

March 4, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Piscataway Township Council was held on March 4, 2025 at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Council President Espinosa at 7:00 p.m.

Council President Espinosa 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.

There will be public comment periods for both remote and in person attendees separately. 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.

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.

On roll call, there were present: Councilmembers Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin, & Espinosa.

Council President Espinosa led the salute to the flag.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to the remote attendees for comments regarding the Consent Agenda items.

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

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to the in person attendees for comments regarding the Consent Agenda items.

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

Mayor Wahler read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION – JUNE SADLOWSKI

WHEREAS, founded in 1978, Preservation New Jersey (PNJ) promotes the economic vitality, sustainability and heritage of New Jersey's diverse communities through advocacy and education; and

WHEREAS, each year, PNJ reviews organizations and individuals who have made memorable and significant impacts on the preservation and stewardship of our state's historical sites and buildings; and

WHEREAS, with over fifty years of experience in preservation and museum management, Piscataway Township is privileged to have June Sadlowksi as executive director of the Metlar-Bodine House Museum; and

WHEREAS, we are proud that her accomplishments were recognized at the 2024 NJ Historic Preservation Awards Celebration; and

WHEREAS, under her stewardship, the Metlar-Bodine House Museum has acquired the Ross Hall Wall which was named an "American Treasure" by the National Park Service for its significance to the first national Fourth of July celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian C. Wahler, Mayor of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, along with the Township Council, recognize the powerful example June Sadlowski has set for others to follow in the safeguarding and advocacy of historic preservation in New Jersey.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS AND LAND IN FEE SIMPLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PATTON AVENUE – PHASE 2 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, Patton Avenue is currently in need of improvement and the Township wishes to implement the second phase of said improvements; and

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

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

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

- A. As part of the improvements to Patton Avenue, it is necessary to acquire easement interests, rights of way and, if required, land in fee simple, in a portion of the properties set forth on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- B. The Township Council has determined that the acquisition of the aforesaid easements, rights of way, rights and fee simple interests on the property designated on Schedule A is necessary for the safety of the public and conforms to the public interest.
- C. The Township Attorney, Assistant Township Attorney, or special counsel and such other appropriate officials as necessary be and are hereby authorized to acquire said land interests, either by negotiation or by instituting action by exercising the Township's right of eminent domain (condemnation).
- D. Counsel for said acquisition, by negotiation or condemnation, shall commence and complete proceedings as expeditiously as possible, and said Township Attorney, Assistant Township Attorney or special counsel, as the case may be, shall receive reasonable compensation for their services in accordance with their contracts with the Township.
- E. The Township Attorney, Assistant Township Attorney and other appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to hire and employ such appraisers, consultants and experts as may be appropriate to effectuate said acquisitions, whether by negotiation or eminent domain proceedings, and to pay said consultants and experts a reasonable fee for their services.

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

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

This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof, by summary, after final passage, in the manner provided by law.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to remote attendees for comments.

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to in person attendees for comments.

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Carmichael, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS AND LAND IN FEE SIMPLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PATTON AVENUE – PHASE 2 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

was introduced on the 11th day of February 2025 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 16th day of February 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on March 4, 2025, 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. 2025-03.

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin & Espinosa answered yes.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER VII (7), TRAFFIC, SECTION 15, PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, Middlesex County, finds it in the best interest of the public to amend Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 15, Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 15, Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway are hereby amended with additions shown in italics and deletions shown in brackets as follows:

CHAPTER VII TRAFFIC

7-15 PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS.

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Days	Location
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Seward Avenue	West	7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Any Day that Piscataway Public Schools are in session	From the [parking lot of Randolphville School to a point 400 feet south of the intersection with Seward Avenue] <i>intersection of Suttie Avenue to a point 515 feet west</i>
Suttie Avenue	North	7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Any Day that Piscataway Public Schools are in session	From the [intersection of Suttie Avenue to a point 515 feet west] <i>parking lot of Randolphville School to a</i>

				<i>point 400 feet south of the intersection with Seward Avenue</i>
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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

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

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to remote attendees for comments.

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to in person attendees for comments.

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Carmichael, seconded by Councilmember Uhrin, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER VII (7), TRAFFIC, SECTION 15, PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS

was introduced on the 11th day of February 2025 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 16th day of February 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on March 4, 2025, 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. 2025-04.

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin & Espinosa answered yes.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 7305, LOTS 19.01, 20 & 21, AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS RIVERCREST CABANA CLUB, RIVERCREST DRIVE.

