

April 12, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Piscataway Township Council was held on April 12, 2022 at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Michele Lombardi, at 7:30 pm.

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

The Township continues to use a remote 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 raise your hand. This can be done either through the zoom app or by pressing \*9 (star nine) on your phone. When it is your turn to speak, you will receive a prompt or request to unmute, please click on the prompt or press \*6 (star 6) on your phone to unmute.

Upon being unmuted, you should begin to ask any and all 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 phone line or logged in user account, we ask that if you wish to speak, that you login in or dial in separately so that we can recognize you as a separate individual.

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. Cahill, Cahn, Rouse, Shah, Uhrin and Lombardi.

Ms. Lombardi led the salute to the flag.

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

Ms. Lombardi opened the meeting to the Public for comments regarding the Consent Agenda Items.

David Akins, Ambrose Valley Ln asked for elaboration on items N, P, S, Z, T, H & W.

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

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNICATIONS SITE GROUND LEASE WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS, PCS, LLC. RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Shah seconded by Mr. Rouse, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township , New Jersey that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNICATIONS SITE GROUND LEASE WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS, PCS, 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 remote meeting format on the 3rd day of May, 2022.

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, Shah, Uhrin and Lombardi answered yes.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XII (12), PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, SECTION 8, PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP RECREATION UTILITY, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Cahn seconded by Ms. 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 XII (12), PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, SECTION 8, PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP RECREATION UTILITY, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, 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 remote meeting format on the 3rd day of May, 2022.

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, Shah, Uhrin and Lombardi answered yes.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER II (2), ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 13, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Uhrin seconded by Mr. Rouse, 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 II (2), ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 13, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, 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 remote meeting format on the 3rd day of May, 2022.

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, Shah, Uhrin and Lombardi answered yes.

RESOLUTION #22-113

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Shah, seconded by Ms. Cahill:

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 April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting appear to have the unanimous approval of all members of the Township Council:

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Adoption of the Middlesex County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing 2022 Peddlers Licenses:
  - a. Amjad Alasmar
  - b. Daylton P. Amaral
- c. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Gun Permit Fees.
- d. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Acceptance of Project and Release of Retainage – Second Avenue Improvements Phase 1 & 2 – JADS Construction Co.
- e. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract for Asphalt Coring Testing for Netherwood Avenue Improvements – SOR Testing Laboratories, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$2,250.00.
- f. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Reading of CY2022 Budget by Title.
- g. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes – Various Blocks and Lots.
- h. RESOLUTION - Authorizing Municipal Lien for Abatement of Public Nuisance – Block 1403, Lot 24.01 – 146 Lakeview Avenue.
- i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes 100% Disabled Veteran - Block 6501, Lot 17.
- j. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Release of Escrow to Piscataway Township for Damages at Sterling Village – Apt. 420.
- k. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Release of Engineering and Inspection Fees – Block 10411, Lot 23.01 – 675 Roosevelt Avenue.
- l. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Professional Consulting Services – Piscataway NJDEP Stormwater Regulation & Air Permits – Chapman Environmental Services – Not to Exceed \$14,200.00.
- m. RESOLUTION – Appointment of Kelly Mitch as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.
- n. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 – New Market Lake Area Improvements, Phase IV – United Terrain Group – Not to Exceed \$37,790.00.
- o. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Affordability Assistance Grant – 1000 Burgundy Place, Apt. 1113.
- p. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Contract Amendment No. 2 – Third Avenue Improvements from Possumtown Road to Hancock Road – Naik Consulting Group, P.C. – Not to Exceed \$19,600.00.
- q. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Escrow Fees:
  - a. Duke Realty – Block 4501, Lot 1.02 – 19-PB-39 – 150 Old New Brunswick Road.
  - b. Duke Realty – Block 4501, Lot 1.02 – Redevelopment & Concept -150 Old New Brunswick Road.
- r. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Performance Surety and Cash Bonds:
  - a. Najib Khan – Block 11316, Lots 1.01 & 2 – 630 Hoes Lane West
- s. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contracts – 2022/2023 Landscape Maintenance of Township Properties (Added Sites- Contracts A & B) – JCW Inc. d/b/a Natural Green Lawn Care – Contract A Not to Exceed \$66,347 for 2022 and \$72,978 for 2023 and Contract B Not to Exceed \$94,139 for 2022 and \$103,551 for 2023.
- t. RESOLUTION – Authorizing New Jersey Historic Trust Grant and Matching Funds.
- u. RESOLUTION – Requesting Permission for Dedication by Rider for Outside Employment of Off-Duty Police Officers.
- v. RESOLUTION – Requesting Permission for Dedication by Rider for Public Relations Advisory Commission.

