

MARCH 13, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Piscataway Township Council was held on March 13, 2018 at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by the Council President, Chanelle McCullum, at 7:30 pm.

Mrs. McCullum 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 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, 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.

On roll call, there were present: Messrs. Bullard, Cahill, Cahn, Lombardi, Shah, Uhrin and McCullum. Mrs. McCullum led the salute to the flag.

There were no comments from Administration and Council.

Mrs. McCullum opened the meeting to the Public for comments regarding the Consent Agenda Items.

There being no 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 CHAPTER II (2), ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 6, COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, Middlesex County, find it is in the best interest of the public to Amend Chapter II, Administration, Section 6, Council Meetings, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway; and

WHEREAS, the section of this chapter pertaining to the video recording of Council meetings have not been updated in over ten years; and  
WHEREAS, the recent advancements in technology have changed the capabilities of video recording and abilities to share such recordings with the public; and  
WHEREAS, the previous ordinance, while not unlawful on its face, does not correspond to the values and goals of the Township of Piscataway and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway wishes to encourage open and transparent government; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway wishes to balance these interests with those of efficient governance, upholding decorum, and ensuring the right of citizen's access to the meeting without disruption; and

WHEREAS, in order to balance all of these important interests there is a need to amend, supplement and strengthen the existing section; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing the entire section of the Township Code, the Township Council has identified other provisions worthy of updating, clarifying, and amending to promote these values consistently throughout;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter II, Administration, Article IV, Meetings of the Township Council, Section 2-6 Council Meetings of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway are hereby amended with additions shown in bolded italics and deletions shown in [brackets] with text as follows:  
2-6 COUNCIL MEETINGS

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2-6.2 Regular Meetings.

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(c) Meetings to be Public. Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, all meetings of the Council shall be open to the public. [In order to prepare for meetings, study matters before it and gather information, the Council may convene in informal conference, which need not be open to the public if in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.]

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2-6.4 Procedure for Meetings of the Council

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(k) Enforcement of Decorum. The President of the Council may request the Police Department to designate a Police Officer to serve as Sergeant-at-arms at Council Meetings. The Sergeant-at-arms shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the Presiding Officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum, and enforce the law at Council Meetings. [It shall be his duty to place any person under arrest who violates the order and decorum of a meeting and to cause him to be prosecuted under the provisions of this Code upon a complaint signed by the Presiding Officer.]

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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, Article IV, Meetings of the Township Council, Section 2-6, Council Meetings, Subsection 6.4, Procedure for Meetings of the Council, Letter m, Videotaping of Council Meetings of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(m) Videotaping of Council Meetings. To promote open and transparent government, the Township Council welcomes the video recording of its meetings, subject to restrictions set forth below to protect the integrity of the proceedings with the goals of efficient governance, upholding decorum, and ensuring the right of citizen's access to the meeting without disruption. To balance these interests, video recording shall be subject to the following requirements:

(1) Not Official Transcript and No Representations. No video recording other than that of the Piscataway Community Television or the current holder of the local cable franchise agreement shall be recognized as the official transcript of the Council meeting. Any person or party video recording the meeting shall make no representations indicating that their recording is an official recording of the meeting and shall not make representations that they were acting as agents of the Township Council when making the recording. No representations other than that the person is a member of the public shall be made in relation to the recording.

(2) Avoiding Disruption and Respecting Decorum. To maintain decorum and ensure all citizens have an equal and uninterrupted view of the meetings, the following restrictions on the manner of recording shall be maintained:

(a) The video equipment shall be of sufficient quality as to be silent and not distracting in any manner.

(b) The camera and operator shall not be located forward of the front row of seats in the Council Chambers and shall not restrict the view of any audience member.

(c) All taping shall be accomplished with existing light sources and not utilize fixtures of Piscataway Community Television or the current holder of the local cable franchise agreement.

(d) Meetings, or parts thereof, which are permitted by law to be closed to the public shall not be videotaped.

(e) Cameras, other equipment, and operators shall remain in one (1) location and not move to different locations during the course of the meeting. To prevent disruption of the meeting and preservation of the attendees' views, all individuals recording video shall refrain from moving about the room in a disruptive manner.