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Leibowitz, seconded by Councilmember Lombardi, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 7305, LOTS 19.01, 20 & 21, AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS RIVERCREST CABANA CLUB, RIVERCREST DRIVE,

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 7:00 p.m.,

prevailing time at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey on the 15th day of April, 2025.

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: Councilmembers Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin & Espinosa answered yes.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40a:12-13(B)(1).

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Uhrin, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40a:12-13(B)(1).

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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: Councilmembers Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin, & Espinosa answered yes.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: CALENDAR YEAR 2025 - AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Leibowitz, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that an ORDINANCE ENTITLED: CALENDAR YEAR 2025 - AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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 7:00 p.m., prevailing time at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey on the 15th day of April, 2025.

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: Councilmembers Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin, & Espinosa 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 18, DIVISION OF POLICE.

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Uhrin, seconded by Councilmember Rashid, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that an ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN 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 18, DIVISION OF POLICE.

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 7:00 p.m.,

prevailing time at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey on the 15th day of April, 2025.

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: Councilmembers Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin, & Espinosa 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 XXI (21), ZONING, SECTION 8A, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Uhrin, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that an ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XXI (21), ZONING, SECTION 8A, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION.

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 7:00 p.m., prevailing time at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey on the 15th day of April, 2025.

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: Councilmembers Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin, & Espinosa answered yes.

RESOLUTION #25-112

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Leibowitz:

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 4, 2025 Regular Meeting appear to have the unanimous approval of all members of the Township Council:

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes – Various Blocks and Lots.
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing 2025 Solicitors Licenses.
- c. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract – Transition MOD IV & CAMA Software - Microsystems-NJ.com – Not to Exceed \$2,100.00.
- d. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Reading of CY2025 Budget by Title.
- e. RESOLUTION – Utilizing the Three-Year Average Method in Computing the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes.
- f. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract – Police Department Professional Radio Communications Consulting Services – SHI International Corp. – Not to Exceed \$95,110.00.
- g. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Budget Transfers.
- h. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract – 2025 Tree Trimming, Pruning and Removal Services – Rich Tree Service – Not to Exceed \$100,000.00.
- i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 – 2024 Pavement Marking and Striping – Denville Line Painting, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$10,233.12.
- j. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – Demolition of Residential Dwelling at 5 Old New Brunswick Rd – T.R. Weniger, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$21,700.00.

- k. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Grant from Middlesex County for Piscataway Public Library.
- l. RESOLUTION – Setting Fees to be Collected for EV Charging at Municipal Buildings.
- m. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes:
 - Due to Toilet Repair – Block 5801, Lot 2.
 - Due to Meter Replacement – Block 4201, Lot 6.01.
- n. MOTION – Accept Report of the Division of Revenue – January 2025.

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 4, 2025 Regular meeting and adopted by separate vote.

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin, & Espinosa answered yes.

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

RESOLUTION #25-113

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

Block	Lot	Qual	Name	Year	Amount	Reason
8801	427	C0134	LILIAN LABOY	2025	1,347.19	Bank paid and owner paid
8801	427	C0101	CHANDRAKANT PATEL	2025	1,568.19	Bank paid and owner paid

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 #25-114

WHEREAS, Hunter Reeves, John Appiah, Alexander Romero, Benjamin Napoleon, Nicholas Trimarco, Michael Bryson and Louis Kurtzer have applied with the Township of Piscataway for 2025 Solicitors' Licenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a letter from the Piscataway Township Police Department, dated February 12, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Piscataway Township Police Department recommends the approval of 2025 Solicitors' Licenses to John Appiah, Alexander Romero, Benjamin Napoleon, Nicholas Trimarco, Michael Bryson and Louis Kurtzer; 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 2025 Solicitors' Licenses to John Appiah, Alexander Romero, Benjamin Napoleon, Nicholas Trimarco, Michael Bryson and Louis Kurtzer.

RESOLUTION #25-115

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") is in need of an additional three (3) months with Microsystems-NJ.com (the "System") for continuity of service and access to tax assessing records; and

WHEREAS, the Township Tax Assessor recommends awarding a contract for the System to Microsystems-NJ.com, Lebanon, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$2,100 (\$700 per month) from April 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township can award contracts under the Quote Threshold pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2024-0127 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 enter into a contract for Microsystems-NJ.com with Microsystems-NJ.com, Lebanon, NJ, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,100 (\$700 per month), from April 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION #25-116

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 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.

