

July 18, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Piscataway Township Council was held on July 18, 2023 at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Frank Uhrin, at 7:30 pm.

Council President Uhrin made the following Statement, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required under Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, specifying the time, date, location, login, or dial-in information, and, to the extent known, the agenda by posting a copy of the notice on the Municipal Building, Municipal Court and the two Municipal Library Bulletin Boards, Municipal Website, providing a copy to the official newspapers of the Township and by filing a copy in the office of the Township Clerk in accordance with a certification by the Clerk which will be entered in the minutes.

In order to ensure a clear record of the meeting can be made and that all parties are heard in an organized fashion, all members of the public that are participating remotely will be muted during the meeting. The Township will provide for public comment periods for both remote and in person attendees separately.

If a member of the public wishes to speak during any public comment portion for remote attendees, please raise your hand. This can be done either through the Zoom app or by pressing *9 (star nine) on your phone. When it is your turn to speak, you will receive a prompt or request to unmute. Please click on the prompt or press *6 (star 6) on your phone to unmute and begin making your comments.

All members of the public will have three minutes to speak, and should ask any and all questions they may have during that period. At the conclusion of your three minutes, remote attendees will be muted again. In-person attendees will also receive three minutes to ask any and all questions, and may then take a seat, at which time the council or administration will respond as necessary.

Should you have any further comments or questions, the Township Council is always available by email and phone, and you can always call the Mayor's office during normal operating hours. Each member of the public shall only have one opportunity to speak during each public portion. As the technology does not allow us to know if there are multiple callers on an individual phone line or logged in user account, we ask that if you wish to speak, that you login in or dial in separately so that we can recognize you as a separate individual.

On roll call, there were present: Messrs. Lombardi, Rouse, Shah and Uhrin.

Mr. Uhrin led the salute to the flag.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Piscataway Township Police Department Patrol Officers Lance LeBrew, Michael Medvecky and Kyle Snyder and Lake Nelson area resident Dennis Gilbert jumped into action on the night of May 14, 2023 when a vehicle broke through a guard rail on Metlars Lane and crashed into the waters of Ambrose Brook adjacent to Lake Nelson; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the severity of the emergency as the vehicle was almost entirely submerged, the officers and Mr. Gilbert immediately entered the murky water, located the driver and began lifesaving efforts; and

WHEREAS, Officers LeBrew, Medvecky and Snyder embody the dedication, courage and professionalism reflective of the high values of the Piscataway Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert embodies the true essence of citizen hero, a dedicated member of the community whose first and foremost thoughts are to come to the aid of those in need; and

WHEREAS, their commitment to serving our community is truly inspiring.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brian C. Whaler, Mayor of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, acknowledge my sincere appreciation to these individuals for their remarkable bravery and commend them for their exemplary actions and exceptional character.

Mr. Uhrin opened the meeting to the remote attendees for comments regarding the Consent Agenda Items.

There being no comments, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

Mr. Uhrin opened the meeting to the in person attendees for comments regarding the Consent Agenda Items.

Costas Efthymious, 58 Curtis Ave, asked for clarification on Item H. He asked why only veterans who are 100% disabled are entitled to tax breaks.

Business Administrator, Tim Dacey, explained that this is how the State law is written and that the Township has no control over it. He did tell Mr. Efthymious that there are other programs available for Senior Citizens and that he can talk to the Tax Department for more information.

There being no further comments, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE:
ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SALARY, COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP AND AMENDING CHAPTER II (2) ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-18, DIVISION OF POLICE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, Middlesex County, finds it in the best interest of the public to amend the Salary, Compensation and Classification Plan for the officials and employees of the Township to include the positions of Deputy Chief of Police and Assistant Foreman and to remove the position of Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, Middlesex County, finds it in the best interest of the public to amend Chapter II, Administration, Section 2-18, Division of Police of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway regarding the composition of the police division; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the salary, compensation and classification plan for the officials and employees of the Township of Piscataway is amended to be effective August 1, 2023, as follows, with additions shown in italics and deletions shown in brackets:

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Section 4. The Schedule of Position Classification is as follows:

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| Accounting Clerk | MS1 | MH3 |
| Bus Driver | MS1 | MH3 |
| Community Service Coordinator | MS1 | MH3 |
| Custodian | MS1 | MH3 |
| Handyman | MS1 | MH3 |

