

November 24, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Piscataway Township Council was held on November 24, 2020 via the telephone meeting format, Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Gabrielle Cahill, at 7:30 pm.

Mrs. Cahill 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, Cahn, Lombardi, Shah, Uhrin, and Cahill. Mrs. Cahill led the salute to the flag.

No comments from Administration and Council on the Adjournment of any Agenda items.

Mrs. Cahill opened the meeting to the Public for comments regarding the Consent Agenda Items. There being no comments this portion of the meeting was closed.

****PUT IN ORDINANCES****

RESOLUTION #20-345

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Bullard, seconded by Mrs. Lombardi, 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 November 24, 2020 Regular Meeting appear to have the unanimous approval of all members of the Township Council:

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Street Opening Bond:
 - Block 11306, Lot 6.01 – 555 Park Avenue.
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Correction to Resolution #20-323.
- c. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract – Establishment of Commercial Motor Vehicle Restrictions along Sections of North Randolphville Road and William Street – CME Associates – Not to Exceed \$99,876.00.
- d. RESOLUTION – Authorizing 2020 Peddlers License – Manuel Fernandes.
- e. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes – 100% Tax Exempt:
 - Block 1901, Lot 69
 - Block 5204, Lot 1.03
- f. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract for Low Sulphur Diesel Supply Through Somerset County Cooperative Purchasing Contract #CC-0036-19 – National Fuel, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$125,000.00.
- g. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract for 2020 Caterpillar 299D3XE CTL-SSL Loader with Various Snow Removal Attachments Under ESCNJ 18/19-25 – Foley, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$126,504.00.
- h. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Acceptance of FY2021 Municipal Alliance Grant.
- i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Affordability Assistance Grant – 1000 Savoy Place Unit # 1312.
- j. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Change Order #2 – 2019-2021 Road Program for Curbs, Sidewalk, Driveway & ADA Ramps Improvements – New Prince Concrete Construction Co., Inc. – Not to Exceed \$15,100.00.

- k. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Opting out of Middlesex County Urban County and into the HOME Consortiium.
- l. MOTION – Accept the Report of the Clerk’s Account – October 2020
- m. MOTION – Accept Report of the Division of Revenue – October 2020.
- n. MOTION – Receive and Enter into Minutes Disbursements for the Month of October 2020.

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 November 24, 2020 Regular meeting and adopted by separate vote. The following are the Resolutions, typed in full, which were adopted by the foregoing consent agenda resolution:

RESOLUTION #20-346

WHEREAS, Imran D. Patel, Piscataway, NJ, request the return of a Street Opening Bond in the amount of \$500.00, posted with the Township of Piscataway on October 21, 2019 regarding repairs and inspections for Block 11306, Lot 6.01 (555 Park Avenue); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated September 16, 2020 and a memorandum from the Supervisor of Engineering dated November 2, 2020, 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 Imran D. Patel, Piscataway, NJ, in the amount of \$500.00, regarding the above referenced property.

RESOLUTION #20-347

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

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
3502	6.08	URBAN RENEWAL LLC	2020	\$230,969.67	Refund of Overpayment due to Judgement Docket NO. 010490-2020
Total				\$230,969.67	

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 #20-348

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway requires Professional Engineering Services for the Establishment of Commercial Motor Vehicle Restrictions along Sections of North Randolphville Road and William Street (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, CME Associate, Parlin, NJ, has submitted a proposal dated November 9, 2020, for Professional Engineering Services related to said Project, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Proposal"), with a cost not to exceed \$99,876.00; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates, Parlin, NJ was previously qualified under the Fair and Open Process to provide professional services for Engineering Services – Special Projects by the Township of Piscataway for 2020; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2020-0110;

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 Engineering Services for the Establishment of Commercial Motor Vehicle Restrictions along Sections of North Randolphville Road and William Street, at the rates set forth in said Proposal, with such services not to exceed \$99,876.00 in cost.

RESOLUTION #20-349

WHEREAS, Manuel Fernandes has applied with the Township of Piscataway for a Peddlers License for 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a letter from the Piscataway Township Police Department dated November 6, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Piscataway Township Police Department recommends granting a Peddlers License for 2020 to Manuel Fernandes; 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 issue a Peddlers License for 2020 to Manuel Fernandes.

RESOLUTION #20-350

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

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
1901	69		FOUNTAIN OF LIFE MINISTRIES, INC	2021	7,964.84	100% TAX EXEMPT
5204	1.03		ABUNDANT LIFE WORSHIP CENTER, INC	2021	20,892.39	100% TAX EXEMPT

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

RESOLUTION #20-351

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in need of Low Sulphur Diesel Supply for the period from January 1, 2021 to November 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway Director of the Department of Public Works recommends awarding an Open-End contract for the purchase of Low Sulphur Diesel on an as-needed basis under the Somerset County Cooperative Purchasing Contract # CC-0036-19 to National Fuel, Inc., Newark, NJ, at the unit price specified in the above referenced contract, in the amounts not to exceed \$125,000.00 from January 1, 2021 through November 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.1 et seq., any Open-Ended contract shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds annually; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2020-0113;

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 an Open-End contract for as-needed purchase of Low Sulphur Diesel from National Fuel, Inc., Newark, NJ, through the Somerset County Cooperative Purchasing Contract # CC-0036-19, in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 from January 1, 2021 through November 11, 2021.

