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Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey was held on Monday, February 12, 2015, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, in said Township.

PRESENT: Mayor Francioli, Members Gallagher, Ferramosca, and Coppola

ABSENT: Member Brueno

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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 delivery, 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) Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**  
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**PRESENTATION:**

Presentation Of Plaque To Howard M. Olsen In Grateful Recognition Of Over Ten (10) Years Of Dedicated Service To The Residents Of Hanover Township As A Member Of The Township Committee, Board Of Recreation Commissioners, Board Of Adjustment, Substance Awareness Council And Hanover Park Regional High School District.

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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Motion to open to the public not appearing on the agenda made by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Ferramosca and was unanimously passed.

Motion to close made by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Ferramosca and was unanimously passed.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2015 had been presented to the members of the Committee prior to this meeting by the Township Clerk.

Member Coppola moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2015 be accepted and approved as presented by the Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Member Gallagher and was unanimously passed.  
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**INTRODUCTION OF 2015 CURRENT FUND BUDGET:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 31-15**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE 2015 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the 2015 Local Municipal Budget be read by title on first reading.

Appropriations within the caps for Municipal purposes - \$18,841,186.00. The Appropriations excluded from the cap - \$3,118,390.00. The Total General Appropriation - \$25,085,704.06. Amount to be raised by taxes for supporting the Municipal Budget will be \$15,965,042.06.

**RESOLUTION NO. 32-15**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2015 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the 2015 Local Municipal Budget be passed on first reading.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said Local Municipal Budget shall be further considered for final passage at the meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, Whippany, at which time and place all persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk be authorized and directed to advertise said Budget revenues and appropriation summaries with the Notice of Introduction thereof, in The Daily Record, according to law.

Public Hearing and Adoption: March 12, 2015 at 8:30pm.

This means that the budget will be introduced tonight without an increase in the Municipal portion of the tax rate, which is a credit to all the members of the Township Committee and Department Heads for working very hard toward that goal.

Motion made by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously approved.

SO INTRODUCED.

Mayor: As the Administrator said, and I really have to comment and praise this Township Committee, this is the second year in a row that Hanover Township has

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delivered zero increase for our property owners, residents here in Hanover Township, and our businesses and I think that is a very strong economic plus, so it was brought to my attention in the Star Ledger reports that Hanover is one of the top three towns in the State of New Jersey with the lowest tax rate for our residential tax payers, and we are very proud of that. But even as well that we delivered a budget in this fashion we were able to do some things in capital that I think that will be a great improvement, not the least of which for the youth of our Township, we are going to continue improvements that we have on our already completed fields one field is now ear marked to be a turf field, that is going to be looked at by our Recreation Department along with Public Works, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Brueno will be looking into that. In addition, we have planned cigar box budgeting again folks, we are planning for a field house for our Brick Yard Field and I mean a field house that will provide sanitary toilets, etc., for the field house and an area there for the public's comfort, that will be budgeted for both in this year and next year, we are certain that where these project are concerned none of it will be coming out of general funds, it will be coming out of escrows which have been accrued from Recreation as far as those portions of money are concerned it will be matched from monies appropriately used from open space funding that can be used to the betterment of these fields, so we are very proud the way we have creatively put together this.

We have a new Dial-A-Ride van it is in service now, our seniors I hope are appreciating that more comfortable larger van.

We have appropriated a certain amount of money that we are going to be putting into the budget this year to begin a study, a very succinct study as to senior citizen housing here in the Township, that study will focus on proper locations within the zones for such housing via access to shopping, transportation, etc.

We are looking at some other things in the budget that I am sure you will be reading about we have a release to our Hanover Eagle, weekly regional news that gives more detail some of the things that are going to be taken underway here, not the least of which in our Public Works Department and this is going to be headed up by Mr. Gallagher this year, is to begin the process of looking at the Division of Forestation, in the Town, it will need some equipment we are budgeting for that as well, cigar box. The reason why I keep mentioning "cigar box" is that I keep telling our folks, as I did our senior citizens club we are still no bonded debt and again Hanover is unique in that respect. We will continue with no bonded debt and still be able to provide the improvements that we talked about, so having said all of that, we are done.

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**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE  
NO. 1412-33-006-004 FROM FENWAY, INC. T/A HALF POINT PUB TO VILLAGE  
SUPERMARKET OF NEW JERSEY, L.P.