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| Junior Office Assistant | MS1 | MH3 |
| Kitchen Aide | MS1 | MH3 |
| Meals on Wheels Assistant | MS1 | MH3 |
| Personnel Assistant | MS1 | MH3 |
| Receptionist | MS1 | MH3 |
| Assessing Clerk | MS2 | MH3 |
| Head Cashier | MS2 | MH3 |
| Lien Coordinator | MS2 | MH3 |
| Principal Personnel Assistant | MS2 | MH3 |
| Secretary | MS2 | MH3 |
| Senior Accounting Clerk | MS2 | MH3 |
| Senior Assessing Clerk | MS2 | MH3 |
| Senior Office Assistant | MS2 | MH3 |
| Senior Tax Clerk | MS2 | MH3 |
| Service Maintenance Technician | MS2 | MH3 |
| Sewer Utility Cashier | MS2 | MH3 |
| Tax Adjuster | MS2 | MH3 |
| Tax Cashier | MS2 | MH3 |
| Transportation Coordinator | MS2 | MH3 |
| Assistant Municipal Treasurer | MS3 | MH3 |
| Administrative Assistant | MS3 | MH3 |
| Certificate of Occupancy Inspector | MS3 | MH3 |
| Code Enforcement Inspector | MS3 | MH3 |
| Compliance Officer/Inspector | MS3 | MH3 |
| Elder Care Coordinator | MS3 | MH3 |
| Dispatcher | MS3 | MH3 |
| Engineering Aid C | MS3 | MH3 |
| Equipment Coordinator | MS3 | MH3 |
| Housing Coordinator | MS3 | MH3 |
| Housing Inspector | MS3 | MH3 |
| Laborer | MS3 | MH3 |
| Museum Curator | MS3 | MH3 |
| Payroll Coordinator | MS3 | MH3 |
| Production Facilitator | MS3 | MH3 |
| Program Accounts Analyst | MS3 | MH3 |
| Program Supervisor | MS3 | MH3 |
| Public Works Assistant | MS3 | MH3 |
| Purchasing Specialist | MS3 | MH3 |

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| Secretary – Confidential | MS3 | MH3 |
| Administrative Supervisor | MS4 | MH4 |
| Administrative Supervisor of Recreation | MS4 | MH3 |
| Animal Control Officer | MS4 | MH3 |
| Assistant Network Administrator | MS4 | MH3 |
| Assistant Property Maintenance & Enforcement Officer | MS4 | MH3 |
| Assistant Zoning Officer | MS4 | MH3 |
| Deputy Assessor | MS4 | MH3 |
| Deputy Municipal Clerk | MS4 | MH3 |
| Deputy Municipal Court Administrator | MS4 | MH3 |
| Deputy Tax Collector | MS4 | MH3 |
| Engineering Aide B | MS4 | MH3 |
| Executive Assistant | MS4 | MH3 |
| Office Manager | MS4 | MH3 |
| Program Supervisor/Recreation | MS4 | MH4 |
| Program Supervisor/Equipment Coordinator | MS4 | MH3 |
| Purchasing Agent | MS4 | MH3 |
| Supervising Certificate of Occupancy Official | MS4 | MH4 |
| Supervisor of Property Maintenance & Enforcement | MS4 | MH3 |
| Technical Assistant to Construction Official | MS4 | MH3 |
| Zoning Officer | MS4 | MH3 |
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| Assistant Comptroller | MS5 | MH3 |
| <i>Assistant Foreman</i> | <i>MS5</i> | <i>MH3</i> |
| Assistant Planner | MS5 | MH3 |
| Assistant Sanitary Sewer System Operator | MS5 | MH3 |
| Assistant Traffic Light Technician | MS5 | MH3 |
| Building Mechanic | MS5 | MH3 |
| Constituent Service Coordinator | MS5 | MH3 |
| Engineering Aide A | MS5 | MH3 |
| Engineering Inspector | MS5 | MH3 |
| Equipment Operator A | MS5 | MH3 |
| Equipment Operator B | MS5 | MH3 |
| Equipment Operator C | MS5 | MH3 |
| Fire Inspector | MS5 | MH3 |
| Junior Mechanic | MS5 | MH3 |
| LAN Administrator | MS5 | MH3 |

