

August 10, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Piscataway Township Council was held on August 10, 2021 at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Kapil Shah, at 7:30 pm.

Council President Shah 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 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.

The Township continues to use the telephone meeting format in an effort to mitigate the chance of exposure to COVID-19, as a part of the Township's ongoing effort to slow the rate of transmission and avoid overwhelming our treatment centers.

In order to make sure a clear record of the meeting can be made and that all parties are heard in an organized fashion, all members of the public will be muted during the meeting. If a member of the public wishes to speak during any public comment portion, please press \*9 (star nine) in order to raise your hand to speak. We will unmute members of the public individually if they have their hand raised. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a notification that you have been unmuted. It is at that time that you should begin to ask any questions you may have. You will have three minutes to speak, at the conclusion of which you will be muted again, and 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 line, we ask that if you wish to speak, that you dial in on a separate line so that we can recognize you as a separate individual.

Individuals may also submit written comments to the Township Clerk up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting, to be read by the Township Clerk during the Public Comment Portion of the meeting. Said comments shall be limited to three minutes of reading.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we continue to move the Township forward during this Health Emergency.

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

There were no comments from Administration and Council on the Adjournment of any Agenda items.

Mr. Shah opened the meeting to the Public for comments regarding the Consent Agenda Items.

David Akins, Ambrose Valley Ln asked for clarification on various items.

Staci Berger, 233 Ellis Parkway, asked for clarification on petition resolutions.

Brian Rak, 1247 Brookside Rd, asked for clarification on petition resolutions

Charlie Kratovil, New Brunswick Today, spoke about petition resolutions

Jessica Kratovil asked for clarification on the budgets estimated in resolutions

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

Township Clerk read the following

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2021, a Committee of Petitioners (the "Committee"), comprised of Kamuela Tillman, residing at 280 River Road, Apt. 86B, Mindy Goldstein, residing at 200 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Juliet Pastras, residing at 9 Juniper Ln., Laura Leibowitz, residing at 102 Stratton Street South, and Staci Berger, residing at 233 Ellis Parkway submitted an Initiative Petition named "Transparency, Access, and Public Engagement" (the "Petition") under N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184, in order for the Petition to be submitted to the Township Council, it was required to be signed by a number of the legal voters of the

Township of Piscataway, equal in number to at least 10% but less than 15% of the total votes cast in the municipality at the last election at which members of the General Assembly were elected, subject to the restrictions set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:69A-192; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-187, the Township Clerk is required to independently review the Petition and within twenty (20) days, determine whether the Committee has complied with the requirements of the law to certify to a sufficient petition; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 2, 2021, the Deputy Township Clerk notified the Committee of the insufficiency of the Petition and informing them of their right to file an amended petition within ten (10) days correcting the insufficiencies; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 3, 2021, the Committee filed a secondary Petition amending the initial filing (the “Amended Petition”) with the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 6, 2021, the Township Clerk notified the Committee of the sufficiency of the Amended Petition, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-188, and

**WHEREAS**, under the applicable law, the Township Clerk is required to certify to the sufficiency or insufficiency of the Petition or Amended Petition, as the case may be, informing the Township Council of and presenting to them the Ordinance the Petition/Amended Petition seeks the Township Counsel’s action on; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-190, upon a Certification of Sufficiency of Petition, the Township Clerk shall submit the Ordinance to the Township Council for its consideration, with that Ordinance having been deemed to have already had a first reading and required notice and shall be submitted to the Council for a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-191, if within 20 days of the submission of the Certified Petition to the Township Council, the Council fails to pass the Ordinance requested by the Amended Petition in substantially the same form requested, the Municipal Clerk shall submit the Ordinance to the voters, unless at least four-fifths (4 of 5 members) of the Committee requests the Amended Petition be withdrawn.

I, MELISSA A. SEADER, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk to the Township of Piscataway **HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** the Amended Petition submitted to my office on August 3, 2021 and reviewed by my office, has met the requirements of the applicable law; and

**I HEREBY SUBMIT** the Ordinance Contained in the Amended Petition to the Township Council (annexed to this Certification as Exhibit “A”) with that Ordinance having been deemed to have already met the notice requirements of first reading and shall have a public hearing on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Mr. Shah opened the meeting to the Public for comments regarding this certification.

Charlie Kratovil, New Brunswick Today, spoke on lack of transparency and his support for this petition.

Staci Berger, 233 Ellis Parkway, spoke on her support of petition

Evan Shegoski, 280 River Rd Apt 12a, congratulated petitioners and voiced his support or petition.

Matthew Philips, Canterbury Ct unhappy with numbers provided by Council for their resolution.

Jessica Kratovil, 1247 Brookside Rd, voiced support of petition.

Brian Rak, 1247 Brookside Rd, spoke on lack of transparency.

Cindy Paglia, 14 Orris Ave, spoke on support of petition

John Costello, 280 River Rd, spoke in support of petition.

Council commented on the petition and related resolution they proposed.

There being no further comments the public portion was closed.

Mr. Shah opened the meeting to the Public for comments regarding the below certification.

Township Clerk read the following Clerk’s Certification

**WHEREAS**, on July 9, 2021, a Committee of Petitioners (the “Committee”), comprised of Ashish Kumar, residing at 7 Simon Court, Michael Diaferia, residing at 118 Shirley Parkway, Jeffrey Redrup, residing at 115 Ellis Parkway, Ozzy Guzman, residing at 119 Elizabeth Avenue,

and Michael Clare, residing at 112 Exeter Court submitted an Initiative Petition named “Improving Township EMS Services” (the “Petition”) under N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-184, in order for the Petition to be submitted to the Township Council, it was required to be signed by a number of the legal voters of the Township of Piscataway, equal in number to at least 10% but less than 15% of the total votes cast in the municipality at the last election at which members of the General Assembly were elected, subject to the restrictions set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:69A-192; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-187, the Township Clerk is required to independently review the Petition and within twenty (20) days, determine whether the Committee has complied with the requirements of the law to certify to a sufficient petition; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 29, 2021, the Deputy Township Clerk notified the Committee of the insufficiency of the Petition and informing them of their right to file an amended petition within ten (10) days correcting the insufficiencies; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 6, 2021, the Committee filed a secondary Petition amending the initial filing (the “Amended Petition”) with the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 10, 2021, the Township Clerk notified the Committee of the sufficiency of the Amended Petition, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-188, and