Just for the record, we will note that on August 25, 2014, two applications were filed with my office, first was an application for the Person-To-Person and Place-To-Place Liquor License Transfer of the liquor license from Fenway to Village Supermarket and then the application for the Place-To-Place Liquor License Transfer to I want to say decommission but to delicense a portion of the Shop Rite in order to accommodate the Plenary Retail Consumption License. Subsequently, two public hearings were held by the Governing Body on December 11, and January 8<sup>th</sup> I believe, dealing with these two applications, the Public Hearing was supposed to continue this evening on both of these applications. However, and correct me if I am wrong Counselor we did receive a letter from a law firm representing Mack Cali and Hanover 3201 that they have filed an Open Public Records Act request on the file which is before the Township Committee on these liquor license applications and had requested a 30 day postponement of the hearing from tonight. At the last Township Committee meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, the Township Committee did in fact agree to that postponement, however, in the meantime the Township Committee has felt that it would entertain a Public Hearing this evening on the Person-To-Person transfer of the liquor license from Fenway to Village Supermarket of New Jersey and it is for that reason that it is listed as such on the agenda.

I also note for the record that Mr. Scrivo, the Attorney representing Village Supermarket is present here this evening and unless there is any comment from the Township Committee, I would ask for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Mr. Gallagher and unanimously passed.

Is there any person in chambers wishing to be heard concerning this proposed transfer of the Person-To-Person Application?

Mr. Semrau: Before we proceed any further, with respect to the Application, I also have reviewed the merits of every member of the Committee, has standing and is appropriate for them to participate, no one has a conflict of interest where I have advised them to recuse, so for the record the entire membership, Mr. Brueno is not here this evening but the entire membership can participate from a legal perspective on this or the other matter that is pending.

Mr. Giorgio: Thank you.

Katelyn Cutinello, Esq., 25 Prospect Street, Morristown: I am here this evening on behalf of Peter Gilbreath, also an attorney in Morristown, who unfortunately could not make it this evening. Mr. Gilbreath on behalf of his client has been in touch with Hanover Township Attorney, Fred Semrau, over the last few months regarding Shop

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Rite's lack of compliance with Town Ordinance Section 82-3 dealing with alcoholic beverages and the hours of which alcoholic beverages may be served. As well as their concern with the lack of enforcement of that Ordinance. I will begin very briefly by providing the counsel with a summary of Mr. Gilbreath's communications with Hanover Township's Counsel. The communications began on December 16, 2014 regarding the concern of the sale of wine and beer at Shop Rite, during the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm at Shop Rite on East Hanover Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ. Communication was continued throughout the end of December and again in the beginning of January 2015, regarding ongoing violations as well as potential legal steps that could be perused with regard to these ongoing violations. Additional telephone messages were left and eventually on January 21, 2015 Mr. Gilbreath spoke with Tracy Sheer an Associate with Mr. Semrau to indicate the continued concern with the violations with the Town Ordinance and the lack of enforcement. In that regard Town Ordinance 82-3 provides and I will very briefly read it for council members this evening it is a little bit wordy but I'll get the pertinent portions for you:

"No licensee shall sell, serve, deliver or allow, permit or suffer the sale, service or delivery of any alcoholic beverage, or permit the consumption of any alcoholic beverage on licensed premises, and for the pertinence of this evening, it's on Sundays, during the hours specified below, and on Sundays the pervade hours are between 2:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Except however than on Sunday, Pre Retail distribution licensees only may sell spirituous liquors in original containers (Packaged goods), between 9:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m." Flax Law Dictionary gives a formal definition of spirituous liquors, as an inflammable liquids produced by distillation, the term does not wine, because it is fomented as well as beer. So in plan terms spirituous liquors refers to hard liquor such as vodka, rum, etc., so in other words under the Town Ordinance no alcohol may be served between 9:00 and 1:00 pm on Sunday except for Spirituous liquors, such as hard alcohol. So that means that beer and wine sales are prohibited between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Nevertheless, in contravention of the Ordinance, Shop Rite has been and continues to sell beer and wine between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on Sunday. Every Sunday that goes by there are continued violations of this Ordinance and there is a lack of enforcement of this Ordinance. Shop Rite's failure to comply with the Town Ordinance in connection with the current retail distribution license raises a question whether Shop Rite will be a good steward of a new license.

It is our position that due to these concerns Shop Rite should not be granted a new consumption license and there should be enforcement of the current town Ordinance 82-3 with regard to sales at a retail distribution licensee. Thank you very much.

Mr. Semrau: For the record, did you indicate who you represent, I didn't hear, who do you represent? Did you indicate who you represent?

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Ms. Cutinello: I did not, it is a concerned citizen regarding the lack of enforcement and the new license that is proposed to be transferred to Shop Rite.