RESOLUTION #20-352

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway desires to purchase a 2020 Caterpillar 299D3XE CTL-SSL Loader with various snow removal attachments (the "Loader"); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway Assistant Director of Public Works recommends purchasing the Loader from Foley, Incorporated, Piscataway, NJ, in the amount of \$126,504.00 through Educational Services Commission of NJ Purchasing Cooperative #ESCNJ 18/19-25; and

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

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2020-0112;

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 Foley, Incorporated, Piscataway, NJ to purchase a 2020 Caterpillar 299D3XE CTL-SSL Loader in the amount not to exceed \$126,504.00, through Educational Services Commission of NJ Purchasing Cooperative #ESCNJ 18/19-25.

RESOLUTION #20-353

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”), County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Middlesex; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials hereby recognize the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize acceptance of funding for strategic plan for the Piscataway Municipal Alliance grant for Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$14,384.00
Cash Match	\$3,596.00
In-Kind	\$10,788.00

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

RESOLUTION #20-354

WHEREAS, AVALON PISCATAWAY LLC / AVALON PISCATAWAY rents property located at 1000 Savoy Place, Apt 1312 which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and

WHEREAS, the tenant has requested an Affordability Assistance Program grant from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$515.50, which covers half of the first month’s rent; 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 execute an Affordability Assistance Program grant with the owner/renter of an Affordable Housing unit located at (1000 Savoy Place, Apt 1312, Piscataway, NJ 08854).

RESOLUTION #20-355

WHEREAS, New Prince Concrete Construction Co., Inc., Hackensack, NJ was awarded a contract for the 2019-2021 Road Program for Curbs, Sidewalk, Driveway & ADA Ramps Improvements (the "Project"), in the amount not to exceed \$2,270,605.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township previously approved a change order in the amount of \$12,500.00 for a final cost of \$2,283,105.00, a 0.55% increase; and

WHEREAS, additional work is 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 New Prince Concrete Construction Co., Inc. to the Township for the Project; and

WHEREAS, this change order would represent an additional \$15,100.00 increase in the total amount of the Project for a final total not to exceed \$2,298,205.00, a 0.66% increase of the initial contract amount, for a total increase of 1.21%; 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 change order form, dated November 16, 2020, the Township Director of Public Works recommends approving the Change Order Request No. 2; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2020-0007-02;

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 Project with New Prince Concrete Construction Co., Inc., Hackensack, NJ from \$2,283,105.00 to a final total not to exceed \$2,298,205.00 and execute the enclosed Contract Change Order in the amount of \$15,100.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #20-356

WHEREAS, pursuant to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, the County of Middlesex had executed triennial agreements with municipalities, including the Township of Piscataway, that comprised an “Urban County” and enabled those participating municipalities access to receiving certain federal funding, including through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); and

WHEREAS, for the next triennial cycle, the Township of Piscataway has now qualified to receive a direct allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, starting with federal fiscal year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway would still like to participate with the County of Middlesex for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and be part of the HOME Consortium of municipalities (not covered under the Urban County designation); and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid procedure entitles the County to administer federal funds on behalf of the HOME Consortium municipalities for the provision of certain eligible activities under the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

WHEREAS, CPD Notice 13-002, provides the procedures for authorizing and automatically renewing the aforesaid agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway and the County of Middlesex confirm the Township’s participation in the HOME Consortium for Fiscal Years 2021-2023, and executed a Cooperation Agreement for this purpose; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials confirm the execution of the HOME Cooperation Agreement with the County of Middlesex for Federal Fiscal Years 2021-2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Piscataway is confirming that they will not be a member of the Middlesex County Urban County for the period covering Federal Fiscal Years 2021-2023 and will instead be its own CDBG entitlement community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials shall be and are hereby authorized to execute all documents in connection with said matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk of this Board shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the County of Middlesex.

The following are the disbursements for the month of October 2020

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM OFFICIALS:

Mr. Bullard celebrated his 43rd anniversary

Mr. Cahn spoke about Community Center

Everyone expressed Happy Thanksgiving

The Council considered the matters on the Agenda session:

- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Acceptance of Traffic Signal at River Road and Ridge Road – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE – SECONG READING – Fully Funded – \$1,500,000 - Equipment and Vehicles – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- RESOLUTION – Authorizing Budget Transfers.
- RESOLUTION – Authorizing Renewal of Liquor License 1217-33-017-009 – L & W Services LLC (inactive) for the 2020-2021 License Term.
- RESOLUTION – Authorizing 2020 and 2021 Peddlers License – Lissett Pozo.
- RESOLUTION – Authorizing Waiving 2021 Late Fees for Establishments Closed Due to Health Emergency.
- RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract for Public Safety Building Bullet Proofing Exterior Windows Through ESC 18/19-28 – Window Film Depot – Not to Exceed \$127,393.50.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Suzanne, 225 Runyon Ave, spoke on tragic death of HS student at ungated RR crossing. Mr. Dacey explained.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm on motion of Mrs. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Shah, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Seader, Township Clerk

Accepted:

Gabrielle Cahill
Council President