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| Policy Coordinator - Administration | MS5 | MH3 |
| Public Information Officer/Social Media | MS5 | MH3 |
| Registered Environmental Health Specialist | MS5 | MH3 |
| Sanitary Sewer System Operator | MS5 | MH3 |
| Senior Building Mechanic | MS5 | MH3 |
| Senior Mechanic | MS5 | MH3 |
| Sewer TV Truck Operator | MS5 | MH3 |
| Station Manager – PCTV | MS5 | MH3 |
| Street Sweeper Operator | MS5 | MH3 |
| Sub-Code Official – Electrical | MS5 | MH3 |
| Sub-Code Official – Plumbing | MS5 | MH3 |
| Traffic Light Technician | MS5 | MH3 |
| Tree Technician | MS5 | MH3 |
| Truck Driver A | MS5 | MH3 |
| Truck Driver B | MS5 | MH3 |
| Building Sub-code Official | MS6 | MH3 |
| Chief of REHS | MS6 | MH3 |
| Chief Of Staff | MS6 | MH3 |
| Chief Registered Environmental Health Specialist | MS6 | MH3 |
| Comptroller | MS6 | MH3 |
| Emergency Management Coordinator | MS6 | MH3 |
| Foreman | MS6 | MH3 |
| Junior Engineering Assistant | MS6 | MH3 |
| Landscape Architect | MS6 | MH3 |
| Municipal Court Administrator | MS6 | MH3 |
| Operations Manager | MS6 | MH3 |
| Registered Environmental H S | MS2 | MH3 |
| Patrolman | MS6 | MH3 |
| Project/Contract Manager | MS6 | MH3 |
| | MS6 | MH3 |
| Senior Engineering Assistant | MS6 | MH3 |
| Senior Patrolman | | |
| Senior Policy Coordinator- Administration | MS6 | MH3 |
| Senior Public Information Officer/Social Media | MS6 | MH3 |
| Assessor | MS7 | MH3 |
| Assistant Supervisor of Engineering | MS7 | MH3 |
| Assistant Director of Public Works | MS7 | MH3 |
| Assistant Director of Finance | MS7 | MH3 |

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| Licensed Sewer Operator | MS7 | MH3 |
| CAD Manager | MS7 | MH3 |
| Collector of Revenue | MS7 | MH3 |
| Construction Official | MS7 | MH3 |
| <i>Director of Building and Grounds</i> | <i>MS7</i> | <i>MH3</i> |
| Fire Marshall | MS7 | MH3 |
| Fire Services Coordinator | MS7 | MH3 |
| Para-Legal Assistant | MS7 | MH3 |
| Human Resources Coordinator | MS7 | MH3 |
| Legal Assistant | MS7 | MH3 |
| Senior LAN Administrator | MS7 | MH3 |
| Supervisor of Engineering | MS7 | MH3 |
| Captain | MS8 | MH3 |
| Lieutenant | MS8 | MH3 |
| Mayor | MS8 | MH3 |
| Superintendent | MS8 | MH3 |
| Administrator | MS9 | MH3 |
| [Chief of Police] | [MS9] | [MH3] |
| Chief Financial Officer | MS9 | MH3 |
| <i>Deputy Chief of Police</i> | <i>MS9</i> | <i>MH3</i> |
| Director of Community Development | MS9 | MH3 |
| Director of Division of Police | MS9 | MH3 |
| Director of Finance | MS9 | MH3 |
| Director of Health | MS9 | MH3 |
| Director - Office of Aging | MS9 | MH3 |
| Director of Public Works | MS9 | MH3 |
| Director of Public Safety | MS9 | MH3 |
| Director of Recreation | MS9 | MH3 |
| In-House Legal Counsel | MS9 | MH3 |
| Superintendent of Police | MS9 | MH3 |

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BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter II, Administration, Section 2-18, Division of Police, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway is hereby amended with additions shown in italics and deletions shown in brackets with text as follows:

CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION
SECTION 2-18 DIVISION OF POLICE
2-18.2 Composition.