Mr. Semrau: Mayor, for the record I think we did look at this and we did discussed this with the Administration, but the interpretation of the ordinance with the speaker is saying that you can sell hard liquor between those hours on Sundays, but you cannot sell beer and wine, and you know that the reality of it is that it is a very old Ordinance it was adopted back in 1950 and I think over time this could happen, it appears some type of some contradiction, if you can sell hard liquor but not beer and wine. So what has been discussed as I may say, is that the Administration and the governing body is going to look at the Ordinance as far as its interpretation and may have to revisit the Ordinance to address what appeared to be potentially something in an inconsistent position, saying you can sell hard liquor but not beer and wine. It's a matter of interpretation that our office doesn't necessarily agree with that position and that at this time we didn't find that there would be anything that would be actionable, for the record. It is our position, so down the road I do think it did trigger the inquiry to look at this Ordinance, and address anything that may be subject to a debate, but at this time, I cannot say that we found that there be a clause for a violation, because of the way it is now written and how it's been over time.

Mayor: I appreciate that Counsel, and we had earlier discussions as you know and we will be reviewing that Ordinance. There are some other concerns the Township Committee had, which need clarification on interpretation, so some of the areas as to what spirits are and what are not, so we realize there are some inconsistencies there that have to be addressed. We also realized that with that over time there may or may not have been a lack of enforcement but we will address that as well and we will notify the public accordingly.

Mr. Ferramosca: Mr. Semrau, just for the record, correct, I thought I may have misheard this but having sat through two presentations of Shop Rite, Shop Rite said that alcohol would not be served if they were approved nor would be sold passed 10:00 p.m. because the store closes at 10:00 p.m., so this whole idea of this 1:00 a.m. I don't see that being relevant.

Mr. Semrau: I think they are referring to Sunday mornings, just Sunday mornings.

Mr. Ferramosca: Only?

Mr. Semrau: Sunday mornings only,

Mr. Ferramosca: I see, it was my understanding that 10:00 p.m. would be when the store closed.

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Mr. Semrau: It's Sunday morning that there is apparently they can provide evidence that there are sales but it is also there position that it violates the Township Code and it's our interpretation that the Township Code could be considered under two different interpretations, one being the way the individual spoke about, and the other would not rise to the level of that activity being in violation. So, with that being said it needs to be revisited and addressed for clarification.

Mayor: It is foremost in front of the Committee and had some discussion already, so we will probably reach a, we get some options and get some decisions and clarifications on this, on the days ahead.

Mr. Semrau: And that would be done by way of an Ordinance amendment so there would be an introduction and an advertisement and a public hearing, however how the Township Committee would like to address it.

Mayor: Anyone else at this time?

Thomas Scrivo, Esq.: Representing Village Supermarket. Mayor and Counsel, couple of questions, and I know the Administrator/Clerk had referenced the hearing for tonight had been adjourned, we were informed on two occasions from Mr. Semrau in writing that had been adjourned, I had a telephone communication with Tracy Schnurr yesterday who told me that it was not going to be on, and I just wonder why that was told to me yesterday.

Mayor: Why the short notice in informing you?

Mr. Scrivo: I was never informed

Mr. Semrau: You were informed, we told you that there was a postponement and I wrote you a letter that indicated that there was a request for a postponement and it was granted.

Mr. Scrivo: What I'm talking about is I never knew it was going to be one tonight after Mr. Semrau wrote me two letters that it was adjourned

Mr. Semrau: Mr. Scrivo the reason why it was put on tonight, was in response to your correspondence that you sent late last week. We put the agenda together and I communicated your concerns to the Administration and we thought it had merit to put this application on for tonight, and I think what the Committee is doing is they are going along with your request to do so, so if you want to challenge or you are not happy that it was listed tonight or if you weren't notified, are you saying that you want this postponed.

Mr. Semrau: What I'm saying is I was never

Mr. Semrau: Do you want this postponed tonight?

Mr. Scrivo: I am going to raise a couple of issues

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Mr. Semrau: No, but do you want this considered this tonight, or do you want to postpone it. Before we go any further I think I need to know that.

Mr. Scrivo: I think you need to know; yes this is a public hearing so I would like to be heard entirely on what our position is.

Mr. Semrau: But if you want to be heard, do you want this heard tonight? Or don't you, your letter asked for it to be heard and that is what we are doing.

Mr. Scrivo: My letter, asked for a number of things and in my conversation with the Township Attorney's office yesterday, I was told under no uncertain terms that this wouldn't be on tonight and that this couldn't be on tonight because "The Agenda Was Set." That is what I was told, and so what I want to know is from the Township Committee's standpoint why when you have an agenda posted Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday up through and including this morning I am holding the agenda that had been posted for four days by this Township

Mr. Semrau: Are you speaking about the application, because this is what it should be limited to,

Mr. Scrivo: The application,

Mr. Semrau: This is just the application for the Person-To-Person Transfer which by the way, the Administration is recommending it be approved, so if you want to continue go ahead, but if you don't want this heard tonight please let us know.