**WHEREAS**, under the applicable law, the Township Clerk is required to certify to the sufficiency or insufficiency of the Petition or Amended Petition, as the case may be, informing the Township Council of and presenting to them the Ordinance the Petition/Amended Petition seeks the Township Counsel’s action on; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-190, upon a Certification of Sufficiency of Petition, the Township Clerk shall submit the Ordinance to the Township Council for its consideration, with that Ordinance having been deemed to have already had a first reading and required notice and shall be submitted to the Council for a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:69A-191, if within 20 days of the submission of the Certified Petition to the Township Council, the Council fails to pass the Ordinance requested by the Amended Petition in substantially the same form requested, the Municipal Clerk shall submit the Ordinance to the voters, unless at least four-fifths (4 of 5 members) of the Committee requests the Amended Petition be withdrawn.

I, MELISSA A. SEADER, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk to the Township of Piscataway **HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** the Amended Petition submitted to my office on August 6, 2021 and reviewed by my office, has met the requirements of the applicable law; and

**I HEREBY SUBMIT** the Ordinance Contained in the Amended Petition to the Township Council (annexed to this Certification as Exhibit “A”) with that Ordinance having been deemed to have already met the notice requirements of first reading and shall have a public hearing on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Mr. Shah opened the meeting to the Public for comments regarding this certification. There being no comments the public portion was closed.

Mr. Shah opened the public portion for the following ordinance.

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 CHAPTER VII (7), TRAFFIC, SECTION 40, CONTROL FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, TO ASSERT TITLE 39 JURISDICTION ON THE PARKING LOTS LOCATED AT 475 STELTON ROAD AND 800 CENTENNIAL AVENUE, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, Abundant Life Worship Center, Inc. and 800 Centennial Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC request that the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) assert Title 39 jurisdiction, respectively, on the parking lots located at 475 Stelton Road and 800 Centennial Avenue in the Township (the “Properties”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined that it would serve a public purpose for it to assert Title 39 jurisdiction on the Properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Chief of Police has reviewed the request and recommends enforcement of Title 39 on the Properties; and

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 40, Control for the Movement and the Parking of Traffic on Public and Private Property, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway are hereby amended with additions shown in italics text as follows:

**CHAPTER VII**

**TRAFFIC**

**7-40 CONTROL FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

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**7-40.3 Regulation for the Movement and the Parking of Traffic on All Other Private Property.**

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:5A-1 the regulations of Subtitle 1, Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes are hereby made applicable to the properties listed below.

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*D. 475 Stelton Road Parking Lot.*

- a. The Township of Piscataway asserts Title 39 jurisdiction over the parking lot located at 475 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ and authorizes the Township of Piscataway Police Department to enforce same.*
- b. The Township Attorney and the Township Administrator are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to assert Title 39 jurisdiction over the property, in accordance with the terms of this subsection.*

*E. 800 Centennial Avenue Parking Lot*

- a. The Township of Piscataway asserts Title 39 jurisdiction over the parking lot located at 800 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, NJ and authorizes the Township of Piscataway Police Department to enforce same.*
- b. The Township Attorney and the Township Administrator are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to assert Title 39 jurisdiction over the property, in accordance with the terms of this subsection.*

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**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. Shah opened the Meeting to the Public for Comments. Evan Shegoski, 280 River Rd Apt 12a, stated he attempted to raise his hand for Item 8 public portion and did not get called on. Raj Goomer allowed statement. Mr. Shegoski spoke on his support for the EMS petition.

Brian Rak, 1247 Brookside Rd, asked for clarification on Item 9 ordinance.  
Daniel, president of Dunellen Rescue Squad, spoke on support of Item 8 petition.  
Ashish Kumar, 7 Simon Ct, spoke on support of Item 8 petition  
Jessica Kratovil, 1247 Brookside Rd, asked for clarification on Item 9  
Charlie Kratovil, New Brunswick Today, raised point of order on Item 8

There being no further comments, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Cahn, seconded by Mrs. Cahill: 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 CHAPTER VII (7), TRAFFIC, SECTION 40, CONTROL FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, TO ASSERT TITLE 39 JURISDICTION ON THE PARKING LOTS LOCATED AT 475 STELTON ROAD AND 800 CENTENNIAL AVENUE, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY was introduced on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on August 10, 2021, 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. 2021-18.  
On roll call vote: Messrs. Cahill, Cahn, Lombardi, Rouse, Uhrin, and Shah answered yes.  
No vote from Mr. Bullard.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 3402, LOTS 5.01, 12.01 AND 13 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, ET SEQ.

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) wishes to acquire certain vacant properties along Baekeland Avenue, Clawson Street and Field Avenue for public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the vacant properties known as Block 3402, Lots 5.01, 12.01 and 13 (the “Properties”) on the Tax Map of the Township of Piscataway is desired by the Township to be used for the Township Fire Training Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to exercise its rights pursuant to N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et seq.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- A. The Township is authorized to engage in good faith negotiations with the owner of the Properties.
- B. The Township is authorized to commence eminent domain and/or condemnation proceedings to acquire the Properties using the processes approved in N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et seq.
- C. The Mayor of the Township is duly authorized to execute any and all documents and affidavits related to the legal proceedings involved in acquiring the Properties.
- D. The Township Attorney or special counsel and such other appropriate officials as necessary be and are hereby authorized to acquire said land interests, either by negotiation or by instituting action by exercising the Township's right of eminent domain (condemnation).
- E. The Township Attorney and other appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to hire and employ such appraisers, consultants and experts as may be appropriate to effectuate said acquisitions, whether by negotiation or eminent domain proceedings, and to pay said consultants and experts a reasonable fee for their services.

- F. The Township Council of the Township of Piscataway authorizes the filing of a Declaration of Taking in relation to acquiring the Properties as required under the applicable statute; and

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.

All other ordinances in conflict or 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 hereby 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 twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof, by summary, after final passage, in the manner provided by law.