- w. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Renewal of Membership – Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund.
- x. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Picnic Fees – Marilou Mendoza (Calambenos USA).
- y. RESOLUTION – Authorizing American National Red Cross to Park Vehicle in Piscataway Township Municipal Building Parking Lot.
- z. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – 2022-2023 Hot Mix Asphalt Road Construction Materials – Stavola Asphalt Company, Inc. – Not to Exceed Year 1 - \$542,000.00 – Year 2 - \$552,000.00.
- aa. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Application for DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant.
- bb. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – Justice Street Roadway Improvements – S. Brothers Inc. – Not to Exceed \$2,029,612.65.
- cc. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – 2022 Sterling Village Parking Lot Rehabilitation – S & G Paving, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$495,887.50.
- dd. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes 100% Disabled Veteran - Block 8306, Lot 14.01.
- ee. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – 2022-2023 Milling and Road Surface Preparation for DPW Resurfacing of Various Streets – Stilo Excavation, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$348,000.00.
- ff. MOTION – Accept Minutes – Council Meetings – January 25, February 15 and March 2, 2022.
- gg. MOTION – Accept the Report of the Clerk’s Account – February & March 2022.
- hh. MOTION – Accept Report of the Division of Revenue – February & March 2022.
- ii. MOTION – Receive and Enter into Minutes Disbursements for the Month of February & March 2022.

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 April 12, 2022 Regular meeting and adopted by separate vote.

On roll call vote: Mesrrs. Cahill, Cahn, Rouse, Shah, Uhrin and Lombardi answered yes.

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

RESOLUTION #22-114

WHEREAS, by resolution dated November 4, 2010 the Township of Piscataway approved and adopted the Middlesex County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan approved by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has approved a 2020 Middlesex County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (“Plan”) and requires the County and each municipality to formally adopt same; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan is in the best interests of the residents of the Township of Piscataway; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that it hereby adopts the attached 2020 Middlesex County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Mayors of each municipality within Middlesex County.

RESOLUTION #22-115

WHEREAS, Daylton P. Amaral and Amjad Alasmar have applied with the Township of Piscataway for Peddlers Licenses for 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to letters from the Piscataway Township Police Department dated February 18, 2022, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Piscataway Township Police Department recommends granting Peddlers Licenses to Daylton P. Amaral and Amjad Alasmar; 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 Peddlers Licenses for 2022 to Daylton P. Amaral and Amjad Alasmar.

RESOLUTION #22-116

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Philip Echevarria paid twenty-one dollars (\$21.00) online in error as it pertains to a Gun Permit; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2022, Robert Salimbene paid twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) in error as it pertains to a Gun Permit, which payment should have only been for six dollars (\$6.00); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2022, Kristoff Tyrese Hamilton paid four dollars (\$4.00) in duplicate payments online in error as it pertains to a Gun Permit; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2022, Mark Hydzik paid twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) in error as it pertains to a Gun Permit, which payment should have only been for two dollars (\$2.00); and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2022, Woodley Julmis paid twenty-one dollars (\$21.00) online in error as it pertains to a Gun Permit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to refund said Gun Permit Fee, in the amount of twenty-one dollars (\$21.00) to Philip Echevarria; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to refund the overpayment for said Gun Permit Fee, in the amount of twenty-one dollars (\$21.00) to Robert Salimbene; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to refund the overpayment for said Gun Permit Fee, in the amount of four dollars (\$4.00) to Kristoff Tyrese Hamilton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to refund the overpayment for said Gun Permit Fee, in the amount of twenty-one dollars (\$21.00) to Mark Hydzik; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to refund the overpayment for said Gun Permit Fee, in the amount of twenty-one dollars (\$21.00) to Woodley Julmis.

