

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, in said Township.

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**STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by posting written notices and agenda of the meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, Township of Hanover and by hand delivering, mailing or faxing such notice and agenda to the following newspapers:

**HANOVER EAGLE  
MORRIS COUNTY'S DAILY RECORD  
THE STAR LEDGER**

and by filing same with the Township Clerk.

(Signed) John L. Ferramosca, Mayor

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ROLL CALL: Mayor Ferramosca and Members Cahill, Francioli, Gallagher, and Mihalko

ABSENT:

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG & OPENING PRAYER**

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**MOMENT OF PRAYER IN MOURNING OF LONG TIME ASSISTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ROBIN DENTE**

Mayor Ferramosca: Robin Dente served the Township in stellar manor as their Assistant Business Administrator, and to please say a silent prayer in her memory. Mr. Giorgio will give specifics on the memorial services for Robin Dente.

Joe Giorgio conveyed there will be a viewing for Robin at the Leonardis Memorial Funeral Home, located on Ridgedale Avenue in Florham Park and the viewing will be between 11:30 and 1:30 pm with a half hour prayer service immediately following.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the Re-Organization Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2022 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2022 of have been presented to the members of the Committee prior to this meeting by the Township Clerk.

Member Mihalko moved that the Minutes be accepted and approved as presented by the Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Member Francioli and was unanimously passed.

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 125-4. ENTITLED "RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES" UNDER CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED FEES WITH THE INCLUSION OF NEW 2022 FEES RELATED TO VARIOUS RECREATION AND PARK ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AND THE INCLUSION OF NEW RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT POOL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE YEAR 2022 BEE MEADOW SWIMMING POOL SEASON**

Proof of Publication that the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction for Ordinance 1-2022 appeared in full in the January 19, 2022 issue of the Daily Record in accordance with the law.

Motion to open public hearing made by Member Cahill and seconded by Member Mihalko and unanimously passed.

Mayor Ferramosca asked the public if anyone would like to address the Township Committee on these ordinances.

Jim Neidhardt, 3414 Appleton Way, Whippany: I'd like to talk real briefly. Just about Ordinance 1-2022 which is the Recreation Administration and pool fees. Can I give you a hand out?

Mayor Ferramosca: Sure.

Jim Neidhardt: Having been a long term resident of Hanover since I think, 1980, I spent many, many, years at the Bea Meadow Pool with my family and then after the kids grew, we left, we stopped going to the pool. Two years ago, when Covid hit, and I couldn't use my condo pool, I joined the Bea Meadow Pool and last year I was very pleased to see that you guys offer a very nice discount for seniors since I am now a senior. The current resident senior couple rate is currently \$230.00, and since I am part of a senior couple, have been for the last thirteen years, some of you probably know my girlfriend, I joined. The prior year I joined by myself, and she has some time off once in a while, she probably comes like 5 times the whole year, so I wanted her to join also. So I went and submitted my money, my \$230.00 for one person being 65 years old and the other person I was told, the age doesn't matter. And then I got a call shortly after that saying that I needed to submit proof of residency, so I brought my residency and her residency since we each own a condo in Town, and I was told that we're not a senior couple by their definition even though there's no sign of that anywhere in their materials. So, I was told I would have to pay the single; I'm using this year's numbers, I don't know what last years numbers were, I don't know what last year's numbers was, I didn't look that up. But I was told that I had to pay the resident single senior rate of \$155.00 for myself, and the resident single rate of \$265.00 for my girlfriend, my significant other, for a total of \$420.00. And I expressed my concern about that with both the person that heads up recreation, as well as Mr. Quirk, and I didn't get a lot of sympathy, but they did say that they would bring that to the Recreation Commissioners, and in a couple, a week later, I got that they could not do that, and I asked why, and they told me it was basically budgetary reasons that they have very tight budgets and they needed the money. I said, well fine, give me my check back and I'll register as a single senior, so they lost \$75.00. I like the idea of being given nice senior discount, but I just don't think it is equitable for somebody that truly is a senior couple. Not to get that rate to be penalized \$190.00 for the privilege of paying property taxes on not one property, but two, so the Town gets two property taxes out of us because we each own a unit, we just choose not to cohabitate in one location. So I just wanted to bring that to your attention that I don't think that that's very equitable, and I don't think that the Recreation Commissioners looked at that in a fair way considering that the Township gets twice the taxes from two people, so I just wanted to bring that to your attention before you voted on this cause having served on Boards here in Town, I know that we are very diligent in reading our materials but I don't think anybody studies (inaudible) like this so I just wanted to bring that to your attention that there is some inequity in that, probably something that nobody really thought about and everybody just those are wrong, those are wrong because they copy last year's and just up it by 3% of whatever. You should know that I personally don't think that that's very fair.

Member Mihalko: Thank you Jim. No I appreciate you bringing it to our attention. I see exactly what you're saying, and you're, to be honest, you're kind of a quirk, and that situation hasn't come up much and you know we do our best to cover all bases. I see that there's a resident two person which is only \$330.00, which would still save you \$330.00 which is up top if you want that route. But I'll bring it up to them and I'll talk to them about it and again, what is the definition of a residency senior couple and I see you have written here, one person 65 years plus, I don't know if there's is even a

definition of what a couple is. I guess maybe they ask them if they are both over 65. But I'll look into that and find out.

Jim Neidhardt: I bring that up because the younger population, people in their 20's and 30's, they don't get married at the same rate, the previous people did and with so many people getting divorced, when people become seniors, they don't necessarily get married, they don't necessarily cohabitate. You know there are numbers I know that live separately. I found it rather disturbing because when they asked for the proof of residency, I brought in like two children's wedding invitations from like nine years ago and five years ago and showed it addressed to my address with both my name and my girlfriend's name on the envelope and I gave them copies of all that and to not make an exception, I know it's a quirk, but no pun intended.

Member Mihalko: It is a quirk, and I also want to point out it is a self-funding entity so your tax dollars don't go towards this, it is self-funding.

Jim Neidhardt: I understand that, but you guys are signing off on this tonight, and you guys have to approve it, so I want you to know what you are approving. Okay? Thank you.

Member Ferramosca: I've also asked Mr. Semrau to look into what is the definition of a household? Because in parentheses at the top of this table, there are these words, same household, so let's check into that as Mr. Mihalko checks back with Recreation, let's also get an answer as the definition of household.