Mr. Scrivo: I am raising issues with regard to this Committee's action tonight, and our concerns from Villages' Standpoint, because we stand in the shoes as the applicant and we want to make sure that the Committee does everything right, and one of the things that we want to make sure that the Committee does is to comply with both the spirit and the letter of the Open Public Meetings Act. And, what we have seen is that for four days the public two indications, so on January 22<sup>nd</sup> when the public had no idea that this application was going to be on the governing body took the decision to adjourn and it did so on the basis on a letter that was received by Mack Cali at 4:30 p.m. that was faxed to Township Clerk's Office, not requesting to be a participant but requesting that they might want to consider participating in the hearing. And, so on that basis we were not informed, Village was not told that the matter would be addressed on 1/22.

Mr. Semrau: Mr. Scrivo, this is about the Person-To-Person, it is not about the Place-To-Place transfer. This public hearing is just about,

Mr. Scrivo: I am very aware of that.



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Mr. Semrau: You have to keep your comments limited to this Person-To-Person application, if you want to be heard on the other matters then you can do that during the Public Portion of the meeting.

Mr. Scrivo: NO because,

Mr. Semrau: This is just the Person-To-Person application, that you asked for that to be considered and for which the Administration is recommending that it be approved. I'm...

Mr. Scrivo: Do I have a right to speak?

Mr. Semrau: Not about other matters, this is about your Person-To-Person Application. Not about the Place-To-Place.

Mayor: What is the issue in the end. Do you feel that your office and that your client has not been given sufficient notice of this agenda item tonight regarding the license?

Mr. Scrivo: We have given no notice of this agenda item. In fact, I had a direct discussion with the Township Attorney's Office yesterday who received my letter last week who said this wouldn't be on.

Mayor: Do you feel as counsel says that it is a basis for us not to take any action tonight?

Mr. Scrivo: My concern is this, and I am trying to limit my comments

Mayor: If there is a gray area that we have not responded to with proper notification to you the client or the public we are more than willing to carry this into your next license hearing.

Mr. Scrivo: I just want to recite for the benefit of the Township Committee what I was presenting yesterday, and what I was presented yesterday was it can't be on tonight but we will give you a special meeting and we will start the meeting at 5:00 on night and get me dates. So that is what was presented.

Mr. Semrau: That's correct and again we are talking about your Place-To-Place transfer, because that's what's been the subject to all these hearings,

Mr. Scrivo: Well,

Mr. Semrau: If it wasn't conveyed to you that we were going to try to get on the agenda the Person-To-Person transfer, well you know what we did and it was at the request of you and you know the Place-To-Place transfer is what we were referring to and we indicated that we were going to try and get a special meeting again as a result

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of your request and again we did convey to you that it will be at a date that which you were available that we could all be available,

Mr. Scrivo: And we very much appreciate that,

Mr. Semrau: So let's not cast a dispersion on the Township Committee. They are trying to do something that is a disservice to your client, when it was placed on the agenda albeit at the last minute with the recommendation to get approved after your request of last Friday around 5:00 p.m. which the Administration got after the snow day this Tuesday and we got it on, now if it wasn't relayed to you that it was on tonight, my apologies, but don't, under those circumstances this is a hearing just on the Person-To-Person Transfer, so I don't think it's fair to cast dispersion on the Township Committee.

Mayor: Maybe counsel, maybe there is some advantage in us tying this into the hearing of the license that is up and coming.

Mr. Semrau: It sounds to me that Mr. Scrivo is not pleased that this is on for tonight, with the recommendation to approve it.

Mr. Coppola: I thought we were in favor of this, I'm misunderstanding

Mr. Semrau: You are not misunderstanding this,

Mr. Ferramosca: I'm confused

Mr. Semrau: This is just a public hearing just for the Person-To-Person transfer not the Place-To-Place transfer and it is one which there is a recommendation to approve.

Mayor: My assumption is that maybe counsel client does not want one without the other and if they want this as a combined hearing that's fine with me, so

Mr. Scrivo: If I may, our concern is in light of the manner of which this was on the agenda, off the agenda and in light of the concerns that Mack Cali has raised and Mack Cali's appearance out there that the Council's action tonight in approving this albeit it at the last minute and albeit to the limit to the Person-To-Person may jeopardize the counsel's determination and may jeopardize the success of that transfer whatever it may be, I know there is recommendation that it be approved, I don't pretend in any way shape or form, to imply what the governing body will do in considering it, my concern is procedural, we didn't know about it, that means the public didn't know about it the world didn't know about it and if someone wants to challenge it there may be a concern. So, it would be better at least from our standpoint to make sure that the Township Committee complies with all the notice requirements that are required in addressing such licenses in particular given in your words Mayor "Controversial Application," involving Village Shop Rite. Now one may say that the Person-To-Person isn't so controversial but it seems to be that anything that relates to that is controversial.