RESOLUTION #22-117

WHEREAS, JADS Construction Co., South River, NJ ("JADS") was previously awarded a contract for the Second Avenue Improvements – Phase I & II (the "Project"), in the original amount of \$1,117,679.20; and

WHEREAS, certain field adjustments and minor quantities changes to the Project resulted in a decrease in the total cost of the Project from \$1,117,679.20 to \$733,143.06, a decrease in the amount of \$384,536.14, or 34.40% of the total contract amount; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a memorandum, dated February 22, 2022, 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 \$14,662.86, be released to JADS, upon JADS posting a two (2) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$73,314.31; 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 Second Avenue Improvements – Phase I & II to JADS Construction Co., South River, NJ, in the amount of \$14,662.86, upon JADS posting a two (2) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$73,314.31.

RESOLUTION #22-118

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2022, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received three (3) price quotes for Asphalt Coring Testing for the Netherwood Avenue Improvements Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor of Engineering reviewed the quotes and recommends awarding a contract for the Project to SOR Testing Laboratories, Inc., Cedar Grove, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$2,250.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2022-0024;  
 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 Asphalt Coring Testing for the Netherwood Avenue Improvements Project to SOR Testing Laboratories, Inc., Cedar Grove, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$2,250.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #22-119

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 and local public library and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met by the Township of Piscataway; and  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the budget shall be read by title only.

RESOLUTION #22-120

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

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
1402	9.01	CORELOGIC	2022	\$1,675.25	100% Disabled Vet
6501	17	WELLS FARGO	2022	\$1,024.66	100% Disabled Vet
517	14.01	PAMELA PULLEN	2022	\$1,955.18	Bank Paid & Estate Paid
				Total	\$4,655.09

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 #22-121

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
1403	24.01	146 LAKEVIEW AV	\$828.90

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 #22-122

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

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
6501	17	HAROLD E. FISHER	2022	\$4,866.86	100% Disabled Veteran

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

RESOLUTION #22-123

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in possession of a Security Deposit on behalf of James Quartey in the amount of \$984.00 posted with the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") for Apartment 420 at Sterling Village; and

WHEREAS, James Quartey moved out on January 31, 2022 but abandoned belongings and furniture in the apartment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Finance Department recommends the release of said Security Deposit, in the amount of \$991.19 (including accrued interest), to the Township for damages related to the removal of the abandoned belongings and furniture left at Apartment 420; 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, in the amount of \$991.19 (including accrued interest), to the Township for damages related to abandoned belongings and furniture left at Apartment 420.

RESOLUTION #22-124

WHEREAS, Maxine Seawright, Piscataway, NJ has completed their project on Block 10411, Lot 24.01 (675 Roosevelt Avenue); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated March 1, 2022 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated March 1, 2022, 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 \$259.40 be returned to Maxine Seawright, Piscataway, 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 unexpended engineering and inspection fee funds to Maxine Seawright, Piscataway, NJ in the amount of \$259.40, regarding Block 10411, Lot 24.01 (675 Roosevelt Avenue).

RESOLUTION #22-125

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") requires NJDEP Stormwater Regulation & Air Permit Consultation Services (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Chapman Environmental Services, Eatontown, NJ, has submitted a proposal, dated January 20, 2022, for Professional Services related to said Project, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Proposal"), with a cost not to exceed \$14,200.00; and

WHEREAS, Chapman Environmental Services was previously qualified under the Fair and Open Process to provide professional services for Engineering – Special Projects – Environmental by the Township of Piscataway for 2022; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2022-0023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to award a contract to Chapman Environmental Services, Eatontown, NJ, to provide NJDEP Stormwater Regulation & Air Permit Consultation Services, at the rates set forth in said Proposal, with such services not to exceed \$14,200.00 in cost.

