even pets. Residents can "shop" for "new to you" costumes on September 26th and 27th.

Mayor Ciccarelli advised that the Hillsborough Health Department, along with the Raritan Headwaters, is sponsoring a well water testing event for any township resident who wants to test their potable well water.

Mayor Ciccarelli informed residents that in addition to the 9/11 ceremony that will be taking place at the Garden of Honor, there are other notable observances taking place such as the annual Woods Road Fire House ceremony and the Somerset County commemoration of September 11th at the County 9/11 Memorial.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NEEL CHAUHAN- EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, Neel Chauhan, a Senior at Hillsborough High School, and member of Boy Scout Troop 489, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and
WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Committee recognizes the many hours Neel devoted to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, working with diligence and making sacrifices to reach this highly coveted accomplishment; and
WHEREAS, Neel's Eagle Scout project consisted of replacing and rewiring Mary Mother of God's Stations of the Cross plaque lighting which included assembling the lights, digging wire trenches, wiring, and installing the lights. The brick border was reshaped as well. The project took 156 hours to complete with the assistance of 13 volunteers; and
WHEREAS, Neel served as Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader; and
WHEREAS, Neel has served the Boy Scouts in an exemplary manner and is deserving of the honor bestowed upon him; and
WHEREAS, Neel volunteers at the Watershed Institute, MLK Youth Center, and the Feeding Hands Food Pantry; and
WHEREAS, Neel serves as an example to the youth of Hillsborough Township through his high level of leadership and community service, and we are very proud that he is a member of our community.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize and extend our sincere congratulations to Neel Chauhan for having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, an honor for both himself and for those who guided him, with best wishes for a bright future.

2. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ATHITHYA GOUNDER- EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, Athithya Gounder, a Freshman at Rutgers University- Honors College, a graduate of Hillsborough High School, and member of Boy Scout Troop 489, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and
WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Committee recognizes the many hours Athithya devoted to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, working with diligence and making sacrifices to reach this highly coveted accomplishment; and
WHEREAS, Athithya's Eagle Scout project consisted of constructing three brand new park benches along Amsterdam Drive. The project took 80 hours with the assistance of 12 volunteers; and
WHEREAS, Athithya served as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Photographer for the 2022 Philmont Trip; and
WHEREAS, Athithya has served the Boy Scouts in an exemplary manner and is deserving of the honor bestowed upon him; and
WHEREAS, in High School, Athithya served as the President of the Hillsborough Stock Exchange Club and was a member of the Future Leaders of America Club; and
WHEREAS, Athithya volunteered at the Watershed Institute and the NJ Somerset County Democratic Committee; and
WHEREAS, Athithya serves as an example to the youth of Hillsborough Township through his high level of leadership and community service, and we are very proud that he is a member of our community.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize and extend our sincere congratulations to Athithya Gounder for having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, an honor for both himself and for those who guided him, with best wishes for a bright future.

3. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ZION MONTES- EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, Zion Montes, a Junior at Immaculata High School, and member of Boy Scout Troop 489, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and
WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Committee recognizes the many hours Zion devoted to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, working with diligence and making sacrifices to reach this highly coveted accomplishment; and
WHEREAS, Zion's Eagle Scout project consisted of the rehabilitation and waste removal from Cedar and Creek Trails in Six Mile Run Reservoir. The task included cutting back brush and weeds, manually removing tires, glass, metal and other waste from the ground, as well as dragging solid waste to dumpsters for removal. The project took 172 hours to complete with the assistance of 16 Scouts from Troop 489, parent volunteers, and 5 additional volunteers not affiliated with the Troop; and

WHEREAS, Zion served as Patrol Leader (2023-2025), Historian (2023-2024) and Junior Assistant Scout Master (2025); and

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

WHEREAS, Zion volunteers at the Feeding Hands Food Pantry and IHS Campus Ministry; and

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

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

4. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LIAM ROARTY- EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, Liam Roarty, a Senior at Hillsborough High School, and member of Boy Scout Troop 489, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

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

WHEREAS, Liam's Eagle Scout project consisted of revamping the path leading to St. Joe's Church Veterans' flagpole by replacing the gravel pathway, adding pavers, benches, and mulch around the trees behind the flagpole. The project took 136 hours to complete with the assistance of 10 scouts and 14 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Liam served as Patrol Leader from May 2022 to April 2025; and

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

WHEREAS, Liam was involved in football and lacrosse and volunteered as a basketball coach; and

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

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

5. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DASHIEL WORKMAN- EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, Dashiel Workman, a Senior at Hillsborough High School, and member of Boy Scout Troop 489, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

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

WHEREAS, Dashiel's Eagle Scout project consisted of refurbishing Docherty Park by sanding and repainting benches, trimming weeds, and restoring the merry-go-round. The project took 172 hours with the assistance of 16 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Dashiel served as Quartermaster, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; and

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

WHEREAS, Dashiel is a member of the Black Student Union; and

WHEREAS, Dashiel volunteered at Gigi's Play House, church food drives, and shake-a-can through the student council; and

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

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

6. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, by proclaiming September 2025 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we call attention to a disease that affects women across our county, state, and country; and
WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that 12,730 American women are projected to lose their lives to ovarian cancer this year; and
WHEREAS, these women are mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, community members, and cherished friends, and the absence they leave in our hearts will be deeply felt forever; and
WHEREAS, women who are middle-aged and older, who have a family history of ovarian or breast cancer, or have had certain cancers in the past, are at increased risk of developing ovarian cancer; and
WHEREAS, ovarian cancer knows no boundaries. The disease can strike anyone, across lines of age, ethnicity, and race; and
WHEREAS, because ovarian cancer often goes undetected until advanced stages, increasing the awareness of risk factors is critical to fighting this disease, as it is estimated that about 20,890 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year; and
WHEREAS, this public awareness campaign strives to increase knowledge about this disease and recognizes that the best defense against ovarian cancer is early detection. Therefore, women should be aware of the risk factors associated with the disease, and that men are educated so they can help their wives, daughters, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and girlfriends; and
WHEREAS, this month is dedicated to the prevention and awareness of ovarian cancer. It is also to honor those we have lost, show our support for women who bravely carry on the fight, and take action to lessen the tragic toll ovarian cancer takes on families across our country.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize September 2025, as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and call upon citizens, government agencies, organizations, health care providers, and research institutions to raise ovarian cancer awareness and continue helping women live longer, healthier lives, and urge women to talk to their health care providers to learn more about this disease.

7. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, emergencies can arise unexpectedly, and being prepared can make all the difference; and
WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month was established in 2004 to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies; and
WHEREAS, the theme for 2025 is “Preparedness at Home” and includes four key actions to prepare for any disaster: know your risk, make a family emergency plan, build an emergency supply kit, and get involved in your community by taking action to prepare for emergencies; and
WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township encourages its residents to take action to prepare and stay informed of emergencies by signing up for alerts through the Township’s emergency notification system and monitoring the local government website and social media sites; and
WHEREAS, the Mission of the Hillsborough Township Office of Emergency Management is to provide a comprehensive and integrated emergency system that coordinates community resources to protect the lives, property, and environment through mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery from all natural and man-made hazards, and disasters that may impact Hillsborough Township. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize September 2025 as National Preparedness Month, and call upon the citizens, businesses, and organizations within the Township to take the necessary steps to be prepared for any emergency that may arise.

8. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING HILLSBOROUGH BASEBALL LEAGUE 9U TRAVEL TEAM- DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, the 2025 Hillsborough Baseball League 9U Travel Team had a very successful season because of their hard work and dedication; and
WHEREAS, the 2025 Hillsborough Baseball League 9U Travel Team is the district champion; and
WHEREAS, the 2025 Hillsborough Baseball League 9U Travel Team had 152 runs in 12 games and has a current record of 6 wins and 0 losses; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Hillsborough Baseball League 9U Travel Team consists of the following young athletes: Samuel Beitzel, Robert Britting, Brandon Campbell, Gabriel Colon, Braxton Crowe, Benny DeMaio, Dominick Franzoso, Brayden Molloy, Chase Mraz, Jeremy Owens, Arjun Patel, Brecken Reyes, and Brayden Shimp; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Hillsborough Baseball League 9U Travel Team was led by Head Coach Matt Campbell and Assistant Coaches Robert Britting, Nick Franzoso, Brett Molloy, Mitul Patel, and Jon Shimp.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby commend the 2025 Hillsborough Baseball League 9U Travel Team, coaches, and parents, not only for their successful season, but for their hard work, dedication, commitment to the sport and to those principles of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and academic achievement which the organization endorses.

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS /APPOINTMENTS

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF DANIELLE D'AMBROSIO IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS AN INTERN AS PART OF THE ENHANCING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT

WHEREAS, the Township was awarded the Enhancing Local Public Health Grant offered by the NJ Department of Health (NJDOH); and

WHEREAS, the funding for this grant supports the hiring of personnel to assist the Health Department with clinics and events, as well as digital filing and organization; and

WHEREAS, the Township Health Officer recommends the hiring of Danielle D'Ambrosio as an Intern at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, for up to 108 hours, starting 9/10/2025 and ending 10/17/2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it authorizes the Township Health Officer to hire Danielle D'Ambrosio as an Intern at the rate of \$20.00 per hour, for up to 108 hours, starting 9/10/2025 and ending 10/17/2025.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Assistant Director of Recreation have recommended the hiring and rehiring of the following individual(s) to support the Hillsborough Township Fall Recreation Program, at the rate listed below, starting 9/6/2025.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Rate	New Hire	Rehire
Cooper	Leo	Soccer Official	\$23.00		X
Cooper	Leo	Tots Sports Instructor	\$20.00		X
Dabek	Brian	Soccer Official	\$23.00		X
Dominique	Justin	Soccer Official	\$50.00		X
Dornbach	Jim	Soccer Official	\$50.00		X

Duralek III	Michael	Soccer Referee	\$18.00		X
Duralek III	Michael	Soccer Supervisor	\$15.00		X
Hamilton	Randy	Soccer Official/Supervisor	\$52.00		X
Henderson	Emily	Soccer Supervisor	\$15.00		X
Jaje	Kamil	Soccer Referee	\$18.00		X
Jaje	Patryk	Soccer Referee	\$18.00		X
Jedziniak	Matt	Head Skateboarding Instructor	\$50.00		X
Kafka	Timothy	Tots Sports Instructor	\$20.00		X
Kafka	Timothy	Soccer Official	\$18.00		X
McCann	Taylor	Soccer Supervisor	\$17.00		X
McCann	Taylor	Tots Sports Instructor	\$20.00		X
Medawar	Abed	Soccer Official	\$50.00		X
Modesto	Briana	Soccer Referee	\$50.00		X
Oliwa	Benjamin	Soccer Official	\$18.00		X
Payne	Dylan	Soccer Coach	\$15.00		X
Ramirez	David	Soccer Official	\$18.00		X
Sasso	Mass	Various Programs	\$22.00		X
Siegelaub	Matthew	Tots Sports Instructor	\$20.00		X
Solt	Troy	Soccer Official	\$50.00		X
Velusamy	Avnish	Soccer Referee	\$18.00	X	
Wasserman	Simon	Soccer Coach	\$15.00	X	
Wehner	Steve	Soccer Official	\$50.00		X
Wehner	Matt	Soccer Official	\$18.00		X
Wehner	Nick	Soccer Official	\$18.00		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 Assistant Director of Recreation is hereby ratified and approved.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to make the following appointment:

Historic Preservation Commission

Clarence Burshnic Seat #4 Expiring 12/31/2026

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

Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne made a motion seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting to take resolution 3 separately.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, Personnel Resolutions 1 and 2 were unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, Personnel Resolution 3 was approved upon the call of the roll. Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne abstained.

CONSENT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$350,000 SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES 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.

Be It Resolved 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. An ordinance of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "Township"), 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 has been finally adopted, and a copy thereof has been filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey (the "Director").

Section 2. (a) In order to finance the special emergency appropriation described in Section 1 of this resolution, the Township is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$350,000 and to issue special emergency notes (the "Notes") therefor in accordance with the Local Budget Law of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55) (the "Local Budget Law").

(b) The Notes authorized by this resolution may be issued in amounts and denominations not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of Notes authorized herein, as determined by the chief financial officer of the Township pursuant to this resolution.

(c) The Township may finance the special emergency appropriation from surplus funds available or may borrow money in the manner prescribed herein. Where an appropriation is financed from surplus funds available, at least one-fifth of the amount thereof shall be included in each annual budget until the appropriation has been fully provided for.

Section 3. The following matters in connection with the special emergency notes are hereby determined:

(a) All Notes issued hereunder and any renewals thereof shall mature at such time as may be determined by the chief financial officer within the limitations of the Local Budget Law, provided, however, that at least one-fifth of all such Notes and the renewals thereof shall mature and be paid in each year so that all Notes and renewals shall have matured and have been paid not later than the last day of the fifth year following the date of this resolution;

(b) All Notes issued hereunder shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the chief financial officer; and

(c) The Notes shall be in the form determined by the chief financial officer, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the Notes shall be conclusive as to such determination.