(f) Any other interruption, disturbance, or delay to the Council meeting needed to accommodate a recording and not reflected in (a) through (e) of this subsection shall not be permitted.

(4) Exception for Piscataway Community Television. Nothing in this section shall apply to Township Council Meetings videotaped by Piscataway Community Television or the current holder of the local cable franchise agreement or to specific celebratory events such as a swearing-in ceremony or award presentation.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon second reading, final passage and publication as required by law.

Mrs. McCullum opened the Meeting to the Public for Comments on an ORDINANCE : AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: CALENDAR ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER II (2), ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 6, COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

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: CALENDAR ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER II (2), ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 6, COUNCIL MEETINGS was introduced on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on March 13, 2018, 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. 18-05.

On roll call vote, Messrs. Bullard, Cahill, Cahn, Lombardi, Shah, Uhrin and McCullum answered yes.

#### RESOLUTION #18-137

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Bullard, seconded by Mr. Cahn, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of public hearing, if a resolution is passed, by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget, as advertised, has been posted in the Municipal Building, the local public library, and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the budget shall be read by title only.

On roll call vote, Messrs. Bullard, Cahill, Cahn, Lombardi, Shah, Uhrin and McCullum answered yes.

#### PUBLIC HEARING – CY2018 Municipal Budget

Mrs. McCullum opened the Public Hearing.

There were no comments.

Mrs. McCullum closed the Public Hearing.

#### RESOLUTION #18-138

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Cahn, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

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 March 13, 2018 Regular Meeting appear to have the unanimous approval of all members of the Township Council:

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Cash Maintenance Bond – SEMA LLC – Block 210, Lot 1.01 – 322 Rock Avenue.
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Driveway Bond – Scott Tomlinson – Block 267, Lot 19.01 – 211 Hamilton Boulevard.
- c. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Engineering and Inspection Fees:
  - Gayatri Parivar – Block 504, Lot 5 – 240 Centennial Avenue.
  - SEMA LLC – Block 210, Lot 1.03 – 340 Rock Avenue.
  - Harry Mueller – Block 6023, Lot 3 – 717 Ellis Parkway.
  - Lowe’s Home Centers, Inc. – Block 5501, Lot 12.02 – Centennial, South Washington and Seeley Avenue.
- d. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Performance Surety and Cash Bonds:
  - Digital Piscataway, LLC and Digital Realty Trust, LP – Block 5002, Lot 2.01 – 3 Corporate Place.
- e. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Adjustment of 2017 Sewer Billing – Kingsbridge 2005 – Block 6702, Lot 5.02 – 20 Kingsbridge Road.
- f. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer Billing – Various Blocks and Lots.
- g. RESOLUTION – Consideration if Property Commonly Known as 475 Stelton Road and Designated as Block 5204, Lot 1.03 Meets the Statutory Requirements to be Declared an Area in Need of Redevelopment.
- h. RESOLUTION – Supporting Middlesex County Project Br-1227 Replacement of Bridge 2-B-160 and Acceptance of Proposed Detour and Road Closure on Baekeland Avenue for Bridge Replacement over Ambrose Brook.
- i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Escrow:
  - PinilisHalpern LLP - Block 9301, Lot 53.01 – 151 Ethel Road.
- j. RESOLUTION – Appointment of Timothy Dacey to the Library Board of Trustees.
- k. PROCLAMATION – Youth Art Month 2018 - March.

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 March 13, 2018 Regular meeting and adopted by separate vote.

On roll call vote, Messrs. Bullard, Cahill, Cahn, Lombardi, Shah, Uhrin and McCullum answered yes.

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

RESOLUTION #18-139

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

WHEREAS, SEMA, LLC, Bridgewater, NJ, requests the release of a Cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$576.00, posted on June 11, 2009 with the Township of Piscataway for Planning Board Application # 04-PB-01 regarding improvements for Block 210 (F/Block 34), Lot 1.01, (322 Rock Avenue); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated December 7, 2017 and a letter from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated January 30, 2018, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the said Supervisor of Engineering advised that the two-year maintenance period has expired, and all improvements have been satisfactorily installed, and recommends return of said Cash Maintenance 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 a Cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$576.00 to SEMA, LLC, Piscataway, NJ, regarding Planning Board Application # 04-PB-01.