Jim Neidhardt: And senior couple. What's a couple? Is it somebody that's married or is it somebody that cohabitates or both, or neither?

Member Mihalko: What if I have a friend who's a senior also and now we are going to rather, and you live in separate places, and you're trying to get the benefit of one as opposed to the other. You're in a quirk situation right there Jim.

Jim Neidhardt: When you show wedding invitations with both people's name on it from nine years ago and five years ago, it's like okay. Just want to bring it your attention. I'm not complaining or anything. Just you should know about it.

Mayor Ferramosca: Is there any other member of the public who would like to address the Township Committee at this time? Please do so, by stating your name and address.

Motion to close public hearing made by Member Mihalko and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

Now on Adoption, Be it resolved, that an Ordinance entitled, "**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 125-4. ENTITLED "RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES" UNDER CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED FEES WITH THE INCLUSION OF NEW 2022 FEES RELATED TO VARIOUS RECREATION AND PARK ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AND THE INCLUSION OF NEW RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT POOL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE YEAR 2022 BEE MEDOW SWIMMING POOL SEASON**" be passed on final reading and that a Notice of the final passage of the Ordinance be published in the Daily Record.

Member Cahill has made the motion for adoption and seconded by Member Gallagher voted unanimously to pass.

**So Adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING SECTIONS 166-4, *DEFINITIONS AND WORD USAGE*, AND SECTION 166-113.1, *BUILDING COVERAGE, IMPROVEMENT COVERAGE AND FLOOR AREA RATIO REQUIREMENTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICTS*, IN CHAPTER 166 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION**

Proof of Publication that the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction for Ordinance 2-2022 appeared in full in the January 19, 2022 issue of the Daily Record in accordance with the law.

I would also like to note for the record, that Ordinance No. 2-2022 is a Land Use and Development Legislation Ordinance. This ordinance was sent to the Planning Board for referral and review as required by the Municipal Land Use Law. We have a letter from the Planning Board recommending that this ordinance be adopted this evening by the Governing body, and we also note for the record that Ordinance No. 2-2022 was filed with the Morris County Planning and Development Office as required by the Municipal Land Use Law at this time.

Motion to open public hearing made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

Motion to close public hearing made by Member Cahill and seconded by Member Mihalko and unanimously passed.

Now on Adoption, Be it resolved, that an Ordinance entitled, "**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING SECTIONS 166-4, *DEFINITIONS AND WORD USAGE*, AND SECTION 166-113.1, *BUILDING COVERAGE, IMPROVEMENT COVERAGE AND FLOOR AREA RATIO REQUIREMENTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICTS*, IN CHAPTER 166 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION**" be passed on final reading and that a Notice of the final passage of the Ordinance be published in the Daily Record.

Member Cahill has made the motion for adoption and seconded by Member Gallagher voted unanimously to pass.

**So Adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING SECTIONS 166-136, *PATIOS AND DECKS*, AND SECTION 166-136.1, *OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ACCESSORY TO SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS*, IN CHAPTER 166 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION**

Proof of Publication that the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction for Ordinance 3-2022 appeared in full in the January 19, 2022 issue of the Daily Record in accordance with the law.

I would also like to note for the record, that Ordinance No. 3-2022 is a Land Use and Development Legislation Ordinance. This ordinance was sent to the Planning Board for referral and review as required by the Municipal Land Use Law. We have a letter from the Planning Board recommending that this ordinance be adopted this

evening by the Governing body, and we also note for the record that Ordinance No. 3-2022 was filed with the Morris County Planning and Development Office as required by the Municipal Land Use Law at this time.

Motion to open public hearing made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

Motion to close public hearing made by Member Cahill and seconded by Member Mihalko and unanimously passed.

Now on Adoption, Be it resolved, that an Ordinance entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING SECTIONS 166-136, PATIOS AND DECKS, AND SECTION 166-136.1, OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ACCESSORY TO SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS, IN CHAPTER 166 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION”** be passed on final reading and that a Notice of the final passage of the Ordinance be published in the Daily Record.

Member Ferramosca has made the motion for adoption and seconded by Member Gallagher voted unanimously to pass.

**So Adopted.**

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 267-42. ENTITLED “SCHEDULE XII: TRUCKS OVER CERTAIN WEIGHTS EXCLUDED” UNDER CHAPTER 267 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC WITH THE INCLUSION OF MALAPARDIS ROAD IN THE CEDAR KNOLLS SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP FROM RIDGEDALE AVENUE TO HANOVER TOWNSHIP – MORRIS PLAINS CORPORATE LINE**

**WHEREAS**, due to the anticipated increase in the volume of truck traffic on Malapardis Road, a residential street in the Cedar Knolls Section of the Township, it is the intention of the Township Committee to exclude vehicles in excess of the gross weight limit of four (4) tons from traveling Malapardis Road from Ridgedale Avenue to the Hanover Township–Morris Plains corporate line.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 267-42. Schedule XII: Trucks Over Certain Weights Excluded. Under Chapter 267 of the Code of the Township of Hanover entitled Vehicles in Traffic, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

“In accordance with the provisions of Section 267-15, trucks in excess of the gross weights indicated are hereby excluded from the following streets or parts of streets, except for the pick-up and delivery of materials on such streets:

<b><u>NAME OF STREET</u></b>	<b><u>WEIGHT LIMIT (tons)</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
Malapardis Road	4 Tons	Ridgedale Ave to the Hanover Township-Morris Plains Corporate Line

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department.

**Section 3.** The violations and penalties provisions of Section 267-3. under Chapter 267 of the Code of the Township of Hanover shall apply unless another penalty is expressly provided by Title 39 of the New Jersey State Statutes.

**Section 4.** In case, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other section or provision of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared unconstitutional or invalid shall be severed from the remainder or any portion thereof.

**Section 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance and Chapter 267 of the Code of the Township, are to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

The Ordinance and Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record in accordance with the law. Public Hearing is scheduled for March 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Motion on introduction made by Member Mihalko and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously approved.