Section 4. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters in connection with the Notes not determined by this or a subsequent resolution, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the Notes shall be conclusive as to such determination.

Section 5. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell the Notes from time to time at public or private sale in such amounts as such officer may determine at not less than par and to deliver the same from time to time to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof and payment therefor.

Section 6. Any instrument issued pursuant to this resolution shall be a general obligation of the Township. 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, and, unless otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 7. The chief financial officer is authorized and directed to report in writing to this governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this resolution is made, such report to include the amount, description, interest rate and maturity of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 8. The Township hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to Notes to be issued by the chief financial officer of the Township on a tax-exempt basis. The Township hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Notes, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Notes. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Township to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank-qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue Notes in the amount authorized in Section 1 of this resolution and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purpose described herein. This Section 8 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 9. Solely for purposes of complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended and interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), and provided that the Notes are not exempt from the Rule and provided that the Notes are not exempt from the following requirements in accordance with paragraph (d) of the Rule, for so long as the Notes remain outstanding (unless the Notes and any renewals thereof have been wholly defeased), the Township shall provide electronically to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access system or such other repository designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be an authorized repository for filing secondary market disclosure information, if any, for the benefit of the holders of the Notes and the beneficial owners thereof, in a timely notice not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Notes:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers or their failure to perform;

- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Notes, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes;
- (7) Modifications to the rights of holders of the Notes, if material;
- (8) Note calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Township;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Township or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Township, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Township, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Township, any of which affect holders of the Notes, if material; and
 - 1. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar event under a Financial Obligation of the Township, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

The term "Financial Obligation" as used in subparagraphs (15) and (16) above means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii); provided, however, that the term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

If all or any part of the Rule ceases to be in effect for any reason, then the information required to be provided under this resolution, insofar as the provision of the Rule no longer in effect required the provision of such information, shall no longer be required to be provided.

The chief financial officer shall determine, in consultation with McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC ("Bond Counsel"), the application of the Rule or the exemption from the Rule for each issue of Notes prior to their offering. Such chief financial officer is hereby authorized to enter into written contracts or undertakings to implement this resolution and is further authorized to amend such contracts or undertakings as needed to comply with the Rule or upon the advice of Bond Counsel.

In the event that the Township fails to comply with this resolution or the written contract or undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for monetary damages, remedy of the holders or beneficial owners of the Notes being hereby specifically limited to specific performance of the covenants contained in this resolution or the written contract or undertaking.

Section 10. A copy of this resolution as adopted shall be filed with the Director.

Section 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

2. 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	ID	Balance
Cherry Blossom/Skaar	20-286-56-1123-99	\$162.55
Rd Opening 2025-20	20-286-56-1202-99	\$83.91
Toll Bros./Enclave	20-286-56-1103-99	\$2,963.31
Esco Precision	20-286-56-0255-99	\$173.10
Bilkoo 2024	20-286-56-1106-99	\$340.93
Gateway 8	20-286-56-1192-99	\$1,316.39
Starbucks	20-286-56-0441-99	\$729.00
Northeast Dev	20-286-56-0365-99	\$382.80
Brightspeed	20-286-56-1094-99	\$3,042.81
206 Holdings	20-286-56-0294-99	\$1,249.52
PSE&G M&R Station	20-286-56-1053-99	\$104.85
G&J Steel	20-286-56-1187-99	\$52.43
Grand Total		-\$10,601.60

3. RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF RESOLUTION 25-021 ADOPTED BY THE HILLSBOROUGH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88, each member of the board of fire commissioners shall receive as compensation such amounts as the board shall fix subject to review by the governing body wherein the fire district is located; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2025, the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, in the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, adopted Resolution 25-021 establishing the compensation for the members of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

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 acknowledges receipt of Resolution 25-021, adopted on August 12, 2025, by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, in the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, establishing the compensation for the members of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

4. RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION FOR DUKES PARKWAY WEST RESURFACING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township solicited bids through the fair and open procurement process for the Dukes Parkway West Resurfacing Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township received five (5) bids with the lowest bid from Top Line Construction located in Somerville, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Director, Qualified Purchasing Agent and Chief Finance Officer recommend the Township Committee award a contract to Top Line Construction in an amount not to exceed \$765,963.76 for Dukes Parkway West Resurfacing Project; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer certifies there are sufficient funds in Accounts: 02-213-25515-715-280 & 04-215-55-241-900.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that (1) a contract is hereby awarded to Top Line Construction in an amount not to exceed \$765,963.76 for the Dukes Parkway West Resurfacing Project; and (2) the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute a contract with Top Line Construction consistent with the terms of this Resolution, the bid specifications and bid proposal submitted.

5. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SUBMISSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FUNDING THE HILLSBOROUGH/MILLSTONE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026.

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Somerset.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the submission of a strategic plan for the Hillsborough/Millstone Municipal Alliance grant for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of:

GCSUD Grant	\$10,754.12
Cash Match	\$ 2,688.53
In-Kind	\$ 8,065.59
Total Alliance Budget	\$21,508.24

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

3. The Township of Hillsborough accepts the subsequent award of this grant.

APPROVED: _____
John Ciccarelli, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Sarah Brake, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Township Council on this 9th day of September 2025.

Sarah Brake, Municipal Clerk

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.

Jeannette Sena	\$175.00
Danielle Churchill	\$340.00
Kelly Buist	\$230.00
Denise Sena	\$175.00
Karin O' Malley	\$1,050.00
Dale Roberts	\$700.00
Sivakami Gopalakrishnan	\$110.00

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE 2026 SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION FOR THE LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM (LAP)

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission is the agency officially designated in Somerset County to apply for, receive and administer the Local Arts Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough desires to apply to the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission for a 'Special Projects' grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of visual arts and design programming; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough Department of Social Services, Director of Finance, and Township Administrator recommend that said application be submitted to the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission;

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 submission of a grant application to the FY26 Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission Local Arts Program and accepts the grant if awarded.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the Somerset County Trails Grant Program for \$78,000 to carry out a project to resurface and pave the walking and hiking trails at Pleasant View/Marshall and Terhune/Beekman to improve ADA accessibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows: (1) the Township is authorized apply for and obtain a grant from the Somerset County Trails Grant Program for \$78,000 to carry out a project to resurface and pave the walking and hiking trails at Pleasant View/Marshall and Terhune/Beekman to improve ADA accessibility; (2) the Township recognizes and accepts that the Somerset County Trails Grant Program may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the Somerset County Trails Grant Program, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the County, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between Hillsborough Township and Somerset County; and (3) that the persons whose names, titles and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successor in said title is authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