RESOLUTION #18-140

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

WHEREAS, Scott Tomlinson, Piscataway, NJ, requests the return of Driveway Bond in the amounts of \$1,000.00 with the Township of Piscataway regarding inspections and approvals for Block 1922 (Former Block 267), Lot 19.01 (211 Hamilton Blvd.); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated January 29, 2018 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated January 30, 2018, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Township Supervisor of Engineering advised that the necessary inspections and approvals have been made, and therefore recommended the return of said bond to Scott Tomlinson; 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 above referenced Driveway Bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Scott Tomlinson.

RESOLUTION #18-141

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

WHEREAS, Gayatri Parivar, Piscataway, NJ has completed their project on Block 504, Lot 5 (240 Centennial Avenue) regarding application #11-ZB-04/05V; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated October 23, 2017, and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated February 6, 2018, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections and deductions for the project are complete and recommended that unexpended engineering and inspection fee funds in the amount of \$500.00 be returned to Gayatri Parivar, Piscataway, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Lowe's Home Centers, Inc., Wilkesboro, NC has completed their project on Block 5501 (Former Block 495.4), Lot 12.02 (Centennial, South Washington, and Seeley Avenue) regarding application #07-PB-02V; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated February 6, 2018, and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated February 6, 2018, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections and deductions for the project are complete and recommended that unexpended engineering and inspection fee funds in the amount of \$10,786.50.00 (including accrued interest) be returned to Lowe's Home Centers, Inc., Wilkesboro, NC; and

WHEREAS, Harry Mueller, Piscataway, NJ, has completed his project on Block 6923, Lot 3 (717 Ellis Parkway); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated January 10, 2018, and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated January 31, 2018, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections and deductions for the project are complete and recommended that unexpended engineering and inspection fee funds in the amount of \$15.00 be returned to Harry Mueller, Piscataway, NJ; and

WHEREAS, SEMA, LLC, Bridgewater, NJ, has completed their project on Block 210 (Former Block 34), Lot 1.03 (340 Rock Avenue) regarding application #04-PB-01; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated January 29, 2018, and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated February 6, 2018, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections and deductions for the project are complete and recommended that unexpended engineering and inspection fee funds in the amount of \$192.00 be returned to SEMA, LLC, Bridgewater, NJ; 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 above referenced engineering and inspection fee funds to Gayatri Parivar in the amount of \$500.00, Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. in the amount of \$10,786.50.00 (including accrued interest), Harry Mueller in the amount of \$15.00, and SEMA, LLC, in the amount of \$192.00, regarding the above referenced Block and Lot

numbers.

**RESOLUTION #18-142**

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

WHEREAS, Digital Piscataway, LLC, Piscataway, NJ requests the release of a Performance Surety Bond in the original amount of \$3,956,515.20, which was posted on February 27, 2013, and a Cash Bond in the original amount of \$439,612.80, which was posted on December 20, 2012 with the Township of Piscataway for Planning Board Application #12-PB-14/15/16V regarding improvements for Block 5002 (Old Block 461.2), Lot 2.01 (3 Corporate Place); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated January 10, 2018 and a letter from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated January 18, 2018, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all improvements required and covered have been satisfactorily installed and a release of said Bonds is appropriate at this time in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Land Use Law (40:55D-53), upon Digital Piscataway, LLC posting a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$549,516.00; 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 Performance Surety Bond in the amount of \$3,956,515.20 and said Cash Bond in the amount of \$442,649.25 (including accrued interest) to Digital Piscataway, LLC, Piscataway, NJ, subject to the posting of a Maintenance Bond with the Township of Piscataway in the amount of \$549,516.00, with said Maintenance Bond to run for a period of two (2) years.

**RESOLUTION #18-143**

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

WHEREAS, the following property requires adjusted sewer billing for the year in the amount as listed below.

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
6702	5.02		Kingsbridge 2005 20 Kingsbridge Rd	2017	8948.14	
			Water billing		29590	
			Correction		-20180	
			Credit of gallons		9410	
			SB7 rate .950918			

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the sewer for the record owner and the Collector is hereby authorized to adjust the records accordingly.