Mr. Shah opened the Meeting to the Public for Comments.

Brian Rak, 1247 Brookside Rd, asked about zoning changes with this ordinance.

There being no further comments, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Cahn, seconded by Mrs. Lombardi: BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 3402, LOTS 5.01, 12.01 AND 13 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, ET SEQ. was introduced on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on August 10, 2021, 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. 2021-19.

On roll call vote: Messrs. Cahill, Cahn, Lombardi, Rouse, Uhrin, and Shah answered yes. No vote from Mr. Bullard.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS AND LAND IN FEE SIMPLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AVENUE IN PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, International Avenue is currently in need of improvement; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of said roadway is in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Piscataway; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the improvement of this roadway to acquire easements, rights of way and, if required, land in fee simple, in regard to certain properties on or along International Avenue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- A. As part of the improvements to International Avenue, it is necessary to acquire easement interests, rights of way and, if required, land in fee simple, in a portion of the properties set forth on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- B. The Township Council has determined that the acquisition of the aforesaid easements, rights of way, rights and fee simple interests on the property designated on Schedule A is necessary for the safety of the public and conforms to the public interest.
- C. The Township Attorney, Assistant Township Attorney, or special counsel and such other appropriate officials as necessary be and are hereby authorized to acquire said land

interests, either by negotiation or by instituting action by exercising the Township's right of eminent domain (condemnation).

- D. Counsel for said acquisition, by negotiation or condemnation, shall commence and complete proceedings as expeditiously as possible, and said Township Attorney, Assistant Township Attorney or special counsel, as the case may be, shall receive reasonable compensation for their services in accordance with their contracts with the Township.
- E. The Township Attorney, Assistant Township Attorney and other appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to hire and employ such appraisers, consultants and experts as may be appropriate to effectuate said acquisitions, whether by negotiation or eminent domain proceedings, and to pay said consultants and experts a reasonable fee for their services.

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.

All other ordinances in conflict or 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 hereby 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 twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof, by summary, after final passage, in the manner provided by law.

Mr. Shah opened the Meeting to the Public for Comments.  
There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Uhrin, seconded by Mrs. Cahill: BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS AND LAND IN FEE SIMPLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AVENUE IN PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY was introduced on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on August 10, 2021, 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. 2021-20.  
On roll call vote: Messrs. Cahill, Cahn, Lombardi, Rouse, Uhrin, and Shah answered yes. No vote from Mr. Bullard.

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 VII (7), TRAFFIC, SECTION 29, MID-BLOCK CROSSWALKS.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Bullard seconded by Mr. Uhrin, 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 CHAPTER VII (7), TRAFFIC, SECTION 29, MID-BLOCK CROSSWALKS 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 telephonic conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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. Cahill, Cahn, Lombardi, Rouse, Uhrin, and Shah answered yes. No vote from Mr. Bullard.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE SALE OF THE PROJECT FROM 800 CENTENNIAL URBAN RENEWAL LLC TO TA CENTENNIAL URBAN RENEWAL LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT, AND ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, 800 CENTENNIAL URBAN RENEWAL LLC AND TA CENTENNIAL URBAN RENEWAL LLC.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Bullard seconded by Mrs. Cahill, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE SALE OF THE PROJECT FROM 800 CENTENNIAL URBAN RENEWAL LLC TO TA CENTENNIAL URBAN RENEWAL LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT, AND ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, 800 CENTENNIAL URBAN RENEWAL LLC AND TA CENTENNIAL URBAN RENEWAL LLC 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 telephonic conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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. Bullard, Cahill, Cahn, Lombardi, Rouse, Uhrin, and Shah answered yes.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS AND LAND IN FEE SIMPLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF JUSTICE STREET, ETHEL ROAD, SECOND AVENUE AND CENTENNIAL AVENUE IN PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Lombardi seconded by Mr. Uhrin, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS AND LAND IN FEE SIMPLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF JUSTICE STREET, ETHEL ROAD, SECOND AVENUE AND CENTENNIAL AVENUE IN PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY 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 telephonic conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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. Cahill, Cahn, Rouse, Uhrin, and Shah answered yes. No vote from Mr. Bullard.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ROADWAY EASEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH PROPERTY LOCATED AT 201 CENTENNIAL AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 6702, LOT 3.02 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, ET SEQ.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rouse seconded by Mr. Uhrin, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ROADWAY EASEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH PROPERTY LOCATED AT 201 CENTENNIAL AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 6702, LOT 3.02 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR PUBLIC



PURPOSE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, ET SEQ. 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 telephonic conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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. Cahill, Cahn, Rouse, Uhrin, and Shah answered yes. No vote from Mr. Bullard.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND DUKE REALTY CIRCLE DRIVE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, PURSUANT TO THE LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Lombardi seconded by Mrs. Cahill, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND DUKE REALTY CIRCLE DRIVE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, PURSUANT TO THE LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ. 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 telephonic conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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. Cahill, Cahn, Rouse, Uhrin, and Shah answered yes. No vote from Mr. Bullard.

RESOLUTION #21-275

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Uhrin:

**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 August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting appear to have the unanimous approval of all members of the Township Council:

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Street Opening Bond - Block 2102, Lot 28.01 – 7 Ruth Place.
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Soil Erosion/Sediment Control Bond – Block 8706, Lot 8 – 26 Brotherhood Street.
- c. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Cash Bond – Block 8706, Lot 8 – 26 Brotherhood Street.
- d. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 – 2021 Street Tree Replacements – JCW Inc. d/b/a Natural Green Lawn Care – Not to Exceed \$79,906.00.
- e. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Contract Amendment No. 1 – Council Chamber Shades – Window Accents & Flooring – Not to Exceed \$1,942.10.
- f. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – 2021 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Phase IV – National Water Main Cleaning Co. – Not to Exceed \$129,825.00.
- g. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Place-to-Place Transfer - Expansion of Premises – 1217-36-22-007 – Gabrielle’s Inc. t/a Gabriele’s Bar and Grill.