RESOLUTION #22-126

WHEREAS, Melissa A. Seader was reappointed to serve in the office of Local Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Township of Piscataway for a three (3) year term which expires on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Local Registrar has recommended the appointment of KELLY MITCH as the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term commencing April 12, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that KELLY MITCH be and hereby is appointed Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Township of Piscataway, for a term commencing April 12, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION #22-127

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") awarded a contract to United Terrain Group, Morganville, NJ for the New Market Lake Park Area Improvements – Phase IV Project (the "Project"), in the amount not to exceed \$660,023.00; 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 United Terrain Group 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 \$37,790.00 increase in the total amount of the Project from the original contract amount for a final total not to exceed \$697,813.00, a 5.7% 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 March 18, 2022, said Landscape Architect recommends approving Change Order No. 1; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # B-2021-005-01;

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 New Market Lake Park Area Improvements – Phase IV Project, from \$660,023.00, to a final total not to exceed \$697,813.00 and execute a Change Order in the amount of \$37,790.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

#### RESOLUTION #22-128

WHEREAS, AVALON PISCATAWAY LLC / AVALON PISCATAWAY rents property located at 1000 Burgundy Place, Apt 1113 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 \$504.00, 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 Burgundy Place, Apt 1113, Piscataway, NJ 08854).

#### RESOLUTION #22-129

WHEREAS, NAIK Consulting Group, P.C., Edison, NJ was awarded a contract for the Third Avenue Roadway Improvements from Possumtown Road to Hancock Road (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, additional work is required for the Project that was not included in the original scope of work outlined by the Township of Piscataway and not anticipated in the proposal from NAIK Consulting Group, P.C. to the Township for said Project; and

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

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Engineering has reviewed the Contract Amendment Request No. 2 from NAIK Consulting Group, P.C., dated March 15, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and recommends approval of same; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2018-0085-02;

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 with NAIK Consulting Group, P.C. from \$165,000.00 to \$184,600.00, an increase of not to exceed \$19,600.00, due to unanticipated work required for the Third Avenue Roadway Improvements from Possumtown Road to Hancock Road, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

#### RESOLUTION #22-130

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2019, March 19, 2019, June 6, 2019, July 18, 2019 and February 18, 2021 Duke Realty Limited Partnership, Chicago, IL posted escrow checks with the Township of Piscataway in the amounts of \$2,500.00, \$6,500.00, \$5,000.00, \$5,000.00 and \$2,000.00, regarding Block 4501, Lot 1.02 (150 Old New Brunswick Road); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated March 17, 2022 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated March 24, 2022,

the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$497.99 to Duke Realty Limited Partnership, Chicago, IL; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2019, March 19, 2020, June 24, 2020, July 28, 2020 and June 26, 2020 Duke Realty, Indianapolis, IN posted escrow checks with the Township of Piscataway in the amounts of \$15,000.00 and \$18,000.00 (November 13), \$15,000.00, \$10,000.00, \$50,000.00 and \$22,000.00, respectively, regarding Block 4501, Lot 1.02 (150 Old New Brunswick Road); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated March 17, 2022 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated March 17, 2022, the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$46,339.04 to Duke Realty, Indianapolis, IN; 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 Duke Realty Limited Partnership, Chicago, IL, in the amount of \$497.99, regarding Block 4501, Lot 1.02 (150 Old New Brunswick Road); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release unexpended escrow fees to Duke Realty, Indianapolis, IN, in the amount of \$46,339.04, regarding Block 4501, Lot 1.02 (150 Old New Brunswick Road); and

#### RESOLUTION #22-131

WHEREAS, On June 1, 2016 and June 8, 2016, Najib Khan, Piscataway, NJ, posted a Performance Surety Bond in the original amount of \$9,250.20 and a Cash Bond in the original amount of \$1,027.80, respectively, with the Township of Piscataway for improvements on Block 11316, Lot 1.01 (630 Hoes Lane West); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated March 22, 2022 and a letter from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated March 22, 2022, 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 recommends the release of the Performance Surety and Cash Bonds upon Najib Khan posting a two (2) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$1,284.75; 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 Performance Surety Bond, in the amount of \$9,250.20 and a Cash Bond in the amount of \$1,027.80, to Najib Khan, Piscataway, NJ, for improvements on Block 11316, Lot 1.01 (630 Hoes Lane West), upon Najib Khan posting a two (2) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$1,284.75 with the Township.