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Mr. Semrau: Mr. Scrivo, Mr. Scrivo, excuse me, here is the question and you are the attorney of record for the applicant, it's either a yes or no. Do you want this application heard this evening or do you want it heard at a different time, that's it. If you want heard at a different time and that would be my recommendation as Legal Counsel to the governing body, if you want it heard this evening then the governing body is prepared to go forward, so please if you can just let, then you can go ahead, but I need to understand which would you prefer this evening?

Mr. Scrivo: We believe that in light of the Township Committee's actions and the notice issues that it is too subject to challenge and that it is jeopardized under the law that is our position. Now I don't want to give the council advice but that is our position, and

Mr. Semrau: So do you want it heard this evening, or do you want it heard another night, you are the applicant; do you want it heard this evening?

Mr. Scrivo: We want it heard when notice is proper and the least challenged possible. That's when we want it heard.

Mr. Coppola: Move it off the agenda, I really think we need to do that. I recommend that we move it off the agenda,

Mr. Semrau: No not yet, I think Mr. Scrivo is the applicant and I would like to know what he wants, does he want it heard or doesn't he. He heard, he recited how this matter was on the agenda today, as far as I'm concerned the Administration has the right to add things to the agenda, I apologize if you weren't made aware, but you are here, so you are aware of it. You made the request for it to be heard by this governing body last Friday after 5:00 p.m. when I received this, and by Tuesday I got it to the Administration today is Thursday. Monday we had a snow event, so if you want it heard this evening which the governing body has acquiesced to that request you can, if you believe it shouldn't be heard because you are concerned about something about the validity of your applications approval then we will move it.

Mr. Scrivo: We have that concern,

Mr. Semrau: You just, I'm not going to get caught in the game here because of what you said is, if it's not heard you threatened the governing body with a lawsuit. You said that the governing body would be subject to any damages, now you are sitting here and you are saying well I asked for it to be heard, but I don't know, I'll leave it up to you if you want to hear it. If you want to hear it I'm saying there could be a problem, which I really don't understand. And, if you don't want to hear it, I still can hold you for damages, so you have to be clear, do you want this heard tonight or don't you.

Mr. Scrivo: I think that the Township Committee has to be clear and I would prefer based on the recommendation and the offer by the Township Attorney that this

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be heard all at once and our letter did raise the issue of the Person-To-Person but we also asked in that letter Place-To-Place

Mayor: I can agree with you and I can agree with you for various reasons, and your client's interest to see that this is tied not only in exchange of license but also the other hearing aspect of serving liquor, if you want to wing it together Fred and hear if that is what the counsel would like, I understand it.

Mr. Semrau: Mr. Scrivo and his client would prefer for this to be heard together, I don't see a problem with that, but it really, but the Committee is saying you will do it either way.

Mayor: Look, my first concern as Chair is that we have complied with all aspects of public notification properly to have this on the agenda tonight. Yes or no

Mr. Semrau: Yes

Mayor: Yes, then I leave the decision up to counsel as to whether or not he would like us to proceed or not to proceed and your indication is that you would like to be heard at the meeting that has been scheduled for 30 days from

Mr. Giorgio: Originally it was supposed to be this evening as Mr. Scrivo correctly pointed out, then there was a postponement granted by the Township Committee,

Mr. Scrivo: Which we weren't consulted on

Mr. Giorgio: That postponement would bring us to the March 12 meeting but in the meantime I've been having discussions with Mr. Semrau to see if we could expedite that and have a special meeting of the Township Committee possibly on March 5<sup>th</sup> if the governing body is available and, of course, if you and your clients are available, but that is something we are still discussing.

Mr. Scrivo: Well it was offered to me yesterday, by Mrs. Schnurr and we would be interested in doing that particularly given and I know this is, when we get to the public portion part of this, it does take some time so she offered the idea and I understand that counsel hasn't decided on that, but she offered the idea of starting early one night so that we can conclude in one night, so it would be our preference to handle all of that in one night conclude it in one night so we could get a decision because it's very possible with all of the busy agenda items of the Township Committee even if we schedule it for the next meeting we might not finish it, so that is one thing that we really would be very much against.

Mr. Giorgio: That's why the idea for a special meeting, because there are so many other issues for the Township Committee to consider, rather than doing it at an 8:30 p.m. meeting do it perhaps at 4:30 p.m..

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Mr. Scrivo: We would much rather prefer that.

Mayor: For the March 12<sup>th</sup> date that would have been the date given the objector Mack Cali on this, is the Committee willing to publish for an earlier meeting date that evening to begin this hearing, or it would be 8:30. Or would you suggest a 7:30?