Sarah Brake, Clerk

John Ciccarelli, Mayor

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMPRESSOR AND BLOWER MOTOR REPLACEMENT OF RTU-30 FROM BINSKY THROUGH THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #CK04

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works has requested authorization for the replacement of the Compressor and Blower Motor of RTU-30; and

WHEREAS, Binsky provides this service through the Bergen County Cooperative Contract #CK04, of which the Township of Hillsborough is a member, for an amount not to exceed \$8,876.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies there are sufficient funds in account #01-201-26-772-280 (requisition #2311194) for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the replacement of the compressor and blower motor of RTU-30 from Binsky through the Bergen County Cooperative Contract #CK04 in an amount not to exceed \$8,876.00 is hereby authorized.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ENGINEERING INSPECTION FEES FOR HRC ASSOCIATES/VAN CLEEF

WHEREAS, engineering inspection fees were posted by HRC Associates/Van Cleef for Planning Board approval #16-PB-17-SRV/HRC Associates/Van Cleef; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Director certifies all work has been completed and the project is closed; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Director recommends releasing the engineering inspection fees in the amount \$4,785.55 and the account can be closed.

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 Engineering Director are hereby accepted and approved.

11. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO HALECON FOR WALKING PATH IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough solicited quotes for the improvements of the walking path from Case Road to Terhune Road and three (3) responses were received as follows:

Halecon	\$ 10,600.00
R.M. Brown	\$ 10,700.00
Hicks Paving	\$ 11,000.00

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the award of a contract to Halecon in an amount not to exceed \$10,600.00 in accordance with the project specifications and quote submitted; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through account #01-201-28-796-299 (requisition #2311260)

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 Halecon in an amount not to exceed \$10,600.00 for the improvements of the walking path from Case Road to Terhine Road.

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

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department requires its annual uniform purchase; and

WHEREAS, Flemington Department Store offers various uniform options and items through the Somerset County Cooperative Contract #CC-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 #01-201-26-795-300 in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00 (Requisition #2311335)

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 \$19,000.00 is hereby authorized.

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES THROUGH THE ESCNJ CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Police Department has identified the need for new police vehicles and has requested authorization to purchase Four (4) Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Nielsen of Morristown Dealership offers the vehicles through ESCNJ Contract #23/24-11 in the amount of \$201,778.92, 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 #04-215-55-250-300 in the amount of \$201,778.92;

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 the Four (4) Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles from Nielsen of Morristown Dealership through ESCNJ Contract #23/24-11 in an amount not to exceed \$210,778.92 is hereby authorized.

14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UPFITTING OF FOUR (4) POLICE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested authorization for lighting and electrical upfitting of four (4) police vehicles, two fully marked, one slick top and one traffic car; and

WHEREAS, the services are available from Elite Vehicle Solutions through New Jersey State Contract #17-FLEET-00749 in an amount not to exceed \$98,039.06; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2025 municipal budget and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #04-215-55-250-300 (Requisition #2311382).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes and approves the lighting and electrical upfitting of four (4) police vehicles by Elite Vehicle Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$98,039.06.

15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) STALKER DUAL DSR RADAR UNITS FROM STALKER RADAR

WHEREAS, the Police Department needs to purchase Four (4) Stalker Dual DSR Radar Units; and

WHEREAS, Stalker Radar was awarded a contract through the State of New Jersey Contract #17-FLEET-00726 for the provision of radar instruments and traffic enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police received a quote from Stalker Radar in the amount of \$13,220.00 in accordance with the State Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the purchase of Four (4) Stalker Dual DSR Radar Units from Stalker Radar in accordance with the State Contract and quote submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies there are sufficient funds available through account #04-215-55-250-300 (Requisition #2311384).

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 a Four (4) Stalker Dual DSR Radar Units from Stalker Radar through State of New Jersey Contract #17-FLEET-00726 in an amount not to exceed \$13,220.00 is hereby authorized and approved.

16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 320 P-TIER BACKHOE LOADER THROUGH THE ESCNJ CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has requested authorization to purchase a 320 P-Tier Backhoe Loader; and

WHEREAS, Jesco offers the machine through ESCNJ Contract #22/23-12 in the amount of \$160,110.31, 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 #04-215-55-250-200 in the amount of \$160,110.31;

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 the 320 P-Tier Backhoe Loader from Jesco through ESCNJ Contract #22/23-12 in an amount not to exceed \$160,110.31 is hereby authorized.

17. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A KUBOTA SVL75-3HFWCC TRACK SKID STEER FOR PUBLIC WORKS THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works has requested authorization to purchase a Kubota SVL75-3HFWCC Track Skid Steer; and

WHEREAS, Powerco, Inc, offers the equipment through the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #112624-KBA of which the Township of Hillsborough is a member in an amount not to exceed \$67,786.73; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2025 municipal budget and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #04-215-55-250-200.

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 a Kubota SVL75-3HFWCC Track Skid Steer from Powerco, Inc., through the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #112624-KBA in an amount not to exceed \$67,786.73 is hereby authorized.

18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A KUBOTA SCL 1000 SUBCOMPACT LOADER FOR PUBLIC WORKS THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works has requested authorization to purchase a Kubota SCL 1000 Subcompact Loader; and

WHEREAS, Powerco, Inc, offers the equipment through the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #112624-KBA of which the Township of Hillsborough is a member, in an amount not to exceed \$35,932.03; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2025 municipal budget and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #04-215-55-250-200.

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 a Kubota SCL 1000 Subcompact Loader from Powerco, Inc., through the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #112624-KBA in an amount not to exceed \$35,932.03 is hereby authorized.

19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CORNERSTONE ARCHITECTURAL GROUP TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERIOR ALTERATIONS

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2025, as a result of the Fair and Open Selection Process, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq., Cornerstone Architectural Group, LLC, was awarded a professional services contract designating them as the Township of Hillsborough Architect; and

WHEREAS, there is now the necessity for professional architectural services, namely, to provide architectural services for Police Department Interior Alterations, as described in a proposal from Cornerstone Architectural Group, dated August 27, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$85,250.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2025 Municipal Budget and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #04-215-55-250-302 in the amount of \$85,250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) Cornerstone Architectural Group is authorized to provide architectural services for Police Department interior alterations as described in their proposal, dated August 27, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$85,250.00; (2) the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Cornerstone Architectural Group for these services in an amount not to exceed \$85,250.00; (3) this Contract is awarded, as a result of the Fair and Open Selection Process as “Professional Services” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq.) because these services will be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, the performance of which service requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instructions as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training.

20. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) ALL BAND MOBILE RADIOS WITH PROGRAMMING FOR NEW POLICE VEHICLES FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Police Department needs to purchase Four (4) All Band Mobile Radios with Programming for new Police Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions was awarded a contract through the State of New Jersey Contract #83909 for the provision of radio communications equipment and accessories; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police received a quote from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$31,264.00 in accordance with the State Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the purchase of Four (4) All Band Mobile Radios with Programming for new Police Vehicles from Motorola Solutions in accordance with the State Contract and quote submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies there are sufficient funds available through account #04-215-55-250-999 (Requisition #2311385).

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 Four (4) All Band Mobile Radios with Programming for new Police Vehicles from Motorola Solutions through State of New Jersey Contract #83909 in an amount not to exceed \$31,264.00 is hereby authorized and approved.

21. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN APX 8000 PORTABLE HANDHELD RADIO FOR POLICE FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Police Department needs to purchase an APX 8000 Portable Handheld; and

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions was awarded a contract through the State of New Jersey Contract #83909 for the provision of radio communications equipment and accessories; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police received a quote from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$8,996.85 in accordance with the State Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the purchase of an APX 8000 Portable Handheld from Motorola Solutions in accordance with the State Contract and quote submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies there are sufficient funds available through account #01-201-25-745-245 (Requisition #2311419).

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 an APX 8000 Portable Handheld from Motorola Solutions through State of New Jersey Contract #83909 in an amount not to exceed \$8,255.25 is hereby authorized and approved.

22. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR ONE BUCKET TRUCK ON FORD F600 CHASSIS COMPLETE WITH DUR-A-LIFT DTAX2-45FP CAT D AERIAL LIFT AND VOTH DEEP URBAN FORESTRY 9.75' BODY OR EQUIVALENT

WHEREAS, the 2025 Capital Ordinance provided funding for equipment for Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works and the Township's Qualified Purchasing Agent request authorization to solicit bids for One Bucket Truck on Ford F600 Chassis Complete with Dur-A-Lift DTAX2-45FP CAT D Aerial Lift and Voth Deep Urban Forestry 9.75' Body or Equivalent.

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 advertise and solicit bids for One Bucket Truck on Ford F600 Chassis Complete with Dur-A-Lift DTAX2-45FP CAT D Aerial Lift and Voth Deep Urban Forestry 9.75' Body or Equivalent.

23. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH E PLUS FOR SECURITY SERVICES PROFICIO THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the continued security services for the Township's Technology Department; and

WHEREAS, E Plus currently provides this security service through the New Jersey State Contract #NJ-HCESC-CAT-25-06-R in the amount of \$51,672.00, of which the Township of Hillsborough is a member; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Technology and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the award of a contract to E Plus for continued security service of the Township's Technology Department in an amount not to exceed \$51,672.00 for the period 12 months, per the sales agreement signed on August 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2025 budget through account #01-201-20-709-290 in an amount not to exceed \$51,672.00 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 a contract in an amount not to exceed \$51,672.00 is hereby awarded to E Plus for the provision of continued security services for Hillsborough Technology Department through the New Jersey State Contract #NJ-HCESC-CAT-25-06-R is hereby authorized.

24. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the amounts set forth below for tax overpayments.

Block	Lot	Qualifier	Name	Amount	Qtr	Year
142	23.10	C0011	Valley National Bank	2510.21	3	2025

203.03	5		Douglas & Anna Marie Helmacy	4539.27	3	2025
9	1.04		Corelogic	4844.15	3	2025
11	21		Corelogic	3957.53	3	2025
62	20		Corelogic	2591.16	3	2025
65	27		Corelogic	3357.02	3	2025
65	42		Corelogic	2697.80	3	2025
141	104		Corelogic	3220.00	3	2025
149.01	30		Corelogic	4315.22	3	2025
149.03	40		Corelogic	4385.11	3	2025
150.01	9		Corelogic	4096.73	3	2025
150.03	12		Corelogic	4762.37	3	2025
150.12	59		Corelogic	4408.59	3	2025
151.02	53		Corelogic	3870.50	3	2025
151.02	57		Corelogic	3666.87	3	2025
151.08	10		Corelogic	4159.85	3	2025
151.15	78		Corelogic	3084.43	3	2025
153.08	68	C0043	Corelogic	1230.81	3	2025
153.08	68	C02950	Corelogic	1323.94	3	2025
153.19	1	C0123	Corelogic	1872.38	3	2025
163.04	100	C2404	Corelogic	2159.24	3	2025
163.05	1.05	C3201	Corelogic	1948.27	3	2025
163.06	2	C1231	Corelogic	2400.33	3	2025
163.08	1	C2503	Corelogic	1307.11	3	2025
163.09	1	C0104	Corelogic	2000.00	3	2025
163.09	6	C0401	Corelogic	2094.40	3	2025
163.22	5	C3141	Corelogic	2524.53	3	2025
168	4.02		Corelogic	2917.89	3	2025
168	5.03	Q0543	Corelogic	10.00	3	2025
173	25		Corelogic	13.04	3	2025
174.04	7		Corelogic	6032.52	3	2025
175	33.32		Corelogic	218.61	3	2025
177.01	20		Corelogic	4846.85	3	2025
178.02	278		Corelogic	2579.08	3	2025
180.09	60		Corelogic	6513.17	3	2025
183	37.01		Corelogic	3732.05	3	2025
191	11		Corelogic	1154.00	3	2025
203.23	14		Corelogic	4200.00	3	2025
204.02	23		Corelogic	4372.52	3	2025
204.06	101		Corelogic	4837.64	3	2025
205.01	20		Corelogic	284.51	3	2025
205.04	13		Corelogic	5454.60	3	2025
205.11	52		Corelogic	6632.91	3	2025
207.02	28		Corelogic	5727.57	3	2025

25. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT FIREWALL FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FROM OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Director of Information Technology has determined the need to replace the current Firewall for the Municipal Building as it is at the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, Ocean Computer Group offers the software through New Jersey State Contract #24-TELE-71883 of which the Township of Hillsborough is a member in an amount not to exceed \$15,403.18; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2025 municipal budget and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #04-215-55-250-400 (requisition #2311473).

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 a Firewall for the Municipal Building from Ocean Computer Group, through the New Jersey State Contract #24-TELE-71883 in an amount not to exceed \$15,403.18 is hereby authorized.

26. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE 2026 SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION FOR THE HISTORY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (CHPP)

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission is the agency officially designated in Somerset County to apply for, receive and administer the History Partnership Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough desires to apply to the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission for a 'Special Projects' grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of public history programming for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough America's 250th Planning Committee, Director of Finance and Township Administrator recommend that said application be submitted to the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the submission of a grant application to the FY26 Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission History Partnership Program and accepts the grant if awarded

27. RESOLUTION AWARDING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT SERVICES TO BRUNO ASSOCIATES, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township solicited proposals for Professional Grant Services for the period September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township received one (1) response to the solicitations as follows:

1. Bruno Associates, \$34,800.00 for a 1-year contract Inc.

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the award of a one (1) year contract to Bruno Associates, Inc., in a total amount not to exceed \$34,800.00 for the provision of Professional Grant Services for the period September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account 01-201-20-713-280 in the amount of \$34,000.00 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 a one (1) year contract is hereby awarded to Bruno Associates, Inc., in a total amount not to exceed \$34,800.00 for the provision of Professional Grant Services for the period September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026.

28. RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE SUBMISSION OF AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND HIRING OF PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE OUTBREAK PREVENTION AND CONTROL AND PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough wishes to ensure the health and safety of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer has identified and applied for a "Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity 2026" grant, available through the State of NJ Department of Health, in the amount of \$64,788, extending through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS the grant has made available \$22,254 for outbreak control and

WHEREAS, the grant application establishes enough funds for an agreement with the Montgomery Township Health Dept. for assistance with disease surveillance and outbreak prevention and control; and

WHEREAS, the health officer wishes to establish an agreement with the Montgomery Township Health Dept. for Public Health Nursing Services.

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Township Health Dept. has agreed to provide disease surveillance and outbreak control support for \$81.49 per hour for a maximum of 5 hours per week from September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

WHEREAS the Strengthening Grant has made available \$42,434 for local public health workforce capacity;

WHEREAS The Health Officer recommends the extension of contract with Robin Vlamis, public health consultant and educator, \$75 per hour for 12 hours per week for 12 weeks from April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS The Health Officer recommends the extension of contract with Alana Wojciechowski, REHS trainee, \$30 per hour for 29 hours per week from April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, ratifies and confirms the following actions:

1. The authorization to apply for the "Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity 2026" grant
2. The acceptance of the "Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity 2026" grant
3. The authorization to contract with the Montgomery Twp. Health Dept. for disease surveillance and outbreak control.
4. The authorization for the Hillsborough Twp. Health Official to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.
5. The authorization to extend the contracts with Robin Vlamis, Public Health Educator/Consultant and Alana Wojciechowski, REHS trainee from April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

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

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.

Committeeman Britting commented on resolutions 9, 12, 17, 18 thanking the committee for the DPW items. He then commented on resolutions 13, 14, 15, and 21 regarding the updated safety equipment for the police department. Committeeman Britting thanked the Police Department for all they do.

Committeeman Lipani agreed with Committeeman Britting and highlighted resolutions 22 and 27.

Deputy Mayor Payne thanked Joe Monzo regarding work on the budget and the transparency and looks forward to the remodeling of the police department.

Mayor Ciccarelli advised that the health department is also accepting grant applications for outbreak prevention.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2025-10 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION OF 0.290 ACRES OF LAND AND 0.056 ACRES OF LAND FOR WERTZVILLE ROAD ROAD RIGHT OF WAY, FOR HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, Somerset County acquired the property located on Wertzville Road and identified on the Hillsborough Tax Maps as Block 165, Lot 2, and Block 156, Lot 13; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Somerset County's acquisition of the property, additional right of way along Wertzville Road was obtained from the property owner, Amwell Valley Country Club Inc., Block 165, Lot 2, consisting of 0.290 acres of land and Princeton West LLC ,Block 156, Lot 13, consisting of 0.056 acres of land by way of Deed of Dedication to Hillsborough Township for right of way purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) the Township hereby accepts the Deed of Dedication from Amwell Valley Country Club, Inc., of that portion of Block 165, Lot 2, consisting of approximately 0.290 acres of land for right of way purposes along Wertzville Road and the Deed of Dedication from Princeton West, LLC, of that portion of Block 165, Lot 13, consisting of approximately 0.056 acres of land for right of way purposes; and (2) this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, seconded by Committeewoman Samantha Hand, to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2025-10, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2025-10, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll.

2. 2025-11 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 145 "CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM", SECTION 145-3 "CONSTRUCTION FEE SCHEDULE" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeewoman Samantha Hand, to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2025-11, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll. Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne voted no.

Administrator Ferrera provided a summary of the state mandate for electronic permitting. Fees have not been raised for over 5 years and this now brings Hillsborough into line with the surrounding townships. The DCA came in and

recommended the increases.

Committeeman Lipani stated he was mayor when this was last done, and it is veteran-friendly.

Committeewoman Hand stated the timing is difficult as expenses and taxes are going up.

Administrator Ferrera explained the extra fees will help offset increased salaries.

Committeeman Lipani explained that it is not a large increase for small projects. It will have a bigger impact on developers.

Attorney Wilard stated the Construction Department is supposed to be self-funded.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2025-11, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll. Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne and Committeewoman Samantha Hand voted no.

3. 2025-12 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 143 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE XII "SCHEDULES", SECTION 143-46 "SCHEDULE XVII: SPEED LIMITS":

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Township Engineer recommend that Chapter 143 "Vehicles and Traffic", Article XII "Schedules", Section 143-46 "Schedule XVII: Speed Limits" be amended to reflect the current roadway characteristics.

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

Section 1. Chapter 143 "Vehicles and Traffic", Article XII "Schedules", Section 143-46 "Schedule XVII: Speed Limits" is hereby amended as follows: **New language is underlined thus and deletions are indicated with strikethroughs ~~thus~~.**

§ 143-46. Schedule XVII: Speed Limits.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 143-25, speed limits are hereby established for both directions of travel as follows:

Name of Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
Township Line Road Zone 1 and 1,750	35	Between U.S. Route 206 feet east of U.S. Route 206 Between the border with Montgomery Drive Township and Symes
Zone 2 U.S. Route	40	Between 1,750 feet east of 206 and Willow Road Between Symes Drive and Willow Road
Zone 3 Millstone	35	Between Willow Road and River Road

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, seconded by Committeewoman Samantha Hand, to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2025-12, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2025-12, the motion was approved upon the call of the roll.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

1. 2025-13 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 166 “FIRE PREVENTION”, SECTION 166-4 “DEFINITIONS”, SECTION 166-13 “ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INSPECTIONS AND FEES” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION “LITHIUM- ION BATTERIES AND ELECTRONIC MOBILITY DEVICES” TO THIS CHAPTER OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE. Further Consideration And Public Hearing On October 14, 2025.