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

RESOLUTION #25-117

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services requires a resolution by Municipalities that desire to compute their Reserve for Uncollected Taxes under the alternative three-year average method as provided under NJSA 40A:4-41(c); and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the Township to compute the CY 2025 Reserve for Uncollected Taxes appropriation under the three-year average method; and

WHEREAS, the actual percentages of tax collection for 2022, 2023 and 2024 were 99.57%, 99.13% and 98.99%, respectively and the average tax collection percentage over those three years is 99.23%;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, that it approves the utilization of the three-year average method of 99.23% in computing the Township's CY 2025 Reserve for Uncollected Taxes budget appropriation;

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 #25-118

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in need of a Radio System Project Consultant (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway Deputy Chief of Police recommends awarding a contract for the Project through New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract # CK04, Subcontract # 24-38 to SHI, Somerset, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$95,110.00; and

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

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0017 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 enter into a contract with SHI, Somerset, NJ, for the Radio System Project Consultant in the amount not to exceed \$95,110.00 through New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract # CK04, Subcontract # 24-38.

RESOLUTION #25-119

WHEREAS, various 2024 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills represent obligations of the prior fiscal year and were not covered by order number and/or recorded at the time of transfers between the 2024 Budget in the last two months of 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the fiscal year are available, until lapsed at the closed of the

succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances to those which are expected to be insufficient during the first three month of the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, (2/3 of the majority of the full membership concurring herein) that the transfers in the amount of \$161,000.00 be made between the 20024 Sewer Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

Department	Classification	From	To
SEWER UTILITY OPERATIONS: OTHER EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES	161,000.00	
SEWER UTILITY OPERATIONS: MCUA CHARGES	OTHER EXPENSES		161,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 161,000.00	\$ 161,000.00

RESOLUTION #25-120

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") is in need of Tree Trimming, Pruning, and Removal Services (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Assistant Director of Public Works recommends awarding a contract for the Services to Rich Tree Service, South Plainfield, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 through New Jersey State Contract #T0465; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0016 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 enter into a contract for Tree Trimming, Pruning, and Removal Services with Rich Tree Service, South Plainfield, NJ, for a total cost not to exceed \$100,000.00, through New Jersey State Contract #T0465.

RESOLUTION #25-121

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") awarded a contract to Denville Line Painting, Inc., Rockaway, NJ for the 2024 Pavement Marking and Striping (the "Project"), in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional locations were added to the striping schedule that were necessary for the Project and were not included in the original scope of work outlined by the Township, nor anticipated in the proposal from Denville Line Painting, Inc. 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 \$10,233.12 increase in the total amount of the Project from the original contract amount for a final total not to exceed \$110,233.12, a 10.23% 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 Assistant Director of Public Works, dated February 27, 2025, said Assistant Director of Public Works recommends approving Change Order No. 1; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2024-0077 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 amend the total contract amount for the 2024 Pavement Marking and Striping with Denville Line Painting, Inc., Piscataway, NJ from \$100,000.00, to a final total not to exceed \$110,233.12 and execute a Change Order in the amount of \$10,233.12, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #25-122

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2025, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received eight (8) bids for the Demolition of Residential Dwelling at 5 Old New Brunswick Road; and

WHEREAS, the Township Director of Public Works reviewed the bids and

recommends awarding a contract to T.R. Weniger, Inc., Piscataway, NJ who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$21,700.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification B-2025-001 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 award a contract for the Demolition of Residential Dwelling at 5 Old New Brunswick Road to T.R. Weniger, Inc., Piscataway, NJ who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$21,700.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #25-123

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway Public Library has been awarded a 2025 Arts Program Support Grant the amount of \$10,000.00 from Middlesex County through the Arts Institute of Middlesex County (the "Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to accept the Grant and execute the Grant Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials and Deputy Clerk are hereby authorized to accept the Grant to the Piscataway Library in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Middlesex County and execute the 2025 Arts Program Support Grant Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township administration shall execute any additional documentation or take any further action as necessary to accept and comply with the requirements of the Grant.

RESOLUTION #25-124

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-8.5(a) of the General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway, the Township Council shall set the Designated Charging Rates for the specified EV Charging locations on an annual basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the Designated Charging Rates pursuant to Section 7-8.5(a) shall be \$0.44/kWh.

RESOLUTION #25-125

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

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
5801	2	NEW CENTENNIAL LLC	2025	\$1,669.89	TOILET REPAIR
4201	6.01	RUTGER INDUSTIAL CENTER	2025	\$42,734.65	METER REPLACEMENT
				TOTAL	\$44,404.54

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

RESOLUTION #25-126

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Leibowitz, seconded by Councilmember Lombardi.