**So Introduced.**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2022**

**AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL, SYNTHETIC TURF TO BE INSTALLED AT THE BRICKYARD ATHLETIC FIELD AND RETAINING THE SERVICES OF A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING WETLAND PERMITTING AND IF NECESSARY, ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES, RELATED TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE ARTIFICIAL, SYNTHETIC TURF AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000.00 FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND ALL PRIOR YEARS FOR THE FINANCING OF THE TURF PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Brickyard Athletic Field at Bee Meadow Park on Reynolds Avenue is one of the Township's premier and centerpiece athletic fields for various sports activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the field is currently used for football games, girl's lacrosse and Township sponsored concerts; and

**WHEREAS**, while the grass multi-purpose athletic field constructed in 2001 has served a useful purpose in accommodating the needs of several different sports, it has a disadvantage in terms of stormwater drainage which sometimes results in the cancellation or delay of sport events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Recreation Commissioners believe the installation of artificial, synthetic turf will perform well in providing maximum durability and safety while at the same time being aesthetically pleasing; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with the Township Committee's philosophy of sound fiscal and budgetary management in planning long-term capital projects, the

governing body has allocated funds since 2015 through several current fund budgets and the Township's Open Space Trust Fund to underwrite the cost of installing artificial, synthetic turf at the Brickyard Athletic Field.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** The governing body hereby authorizes the purchase and Installation of artificial, synthetic turf in replacing the existing grass field at the Brickyard Athletic Field at Bee Meadow Park on Reynolds Avenue.

**Section 2.** In accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq., the Township Engineer is authorized and directed to advertise for the receipt of sealed competitive bids for the purchase and acquisition of artificial, synthetic turf to be installed at the Brick Yard Athletic Field including but not limited to ancillary construction work that may be required for the proper installation of the turf. In the alternative, and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3), the Township Engineer is also authorized to purchase and install the turf through a current and valid contract awarded by a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing program in the State of New Jersey of which the Township of Hanover is a member.

**Section 3.** The Township Engineer is further authorized and directed to retain the services of a professional engineering firm whose members are professional engineers licensed by the State of New Jersey and qualified to prepare environmental and wetland applications and design and engineering services, related to the installation of the artificial, synthetic turf, if required by the Township.

**Section 4.** There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,000,000.00 from the Township's 2022 Capital Improvement Fund and all prior years for the financing the acquisition and installation of artificial, synthetic turf as described in Section 1. above and the performance of services by licensed professional engineers as set forth in Section 3.

**Section 5.** Publication and advertisement costs associated with the turf project may be charged to this Ordinance.

**Section 6.** All ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 7.** If any 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.

**Section 8.** This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

The Ordinance and Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record in accordance with the law. Public Hearing is scheduled for March 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Motion on introduction made by Member Mihalko and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously approved.

**So Introduced.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 6-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING A ONE (1%) PERCENT INCREASE IN THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT OF THE TOWNSHIP'S CALENDAR YEAR 2022 CURRENT FUND BUDGET AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING A CAP BANK, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq. provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a, provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation, and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey finds it advisable and necessary to increase its Calendar Year 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$214,012.71 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the Calendar Year 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hanover shall, in accordance with this ordinance, and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by the 3.5%, amounting to \$749,044.49, and that the Calendar Year 2022 municipal budget for the Township of Hanover be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.
2. That any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two (2) succeeding years.
3. That a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction.

4. That a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within five (5) days after such adopted.

The Ordinance and Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record on February 16, 2022 in accordance with the law. Public Hearing is scheduled for March 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Motion on introduction made by Member Mihalko and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously approved.

**So Introduced.**

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 38-2022**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADVANCEMENT IN COMPENSATION FOR SHELBY SNOW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION HAVING RECEIVED A SATISFACTORY JOB PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Township's Job Performance Evaluation System, the employee named below has received a satisfactory job performance evaluation from the Business Administrator, and subject to Township policy, is entitled to advance in compensation as described below; and

**WHEREAS**, Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified that the advancement in compensation for the individuals mentioned below are correct.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris that the individual named below, having received a satisfactory job performance evaluation from the Business Administrator, shall receive the following compensation on the effective dates as follows:

**DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION:**

**Shelby Snow**

\$82,500.00 per annum

**Assistant Business and**

Effective: Date: 2/1/2022

**Municipal Housing Liaison**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer for reference and action.

**RESOLUTION NO. 39-2022**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME INCREASE IN COMPENSATION FOR RYAN FALKMAN FROM \$18.75 PER HOUR TO \$19.23 PER HOUR PURSUANT TO SALARY GUIDE IBT D-1 AND SCHEDULE "B" OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 16-2021 AS A RESULT OF RECEIVING A CLASS "B" COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, as an incentive, Mr. Foran recommended that the Township Committee authorize a one-time increase in compensation of \$1,000.00 for any employee

**WHEREAS**, since January 3, 2022 Ryan Falkman has served as a Laborer I/Sanitation I in the Park Maintenance Division of the Public Works, Buildings and Grounds and Park Maintenance Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Falkman satisfied the requirement of obtaining a Class "B" Commercial Driver License after starting work with the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Township Committee's Budget Work Session on February 2, 2019, Brian Foran, the Superintendent of the Township's Public Works, Buildings and Grounds and Park Maintenance Department advised the governing body of an acute shortage of DPW employees who are unable to work as equipment operators as they do not have a Class "A" Commercial Driver License; and obtaining a Class "A" or "B" Commercial Driver License; and

**WHEREAS**, as an hourly rate employee, the \$1,000.00 one-time adjustment in compensation will increase Mr. Falkman's hourly rate from \$18.75 per hour to \$19.23 per hour under Job Group III of Schedule "B" and Salary Guide IBT D-1 as set forth in Ordinance No. 16-2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. As a result of obtaining a valid Class "B" Commercial Driver License as a Laborer I/Sanitation Collector I, **Ryan Falkman's** hour rate of pay is hereby increased from \$18.75 per hour to \$19.23 per hour under Job Group III of Schedule "B" and Salary Guide IBT D-1 as set forth in Salary Ordinance No. 16-2021. This hourly rate increase represents a one-time adjustment in salary as a result of receiving the Class "B" Commercial Driver License.
2. The salary adjustment shall take effect with the next payroll period.
3. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer, the Superintendent of the Public Works, Buildings and Grounds and Park Maintenance Department and **Mr. Falkman** for reference and information purposes.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 40 -2022**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER APPROVING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS AND CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF HANOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-88**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-88 provides that each member of the Hanover Township Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 3 shall receive as compensation such amounts as the board shall fix; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-88 further provides that the compensation so fixed shall be subject to the review and approval of the governing body of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 compensation for members of the Board of Fire District No. 3 as set forth in Schedule "A" is attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No.3 establishes the salaries and rates of compensation for certain employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements and who have received satisfactory 2021 employee job performance evaluations; and