#### RESOLUTION #22-132

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in need of 2022/2023 Landscape Maintenance of Township Property (Added Sites – Contract A) (“Project A”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Landscape Architect recommends awarding a two (2) year contract for Project A for calendar years 2022 and 2023 to JCW, Inc. dba Natural Green Lawn Care, Bridgewater, NJ, through Educational Services Commission of NJ Co-op #19/20-10, in the amount not to exceed \$66,347.00 for 2022 and \$72,978.00 for 2023 for a final total not to exceed \$139,325.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in need of 2022/2023 Landscape Maintenance of Township Property (Added Sites – Contract B) (“Project B”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Landscape Architect recommends awarding a two (2) year contract for Project B for calendar years 2022 and 2023 to JCW, Inc. dba Natural Green Lawn Care, Bridgewater, NJ, through Educational Services Commission of NJ Co-op #19/20-10, in the amount not to exceed \$94,139.00 for 2022 and \$103,551.00 for 2023 for a final total not to exceed \$197,690.00; and

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

WHEREAS, funding is available pursuant to certification #B-2022-005 and B-2022-006;

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 two (2) year contract for calendar years 2022 and 2023 to JCW, Inc. dba Natural Green Lawn Care, Bridgewater, NJ for 2022/2023 Landscape Maintenance of Township Property (Added Sites – Contract A) in the amount not to exceed \$66,347.00 for 2022 and \$72,978.00 for 2023 for a final total not to exceed \$139,325.00, through Educational Services Commission of NJ Co-op #19/20-10; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to award a two (2) year contract for calendar years 2022 and 2023 to JCW, Inc. dba Natural Green Lawn Care, Bridgewater, NJ for 2022/2023 Landscape Maintenance of Township Property (added Sites – Contract B) in the amount not to exceed \$94,139.00 for 2022 and \$103,551.00 for 2023 for a final total not to exceed \$197,690.00, through Educational Services Commission of NJ Co-op #19/20-10.

#### RESOLUTION #22-133

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historic Trust provides grants to municipal governments and nonprofit organizations for assistance in the preservation of historic landmarks; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) is conducting an historical preservation project with a total budget of \$230,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) has been designated to receive \$138,000.00 from the New Jersey Historic Trust Fund for said project; and

WHEREAS, the Township will provide matching funds for the project, in the amount of \$92,000.00, which are available pursuant to certification #R-2022-0025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the Township is authorized to accept the grant award, in the amount of \$138,000.00, and will provide matching funds in the amount of \$92,000.00 for the above referenced historical preservation project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Township officials and the Mayor are hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documentation to effectuate the aforementioned New Jersey Historic Trust Grant.

#### RESOLUTION #22-134

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, Township of Piscataway Police, pursuant to Township Ordinance 2-3.14 entitled Outside Employment of Off-Duty Officers, are authorized to work for outside contractor’s during their off-duty hours with the approval of the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, LFN CFO 2000-14, establishes the guidance for managing and accounting for outside employment of police officers; and

WHEREAS, by Notice dated March 18, 2022, the DLGS advised that a Dedication by Rider for outside employment must be requested by the Township

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

The Township Council does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for the establishment of a dedicated rider account pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 for an account to be entitled, “Outside Employment of Municipal Police Officers.”

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for review and approval.

#### RESOLUTION #22-135

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a

municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and'

WHEREAS, insert N.J.S. 40A.5-29 provides for receipt of donation and fundraising

by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Public Relations Advisory Commission Trust Fund are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:

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

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the Public Relations Advisory Commission Trust Fund.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

#### RESOLUTION #22-136

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway ("Township") is a member of the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund ("Fund"); and

WHEREAS, said membership terminates as of July 1, 2022, unless renewed by agreement between the Township and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to renew said membership in the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund for the time period beginning July 2, 2022, and ending July 1, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Piscataway agrees to renew its membership in the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund for the time period beginning July 2, 2022, and ending July 1, 2025 and be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Township Clerk, and necessary Township officials shall be and are hereby authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Member's intention to renew its membership.