Mr. Ferramosca: I just have a question; I need to understand whether the applicant wants to hear tonight this Person-To-Person

Mr. Semrau: You are within your right governing body to hear this application, Mr. Scrivo has indicated now that his client would prefer that this application for the Person-To-Person be decided the same evening as the Place-To-Place. I would almost believe that based on that representation he would probably would want you to vote first on the Place-To-Place, I don't know if we can, but anyway, but he wants them both on the same night. Let's just put it that way. I think that is correct, Mr. Scrivo.

Mr. Scrivo: But tied, if I may, be so bold, tied to at least a meeting where it would be specially set so that we can conclude it that night.

Mayor: I think the Township Committee is agreeable to an earlier starting date for you for that night, but again you wish to combine these actions of that night.

Mr. Scrivo: Yes and concluded them

Mr. Semrau: I want to answer Mr. Ferramosca question, so for this application, the applicant, I just want to confirm, to answer your question, he is asking that this not be considered right now, and that it be considered with the Place-To-Place application, he is asking you to carry it. I just want to verify it.

Mayor: That is my understanding correct

Mr. Scrivo: I don't know how many different times I can say it YES

Mayor: This isn't geometry or logarithmic theory,

Mr. Scrivo: That's good we got that out of the way, as a result of our concerns over the notice issues

Mr. Semrau: Which I don't have any concern about

Mr. Scrivo: And someone else may disagree with that.

Mayor: So what we are saying is that we will carry this item to March unless I hear another date, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30

Mr. Scrivo: So how much time would we be allotted that night? I guess that's my question.

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Mayor: I would like to be in bed by 11:00

Mr. Scrivo: No, but that is a regular Council Meeting, so when would we be

Mr. Semrau: Mayor if I may, I know there is other business of the Township Committee. This application we have heard clearly now by counsel that he doesn't want this considered, so I don't think you should vote no I think it should just be a motion to table it.

Mr. Semrau: I will take a moment and I can speak to Mr. Scrivo and iron out some of the details and come back

Mayor: I think I understand where counsel is going for their clients' interests but yes, I agree with that. So we are going to table, carry

Mr. Semrau: I would ask for a Motion to table this.

Mr. Ferramosca made a motion to table this and was seconded by Member Gallagher until such time that the Person-To-Person is voted upon as well, so the same meeting.

Mr. Coppola: Mayor, question is we looking at doing this when we can completely talk as a different date, like a 4:30 in the afternoon, like a special date.

Mayor: You want to set a special date?

Mr. Semrau: I can speak to Mr. Scrivo and we can kind of talk about those dates and I can come back to the governing body.

Mayor: I'm not really anxious to create a special meeting date for this, I would rather manage this in conjunction with our normal meeting schedule, but I am willing to ask the Committee to start earlier and if you want to if we have additional agenda I would even say we would hear this through 9:30 p.m. in order that the Committee, that's 3 hours.

Mr. Semrau: We don't know if there will be an objector or there won't be, we just had that letter, so that may play in the time.

Mayor: Well for all intents and purposes other than the objector we thought we had closed all testimony on the last meeting, well

Mr. Semrau: Well the Township was also going to have the Chief of Police come and speak to his report and also Mr. Brancheau was going to speak to the zoning.

Mayor: So the Township will present argument for us

Mr. Semrau: It would just be some evidence from the Township Departments.

Mayor: Counsel, are you two gentleman going to want to discuss,

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Mr. Ferramosca: There is a motion on the table, there was a second to it, and we needed to have a vote on it.

Motion to table was made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

SO TABLED

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**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

The following reports were presented and ordered filed as received:

Property Maintenance      E. Desimoni                      Month of 1/2015  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 1-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 166 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION BY REVISING THE DEFINITION AND APPLICATION OF FLOOR AREA REGULATIONS**

Proof of Publication that the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction for Ordinance 1-15 appeared in full in the January 29, 2015 issue of the Daily Record in accordance with the law and we have filed the Ordinance and Notice of Introduction with the Morris County Planning Board in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law.

Planning Board has determined that Ordinance 1-2015 is not substantially inconsistent with the Land Use or Housing Elements of the Master Plan but it does state that it does not have any objection to not approve the Ordinance for adoption this evening. So that Ordinance is in the record at this time.

Motion to convene a public hearing was made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Coppola and unanimously passed.

Is there anyone present wishing to be heard at this time?

Seeing None,

Motion to close by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

Now on Adoption, Be it resolved, that an Ordinance entitled, "AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 166 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED

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LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION BY REVISING THE DEFINITION AND APPLICATION OF FLOOR AREA REGULATIONS,” be passed on final reading and that a Notice of the final passage of the Ordinance be published in the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 issue of the Daily Record.

Motion on Adoption with the Amendment made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Coppola and unanimously passed.