**WHEREAS**, funds have been appropriated in the District's 2022 Current Fund Operating Budget to cover the cost of the employee salaries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88, each member of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hanover Township Fire District No. 3 shall be compensated at the rate of \$2,500.00 per annum during calendar year 2022. The governing body has reviewed and approves the compensation as set forth in the attached Schedule "A".
2. Effective January 1, 2022, the following employees of Fire District No. 3 shall be compensated as follows consistent with receiving a satisfactory job performance evaluation:
  - A. Karen Calabrese.....\$29.48 per hour;
  - B. James M. Schultz.....\$37.23 per hour; and
  - C. Chad J. DiGiorgio.....\$133,214.84 per year
3. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hanover Township Fire District No. 3, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer and the Township's auditor for reference and information purposes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 41-2022**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A TWELVE (12) MONTH, ONE TIME EXTENSION OF THE HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND RAMAS CLIMATE AND REFRIGERATION, LLC BASED ON THE SAME PRICING AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2022, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township Committee, during its January 14, 2021 regular meeting approved a resolution awarding a contract to **Ramas Climate and Refrigeration, LLC** for the performance of preventive maintenance and repair services for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems located at the Municipal Building, the Multi-Purpose Community Center, Monroe Hall and the Public Works Department Garage; for the period beginning January 15, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ramas Climate and Refrigeration, LLC**, was the lowest responsible and responsive bidder who submitted a bid in the amount of \$7,000.00 for preventive maintenance services, and repair services, based on the vendor's hourly rates when such repair services are required by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract commenced on January 15, 2021 and expired on December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 provides that municipalities may enter into contracts for the furnishing of materials, supplies or services for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) consecutive months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law also provides that the governing body, may by resolution, extend a service contract for no more than one, two (2) year, or two, one (1) year extensions, subject to certain limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has determined that **Ramas Climate and Refrigeration, LLC** has performed in an effective and efficient manner during the contract period, that is, from January 15, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and recommends that the contract be extended for an additional twelve (12) month period commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, in a letter dated January 25, 2022, **Ramas Climate and Refrigeration, LLC** advised the Township's Business Administrator that it agrees to extend the contract through December 31, 2022 based on the same terms, conditions and pricing as set forth in the original contract executed on January 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the recommendation of the Township Engineer and the consent of **Ramas Climate and Refrigeration, LLC**, the Township Committee wishes to extend the heating, ventilating and air conditioning HVAC Preventive Maintenance and Repair Services contract for the twelve (12) month period commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15, the governing body hereby extends the HVAC Preventive Maintenance and Repair Services contract awarded to **Ramus Climate and Refrigeration, LLC** for one twelve (12) month extension of time commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. The prices for preventive maintenance services, and the hourly labor rates for repair services, when necessary, and all other terms and conditions, shall remain the same as those prices stipulated in the January 30, 2021 written contract by and between the Township and **Ramas Climate and Refrigeration, LLC** as follows:

**Preventative Maintenance Services:** \$7,000.00 Lump Sum;  
**Hourly Labor Rates for Repair Services:**

- A. Regular Hourly Labor Rate:  
Monday to Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$80.00 per man hour;
- B. Weekday Overtime Labor Rate:  
Monday to Friday after 4:30 p.m. &  
All Day Saturday \$120.00 per man hour; and

C. Overtime Labor Rate:  
Sunday and Holidays \$120.00 per man hour.

2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Township Engineer, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer and **Ramas Climate and Refrigeration, LLC** for reference and information purposes.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 42-2022

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REJECTING THE LOW BID OF THE TJB LEGACY GROUP AS A RESULT OF FAILING TO SUBMIT A CONSENT OF SURETY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT IN THE LUMP SUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,015.94 TO THE APPARENT SECOND LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER ACP CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE REMOVAL OF TWO (2) EXISTING COLUMN SHOWERS AND REPLACING THEM WITH ONE (1) STANDARD COLUMN SHOWER AND ONE (1) ADA COMPLIANT COLUMN SHOWER IN THE WOMEN'S SHOWER ROOM AT THE BEE MEADOW POOL FACILITY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 of the Local Public Contracts Law, the Township of Hanover advertised for the receipt of sealed competitive bids on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the following:

1. Base Bid: The removal of two (2) existing column showers and replacing them with one (1) standard column shower with privacy assemblies and one (1) ADA compliant column shower with privacy assemblies in the women's shower room at the Bee Meadow Swimming Pool facility, all in accordance with the Township's plans and specifications; and
2. Alternate Bid Item: The removal of two (2) existing column showers and replacing them with one (1) standard column shower with privacy assemblies and one (1) ADA complaint column shower with privacy assemblies in the men's shower room at the Bee Meadow Pool Swimming facility, all in accordance with the Township's plans and specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to public advertising, the Township's Bid Reception Committee received and opened a total of four (4) sealed competitive bids on December 14, 2021, out of five (5) prospective bidders who obtained the Township's Specification; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, acting within his authority and in conformance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. has carefully examined all of the bid documents received on December 14, 2021, and has set forth his recommendations concerning the award of a contract for the column shower project described above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer's letter recommendation dated January 24, 2022 addressed to the Mayor and Township Committee, is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full; and

**WHEREAS** The TJB Legacy Group. (hereinafter referred to as "TJB") located at 383 Ridgedale Avenue in East Hanover New Jersey 07936, was the apparent lowest responsible and responsive bidder who submitted bids in the amounts of \$37,000.00 each for the base bid and alternate bid item; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:11-23.2. entitled "Mandatory Requirements" of the Local Public Contracts Law stipulates that when the bid plans and specifications require that a Consent of Surety be considered as a mandatory item to be submitted at the time specified by the contracting unit for the receipt of bids, the failure to submit the Consent of Surety shall be deemed a fatal defect rendering the bid proposal unresponsive and incurable by the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, although TJB was the apparent low bidder and did not submit a Consent of Surety Certificate, the Township Engineer recommends that TJB's bid be rejected and declared unresponsive and defective in that TJB did not comply with the Township's Bid Documentation Submission Checklist by submitting a signed Consent of Surety Certificate; and

**WHEREAS**, **ACP Contracting, Inc.**, the second apparent lowest responsible and responsive bidder submitted a low lump sum bid in the amount of \$38,015.94 for the base bid and \$32,513.04 for the alternate bid item; and