- h. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – 2021 Road Reconstruction – Sunburst Lane – Jads Construction Co. – Not to Exceed \$357,474.00.
- i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract for Four (4) 2021 Police Interceptor SUV Vehicles with Emergency Equipment Upfitting – Beyer Ford – Not to Exceed \$77,089.28.
- j. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Chapter 159 – SFY21 Body-Work Camera Grant - \$183,420.00.
- k. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Picnic Fees:
  - Eddie Maye - \$375.00.
- l. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Engineering and Inspection Fees:
  - Block 8706, Lot 8 – 26 Brotherhood Street.
- m. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes Due to Tax Court Judgment – Cornerstone Industrial Park LLC - Block 1102, Lot 51.01.
- n. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Municipal Lien for Public Nuisance – Various Blocks and Lots.
- o. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Escrow Fees:
  - Block 615, Lot 8.02 – 366 Vail Avenue.
  - Block 9701, Lot 16 – 28 Wickley Avenue.
  - Block 10402, Lot 2.04 – Genesis Healthcare LLC
- p. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract 2022 Police Ammunition Purchase Through New Jersey State Contract #17-FLEET-00721 – Eagle Point Gun/T.J. Morris & Son – Not to Exceed \$21,156.60.
- q. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Rejection of Bids and Re-Bid – Restoration and Expansion at the Historic Metlar-Bodine House.
- r. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Sterling Village Security Deposit - Raphael Askew – Apt. 252
- s. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract – Piscataway Municipal Parking Lot Improvements Contract 2 Supplemental Engineering Design Services – CME Associates – Not to Exceed \$27,500.00.
- t. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – Wastewater and Road Waste Sample Testing - Garden State Laboratories, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$45,558.00.
- u. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Execution of Land Lease Agreement between Piscataway Township and Verizon Wireless.
- v. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes – Various Blocks and Lots.
- w. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Acceptance of Project and Release of Retainage – Road Improvement Plan Kossuth Street & Terrace Court – Stilo Excavation, Inc.
- x. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Sidewalk Improvement Special Assessments.
- y. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Acceptance of SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant - \$183,420.00.
- z. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Grant Application for Save America’s Treasures.
- aa. RESOLUTION – Authorization to Escheat Premium Payment – Certificate #15-0086 - \$50,000.00.
- bb. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Affordable Housing Deed Restriction on Block 1401, Lot 15.11.
- cc. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Change of Title or Text for Appropriation for the FY2022 Municipal Alliance Grant.
- dd. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Chapter 159 – FY2022 Municipal Alliance Supplemental Award - \$18,882.00.
- ee. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Public Question for 2021 November General Election Ballot – Creation of Division of Emergency Medical Services.
- ff. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Public Question for 2021 November General Election Ballot – Broadcasting Township Council, Planning Board and Zoning Board Meetings on PCTV.
- gg. MOTION – Accept Report of the Division of Revenue – July 2021.
- hh. MOTION – Receive and Enter into Minutes Disbursements for the Month of July 2021.

**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 August 10, 2021 Regular meeting and adopted by separate vote.

On roll call vote: Messrs. Cahill, Cahn, Lombardi, Rouse, Uhrin, and Shah answered yes. No vote from Mr. Bullard. The following are the Resolutions, typed in full, which were adopted by the foregoing consent agenda resolution:

RESOLUTION 21-276

**WHEREAS**, Evan C. Happel, Piscataway, NJ, requests the return of a Street Opening Bond in the amount of \$500.00, posted with the Township of Piscataway on May 18, 2020 regarding repairs and inspections for Block 2102, Lot 28.01 (7 Ruth Place); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated June 14, 2021 and a memorandum from the Supervisor of Engineering dated July 2, 2021, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the said Supervisor of Engineering advised that the repairs and inspections have been made according to Township specifications, and therefore recommended the return of said Street Opening Bond; 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 said Street Opening Bond to Evan C. Happel, Piscataway, NJ, in the amount of \$500.00, regarding Block 2102, Lot 28.01 (7 Ruth Place).

RESOLUTION 21-277

**WHEREAS**, Aziz Premji, Piscataway, NJ, requests the return of a Soil Erosion/Sediment Control Bond in the amount of \$1,000.00, posted on January 14, 2021 with the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") for improvements for Block 8706, Lot 8 (26 Brotherhood Street); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated June 24, 2021 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated July 6, 2021, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Supervisor of Engineering advised that the necessary improvements required and covered have been satisfactorily installed, and therefore recommended the return of said Soil Erosion/Sediment Control Bond to Aziz Premji; 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 said Soil Erosion/Sediment Control Bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Aziz Premji, Piscataway, NJ, regarding Block 8706, Lot 8 (26 Brotherhood Street).

RESOLUTION 21-278

**WHEREAS**, Aziz Premji, Piscataway, NJ, requests the release of a Cash Bond in the original amount of \$12,712.80, posted with the Township of Piscataway on November 3, 2017, regarding improvements for Block 8706, Lot 8 (26 Brotherhood Street); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated July 2, 2021 and a letter from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated July 7, 2021, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the said Supervisor of Engineering advised that no maintenance bond is required, all improvements required and covered have been satisfactorily installed, and recommends the release of the Cash Bond; 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 release a Cash Bond in the amount of \$12,859.23 (including accrued interest), to Aziz Premji, Piscataway, NJ, regarding Block 8706, Lot 8 (26 Brotherhood Street).