So Adopted.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER REPEALING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, VACANCIES ON AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CHAPTER 5 ENTITLED REGULATIONS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE FOR NON-EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Proof of Publication that the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction for Ordinance 2-15 appeared in full in the January 29, 2015 issue of the Daily Record in accordance with the law and we have filed the Ordinance and Notice of Introduction with the Morris County Planning Board in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law.

Motion to convene a public hearing was made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

Is there anyone present wishing to be heard at this time?

Seeing None,

Motion to close by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

Now on Adoption, Be it resolved, that an Ordinance entitled, “REPEALING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, VACANCIES ON AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CHAPTER 5 ENTITLED REGULATIONS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE FOR NON-EXCUSED ABSENCES,” be passed on final reading and that a Notice of the final passage of the Ordinance be published in the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 issue of the Daily Record.

Motion on Adoption with the Amendment made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

So Adopted.

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: (AS CONSENT AGENDA)**

Motion on introduction Ordances 4,5 6 and 7 as a Consent Agenda made by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 125-4. ENTITLED "RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES" UNDER CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER ENTITLED FEES WITH THE INCLUSION OF NEW RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT POOL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE YEAR 2015 BEE MEADOW SWIMMING POOL SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Recreation Commissioners, in a memorandum dated January 22, 2015 to the Mayor and Township Committee have recommended certain increases in the pool membership fees for the 2015 Bee Meadow Swimming Pool Season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has carefully reviewed the recommended fees and concurs that the proposed new rates are reasonable and fair and should be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Commissioner's recommendations, and, its own review, the governing body has decided to amend and supplement Section 125-4. of Chapter 125 of the Code of the Township of Hanover, entitled "Recreation Department Fees", with the inclusion of the Bee Meadow Swimming Pool Membership Fee Schedule which reflect the new pool membership fees for the year 2015 Summer Season.

**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 125-4. of the Code of the Township of Hanover is hereby amended and supplemented with the inclusion of the following year 2015 Swimming Pool Membership Fees for Residents and Non-Residents who pay prior to April 17, 2015 and after April 17, 2015 as follows:

**Discounted and New Member Rates  
Payment On or Before April 17, 2015**

**Returning Members  
Payment After April 17, 2015:**

Membership Category	Membership Fee				Membership Fee		
Resident Family	\$325.00				\$350.00		
Resident 2-Person Same Household	\$280.00				\$305.00		
Resident Single	\$220.00				\$245.00		
Resident Associate	\$175.00				\$200.00		
Resident Senior Couple	\$200.00				\$225.00		
Resident Senior Single	\$130.00				\$155.00		
Non-Resident Family	\$530.00				\$555.00		

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Non-Resident 2-Person Same Household	\$460.00				\$485.00		
Non-Resident Single	\$390.00				\$415.00		
Non-Resident Associate	\$345.00				\$370.00		
Non-Resident Senior Couple	\$360.00				\$385.00		
Non-Resident Senior Single	\$290.00				\$315.00		
Resident Senior Single/ Grandchild (3 max)	\$180.00				\$205.00		
Resident Senior Couple/ Grandchild (3 max)	\$250.00				\$275.00		
Resident Swim Team	\$150.00				\$150.00		
Non-Resident Swim Team	\$175.00				\$175.00		

**Section 2. Section 125-4. Is hereby amended and supplemented as follows to include the following new fees:**

**Guest Fees for Year 2015 Season:**

The guest fees for adults and children visiting the Bee Meadow Swimming Pool on weekdays, weekends and holidays shall be as follows:

**Guest Punch Card: 10 Guests for \$55.00 – No expiration date – Purchased at Pool Office.**

**Adults:**

Daily..... \$ 7.00

Weekends and Holidays.....\$ 8.00

**Children:**

Daily.....\$ 6.00

Weekends and Holidays.....\$ 7.00

The number of times a guest may come to the pool is at the discretion of pool management.

**Section 3.** The governing body hereby authorizes the Department of Recreation and Park Administration to host an “End of Season – One Day Pass” promotional for residents only to utilize the Bee Meadow Swimming Pool on a daily basis, at a cost of \$10.00 per day for the period beginning August 17, 2015 and ending on September 7, 2015.