- a. The Piscataway Police Department which shall consist of *no more than one Deputy Chief of Police*, no more than [four] *one* Captain[s], no more than 7 Lieutenants, no more than 13 Sergeants, and a maximum of 100 Police Officers, to be appointed to these positions by the Director of Public Safety at the approval of the appropriate authority within the budgetary approval of the Governing Body, as public needs may require.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the position of Deputy Chief of Police shall not be vested with the privileges and authority of a Chief of Police, such privileges and authority shall remain with the Director of Public Safety.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Township are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon second reading, final passage and publication as required by law.

Mr. Uhrin opened the Meeting to the Remote Attendees for Comments

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

Mr. Uhrin opened the Meeting to the In-Person Attendees for Comments

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTION offered by Ms. Lombardi seconded by Mr. Shah, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SALARY, COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP AND AMENDING CHAPTER II (2) ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-18, DIVISION OF POLICE

was introduced on the 27th day of June, 2023 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 2nd day of July, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on July 18, 2023, be adopted, passed, and after passage, be published, together with a notice of the date of passage or approval, in the official newspaper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Ordinance shall be assigned No. 2023-23.

On roll call vote Messrs. Lombardi, Rouse, Shah and Uhrin answered yes.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

AMENDING CHAPTER XX (20), LAND SUBDIVISION AND CHAPTER XXIV (24), SITE PLAN REVIEW

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rouse seconded by Mr. Shah, ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XX (20), LAND SUBDIVISION AND CHAPTER XXIV (24), SITE PLAN REVIEW

be and is hereby adopted on the first reading, that it be published in the official newspaper, and that a second reading and public hearing be held at 7:30 p.m., prevailing time at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey as well as by remote meeting format on the 15th day of August, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Ordinance shall be posted in at least two public places within the Township prior to the day of the second reading and final passage, and a copy of this Ordinance shall be made available at the Office of the Township Clerk for any interested member of the public.

On roll call vote Messrs. Lombardi, Rouse, Shah and Uhrin answered yes.

RESOLUTION #23-263

RESOLUTION offered by Ms. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Rouse:

WHEREAS, the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway permit the adoption of Resolutions, Motions or Proclamations by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway as part of the Consent Agenda, upon certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, each of the following Resolutions, Motions or Proclamations to be presented before the Township Council at its July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting appear to have the unanimous approval of all members of the Township Council:

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Raffle and One Day Temporary Food License Fees – Event Cancelled – LEAD Fest.
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Picnic Fees.
- c. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Professional Services – Engineering Services for Hancock Road Culvert – Naik Group – Not to Exceed \$390,000.00.
- d. RESOLUTION – 2023-2024 Liquor License Renewal – JSM Investments LLC – 1217-33-005-003, Piscataway 1 LLC – 1217-33-025-004 and 1665 Stelton License LLC – 1217-33-001-008.
- e. RESOLUTION – Amending Resolution #23-247 – Tax Appeal Settlement Block 6003, Lot 13 – 371 Hoes Lane.
- f. RESOLUTION - Authorizing Municipal Lien for Abatement of Public Nuisance – Block 11901, Lot 21.19.
- g. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Extension of Grace Period for Third Quarter Tax Bills.
- h. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes Due to 100% Disabled Veteran Status – Block 1409, Lot 3.01.
- i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Rejection of Bids – Re-Bid 2023 Restoration & Expansion at the Historic Metlar-Bodine House.
- j. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – 2023-2024 Leaf Bag Supply – Furnish and Deliver – Pabco Industries – Not to Exceed \$58,875.00.
- k. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – 2023-2024 Milling and Road Surface Preparation for DPW Resurfacing of Various Streets – Stilo Excavation, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$337,450.00.
- l. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Acceptance of Highest Bid for Sale of Block 11201, Lots 4 and 5 – 75 and 79 Highland Avenue.
- m. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Contract Amendment No. 1 – Morris Lane Improvements – CME Associates – Not to Exceed \$750.00.

- n. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – Ethel Road West Roadway Improvements – Top Line Construction Corp. – Not to Exceed \$1,402,047.84.
- o. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative – Window Replacement at Sterling Village Phase 3 (1st Floor and Common Areas) – Northeastern Interiors, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$359,100.00.
- p. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative – Fencing Repair & Replacement – National Fence Systems, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$55,927.37.
- q. MOTION – Accept Report of Clerk’s Account – June 2023.
- r. MOTION – Accept Minutes – Council Meetings – June 8 and June 27, 2023.
- s. MOTION – Accept Report of the Division of Revenue – June 2023.
- t. MOTION – Receive and Enter into Minutes Disbursements for the Month of June 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that each of the above-listed Resolutions, Motions or Proclamations be approved and adopted by the Township Council, with the same legal effect as through each was read in its entirety at the July 18, 2023 Regular meeting and adopted by separate vote.