RESOLUTION 21-279

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") awarded a contract to JCW Inc. dba Natural Green Lawn Care, Bridgewater, NJ for the 2021 Street Tree Replacements (the "Project"), in the amount not to exceed \$79,906.00; and

**WHEREAS**, additional site work was necessary for the Project that was not included in the original scope of work outlined by the Township and not anticipated in the proposal from JCW Inc. dba Natural Green Lawn Care to the Township for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, there was no prior increase or decrease to this Project; and

**WHEREAS**, this change order would represent a \$12,611.00 increase in the total amount of the Project from the original contract amount for a final total not to exceed \$92,517.00, a 15.8% increase; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.3 authorizes a municipality to approve change orders up to twenty (20) percent of the originally awarded contract; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a request from the Township Landscape Architect, dated July 13, 2021, said Landscape Architect recommends approving Change Order No. 1; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available pursuant to certification # B-2021-017-01;

**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 for the 2021 Street Tree Replacements Project from \$79,906.00 to a final total not to exceed \$92,517.00, and execute a Change Order in the amount of \$12,611.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

#### RESOLUTION 21-280

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) awarded a contract to Window Accents & Flooring, Hillsborough, NJ for 2021 Hunter Douglas Motorized Roller Shades for Council Chambers with Controls (the “Shades”), in the amount not to exceed \$19,058.41; and

**WHEREAS**, additional site work was necessary for the Project that was not included in the original scope of work outlined by the Township and not anticipated in the proposal from Window Accents & Flooring to the Township for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, there was no prior increase or decrease to this Project; and

**WHEREAS**, this change order would represent a \$1,942.10 increase in the total amount of the Project from the original contract amount for a final total not to exceed \$21,000.51, a 17.5% increase; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.3 authorizes a municipality to approve change orders up to twenty (20) percent of the originally awarded contract; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2021-0071-01;

**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 for from \$19,058.41, to a final total not to exceed \$21,000.51 and execute a Change Order in the amount of \$1,942.10, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

#### RESOLUTION 21-281

**WHEREAS**, on June 28, 2021, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) received bids for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Phase IV (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Director of Public Works reviewed the bids and recommended awarding a contract to National Water Main Cleaning Co., Kearny, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$129,825.00; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available pursuant to certification # B-2021-021;

**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 2021 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Phase IV to National Water Main Cleaning Co., Kearny, NJ who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$129,825.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

#### RESOLUTION 21-282

**WHEREAS**, Gabriele, Inc. dba Gabriele’s Bar and Grill has filed an application for a place to place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1217-36-022-006 (1217-36-022-007 after transfer) for the purpose of expanding the premises wherein the sale, service and storage of alcoholic beverages are authorized; and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials do hereby approve, effective August 10,

2021, the expansion of the aforementioned Plenary Retail Consumption Licensed premises located at 1012 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ, to place under license the area delineated in the application form and the sketch of the licensed premises attached thereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

RESOLUTION 21-283

**WHEREAS**, on June 15, 2021, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) received bids for the 2021 Road Reconstruction – Sunburst Lane Project (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Director of Public Works reviewed the bids and recommended awarding a contract to Jads Construction Co., South River, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$357,474.00; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available pursuant to certification #B-2021-022;

**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 2021 Road Reconstruction – Sunburst Lane Project to Jads Construction Co., South River, NJ who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$357,474.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION 21-284

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway Police Department is in need of 2021 Police Vehicles Emergency Equipment Upfitting (the “Upfitting”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway Chief of Police recommends awarding a contract for the Upfitting under State Contract #17-FLEET-00719, #17-FLEET-00761, #17-FLEET-00749, #17-FLEET-00768 and #17-FLEET-00728 to Beyer Ford, Morristown, NJ in the amount not to exceed \$77,089.28; and

**WHEREAS**, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2021-0081;

**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 purchase four (4) 2021 Police Interceptor SUV’s under State Contract #17-FLEET-00719, #17-FLEET-00761, #17-FLEET-00749, #17-FLEET-00768 and #17-FLEET-00728 to Beyer Ford, Morristown, NJ in the amount not to exceed \$77,089.28.

RESOLUTION 21-285

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway has received notice of an award of **\$183,420.00** from the **New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General** and wishes to amend its **Calendar Year 2021** Budget to include this amount as revenue, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year **Calendar Year 2021**:

*Amount Received for*

**SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program** **\$183,420.00**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of **\$183,420.00** is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

**SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program** **\$183,420.00**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Finance forward a certified copy of this resolution electronically to the Director of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION 21-286

**WHEREAS**, Eddie Maye requests the return of his Picnic and Alcohol Permit Fee in the amount of \$375.00, posted with the Township of Piscataway on June 30, 2021 for a picnic at Possumtown Park on August 7, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Piscataway Township Department of Recreation recommended the return of said Picnic Fee 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 the Picnic and Alcohol Permit Fee, receipt #A145098, in the amount of \$375.00, to Eddie Maye.

RESOLUTION 21-287

**WHEREAS**, Aziz Premji, Piscataway, NJ, has completed their project on Block 8706, Lot 8 (26 Brotherhood Street); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated June 24, 2021 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated July 15, 2021, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Planning advised that all inspections and deductions for the project are complete and recommended that unexpended engineering and inspection fee funds in the amount of \$430.97 be returned to Aziz Premji; 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 unexpended engineering and inspection fee funds to Aziz Premji, Piscataway, NJ, in the amount of \$430.97, regarding Block 8706, Lot 8 (26 Brotherhood Street).

RESOLUTION 21-288

**WHEREAS**, the following party overpaid taxes and is requesting a refund and amount as listed below.

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
1102	51.01	CORNERSTONE INDUSTRIAL PARK LLC	2011	14,338.12	Tax Court Judgement
1102	51.01	CORNERSTONE INDUSTRIAL PARK LLC	2012	15,387.54	Tax Court Judgement
1102	51.01	CORNERSTONE INDUSTRIAL PARK LLC	2013	22,666.23	Tax Court Judgement
<b>Total</b>				<b><u>\$52,391.89</u></b>	

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

RESOLUTION 21-289

**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:

Block	Lot	Location	Amount
7203	18	214 Perrine Ave.	277.50
1416	7.01	115 Stelton Rd.	325.65
11204	3	380 Park Ave.	225.00
11901	21.19	821 Hoes Lane W.	162.50