Whereas, there has been a proliferation of fires related to lithium-ion batteries and electronic mobility devices; and

Whereas, the Hillsborough Township Fire District Chief indicates our local fire departments continue to receive and respond to fire calls pertaining to lithium-ion batteries and electronic mobility devices; and

Whereas, the Hillsborough Township Fire District Chief recommends amending Chapter 166 “Fire Prevention” of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough to regulate the use, storage, charging, sale and disposal of lithium-ion batteries and electronic mobility devices to prevent fires within the Township; and

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough finds it appropriate and necessary to regulate the use, storage, charging, sale and disposal of lithium-ion batteries and electronic mobility devices as recommended by the Hillsborough Township Fire District Chief to preserve the public health, safety and welfare of the Township and its residents and prevent fires within the Township.

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 166 “Fire Prevention”, Article I “Supplemental Provisions”, Section 166-4 “Definitions” of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough is hereby amended as follows: **New language is underlined thus and deletions are indicated with strikethroughs ~~thus~~.**

§ 166-4 Definitions.

Whenever the following terms are used in this article, they shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section as follows:

APPROVED RATING ORGANIZATION Any of the following: Underwriters Testing Laboratories, Factory Mutual Research Corp., National Bureau of Standards or National Fire Protection Association NFPA Standard No. 74, 1984.

CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL The chief administrator of the Hillsborough Building Department created pursuant to the State Uniform Construction Code Act, namely N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 et seq., and its amendments and supplements.

DWELLING UNIT A building or a portion of a building arranged for the use of one or more individuals living alone or together as a single housekeeping unit with living, sanitary and sleeping facilities, but not including trailers, tents or house trailers used for recreational purposes.

ELECTRONIC MOBILITY DEVICE A stand-up or ride on electronic scooter, electronic bike, electronic self balancing scooter, electronic unicycle, electronic skateboard and other hybrid products that are battery powered by lithium-ion batteries or other similar stored energy battery or battery pack.

FIRE OFFICIAL/CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL A person certified by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs and appointed to direct the enforcement of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70-1 et seq.).

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY A storage battery in which an electric current is generated by lithium-ions embedded in a carbon graphite or nickel metal-oxide substrate placed in a high viscosity carbonate mixture or gelled polymer electrolyte.

MULTIFAMILY DWELLING All buildings that are classified as Use Group R-2 as defined in the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code.

OFFICE A professional business occupancy where there is not warehouse or storage and no machinery other than typical office equipment.

SECOND USE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY A lithium-ion battery that has been assembled, repurposed, reconditioned or renewed using cells removed from used batteries.

SEPARATE SLEEPING AREA The area or areas of the family living unit in which the bedrooms (or sleeping rooms) are located. Bedrooms (or sleeping rooms) separated by other use areas, such as kitchens or living rooms, but not bathrooms, shall be considered as separate sleeping areas for purposes of this standard.

SMOKE DETECTOR An instrument approved by an approved rating organization for the detection of ionized gases or products of combustion produced by burning or smoldering materials.

Section 2.

Chapter 166 “Fire Prevention”, Article II “Local Enforcement of State Standards”, Section 166-13 “Additional required inspections and fees” of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough is hereby amended as follows: **New language is underlined thus and deletions are indicated with strikethroughs ~~thus~~.**

§ 166-13 Additional required inspections and fees.

A. Additional required inspections. All businesses, offices, multi-family common areas and places of assembly not already considered a life-hazard use shall be inspected for compliance with the provisions of the Uniform Fire Code a minimum of once every 12 months. Each multifamily dwelling unit shall be inspected on a cyclical basis so that every unit is inspected a minimum of once every five years.

B. Registration. Whenever the Chief Fire Marshal shall have cause to believe that a building or use would require an annual inspection as outlined in Subsection A, the Chief Fire Marshal or designee shall complete a registration of the building or use. It shall be a violation of § 166-16 for an owner to fail to provide information necessary to complete registration within 30 days. The owner of the business, office, place of assembly or multiple dwelling shall provide the Chief Fire Marshal the necessary information to complete the registration. Each registration shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. The name, address, email and telephone number of the building or use.
2. (Reserved)
3. Where the applicant is a corporation, the name, address, email and telephone number of the agent for service of process.
4. A description of the use being applied for, including:
 - a. The geographical location, including street address and tax block and lot number.
 - b. The height of the building in which the use is located.
 - c. The location of the use in the building.
 - d. The floor area of use.
 - e. (Reserved)
 - f. (Reserved)
 - g. A description of the business.
5. Where the owner of the use and the owner of the building in which it is located are not the same, then the application shall include the same information for the owner of the building as is herein required for the owner of the use.
6. The name, address, email, physical location and telephone number of the person responsible for the maintenance of the premises.

C. Fees. The owner of each business, office, place of assembly or multiple dwelling, not already a state LHU, shall pay to the Fire District an annual fee. The fees shall be as follows (Note: square footage based upon gross floor area including basements):

1. Office occupancy, 500 square feet or less: \$55.
2. Occupancy under 1,000 square feet: \$80.
3. Occupancy 1,000 to 2,999 square feet: \$100.
4. Occupancy 3,000 to 5,999 square feet: \$110.
5. Occupancy 6,000 to 7,999 square feet: \$130.
6. Occupancy 8,000 to 9,999 square feet: \$150.
7. Occupancy 10,000 to 11,999 square feet: \$180.
8. Occupancy 12,000 to 13,999 square feet: \$210.
9. Occupancy 14,000 and over square feet: \$280.
10. Multiple dwellings with common areas between six and 25 units: \$100.
11. Multiple dwellings with common areas over 25 rental units: \$250.
12. Retail or commercial common areas: \$150.

Section 3. Chapter 166 “Fire Prevention”, Article II “Local Enforcement of State Standards” of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough is hereby amended to add a new Section 166-18 “Lithium-ion Batteries and Electronic Mobility Devices” as follows:

§ 166-18 Lithium-ion Batteries and Electronic Mobility Devices.

A. Electronic mobility devices shall not be operated, charged or stored in any building, except: (1) owner occupied one-and two-family or attached single family structures used exclusively for dwelling purposes; or (2) buildings of use group S or use group M approved for the storage or sale of new, in manufactures packaging, batteries or devices.

B. Damaged or discarded lithium-ion batteries shall not be stored in any building, except: (1) owner occupied one-and two-family or attached single family structures used exclusively for dwelling purposes; or (2) damaged or discarded lithium-ion batteries that are stored in a container approved for the storage of lithium ion batteries. Storage containers must be certified to UL standard 1487. Approved containers must be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet from any means of egress.