**WHEREAS**, **ACP Contracting, Inc.** was responsive and compliant in submitting all of the required documentation in conformance with the Township's Bid Document Submission Checklist; and

**WHEREAS**, because TJB was unresponsive and did not comply with the Township's Bid Document Submission Checklist, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that the Township Committee award a contract to **ACP Contracting, Inc.**, the second low bidder whose bid does not include any exceptions, deviations or deficiencies, and is in total compliance with the Township's Bid Document Submission Checklist; and

**WHEREAS**, because of insufficient funds in the Swimming Pool Enterprise Fund Capital Ordinance No. 19-2021, the Township Engineer recommends the award of a contract to **ACP Contracting, Inc.** for the performance of work under the base bid; that is, the removal and replacement of the column showers in the women's shower room at the Bee Meadow Swimming Pool facility.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. In accordance with the recommendations of the Township Engineer, as set forth in his January 24, 2022 letter, which is incorporated herein by reference, and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full, the governing body hereby authorizes the following action:
  - A. The base bid and (alternate bid) of TJB Legacy Group, the apparent lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the removal and replacement of the shower columns in the women's and men's shower rooms at the Bee Meadow Swimming Pool facility is declared deficient, defective and unresponsive in that TJB did not comply with the Township's Bid Documentation Submission Checklist by submitting a signed Consent of Surety Certificate, which is deemed a fatal defect that renders the bid proposal unresponsive. Therefore, the bid of TJB is rejected on the basis that

it failed to comply with the Township's Bid Documentation Submission Checklist.

- B. In accordance with its base bid proposal received by the Township's Bid Reception Committee on December 14, 2021, the governing body awards a contract to **ACP Contracting, Inc.** located at 25 Just Road in Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 to remove and replace the column showers in the women's shower room at the Bee Meadow Swimming Pool facility in the lump sum amount of \$38,015.94, all in accordance with the Township's plans and specifications. **ACP Contracting, Inc.** is hereby declared as the responsive and responsible bidder, and is in total compliance with the Township's Bid Documentation Submission Checklist in that its bid is not defective and does not include any exceptions, deviations or deficiencies.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the Township with **ACP Contracting, Inc.** in the lump sum amount not to exceed \$38,015.94.
  3. The Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified that sufficient funds have been appropriated, and are available through Swimming Pool Enterprise Capital Fund Ordinance No. 19-2021, Line Item Number 220-5661-49 for the performance of the work under the base bid only as set forth above, all in accordance with the Local Budget Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq.
  4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Township Engineer, the Township's CMFO and **ACP Contracting, Inc.** for reference and information purposes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 43-2022**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee, of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the following tax overpayments, as certified by Silvio Esposito, Collector of Taxes, be and are hereby refunded:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUAL. #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1502	21	C0104	O'Brien, Elizabeth 162 Vista Drive Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927	\$1,287.72
5603	10		Castellano, Lorraine/Anthony 12 Crescent Dr Whippany, NJ 07981	\$1,637.52

**RESOLUTION NO. 44-2022**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADVANCEMENT IN GRADE AND COMPENSATION FOR PATROLMEN ROBERT MIELE AND ANTHONY D'ANGELO IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVING RECEIVED SATISFACTORY JOB PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Police Department's Job Performance Evaluation System, the employees named below have received satisfactory job performance evaluations from the Chief of Police, and subject to Township policy, are

entitled to advance in grade and compensation based on their anniversary dates as described below; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified that the advancement in grade and compensation for the officers mentioned below is correct.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris that the individuals named below, in accordance with the current Collective Negotiations Agreement with the Policeman's Benevolent Association, PBA Local No. 128 and Salary Ordinance No. 18-19 shall be advanced in grade and compensation on their anniversary date as follows:

**POLICE:**

**Patrolman Robert Miele** \$67,079.00 per annum  
PBA – Patrolman Step 2 Effective Date: 3/01/2022

**Patrolman Anthony D'Angelo** \$67,079.00 per annum  
PBA – Patrolman Step 2 Effective Date: 3/01/2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 45-2022**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING 190 PARK AVENUE REDEVELOPERS URE, LLC AS REDEVELOPER AND AUTHORIZING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AND 190 PARK AVENUE REDEVELOPERS URE, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Township entered into a Settlement Agreement (the 'Settlement Agreement') effective January 19, 2021 concerning, among other things, the redevelopment of that certain real property known as Block 4802, Lot 2 on the official tax maps of the Township (the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 10, 2021, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Redevelopment Law"), the Governing Body adopted Resolution 105-2021, determining that the Property qualified as an area in need of redevelopment (the Property may hereinafter also be referred to as the "Redevelopment Area"); and

**WHEREAS**, on October 14, 2021, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, the Governing Body adopted Ordinance No. 29-2021, approving and adopting the "190 Park Avenue Redevelopment Plan" for Block 4802, Lot 2 (the "Redevelopment Plan"), prepared by Burgis Associates, Inc. for the Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, 190 Park Avenue Redevelopers URE, LLC (the "Redeveloper") received preliminary and final site plan approval from the Planning Board of the Township of Hanover to construct a 210-unit multifamily apartment building, including 150 market-rate units and 60 age-restricted affordable units and related site improvements (the "Project"), on the Property consistent with the Settlement Agreement and the Redevelopment Plan, which approval is memorialized in a resolution dated November 23, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to enter into a redevelopment agreement and proceed with the development of the Property for the Project the Redeveloper shall be designated as redeveloper of the Property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. 190 Park Avenue Redevelopers URE, LLC is hereby designated as redeveloper of the Property.
2. Prior to proceeding with the physical redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area, the Redeveloper shall enter into an agreement with the Township in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-9.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer and Chief of Police or their reference and action.

Motion made by Mayor Ferramosca to approve resolutions as a consent agenda and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously approved.

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

The governing body approved a grand total disbursement of **\$8,809,949.41** for the payment of all bills as of this Regular Township Committee Meeting. A copy of the "Bills Payment List – by Vendor" is hereby approved and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full. Moved by Mayor Ferramosca and seconded by Member Cahill and unanimously passed.

A copy of the Bill Payment List – by Vendor has been incorporated in the Supplemental Minute Book – Payment of Bills which is on file in the Township Clerk's office.