**RESOLUTION #18-144**

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

WHEREAS, the following properties have become exempt from sewer billing for the year in the amount as listed below.

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
1519	4.01		255 Stelton Rd	2018	284.00	Twsp owned sewer
11901	22.15		857 Hoes Ln W	2018	284.00	Twsp owned sewer
5311	1.01		803 Stelton Rd	2018	284.00	2017 demolition sewer
5311	5.02		750 Stelton Rd	2018	284.00	2017 demolition

				sewer	
8001	26	1258 Brookside Rd	2018	284.00	2017
					demolition
				sewer	

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the sewer for the record owner and the Collector is hereby authorized to adjust the records accordingly.

RESOLUTION #18-145

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") contains property designated as Block 5204, Lot 1.03 (475 Stelton Road) on the Piscataway Township Tax Map (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Township authorized a Redevelopment Study to be completed for the Property by CME Associates, Monmouth Junction, NJ and authorized the Township Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Property should compromise a redevelopment area according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, after completing the preliminary investigation, reviewing the report by CME Associates, and hearing testimony, the Township Planning Board recommended that the Property be found to be in Need of Redevelopment in accordance with Criteria A, B, D & H of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5, with said determination memorialized in a Resolution by the Township Planning Board on February 20, 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that the Township Council does hereby designate 5204, Lot 1.03 (475 Stelton Road) as an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Piscataway Township Redevelopment Plan.

RESOLUTION #18-146

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to a Letter dated February 22, 2018, Middlesex County Office of Engineering and their engineering consultant, Mott MacDonald, LLC, advised the Township of Piscataway that they are currently working toward completion of the final design phase for Middlesex County Project No. Br-1227 - The Replacement of Bridge 2-B-160 Baekeland Avenue over Ambrose Brook (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is located at the boundary of the Township of Piscataway and the Borough of Middlesex and the proposed work includes the complete removal of the existing bridge and reconstructed approach roadways; and

WHEREAS, in order to replace the bridge, a full roadway closure with a short local detour was proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway has a strong interest in the safety of its roadways and its citizens and the replacement of the above referenced Bridge furthers those interests; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway wishes to endorse and agrees to support Middlesex County Project No. Br-1227 and accept the proposed detour and road closure on Baekeland Avenue for the Bridge Replacement over Ambrose Brook; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway does hereby endorse and agree to support Middlesex County Project No. Br-1227 and accept the proposed detour and road closure on Baekeland Avenue for the Bridge Replacement over Ambrose Brook.

RESOLUTION #18-147

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2015, PinilisHalpern, LLP, Morristown, NJ posted an escrow check with the Township of Piscataway in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Zoning Board Application #15-ZB-25V regarding Block 9301, Lot 53.01, (151 Ethel Road); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated April 3, 2017 and

a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated February 6, 2018, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended Escrow Fees in the amount of \$960.00 to PinilisHalpern, LLP; 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 in the amount of \$960.00 to PinilisHalpern, LLP, regarding the above referenced property.

RESOLUTION #18-148

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that:

WHEREAS, Anne Gordon was originally appointed to the Library Board of Trustees as the Mayor's Representative; and

WHEREAS, Anne Gordon is unable to continue to serve in this role due to her retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Piscataway has made the following recommendations for appointment to the Library Board of Trustees for the term indicated, subject to the advice and consent of the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway:

Timothy Dacey (Mayor's Rep), for the remainder of an unexpired term of five (5) years commencing on March 13, 2018, and expiring on December 31, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the Township Council does hereby extend its advice and consent to the above appointments to the Library Board of Trustees for the term specified.

PROCLAMATION

YOUTH ART MONTH 2018

The Month of March

WHEREAS, art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle and secondary students; and

WHEREAS, art education develops students' creative problem solving and critical thinking abilities; and

WHEREAS, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order and other expressive qualities; and

WHEREAS, art education gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and

WHEREAS, art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brian C. Wahler, Mayor and Township Council members of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, do hereby declare MARCH 2018 AS YOUTH ART MONTH And urge all citizens to take interest in and give full support to quality school art programs for children and youth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM OFFICIALS:

Michele Lombardi thanked everyone who helped with the last crazy storm; from the dispatchers to the dpw office personnel, from the policemen to the firemen to the rescue squad personnel and those that plow the roads; thanks for an incredible job. During these times everyone comes together.