**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 21-290

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2020 and April 9, 2021, Sandra N. Carabello, Ortley Beach, NJ, posted escrow checks with the Township of Piscataway in the amounts of \$300.00 and \$150.00, respectively, regarding Block 9701, Lot 16 (28 Wickley Avenue); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated June 2, 2021 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated July 23, 2021, the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$48.50 to Sandra N. Carabello, Ortley Beach, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2012, February 5, 2013, April 23, 2013, May 24, 2013 and May 15, 2014, Lobeck Management, Edison, NJ, posted escrow checks with the Township of Piscataway in the amounts of \$2,500.00, \$500.00, \$1,000.00, \$2,000.00 and \$2,000.00, respectively, regarding Block 615, Lot 8.02 (366 Vail Avenue/440 Washington); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated June 15, 2021 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated July 23, 2021, the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$2,620.09 to Lobeck Management, Edison, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 5, 2016, Genesis Healthcare, LLC, Kennett Square, PA, posted an escrow check with the Township of Piscataway in the amount of \$7,500.00, regarding Block 10402, Lot 2.04 (Skiles Avenue); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated July 22, 2021 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated July 28, 2021, the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$2.39 to Genesis Healthcare, LLC, Kennett Square, PA; 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 release unexpended escrow fees to Sandra N. Carabello, Ortley Beach, NJ in the amount of \$48.50 regarding Block 9701, Lot 16 (28 Wickley Avenue).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release unexpended escrow fees to Lobeck Management, Edison, NJ in the amount of \$2,620.09 regarding Block 615, Lot 8.02 (366 Vail Avenue/440 Washington); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release unexpended escrow fees to Genesis Healthcare, LLC, Kennett Square, PA in the amount of \$2.39 regarding Block 10402, Lot 2.04 (Skiles Avenue).

RESOLUTION 21-291

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway Police Department (the “Police Department”) is in need of 2022 Police Ammunition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Chief of Police recommends awarding a contract for the Ammunition through New Jersey State Contract #17-FLEET-00721, T #T0106 to Eagle Point Gun/T.J. Morris & Son, Thorofare, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$21,156.60; and

**WHEREAS**, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2021-0082;

**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 Eagle Point Gun/T.J. Morris & Son, Thorofare, NJ, for 2022 Police Ammunition, in the amount not to exceed \$21,156.60, through New Jersey State Contract #17-FLEET-00721, T #T0106.

RESOLUTION 21-292

**WHEREAS**, on July 29, 2021, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) received three (3) bids for the Restoration & Expansion at the Historic Metlar-Bodine House (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the three (3) bids all substantially exceeded the Township’s budgeted appropriation for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Recommendation to Reject dated July 30, 2021, the Township Director of DPW recommended rejection of all bids based on the above and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(b); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Director of DPW requests that the Township be authorized to rebid the Project; 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 all three (3) bids for the Restoration & Expansion at the Historic Metlar-Bodine House for substantially exceeding the Township's budgeted appropriation for the goods and services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township is authorized to rebid for the Restoration & Expansion at the Historic Metlar-Bodine House.

RESOLUTION 21-293

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway is in possession of a Security Deposit in the amount of \$551.00 posted with the Township of Piscataway by Raphael Askew for Apartment 252 at Sterling Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Finance Department recommends the release of said Security Deposit, in the amount of \$551.26 (including interest), to the Township of Piscataway for back rent owed for June 2021; 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 release said Security Deposit of Raphael Askew in the amount of \$551.26 in regard to Apartment 252 at Sterling Village to the Township of Piscataway for outstanding rent owed.

RESOLUTION 21-294

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway requires Professional Services for the DPW Municipal Complex Parking Lot Improvements – Contract 2 – Supplemental Engineering Design and Construction Phase Services (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, CME Associate, Parlin, NJ, has submitted a proposal dated July 30, 2021, for Professional Construction Management Services related to said Project, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Proposal"), with a cost not to exceed \$27,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, CME Associates, Parlin, NJ was previously qualified under the Fair and Open Process to provide professional services for Professional Construction Management Services – Construction Management Services by the Township of Piscataway for 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award Contract dated August 2, 2021, the Township Director of Public Works recommends awarding the contract for the Project to CME Associates; and

**WHEREAS**, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2021-0083;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that the Township Council does hereby authorize CME Associates, Parlin, NJ, to provide Professional Construction Management Services for the DPW Municipal Complex Parking Lot Improvements – Contract 2 – Supplemental Engineering Design and Construction Phase Services, at the rates set forth in said Proposal, with such services not to exceed \$27,500.00 in cost.

RESOLUTION 21-295

**WHEREAS**, on July 29, 2021, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received bids in regard to the Wastewater and Road Waste Sample Testing – One Year with a Second Year Option (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award Bid, dated August 2, 2021, the Township Director of Public Works reviewed the bids and recommended awarding a contract for the Project to Garden State Laboratories, Inc., Hillside, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$22,404.00 for C.Y. 2022 and \$23,154.00 for C.Y. 2023, for a total amount not to exceed \$45,558.00; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available pursuant to certification # B-2021-023;

**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 Wastewater and Road Waste Sample Testing – One Year with a Second Year Option, to Garden State Laboratories, Inc., Hillside, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$22,404.00 for C.Y. 2022 and \$23,154.00 for C.Y. 2023, for a total amount not to exceed \$45,558.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION 21-296

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) wishes to enter into a Land Lease Agreement (the “Agreement”) with New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assistant Township Attorney has reviewed the Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof, and recommends execution of same; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the Township Council formally approves the Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate municipal officials and the Mayor are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township of Piscataway and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

RESOLUTION 21-297

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

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
7914	28	TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY	2021	6,743.06	100% Tax Exempt
7914	28	TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY	2022	4,444.54	100% Tax Exempt
3501	3.01	TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY	2021	252.94	100% Tax Exempt
3501	3.01	TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY	2022	126.47	100% Tax Exempt
1025	15.01	ALEX & ANGELINE HILGETAG	2021	5082.17	100% DISABLED VET
1025	15.01	ALEX & ANGELINE HILGETAG	2022	3338.80	100% DISABLED VET

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the taxes and hereby authorized to adjust the records accordingly.