C. Sale of second use lithium-ion batteries and lithium polymer batteries are prohibited. It shall be unlawful to assemble or re-condition a lithium-ion battery and/or using cells removed from used storage batteries. It shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale lithium-ion batteries that use cells removed from used battery packs.

D. Disposal of lithium-ion batteries shall be in accordance with State and local regulations. Lithium-ion batteries are prohibited from being disposed of in regular trash.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be construed so as not to conflict with any provision of New Jersey or Federal law. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative with, and not in substitution for, all other applicable regulations. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the provisions of this Ordinance or other local requirements, the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply.

Section 5. If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

Section 6. After introduction, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in its entirety or by title and summary at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the municipality, if there is one, and if not, in a newspaper printed in the county and circulating in the municipality, together with a notice of the introduction thereof, the time and place when and where it will be further considered for final passage. The publication shall include a clear and concise statement prepared by the Clerk setting forth the purpose of this Ordinance and a time and place when and where a copy of this Ordinance can be obtained without cost by any member of the general public. The publication shall be at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing.

Section 7. If adopted, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance, in its entirety or by title and summary, together with a notice of the date of passage or approval, at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the municipality, if there is one, and if not, in a newspaper printed in the county and circulating in the municipality.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, seconded by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, to introduce Ordinance 2025-13, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

**2. 2025-14 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 169 “FIRE ZONES”, SECTION 169-5 “FIRE ZONES DESIGNATED” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ADD ADDITIONAL DESIGNATED FIRE ZONES.
Further Consideration And Public Hearing On October 14, 2025.**

Whereas, the following development projects have been approved and constructed within the Township of Hillsborough: (1) Iron Peak Sports & Events, Block 175, Lot 23.01; (2) The Hillmont, Block 202, Lot 4; (3) Concord Residences, Block 86, Lot 21.01; and (4) The Franklin at Hillsborough, Block 200, Lot 5.02; and

Whereas, the approved development projects contain designated fire zones; and

Whereas, the Hillsborough Township Fire District Chief recommends amending Chapter 169 “Fire Zones” Section 169-5 “Fire Zones Designated” of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough to add designated fire zones for these development projects for enforcement thereof.

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 169 “Fire Zones”, Section 169-5 “Fire Zones Designated” of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough, Somerset County, New Jersey, is hereby amended to add designated fire

zones as follows:

§ 169-5. Fire zones designated.

A. The following areas are hereby designated as fire zones:

(100) 137 Mountain View Road (Block 175, Lot 23.01)

(a) Beginning 140 feet west from the southwest corner of the building and extending 700 feet southeast.

(b) Beginning 180 feet southwest from the southwest corner of the building and extending 700 feet southeast.

(c) Beginning 172 feet southwest from the southwest corner of the building and extending 210 feet south.

(d) Beginning 100 feet southeast from the southwest corner of the dome building and extending 186 feet southeast.

(e) Beginning 40 feet south west from the southwest corner of the dome building and extending 66 feet to the west and southwest.

(f) Beginning 108 feet south from the southeast corner of the dome building and extending 914 feet northeast and northwest.

(101) The Hillmont (Block 202, Lot 4)

(a) Beginning at a point 115 feet north of the north corner of 1 Schindler Road and extending 257 feet south and southwest.

(b) Beginning at a point 85 feet southeast of the southeast corner of 2 Pittenger Road and extending 133 feet southeast.

(c) Beginning at a point 23 feet north of the northeast corner of 1 Dunn Road and extending 543 feet north and northeast along Dunn Road.

(d) Beginning at a point 115 feet north of the north corner of 1 Schindler Road and extending 257 feet south and southwest.

(102) Concord Residences (Block 86, Lot 21.01)

(a) Beginning 64 feet north east of building 1, proceeding west and south 205 feet.

(b) Beginning 33 feet north east of building 1, proceeding west, and south 159 feet.

(c) Beginning 60 feet North West of building 2, proceeding east, and south 202 feet.

(d) Beginning 35 feet North West of building 2, proceeding east and south 161 feet.

(e) Beginning 35 feet south east of building 5, proceeding west and north 165 feet.

(f) Beginning 70 feet north east of building 7, proceeding west and south 127 feet.

(g) Beginning 60 feet north west of building 7, proceeding south and east 250 feet.

(h) Beginning 3 feet south west from building 6, proceeding east and north 165 feet.

(i) Beginning 38 feet North West of building 8, proceeding 129 feet east and south.

(j) Beginning 40 feet North West of building 10, proceeding south 100 feet.

(k) Beginning 33 feet south of building 8, proceeding east 102 feet.

(l) Beginning 70 feet south west of building 11, proceeding east and north 825 feet.

(103) The Franklin at Hillsborough (Block 200, Lot 5.02)

(a) Beginning 40 feet north of The Franklins apartment building's north west corner, proceeding west 302 feet.

(b) Beginning 131 feet east of The Franklins apartment building's North West corner, proceeding east and south 344 feet.

(c) Beginning 42 feet from The Franklins apartment building's south east corner, proceeding south 34 feet.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be construed so as not to conflict with any provision of New Jersey or Federal law. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative with, and not in substitution for, all other applicable regulations. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the provisions of this Ordinance or other local requirements, the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply.

Section 3. If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

Section 4. After introduction, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in its entirety or by title and summary at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the municipality, if there is one, and if not, in a newspaper printed in the county and circulating in the municipality, together with a notice of the introduction thereof, the time and place when and where it will be further considered for final passage. The publication shall include a clear and concise statement prepared by the Clerk setting forth the purpose of this Ordinance and a time and place when and where a copy of this Ordinance can be obtained without cost by any member of the general public. The publication shall be at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing.

Section 5. If adopted, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance, in its entirety or by title and summary, together with a notice of the date of passage or approval, at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the municipality, if there is one, and if not, in a newspaper printed in the county and circulating in the municipality.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, seconded by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, to introduce Ordinance 2025-14, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

Administrator Ferrera stated that Fire Marshall Weniger will attend the public hearing.

CLAIMS LIST

1. CLAIMS LIST 25-14

Mayor Ciccarelli asked to approve Claims List 2025-14.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Committeeman Shawn Lipani, Claims List 2025-14, 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.

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Payne, the meeting duly adjourned at 8:59 pm. Said motion was unanimously carried upon voice vote.

Attested:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sarah Brake', with a stylized, flowing script.

Sarah Brake
Township Clerk