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**RAFFLE APPLICATION:**

**RL-3335 Morris Catholic High School – Off Site Basket Raffle**  
**RL-3336 Morris Catholic High School – 50/50 offsite**  
**RL-3337 Morris Catholic High School – Tuition Raffle offsite**  
**RL-3338 Whippany Park PTO – On Premise Raffle**

Motion made to approve made by Mayor Ferramosca and seconded by Member Cahill and unanimously approved.

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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Motion made by Mayor Ferramosca to Open to the Public and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

Terri Baird, 180 Parsippany Road, Whippany: Good evening everyone. I have been contacted by several members of the community that live in the surrounding area of River Park, and they received a 200 foot buffer notification for DEP permits, and the letter that was sent by Bowman to them doesn't say anything. It's, more like a Seinfeld show about nothing, where it says like a letter about nothing, it just simply refers to

people to basically have to come to Town Hall to see what it is, and they would have to take time off from work. I don't really know if the Municipal building is open, that they can just come in and see whatever this DEP report stuff is, and, or they have the other options they could drive to Trenton and see it there, which is, these are rather, in this day and age, I think rather old fashioned. Some old fashion stuff is good, but this is sort of like, you know, it seems difficult hurdles that people have to jump over and make. It really isn't necessary. So what I did is, I, in the letter, it had James Woods' phone number, so I spoke to him and that was last Monday, and then James said that by Thursday, cause he was going down to Trenton, he said he didn't really see a problem with River Park giving permission to have something perhaps posted on the Town website about it that would be like written in layman's terms so that people would understand what's going on next door because they're asking me. I said, I don't know it could be a sludge problem, it could be rerouting the river, it could be removing the dam, you know working on the embankment on the County property. I'm just guessing. So, he didn't think there would be a problem with it. Then he told me to call Bill Hamilton, which I did towards the end of the week, and I spoke with Bill yesterday, and he said that they can't do anything. That it would have to come from the Town to request to them over they would be very amenable to it, but they can't contact the Town. So I was trying not to bother Mr. Giorgio with, you know, so I thought it would go the other route, but in reality, I should've just probably emailed you, but my quest would be that something put on the website about what it is. I asked them how large the document is and is it measured in inches or feet, and he said it's measured in feet, but he did say that they would provide cloud space for it.

Mayor Ferramosca: Thank you so much for bringing this to our attention. We will ask Mr. Giorgio to investigate this because we believe in transparency. This is an important matter, especially if people are being noticed on it, that they at least have an understanding as to what it is and don't have to drive to Trenton to see it. That's only reasonable.

Terri Baird: Right. Right. You would think in this day and age, but you would think it would be like a normal requirement now the way the things go nowadays, but it's at the good graces of the Town and you have been very transparent in doing a lot of stuff on the website, and you know, a lot of people compliment the website because it does have a lot of information on it. You go on other Towns website and you can find anything but your website is improving dramatically, I mean it is skyrocketing. That's one thing.

Member Cahill: Terri, was that a compliment?

Terri Baird: Yeah. I give credit where credit's due. And now my other thing, issue, this is an issue, is the Water company. I don't see, like when I go to the Water company's website, and try to find who is our representative for the Town, I can't tell. I've gone through every page. I have looked at your assignments, every TC's assignment, I can't tell who of you has you know the connection to the Water Authority.

Member Francioli: When you found out, tell me because I'm supposed to be that liaison, but apparently the Water company in their bi-laws for the Township's liaison person, will not accept an elected official to partake in the Water company. It has to be through Mr. Mayor what, are two Delegates...

Member Ferramosca: Representatives

Member Francioli: which are presently is you know Adolf Schimpf just retired to who?

Joe Giorgio: One is Mr. Marucci, Nicholas Marucci, and the second one is a new person that just came on, Mr. Kiracofe and he was approved at the January 6<sup>th</sup> Reorganization Meeting.

Terri Baird: Okay so I should be able to find their emails on the...

Joe Giorgio: I would think their website should have a listing of all the different municipalities that are part of the Water Authority. It should have the names and contact information with those representatives.

Terri Baird: You would think.

Joe Giorgio: I would think too. I agree with you.

Terri Baird: And because I would like to be able to speak with them, or maybe they could come here and give like a report or something to know what's going on with them.

Mayor Ferramosca: The Township Committee plans on having these representatives come in and address us quarterly at our work session meeting which is normally the second meeting of the month.

Joe Giorgio: Ms. Cummings was put on notice about that back in November, late November early December by me that the Township Committee wanted quarterly meetings, with the representatives and herself and to keep the presentations very concise, not very long but enough to give the information to the Governing body and the members of the public on the most important features of capital improvement and budget, so I will make sure to talk to Ms. Cummings again.

Terri Baird: Okay and was that when she was here in that meeting and they at the presentation when she didn't take the notes? You said you would take the notes for her?

Joe Giorgio: That was at the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. I remember it well Terri, yes, but I have to say in speaking with Laura, she did have all of the information in order for her to respond to the Township Committee, so I was pleased about that.

Terri Baird: Okay so I look forward to seeing these in the future because you know...

Joe Giorgio: One comment about the Wetland Applications. I've been in this business for a long time, and I have to tell you I'm just amazed about how the verbiage in these Wetland Applications don't really give you a synopsis or summation of what the project is all about, and I think consultants just follow what the regulation calls for, very bureaucratic regulations, but I also have to say that communication is a two way street, so if someone from the developer wanted to put something on the website, they can call me anytime...

Terri Baird: I gave them the opportunity...

Joe Giorgio: Thank you Terri. I know you would.

Terri Baird: And it wasn't taken and it has twenty days from the time that they got the letter.

Joe Giorgio: That's right so the clock is ticking.

Terri Baird: So the clock ticked already I think.

Blais Brancheau: I was going to ask when is the comment deadline, because I mean if you post it after the deadline is passed, it's not going to (inaudible)

Terri Baird: It's twenty days from, it doesn't even say receipt of the letter, it says date of the letter. I can, if I look at my phone, I can find the picture of the letter and I could give you that date.

Blais Brancheau: Okay. It may be. Write it out timewise.

Terri Baird: I know and that's why I started this last Monday. I mean this a week and a half in. It took me this long to get that information.

Joe Giorgio: I will contact the Principal of River Park and ask him to have his consultants prepare something for our website.

Terri Baird: Yeah because I specifically asked something in layman's terms to explain to the local residents, what was going on cause otherwise people don't know and then there's a lot of misinformation that gets spilled about and you know that's unnecessary and it's unnecessary stress for the residents in the area and they contact me so I felt responsible to dig into it.