#### RESOLUTION #22-137

WHEREAS, Marilou Mendoza (Calambenos USA), Piscataway, NJ requests the return of a Picnic Permit Fee in the amount of \$225.00, posted with the Township of Piscataway on April 1, 2022, for a picnic at Possumtown Park on June 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Department of Recreation recommended the return of said Picnic Permit 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 a Picnic Permit Fee, receipt #A145161, in the amount of \$225.00, to Marilou Mendoza (Calambenos USA).

#### RESOLUTION #22-138

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") supports the mission of the American National Red Cross (the "Red Cross"); and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to enter into a Use and Indemnification Agreement with the Red Cross, in regard to the use of two parking spots in the lot located at 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed the Use and Indemnification 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 Use and Indemnification Agreement; and

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

RESOLUTION #22-139

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2022, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received bids for Hot Mix Asphalt Road Construction Materials (One Year with a Second Year Option) (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Director of Public Works reviewed the bids and recommended awarding a contract to Stavola Asphalt Company, Inc., Tinton Falls, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$542,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022 with a Second Year Option in the amount not to exceed \$552,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023, for a total cost not to exceed \$1,094,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # B-2022-007;

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 two (2) year contract for Hot Mix Asphalt Road Construction Materials to Stavola Asphalt Company, Inc., Tinton Falls, NJ, in the amounts not to exceed \$542,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022, and not to exceed \$552,000 for Calendar Year 2023, for a total cost not to exceed \$1,094,000.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #22-140

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") recognizes that it is the responsibility of not only public officials, but the entire community to promote and encourage the health, safety and welfare of our youth; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") wishes to apply for a Municipal Alliance Grant, specifically, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Youth Leadership Grant, in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby authorize submission of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Youth Leadership Grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township administration and officials are authorized to execute any documents necessary to apply, obtain and accept said grant.

RESOLUTION #22-141

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2022, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received eleven (11) bids in regard to the Justice Street Roadway Improvements (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor of Engineering reviewed the bids and recommends awarding a contract for the Project to S Brothers Inc., South River, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$2,029,612.65; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # B-B-2022-008;

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 Justice Street Roadway Improvements Project to S Brothers Inc., South River, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$2,029,612.65, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #22-142

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2022, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received four (4) bids in regard to the 2022 Sterling Village Parking Lot Rehabilitation (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Recommendation to Award dated April 7, 2022, the Township Director of DPW reviewed the bids and recommended awarding a contract for the Project to S & G Paving, Inc., Jamesburg, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$495,887.50; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # B-2022-009;

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 2022 Sterling Village Parking Lot Rehabilitation to S & G Paving, Inc., Jamesburg, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$495,887.50, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #22-143

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

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
8306	14.01	JASON R. INGLE	2022	\$1,798.58	100% Disabled Veteran

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

RESOLUTION #22-144

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2022, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received bids for the 2022-2023 Milling & Road Surface Preparation for DPW Resurfacing Of Various Streets (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Director of Public Works has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding a contract to Stilo Excavation, Inc., South Plainfield, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$348,000.00 for the two (2) year period of 2022-2023; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to Certification # B-2022-010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to award a contract to Stilo Excavation, Inc., South Plainfield, NJ, for the 2022-2023 Milling & Road Surface Preparation for DPW Resurfacing Of Various Streets, in the amount not to exceed \$348,000.00 for the two (2) year period 2022-2023, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

The following are Disbursements for the months of February and March, 2022

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Ms. Lombardi opened the meeting to the Public for comments regarding the CY2022 Municipal Budget.

Pratik Patel, 29 Redbud Rd, asked about the relation between the taxes and the budget.

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

RESOLUTION #22-145

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Cahn, seconded by Mr. Uhrin:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2022 was approved on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, in the County of Jersey, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2022 be made:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
8. General Appropriations		
(A) Operations –within “CAPS”		
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Office of Emergency Management		
Other Expenses	13,000.00	11,000.00
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies		
Other Expenses	400,000.00	202,000.00
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)		
Other Expenses	0.00	200,000.00
Total Operations {Item 8(A) within “CAPS”	45,801,310.00	45,801,310.00
Total Operations General Appropriation for Municipal Purposes within “CAPS”	52,293,674.00	52,293,674.00
9. TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	78,355,080.62	78,355,080.62

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this budget amendment be published in the Star Ledger in the issue of April 4, 2022 and that a public hearing on this amendment will be held at the Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey on April 12, 2022 at 7:30pm, at which time and place objections may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, approved the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway on 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022

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

Ms. Lombardi opened the meeting to the Public for comments regarding the CY2022 Budget Amendment.