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

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Municipal Budget of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex for the Fiscal Year 2025;

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2025;

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Courier News in the issue of March 14, 2025.

The Governing Body of the Township of Piscataway does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2025:

General Appropriations For	
Appropriations within "CAPS" –	
Municipal Purposes	\$56,997,082.00
Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" –	
Municipal Purposes	\$27,468,544.25
Local District School Purposes in Municipal Budget	--
Total General Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"	\$27,468,544.25
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes Based on Estimated	
99.23 Percent of Tax Collections	\$1,587,742.72
Total General Appropriations	\$86,053,368.97
Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax	\$30,701,685.47
Difference: Amount to be Raised by Taxes for	
Support of Municipal Budget (as follows)	
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including	
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$51,501,677.18
Addition to Local District School Tax	--
Minimum Library Tax	\$3,850,006.32

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin, & Espinosa answered yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM OFFICIALS

- Councilmember Carmichael acknowledged the Piscataway Senior Citizens for their efforts in putting together the Black History Month events. She also thanked the Mayor for attending and talking with the seniors at the last event.
- Councilmember Leibowitz thanked Daniel (Director of Finance) for his help in understanding the budget. She reminded the Council of the discussion they had last meeting about supporting undocumented immigrants.
- Councilmember Lombardi wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and mentioned the upcoming breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus.
- Councilmember Rashid wished everyone a Ramadan Mubarak and mentioned the upcoming interfaith Iftar hosted by the Middlesex County Muslim Center. She also wished everyone a Happy Holi.
- Councilmember Uhrin reminded everyone of the upcoming Boy Scouts spaghetti dinner.
- Mayor Wahler congratulated Deputy Clerk Kelly Mitch and wished her luck in her new role.
- Business Administrator Tim Dacey did not have any comments.
- Assistant Business Administrator Paula Cozzarelli reminded everyone of the grant the Township received for the new 911 dispatch center, which is approximately 75% complete. She reminded residents to keep up with the Township by visiting our website and following our social media pages.
- Township Attorney Raj Goomer wished Deputy Clerk Kelly Mitch good luck in her new role. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming Sikh holiday, Hola Mohalla.
- Council President Espinosa echoed Assistant Business Administrator Paula Cozzarelli's comments about the new website. He thanked Economic Development Officer, Jenn Johnson, for her help in getting that project done.

The Council considered the matters on the Agenda for April 15, 2025:

- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Adopting Redevelopment Plan for the Rivercrest Cabana Club – Rivercrest Drive – Block 7305, Lots 19.01, 20 & 21 – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Sale of Certain Lands Owned by the Township – Block 2101, Lot 10.03 – 5 Old New Brunswick Road – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations and Establish a CAP Bank – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.

- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Amending and Supplementing Chapter II (2) Administration, Section 18 – OPEN TO PUBLIC – RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Amending and Supplementing Chapter XXI (21) Administration, Section 8A – OPEN TO PUBLIC – RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- RESOLUTION – Authorizing Contract – Appraisals for Patton Avenue Road Improvement Acquisitions
- RESOLUTION – Approving Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement – 10 Normandy Drive

OPEN TO PUBLIC – REMOTE ATTENDEES:

Jessica Kratovil, 1247 Brookside Rd, asked about the reassessment notices that were recently mailed out.

Business Administrator Tim Dacey and Township Attorney Raj Goomer both provided clarification.

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC – IN PERSON ATTENDEES:

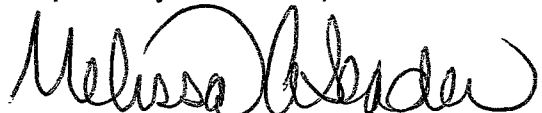
Sarah Radford, 13 Dunbar Ave, asked for clarification on how the Tax Assessor calculates property reassessments.

Mayor Wahler, Councilmember Lombardi, Business Administrator Tim Dacey, and Council President Espinosa all offered a response.

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. Motion by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Rashid, carried unanimously.

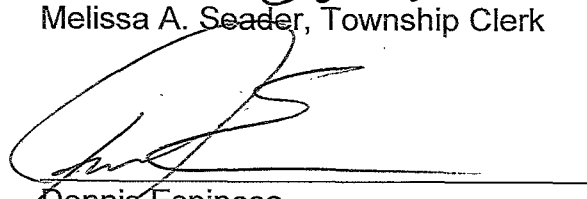
Respectfully submitted,



Melissa A. Seader, Township Clerk

Accepted:

June 17, 2025



Dennis Espinosa
Council President