RESOLUTION 21-298

**WHEREAS**, Stilo Excavation, Inc., South Plainfield, NJ (“Stilo”) was previously awarded a contract for the Kossuth Street & Terrace Court Road Improvement Plan (the "Project"), in the original amount of \$1,551,896.36; and

**WHEREAS**, certain field adjustments and minor quantities changes to the Project resulted in an increase in the total cost of the Project from \$1,551,896.36 to \$1,594,380.41, an increase in the amount of \$42,484.05, or 2.73% of the total contract amount; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a memorandum, dated August 3, 2021, from the Township Supervisor of Engineering, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, all the work has been completed on said Project and said Supervisor of Engineering recommends that the retainage, in the amount of \$31,887.61, be released to Stilo, upon Stilo posting a two (2) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$159,438.04; 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 Project and return retainage funds in regard to the Kossuth Street & Terrace Court Road Improvement Plan to Stilo Excavation, Inc., South Plainfield, NJ, in the amount of \$31,887.61, upon Stilo posting a two (2) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$159,438.04.

RESOLUTION 21-299

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) is authorized to provide for the construction of the sidewalks on the streets and highways of the municipality as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40:65-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance Nos. 18-22, 18-22, 18-21, 18-23, 2020-03 and 2020-18 the following properties on Hoes Lane were improved with sidewalks and curbing, with said improvements to be assessed to the property owners pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:65-1 et. seq.:

Address	Block	Lot	Owner
399 Hoes Lane	6003	1.02	Hapag-Lloyd (America) LLC
403 Hoes Lane	6003	9	Hapag-Lloyd (America) LLC
501 Hoes Lane	7501	24.01	501 Hoes Lane Inc.
4 Skiles Avenue	7401	1.02	NJ Bell Tel. Co.
377 Hoes Lane	6003	12.01	Viridi Real Estate Holding LLC
550 Hoes Lane	11319	9.01	Domenico & Saveria Vocisano

(the “Properties”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Supervisor of Engineering has filed a report dated May 10, 2021, for the costs of said improvements, a copy of which is attached hereto, with the Township Clerk which has been submitted to the Township Council for examination and confirmation; and

**WHEREAS**, upon confirmation by the Township Council, the report shall be filed with the Township Tax Assessor for proper recording of the special assessment against the Properties as required by N.J.S.A. 40:65-8; and

**WHEREAS**, proper notice has been given to the owner of the Properties of the time and place for examination of the report as required by N.J.S.A. 40:56-30; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the May 10, 2021 report of costs for the construction of sidewalks and curbing on the above referenced Properties has been examined and is hereby confirmed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Tax Assessor is authorized to record the costs listed in the May 10, 2021 report as a special assessment against each of the Properties respectively.

RESOLUTION 21-300

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway Police Department desires to accept funding in the amount of \$183,420.00 with no match under the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, State Account No. BFY21-100-066-1020-495, Award Number 21-BWC-491, for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway Police Department is authorized to accept the aforementioned funding; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the Township Council hereby formally accepts the grant funds in the amount of \$183,420.00 with no match under the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, State Account No. BFY21-100-066-1020-495, Award Number 21-BWC-491, for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Council accepts the grant funds, in the amount of \$183,420.00 for the specific purpose described in the grant application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township municipal officials are authorized to execute the Grant Agreement and any additional documentation as necessary to effectuate the Grant Agreement and accept the grant funds.

RESOLUTION 21-301

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway wishes to obtain a grant from Save America’s Treasures for the Metlar Bodine House Ross Hall Rehabilitation Project (the “Project”); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the Township Council formally approves the grant application for the above stated Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate municipal officials and Clerk are hereby

authorized to submit a grant application for **grant number 13275791** to Save America’s Treasures on behalf of the Township of Piscataway; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate municipal officials and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement and any other documentation on behalf of the Township of Piscataway in order to effectuate same.

RESOLUTION 21-302

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector is requesting authorization to escheat premium payments according to **N.J.S.A.54:5-33** for a tax sale certificate that has not been redeemed within 5 years of the original date of sale.

**WHEREAS**, said premium payment shall be turned over to the treasurer of the Township of Piscataway and become a part of the funds of the Township.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August that the Tax Collector escheat the following premium:

<b>Certificate#:</b>	<b>Premium Amount:</b>
15-0086	\$ 50,000.00

RESOLUTION 21-303

**WHEREAS**, the livability and viability of Piscataway Township (the “Township”) is directly affected by the availability of a sufficient amount of housing that is affordable to all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council understands the importance that all residents have a reasonable opportunity to obtain housing as such bears an essential nexus to maintaining the social, economic and political fabric of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26 et seq., the Township has an obligation for the provision of low and moderate-income housing; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of benefits and/or right to develop the land located in the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, and described more specifically as Block 1401, Lot 15.11, received by La Porta Builders, Inc., said company agrees to abide by the covenants, terms and conditions set forth in the “Deed Restriction,” a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Affordable Housing Attorney has reviewed and approved the “Deed Restriction,” and recommends the Township’s approval of same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township now wishes to approve the “Deed Restriction” and authorize Mayor Brian C. Wahler to execute same; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the “Deed Restriction” is hereby approved in substantially the form attached hereto, subject to such final changes as may be approved by the Mayor upon advice of the Township Attorney; and Mayor Brian C. Wahler is hereby authorized to sign the “Deed Restriction.”

RESOLUTION 21-304

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-85 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may, at the request of, or with the consent of, the governing body of any county or municipality, make such correction of the title, text or amount of any appropriation appearing in the budget as may be necessary to make said item of appropriation available for the purpose or purposes required for the needs of any such county or municipality;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-85, the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to make the following corrections in the budget year CY 2022:

**That the appropriation provided for in the approved budget entitled:**  
**Operations Excluded from CAPS:**  
**State and Federal Programs, Matching Funds for Grant be**  
**reduced by the sum of \$18,882.00**

**and an appropriation in the like amount of \$18,882.00 be added to the budget entitled:  
Operations Excluded from CAPS:  
State and Federal Programs, Municipal Alliance Grant FY2022 – Match**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the foregoing correction is, in the opinion of the governing body, warranted and authorized by the statute above referred to, and is necessary for the orderly operation of the Township of Piscataway for the reasons hereinafter set forth:

**The Township provided for the possibility of receiving an added grant after adoption of the CY 2022 budget by providing a line item “Matching Funds for Grant.” The amount of grant and the related match requirement now becoming known after passage of the budget. In order to accept the Municipal Alliance Grant, legal provision for the required match must be made. The above correction will provide for the said legal provision.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