On roll call vote Messrs. Lombardi, Rouse, Shah and Uhrin answered yes.

The following are the Resolution, typed in full, which were adopted by the foregoing consent agenda resolution:

RESOLUTION #23-264

WHEREAS, L.E.A.D. Inc. submitted a One Day Raffle License Fee in the amount of \$360.00 to the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) for LEADFEST which did not take place; and

WHEREAS, Golden R Holdings @ Pugh Concession submitted a One Day Food License Fee in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) for LEADFEST which did not take place; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to refund the One Day Raffle License Fee to L.E.A.D. Inc. in the amount of \$360.00 and refund the One Day Food License Fee to Golden R Holdings @ Pugh Concessions in the amount of \$1,000.00.

RESOLUTION #23-265

WHEREAS, Nanette Manfre, Piscataway, NJ requests the return of a Picnic Permit Fee in the amount of \$250.00, posted with the Township of Piscataway for a picnic at Riverside Park on July 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Department of Parks and Recreation recommended the return of said Picnic Permit Fee, in the amount of \$250.00, as the picnic was cancelled; and

WHEREAS, Kapil Shah, Piscataway, NJ requests the return of a Picnic Permit Fee in the amount of \$250.00, posted with the Township of Piscataway for a picnic at Riverside Park on July 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Department of Parks and Recreation recommended the return of said Picnic Permit Fee, in the amount of \$250.00, as the picnic was cancelled; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to return a Picnic Permit Fee in the amount of \$250.00, pursuant to receipt #145274, to Nanette Manfre and to return a Picnic Permit Fee in the amount of \$250.00, pursuant to receipt #145266, to Kapil Shah.

RESOLUTION #23-266

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway requires Professional Engineering Services for the design of construction plans for the Hancock Road Culvert (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Naik Consulting Group, P.C., Edison, NJ has submitted a Proposal for Professional Engineering Services related to said Project, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Proposal"), with a cost not to exceed \$390,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Naik Consulting Group, P.C., Edison, NJ, was previously qualified under the Fair and Open Process to provide professional services for Professional Engineering Services – Special Projects, Environmental, Etc. by the Township of Piscataway for 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Engineering recommends awarding a contract for the Project to Naik Consulting Group, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2023-0235;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that the Township Council does hereby authorize Naik Consulting Group, P.C., to provide Professional Services for the Hancock Road Culvert Project at the rates set forth in said Proposal, with such services not to exceed \$390,000.00 in cost.

RESOLUTION #23-267

WHEREAS, JSM Investments at Piscataway LLC, holder of liquor license number 1217-33-005-003 in the Township of Piscataway, has applied for renewal of said license for the period commencing July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2023, JSM Investments at Piscataway LLC's obtained relief pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 from the Director of the State of New Jersey Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, Piscataway 1 LLC, holder of liquor license number 1217-33-025-004 in the Township of Piscataway, has applied for renewal of said license for the period commencing July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023, Piscataway 1 LLC's obtained relief pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 from the Director of the State of New Jersey Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, 1665 Stelton License LLC, holder of liquor license number 1217-33-001-008 in the Township of Piscataway, has applied for renewal of said license for the period commencing July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023, 1665 Stelton License LLC's obtained relief pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 from the Director of the State of New Jersey Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the liquor licenses of JSM Investments at Piscataway LLC (1217-33-005-003) (Inactive), Piscataway 1 LLC (1217-33-025-004) (inactive), and 1665 Stelton License LLC (1217-33-001-008) (Inactive) are hereby renewed without special

conditions for the time period of commencing July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue said renewal.