Pratik Patel, 29 Redbud Rd, asked for clarification on a particular line item on the budget.

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

RESOLUTION #22-146

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Uhrin, seconded by Mr. Shah.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CALENDER YEAR 2022  
MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Calendar Year 2022 Municipal Budget for the Township of Piscataway was introduced and approved on March 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the CY 2022 Municipal Budget was published by the Star Ledger on April 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 a public hearing on the proposed amendment was conducted on April 12, 2022 prior to considering adoption of the CY 2022 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-10 the Township Council can consider adoption of the CY 2022 Municipal Budget after approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Township of Piscataway, County Middlesex, New Jersey (by majority of the full membership) adopt the Calendar Year 2022 Municipal Budget.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the Calendar Year 2022 Municipal Budget so adopted.

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

#### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on New Jersey's roadways contributing to thousands of motor vehicle crashes and deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, talking on a mobile phone even in hands-free mode, texting, programming your dashboard infotainment system or GPS device can divert your attention away from driving and result in physical or cognitive distraction; and

WHEREAS, all drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians deserve to live in communities that promote safe driving behaviors and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown* from April 1 - 30, 2022 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is UDrive. UText. UPay; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brian C. Wahler, Mayor of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey do hereby declare support for the *Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown*, both locally and nationally from April 1 – 30, 2022 and pledge to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

#### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have been making valuable cultural and economic contributions in the fields of medicine, business, education, technology and government just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, residents of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends; and

WHEREAS, strong family values and work ethic, dedication to education and diversity in faith and creed enrich our community; and

WHEREAS, in spite of progress, misconceptions still exist in America and there is a continued need to battle bias and harmful stereotyping; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we should take time to recognize and celebrate the contributions and heritage of Arab Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian C. Wahler, Mayor of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, along with the Township Council, declare the month of April to be Arab American Heritage Month and encourage all residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and work together to guarantee peace and equality for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM OFFICIALS:

Gabrielle Cahill spoke about Piscataway's Muslim center and encourages residents to celebrate Piscataway's diverse culture.

Steve Cahn says that he is happy to see another great opening to the Little League Baseball season. He also reports that the budget lowered the tax rate and thanks everyone involved.

Kapil Shah spoke about the free programs Piscataway offers.

Frank Uhrin thanks everyone who was involved in the opening day of Little League Baseball.

Mayor Brian Wahler acknowledges Kathy Uhrin for her hard work towards Little League Baseball. He also wishes a good holy week for those who celebrate. Lastly, he thanks Daniel Lamptey and his office for their work on the budget.

Chief of Staff Dana Korbman reminds residents that there will be a vaccine clinic at the Senior Center on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and on May 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be an event on Green Acres to commemorate Jackie Robinson. She also says that on June 11<sup>th</sup>, a street fair will take place on Stockton St., and on July 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a bike rodeo in the parking lot of the community center.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer wishes happy holidays to those celebrating their religious faith.

Council President Lombardi says that there is a shredding event on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Little League field.

The Council considered the matters on the Agenda for May 3, 2022:

- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Second Amendment to Ground Lease at Communications Site – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Amending Chapter 12, Parks and Recreation Areas, Section 8, Piscataway Recreation Utility – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Section 13, Department of Finance – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE – FIRST READING – Revision of YMCA Membership Fees – RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Fire Prevention Fees.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Pratik Patel, 29 Redbud Rd asked about the Red Cross and its status as a 501c3. He also asked about the recreation amendment and YMCA fees. Lastly, he spoke about the council being in agreement on everything.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer, Mayor Brian Wahler, & Steve Cahn responded to Pratik.

David Akins, Ambrose Valley Ln asked for clarification on bidding processes.

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 8:27pm. Motion by Mr. Shah, seconded by Ms. Cahill, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Seader, Township Clerk

Accepted:

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Michele Lombardi  
Council President