RESOLUTION 21-305

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway has received notice of an award of **\$18,882.00** from the **State of New Jersey - Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Thru County of Middlesex** and wishes to amend its **Calendar Year 2021** Budget to include this amount as revenue, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year **Calendar Year 2021**:

<i>Amount Received for</i>	
<b>FY 2022 Municipal Alliance Grant</b>	<b>\$18,882.00</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of **\$18,882.00** is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

<b>FY 2022 Municipal Alliance Grant</b>	<b>\$18,882.00</b>
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Finance forward a certified copy of this resolution electronically to the Director of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION 21-306

**WHEREAS**, residents of the Township have submitted an initiative petition regarding the creation of a new division, The Division of Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the initiative petition fails to advise the public of the costs to Piscataway Township taxpayers for broadcasting such meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council believes that it is important for the voters of Piscataway to understand the costs to the taxpayers of the proposed initiative petition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township would have expend significant and continuing funds in each year in order to effectuate the initiative petition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to obtain the opinions of the Township residents in regard to expending said funds as it would affect the Township’s annual budget and therefore the Township’s property tax rate or reduce other Township services; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 authorizes a Township to obtain the sentiment of the Township’s legal votes regarding any question or policy pertaining to the government or internal affairs thereof and request by requesting the clerk of the county to print said question upon the official ballots to be used at the next ensuing general election; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19-37-1, the Township requests the Middlesex County Clerk to print the following question on the official ballot of the 2021 General Election for the Township of Piscataway:

**Should the Township of Piscataway create a new Division of Emergency Medical Services when the cost of doing so is estimated to increase Piscataway property taxes by approximately \$643,683.27 or will result in a reduction in current services to Piscataway residents.**

Yes     No

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk shall file a copy of this Resolution immediately with the Middlesex County Clerk.

RESOLUTION 21-307

**WHEREAS**, residents of the Township have submitted an initiative petition regarding the public broadcasting of Township Council, Zoning Board and Planning Board meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the initiative petition fails to advise the public of the costs to Piscataway Township taxpayers for broadcasting such meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council believes that it is important for the voters of Piscataway to understand the costs to the taxpayers of the proposed initiative petition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township would have to expend significant initial and continuing funds in order to effectuate the initiative petition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to obtain the opinions of the Township residents in regard to expending said funds as it would substantially affect the Township’s annual budget and therefore the Township’s property tax rates, or result in a reduction in existing services; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 authorizes a Township to obtain the sentiment of the Township’s legal votes regarding any question or policy pertaining to the government or internal affairs thereof and request by requesting the clerk of the county to print said question upon the official ballots to be used at the next ensuing general election; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19-37-1, the Township requests the Middlesex County Clerk to print the following question on the official ballot of the 2021 General Election for the Township of Piscataway:

**Should the Township of Piscataway broadcast its Township Council, Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings on PCTV and online when the cost of doing so is estimated to increase Piscataway property taxes by approximately \$575,100.63 or will result in a reduction in current services to Piscataway residents.**

Yes     No

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk shall file a copy of this Resolution immediately with the Middlesex County Clerk.

The following are the Disbursements for the month of July 2021

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM OFFICIALS:

Mayor Wahler gave condolences to Dr. Zullo's family

Mr. Shah reminded everyone Sunday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> is the Township fireworks

The Council considered the matters on the Agenda for September 14, 2021:

- ORDINANCE - SECOND READING – Amending Chapter VII (7) Traffic, Section 7-29 Mid-Block Crosswalks – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance
- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Consenting to the Sale of the Project from 800 Centennial Urban Renewal LLC to TA Centennial LLC and Authorizing the Execution of a Consent to Assignment, Assignment and Assumption of Financial Agreement Among 800 Centennial Urban Renewal LLC, TA Centennial Urban Renewal LLC, and the Township of Piscataway – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Acquisition of Rights of Way, Easements and Land in Fee Simple for the Improvement of Justice Street, Ethel Road, Second Avenue and Centennial Avenue – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING - Authorizing Execution of Roadway Easement in Connection with Property Located at 201 Centennial Avenue - Block 6702, Lot 3.02 – OPEN TO PUBLIC RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Authorizing Execution of a Financial Agreement Between the Township of Piscataway and Duke Realty Circle Drive Urban Renewal, LLC – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- MOTION – Accept the Report of the Clerk's Account – July & August 2021.
- MOTION – Accept Report of the Division of Revenue – August 2021.
- MOTION – Receive and Enter into Minutes Disbursements for the Month of August 2021.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Township Attorney Raj Goomer clarified the referendum process

Staci Berger, 233 Ellis Parkway, spoke on her support of the initiative petitions and asked for clarification on Township resolutions

Matt Phillips, Canterbury Ct, spoke on how the council meetings are run and the Council President. Spoke his support for the initiative petitions.

Evan Shegoski, 280 River Rd Apt 12a, asked for clarification on where the numbers came from Township resolutions for ballot.

Sophie Walpole, president of RRRS, asked for clarification on where the numbers came from Township resolutions for ballot.

Tom Connors, 10 Seward Ave, spoke on open communication and broadcasting meetings

Charlie Kratovil, New Brunswick Today, spoke on alleged ransomware attack

Daniel, President Dunellen Rescue Squad, spoke on his support of the EMS petition. He also spoke on Council President's demeanor.

Jessica Kratovil, 1247 Brookside Rd, spoke on Council President's demeanor, and asked for clarification on where the numbers came from Township resolutions for ballot.

Darryl Williams, 57 Woodlake Dr, spoke on Agenda Item 7 and wanting meetings moved to Zoom Video.

Brian Rak, 1247 Brookside Rd asked for council email addresses and if the township is upgrading Microsoft exchange. Asked for update on anti-nepotism ordinance.

Gabrielle, VP Dunellen Rescue Squad, stated she is not impressed with Council or Council President. Expressed her support for rescue squads, and for clarification on where the numbers came from Township resolutions for ballot.

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

Mayor Wahler addressed issues brought up by residents.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25pm carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Orlando, Deputy Township Clerk

Accepted:

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Kapil Shah  
Council President