RESOLUTION #23-268

WHEREAS, an inadvertent error was made in Resolution #23-247, and said resolution is revised and replaced as follows:

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway and the following property owner has been engaged in litigation on a tax appeal which is pending in the Tax Court; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Assessor and Special Counsel for Tax Appeals have recommended the following settlement regarding the assessed value of the property for the specified year:

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| <u>Block 6003, Lot 13</u> | <u>Greenway Properties</u> <u>371 Hoes Lane</u> | | | |
| | 2019 | 2019 Proposed | 2020 | 2020 Proposed |
| | <u>Assessment</u> | <u>Assessment</u> | <u>Assessment</u> | <u>Assessment</u> |
| Land | 3,746,400 | 3,746,400 | 3,746,400 | 3,746,400 |
| Improvement | <u>5,143,600</u> | <u>2,953,600</u> | <u>3,153,600</u> | <u>3,153,600</u> |
| s | 8,890,000 | 6,700,000 | 7,400,000 | 6,900,000 |
| Total | | | | |

WHEREAS, the Special Counsel for Tax Appeals, as well as appraisal consultants retained by the Township, have advised that the proposed settlement fully conforms with the public interest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the settlement of the above Tax Appeal, as recommended by the Municipal Tax Assessor and Special Counsel for Tax Appeals and as specifically set forth above, be and the same is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon notification from the Assessor that the above settlement has been approved by the Tax Court, the Tax Collector and other appropriate officials, the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to issue the refund and/or credit corresponding to the aforementioned assessed value.

RESOLUTION #23-269

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Piscataway has been advised that the township has incurred costs associated with abatement of a public nuisance on certain properties as follow:

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| Block | Lot | Location | Amount |
| 11901 | 21.19 | 821 Hoes Lane W. | 38,900.00 |

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the township council of the Township of Piscataway, that municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to impose municipal liens, as indicated above, for the costs of remedial action to abate a public nuisance on certain.

RESOLUTION #23-270

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector was unable to issue Tax Bills for the Third and Fourth Quarters of 2023 due to delays in processing of the Tax Bills; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to extend the grace period for the Third Quarter Tax Bills from August 10, 2023 to August 25, 2023 or 25 days after the date of mailing whichever is later. After which time interest will be assessed at the rate already adopted by the Township from the due date of August 1,

2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be filed in the Office of the Township Clerk.

RESOLUTION #23-271

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting authorization to cancel and refund taxes as listed below

| BLOCK | LOT | NAME | YEAR | AMOUNT | REASON |
|-------|------|---------------------|------|---------|-----------------------|
| 1409 | 3.01 | Daniel A. Bernstein | 2023 | \$16.63 | 100% Disabled Veteran |

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the taxes and refund the overpayment of taxes to the record owner. The Collector is hereby authorized to adjust the records accordingly.

RESOLUTION #23-272

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2023, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received two (2) bids for the 2023 Re-bid Restoration and Expansion of the Historic Metlar-Bodine House (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the two (2) bids substantially exceeded the Township's budgeted appropriation for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township administration recommends rejection of all bids based on the above and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(b); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to reject the two (2) bids for 2023-Re-bid Restoration and Expansion of the Historic Metlar-Bodine House for substantially exceeding the Township's budgeted appropriation for the goods and services.

RESOLUTION #23-273

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2023, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received bids for 2023-2024 Leaf Bag Supply (Furnish & Delivery); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award dated July 7, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Township Director of Public Works has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding a contract for 2023-2024 Leaf Bag Supply (Furnish & Delivery) to Pabco Industries, Newark, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$58,875.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # B-2023-014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for 2023-2024 Leaf Bag Supply (Furnish & Delivery) with Pabco Industries, Newark, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$58,875.00.

RESOLUTION #23-274

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2023, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received bids for the Milling & Road Surface Preparation for DPW Resurfacing of various streets (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Director of Public Works has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding a contract to Stilo Excavation, Inc., South Plainfield, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$337,450.00; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to Certification # B-2023-016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to award a contract to Stilo Excavation, Inc., South Plainfield, NJ, for the Project in the amount not to exceed \$337,450.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #23-275

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2023, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") adopted Resolution #23-224 authorizing the public sale of 75 and 79 Highland Avenue, Piscataway, New Jersey (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Township Attorney conducted a public auction for the sale of the Property, and Kilmainham Builders, LLC was the highest bidder in the amount of \$290,000.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, the Assistant Township Attorney recommends accepting Kilmainham Builders, LLC's bid for the Property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to accept the public sale bid from Kilmainham Builders, LLC, who was the highest bidder, in the amount of \$290,000.00 to purchase the property located at 75 and 79 Highland Avenue, Piscataway, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #23-276