Joe Giorgio: Thank you Terri.

Terri Baird: Thank you very much.

Mayor Ferramosca: Are there any other members of the public who would like to address the Township Committee at this time. Please do so by stating your name and address at the podium.

Jim Neidhardt, 3414 Appleton Way, Whippany: Just two quick topics, they're just comments, no questions. First one is, as a resident of the Eden Lane Condo properties and also as President on the Condo Association representing 298 unit owners, we have a lot of interest in the River Park development and as the President, I felt I wanted to attend the recent EDAC meeting were Tom Stagen from River Park presented to them the plans and I thought he did an outstanding job. I took a lot of screen captions of the presentation and a lot of notes that the plan of sharing that information with our residents on our next open board meeting towards the end of February and then I was thinking that Tom did such a good job, I decided to call him up and ask him if he would attend our meeting and present it himself and I just want you all to know that he was very helpful and he said it would be his pleasure so I was very happy to hear that. He's a genuinely nice guy, who is trying to be a good community member, and just the fact that he would take an evening, or part of the evening to do that I thought was pretty nice. Also, if any one member of the Committee would like to attend that meeting, just let me know since he is going to be presenting to our residents. I don't know how many would be on the call, but we got a lot of interest.

Mayor Ferramosca: When is that scheduled for?

Jim Neidhardt: February 24<sup>th</sup>, it's a Thursday I believe, at seven o'clock. And his portion is only going to be the first fifteen minutes of the meeting, but if anybody has an interest and wants to be on there perhaps to answer questions that he can't answer. It'll just be his presentation, I'll give a forward to warn them that this is not to complain or to you know voice your opposition to or anything like that, but strictly for informational purposes, but I'm thinking it could be some questions that he might get asked that are more appropriate for a Township Committee person to answer than him. I don't want to put him in a position to try and answer questions that isn't his purvey.

Joe Giorgio: It's unfortunate that we as Committeeman Mihalko special conference meeting, an information session dealing with the traffic situation up at Cedar Knolls.

Jim Neidhardt: I just wanted to let you know that he was very welcoming and cooperative and wanted to do it. He thanked me for the opportunity to do it so that was very nice. The second thing is I've had the great pleasure of serving on the Board of Adjustment for the last eight years, and I wanted to thank each and every Committee Member for appointing me to the Planning Board, and I just want you to know that I look at that a distinct honor and a pleasure and I know how important that Board is. I just wanted to thank you for that.

Mayor Ferramosca: We look forward to your contributions on the Planning Board.

Member Francioli: Mr. Mayor, just to piggy back something on this River Park since seems to be the topic of the interest. The cooperation that we're getting from Mr. Stagen's, through the Mayor and through our Administrator, as everyone knows, the

dam is coming down. Department of dams and DEP have been urging us to take that down for I don't know how many years now, so it's on its way. With it goes a piece of history so we want to salvage that. So the recommendation to sustain it was that it keeps the iron works and sluice, some other things and that maybe he could find a park like setting on the site and put a memorial up to it.

Mayor Ferramosca: Great idea. We do have an update on that. Mr. Giorgio can provide us an update. The historical significance of iron works in this municipality, it goes back three hundred years, and you know, we have an opportunity to preserve the integrity of that iron and to use it in a setting that people could reflect upon it from a historical value, so Mr. Giorgio, our Business Administrator reached out.

Joe Giorgio: I spoke to Tom Stagen on Monday, he was very amenable to the idea. In fact, he has an idea to do something about the history of Hanover Township with more on the river walk that he's going to create along the Whippany River so we, the iron slew and from the dam would be a part of that and he wants to discuss that in more detail with the Township.

Mayor Ferramosca: Fantastic. Great development.

Joe Giorgio: I believe Deputy Mayor, also as a matter of fact, has also reached out to him to discuss a little bit about some of the historical background of River walk.

Deputy Mayor Gallagher: You know I'm just going to piggy back on Jim's said, he's an incredible human being. He's made it clear from day one that he wants to be part of this community. We've had a lot of different ideas we've gone back and forth with him on. He obviously cares about us. He doesn't want to just come in, build something and run. There's a lot of different conversations going on right now. Some of them I can't discuss but we're very happy about it. It really feels like we have a partner, and I think it's going to be an ongoing, very helpful relationship. And Jim we can't be at your meeting because we again, we do, but if there's anything that you'd like to share with us as the President, please share it with Joe and Joe will share it with all of us because it is all hands-on deck.

Jim Neidhardt: I will see if I can record it, I'm not sure because it's an open meeting for the community, but it's closed to outsiders but this portion we're opening up so I'll just check with the other Board members. If we can record it, I can give you an access to that portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ferramosca: That would be great. Okay. Any other member of the public would like to address the Township Committee at this time, please do so by stating your name and address at the podium.

Motion made by Mayor Ferramosca to close this portion of the meeting and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

Mayor Ferramosca: At this time, if there's a Member of the Committee who would like to site a brief comment, at this time we will begin with Committeeman Cahill.

Committeeman Cahill: The first thing I want to say is just to give my condolences and respects to the Dente family. I've only had the privilege of knowing her for roughly four years when I started here on the Committee, and yes, without a doubt she was a wonderful person. I remember her helping with things, everything from the softball, the Township softball games, as far as helping to write, actually in all honesty, writing the articles in my name for historical magazines and that sort of thing. Just always, always very, very helpful. Never a bad word about anyone. She will truly, truly, be missed so just leave it at that. And then the only thing I have to mention on the counter that's important is we do have on February 19th, the Fire District elections. Both elections will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday between 2:00 pm and 9:00 pm and longer if necessary. The District 3 will take place in Cedar Knolls Firehouse, the District 2 election will take place at the Whippany Firehouse. With regard to Cedar Knolls, of course they'll be voting on a budget but there also four Commissioners spots open. Two each for the three year terms, one for a two year term, that is unexpired, and the last one for a one year term, so four seats in total. Again the details for the Whippany

Fire District are the same. Whippany Firehouse 2-9, and that is the Fire Budget vote as well, as there are two Commission seats at this time that will be available, and I believe those are both three year terms. That's all.

Mayor Ferramosca: Thank you Committeeman Cahill. Committeeman Mihalko.