Rajvir Goomer clarified a statement made last week regarding compensation to Robert Wood Johnson for emergency services. They do not get paid for their services; it is to reimburse them pursuant to Medicare regulations.

Chanelle McCullum mentioned student athletes recognized at the Piscataway High School winter sports awards ceremony: Boys Basketball Most Improved Player -

Antonio Chandler, Most Valuable Player - Metias Arringdale. Girls Basketball Most Improved Player – Maia Lee, Most Valuable Player – Leniya Miller. Boys Winter Track Most Improved Player – Jayden Terry, Most Valuable Player – Larry McCullum. Girls Winter Track Most Improved Player – Kalia Arrington, Most Valuable Player – Shante Nelson. Shante is a junior and did a phenomenal job this year. Boys Bowling Most Improved Player – Randy Cruz, Most Valuable Player – Justin Kula. Girls Bowling Most Improved Player – Taylor Brown, Most Valuable Player – Jessica Lecovich. Girls Swimming Most Improved Player – Kaitlyn Napoli, Most Valuable Player – Ashley Eodice. Boys Swimming Most Improved Player – Nick Roussey, Most Valuable Player ?. Winter Cheerleaders Most Improved Player – Layla Gaitlin, Most Valuable Players – Amanda Cruddup & Kaida Andrews. Wrestling Most Improved Player – Elijah Pitt-Goodson, Most Valuable Player – Michael Petite. She congratulated all the athletes who participated in winter sports.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Ellen Whitt, a Highland Park resident, advised she was the coordinator of the community effort to get a written policy in Middlesex County limiting the County's assistance to ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement). This policy was adopted by the Middlesex County Freeholders last year which included ending the practice of helping ICE with arrests in the county court house. She requested that Piscataway adopt a policy to protect residents and Piscataway personnel. She advised these policies don't violate federal law.

Sid Madison, a Piscataway resident, commented on immigrant rights reading the statement on the ACLU website: Our immigration detention system locks up hundreds of thousands of immigrants unnecessarily every year, exposing detainees to brutal and inhumane conditions of confinement at massive costs to American taxpayers. The "lock 'em up" approach to detention is contrary to common sense and our fundamental values. In America, liberty should be the norm for everyone—and detention the last resort. He advised they are asking for a policy that limits un-American approach to immigrants and follows our fundamental values.

Judi Payne, 117 Fountain Avenue, she asked how Piscataway would respond to a request from ICE?

Rajvir Goomer advised the Township is currently looking into a policy. He advised there have not been any requests from ICE. Also, the Police have never assisted ICE in removal enforcement procedures. There is no written policy right now; the Township is looking into it and want to be sure the Township is meeting the insurance policy requirements and what other Police Departments are doing. The Township does not collect immigrant information and the Township doesn't plan to participate in any 287G agreements.

Jessica Hundston, a Highland Park resident, asked for clarification about the insurance policy comment.

Mr. Goomer advised for liability purposes from lawsuits, we need to consult with the JIF (Joint Insurance Fund) to make sure any written policy we have is acceptable.

Ms. Hundston commented about lawsuits related to unlawful detainer requests and people were held past their time.

Brian Lee, a Somerset resident, commented that he wants to reiterate his support for the Fair and Welcoming policy which is to say Piscataway will not help ICE deport people. He explained even if you think it won't happen in Piscataway or a population that is affected, it can happen. Also, this policy is about making sure the immigrant community can trust the local government.

Staci Berger, 233 Ellis Parkway, commented that the questions last week about the developments, warehouses & manufacturing, tie into this discussion about fair and welcoming status. The Township needs to consider both the people who live in Piscataway as well as those who work or travel through Piscataway that may be susceptible to ICE. She asked about the timing; is it months, a year.

Mr. Goomer advised it is currently in the outreach phase; the Township must wait for other third parties to respond, therefore he doesn't have a time frame. He advised updates will be provided.

Mrs. McCullum advised at this point in time we don't have a time frame.

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

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm on motion of Mrs. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Lombardi, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Seader, Township Clerk

Accepted:

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Chanelle McCullum  
Council President