WHEREAS, CME Associates, Parlin, NJ ("CME") was awarded a contract for Engineering Services in regard to the Morris Lane Improvements (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, additional work is required for the Project that was not included in the original scope of work outlined by the Township of Piscataway and not anticipated in CME's proposal to the Township for said Project; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.6 authorizes the Township to approve change orders for professional services for a project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor of Engineering has reviewed the Contract Amendment Request No. 1 from CME dated June 27, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and recommends approval of same; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2020-0053-01;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to amend the total contract amount with CME at a cost not to exceed \$750.00 for a new contract sum of \$105,250.00 due to unanticipated work for a permanent easement required for the Project, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #23-277

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2023, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received six (6) bids in regard to the project known as Ethel Road West Roadway Improvements (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Engineering reviewed the bids and recommended awarding a contract for the Project to Top Line Construction Corp., Somerville, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$1,402,047.84; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # B-2023-015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the

Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to award a contract for the Project to Top Line Construction Corp., Somerville, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$1,402,047.84, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #23-278

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in need of Window Replacement at Sterling Village, Phase 3 (1st floor and Common Areas); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway Assistant Director of Public Works recommends awarding a contract for the Window Replacement at Sterling Village, Phase 3 (1st floor and Common Areas) through the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission purchasing cooperative HCESC-SER-20F “General Construction Repairs and Carpentry” to Northeastern Interiors, Inc., Little Falls, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$359,100.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 et. seq. authorizes the Township to make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2023-0233;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Northeastern Interiors, Inc., Little Falls, NJ, for the Window Replacement at Sterling Village, Phase 3 (1st floor and Common Areas), in the amount not to exceed \$359,100.00, through the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission purchasing cooperative HCESC-SER-20F “General Construction Repairs and Carpentry,” subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #23-279

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) is in need for 2023 Fencing Repair and Replacement (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award dated July 17, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Township Assistant Director of Public Works recommends awarding a contract for the Project through the Hunterdon County Education Service Commission purchasing cooperative HCESC-CAT/SER-22-17 to National Fence Systems, Inc., Avenel, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$55,927.37; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 et. seq. authorizes the Township to make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2023-0234;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for 2023 Fencing Repair and Replacement with National Fence Systems, Inc., Avenel, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$55,927.37, through the Hunterdon County Education Services Commission purchasing cooperative HCESC-CAT/SER-22-17, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

The following are Disbursements for the months of June 2023:

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM OFFICIALS:

- Councilwoman Lombardi thanks everyone for putting through the Ethel Road West project. She also says that the first summer concert of the season was a success and advises residents when the next concert is. She also tells residents that National Night Out is on August 1st.
- Councilman Shah advises residents that there will be passport processing at the Senior Center on July 19th and again in September.
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The Council considered the matters on the Agenda for August 15, 2023:

- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Amend Chapter XX (20), Land Subdivision and Chapter IIIV (24), Site Plan Review – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – REMOTE ATTENDEES:

Holly Cox, Montville NJ Resident, asks council to pass a resolution opposing the power plant in Woodbridge. She talks about extreme recent climate events that have been happening and says that this is caused by things like the power plants that are being built.

There being no further comments, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – IN PERSON ATTENDEES:

Costas Efthymious, 58 Curtis Ave, asked about the maintenance of curbs and tress near/on Curtis Ave.

Gordon Driscoll, 55 International Ave, talks about the construction that is happening on his street and how both end of the street are closed. He asked if the township could issue some type of identifier for the residents of International Ave so that they don't have to explain themselves to the officers every time the need to enter/exit their street.

Councilwoman Lombardi says that they will speak with Captain Pilch and look to see if there is a way to remedy this issue.

Sid Madison, Blackford Ave, spoke about the CPV gas plant in Woodbridge. He says that he is in support of passing a resolution opposing this power plant.

There being no further comments, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

Mayor Brian Wahler addresses the actions of one of the officers of the River Road Rescue Squad that transpired after the Memorial Day Parade. Mayor Brian Wahler says that he does not condone the verbal abuse that took place.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm. Motion by Mr. Shah seconded by Mr. Rouse, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Kelly Mitch, Deputy Township Clerk

Frank Uhrin
Council President