Committeeman Mihalko: Thank you Mr. Ferramosca. I will do the best I can. We got a lot going on. There's always a lot going on. We're always moving in Recreation, Substance Awareness has been very active also. Let me start with Substance Awareness. Back in December, they had put on a couple of programs at Memorial Junior School and they were so popular, they were actually asked to come back and the topics were cannabis and vaping, and also the mental health of the children too, so again, it was very popular because they've been working very hard, and there's a lot that they've been trying hard to fight back against. They are also putting on a couple programs up at Whippany Park high school also. So again, kudos to those people for all that they're doing in keeping up the good work. Just real quick, as we come out of hibernation, the Spring is coming, gentlemen mark your calendars, April 9<sup>th</sup>, we have "Hopping down the Bunny Trail" at Malapardis Park. We'll do an Easter event there and as things get closer, we'll give you more times. We also have opening day for Little League is going up April 23<sup>rd</sup> and then we're going to bring back our fishing contest at Malapardis Pond on April 30<sup>th</sup>. So again, just a couple of things that are coming up. We've already set up our schedule for the summer, our concerts are coming, travelling team camps opening up, family entertainment nights, Hanover Township Day, just always a lot of stuff going on. And one more thing I want to point out, one of the ordinances that we put out this evening, introduced was for Turfing the Brick Yard Field. It needs to be done. It's a beautiful field, but when it rains it is so soggy. It can rain and then two or three days later, we still can't play on it. It needs to be turfed and for the demand that's coming, and that we already have, for all of our field in Town, it's important that we have this turf field, and it's not just a football field, it's multipurpose; soccer, lacrosse, football, everything can get played on this and that we line for it appropriately, so we'll get a lot more use out of that field which is desperately needed and we're in desperate needs of fields. We had a record number of turn away permits for the Spring already or we anticipated. There's a lot of internal and external clubs and teams that want to use our facilities, so keep that in the back of your mind.

Mayor Ferramosca: Thank you Committeeman Mihalko. Committeeman Francioli.

Committeeman Francioli: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Just once again I will try with being brief. Board of Health met this past Wednesday evening. Certainly, the discussion remained on Omicron and its effect on the Township but I'm so pleased to tell you, we've all heard, the Governor now has, as of March 7<sup>th</sup>, relaxed the mask uses in our school. Doctor Perez, our Officer of our Board of Health, has met with Superintendent Wasko. A letter has gone out to the parents of all that will be going over the options that they have. Some parents may still want the use of a mask, and some parents still might want the use of plexi-shield as well. Others may not. That's their choice and we are very pleased over that. We're looking into one aspect that's federal, and that is the children who are riding the school busses that comes under Federal Ordinances Regulations as to whether or not they have to have masks on while in the school busses. Well, seems to me it's a little redundancy there, they're not going to allow masks in schools then why have the children have to tolerate it in the school busses but that be the case, we're looking into that as well, but otherwise, we are very pleased with that outcome. Senior citizens are still meeting via telecommunications and the next meeting is coming up next Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>, and they have not had any planned events or any other types of programs due to this several years of Covid that we have, but I've got to congratulate Ken Oxley and the officers. They do their very best of putting together meetings of keeping the group socialized and together whether it's through telecommunications and whether or not it's through some Zoom, so they seem to be doing very well there. A shout out very quickly, and I don't really need to, to Brian Foran and the Public Works Department who through these icy cold mornings, you've woken up to salted streets or plowed areas doing a yeoman's job with what he has, so we compliment all of the gentlemen there as well. That's what I've got for now. Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Ferramosca: Thank you so much and we all acknowledge this special effort that's been done during these terrible ice storms that we've been getting. Okay. Deputy Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Gallagher: I think I might be the quickest. I just want to say that I'm very, very, sorry about the loss of Robin, and Joe, especially with you, I spoke to you yesterday, she was an incredible human being. She really was a super, super person. Beautiful human being. So Joe, I'm sorry because how much I care about you, and you very broken up yesterday and God bless her and her family. What a beautiful person.

Joe Giorgio: Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Gallagher: We have too many activities and too many important events coming up to list now, but what I will say is they will be in the paper, they will be on the website, and we will share them on social media very, very, important work. For mental health, to all different very good activities with law enforcement and there's a lot going on with the other initiatives in Town, such as the Whippany River flooding and the Remediation of some of the flooding problems we've had and a long term true fix. That's all I got Mayor.

Mayor Ferramosca: Thank you Deputy Mayor. Okay. Just a reminder, the Township's annual budget work session takes place this Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Our CFO and our Business Administrator have been working diligently on this, and the Township Committees, and the various departments have been participating so it's deliberative ongoing work and we will be seeing much of the presentations on Saturday and it's open to the public at 8:30 am. And at this time, I'd like to invite our Business Administrator, Mr. Giorgio to share some of his commentary about the loss of Robin Dente.

Joe Giorgio: Thank you Mayor. As the Deputy Mayor pointed out, yesterday was a traumatic day for all the employees at Hanover Township. Yesterday morning at about 7:30 am, I received the shocking news that Robin had passed on. Robin was a very compassionate, exceptional person. She had a good heart. Not only was she an intellectual, knowledgeable in municipal government, but she was a true friend, not only to me, but I think to all the employees at Hanover Township. There was never a time, whenever someone was in need of something, Robin would always bend backwards to help whoever it was, no matter what time of day or night. She's a great loss not only to me, but the Township of Hanover. Robin and I started working in 1992. 29 years. We were not only colleagues, professionals, but dear friends. So, as the Deputy Mayor pointed out, yesterday was a very hard day for me and for all the employees. A lot of tears were shed yesterday, and I think will be for days to come. So I would ask to say some prayers in memory of Robin. Think of the good soul, the good person that she was, and as I said in my little eulogy yesterday to all employees, I think she was called to Heaven to give advice to the good Lord on some of the problems we face here in the universe because she was so exceptional in giving good advice, not only to me, but to everyone she touched, so God bless Robin and I thank you for the opportunity to share these thoughts with you. Thank you.

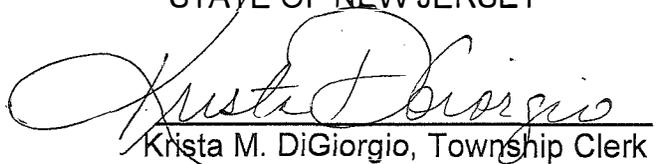
Mayor Ferramosca: Thank you so much.

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## ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to close at 7:23 p.m. was by Mayor Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

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