**Section 4.** If a current resident or non-resident pool member refers a new resident or non-resident to join the pool based on the membership categories described in Section 1. above, the resident or non-resident pool member making the referral shall receive a refund of 15% on the type of membership referral. The refund will be made at the conclusion of the pool season. However, the refund shall not exceed the cost of their original membership. The following charts show the refunds that would be made to each resident and non-resident pool membership for making a referral:

**A. Refund Chart for Resident Memberships Making Referrals:**

<b><u>Membership Category:</u></b>	<b><u>Season Rate:</u></b>	<b><u>Referral Refund:</u></b>
Family	\$325.00	\$ 48.75
Two-Person	280.00	42.00
Single	220.00	33.00
Associate	175.00	26.25
Senior-Couple	200.00	30.00
Senior-Single	130.00	19.50
Senior Single/ Grandchild	180.00	27.00
Senior Couple/Grandchild	250.00	37.50

**B. Refund Chart for Non- Resident Memberships Making Referrals:**

<b><u>Membership Category:</u></b>	<b><u>Season Rate:</u></b>	<b><u>Referral Refund:</u></b>
Family	\$530.00	\$ 79.50
Two-Person	460.00	69.00
Single	390.00	58.50
Associate	345.00	51.75
Senior-Couple	360.00	54.00
Senior-Single	290.00	43.50

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**Section 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 6.** In case for any reason, any fees or any Section or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other membership fee or program fee, or any Section or provision of this Ordinance except insofar as the membership fee or program fee so declared unconstitutional or invalid, shall be severed from the remainder of this Ordinance or any portion thereof.

**Section 7.** This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

The Ordinance will be further considered for Public Hearing and Final Passage at the February 26th, 2015 meeting of the governing body and at time any person wishing to be heard will be given the opportunity to speak. The Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 issue of the Daily Record. In accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record and the Ordinance will be sent to the Planning Board for referral and recommendation again in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law.

Motion on introduction made by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

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So Introduced.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING A TWO (2%) PERCENT INCREASE IN THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT OF THE TOWNSHIP'S CALENDAR YEAR 2015 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 1.5% 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 2015 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 2% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$364,362.89 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 2015 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 \$637,635.06, and that the Calendar Year 2015 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.

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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 adoption.

The Ordinance will be further considered for Public Hearing and Final Passage at the February 26th, 2015 meeting of the governing body and at time any person wishing to be heard will be given the opportunity to speak. The Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 issue of the Daily Record. In accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record and the Ordinance will be sent to the Planning Board for referral and recommendation again in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law

So Introduced.

**ORDINANCE NO. 6-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER  
REDUCING THE TWO CENT (\$.02) PER HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS OF  
ASSESSED VALUATION DEDICATED OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND TAX RATE TO  
ONE-HALF CENT (\$0.005) PER HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS OF ASSESSED  
VALUATION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2015 ONLY AND FURTHER  
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP'S CHIEF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER TO  
COLLECT THE ONE-HALF CENT (\$0.005) DEDICATED TAX**

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 1999, by a vote of almost two to one in favor, the voters of Hanover Township approved a binding referendum question concerning the creation of an Open Space Trust Fund for the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the binding referendum asked the voters whether the Township should adopt an ordinance establishing an "Open Space and Parkland and Facilities Preservation Trust Fund" and if so, should the Trust Fund be funded through the collection of local property taxes in the amount of two cents (\$.02) for each one hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of the Open Space Trust Fund would complement any other available funding sources to be used exclusively for the purchase of property or easements within the Township, for the preservation of resource open space and/or the maintenance and improvement of the Township's existing parkland and related facilities for outdoor recreation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee, on December 9, 1999, adopted Ordinance No. 32-99 which established an Open Space and Parkland and Facilities Preservation Trust Fund and the Open Space and Parkland and Facilities Preservation Advisory Committee (OSAC); and

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**WHEREAS**, the ordinance also established for the year 2000 and subsequent years, a two cent (\$.02) per hundred (\$100.00) dollar valuation tax which would be specifically dedicated for the acquisition of property for open space and recreational purposes and the maintenance and improvement to the Township's parkland and related facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the two cents (\$.02) dedicated tax is shown as a separate line item on each property owners tax bill and not as part of the municipal tax rate in that the tax was established as a dedicated tax for the purposes described above; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception in the year 2000, the two cent (\$.02) dedicated tax rate has not changed with the exception of calendar years 2009, 2010 and 2011 when the governing body reduced the dedicated open space tax rate from two cents (\$.02) to one (\$.01) cent; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, 2013 and 2014, the governing body reduced the dedicated open space tax rate from two cents (\$.02) to one-half cent (\$.005); and

**WHEREAS**, due to the continuing recession and economic downturn, the Township Committee is well aware of the financial constraints placed on the Township's property taxpayers, and therefore, the governing body has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Township to again reduce the dedicated open space tax rate from two cents (\$.02) per hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation to one-half cent (\$.005) per hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation for 2015 only; and

**WHEREAS**, although the dedicated open space tax is not computed as part of the municipal tax rate which supports municipal operations and services, the reduction in the open space tax rate will help to minimize the impact of the property taxpayers' total 2015 tax bill.

**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.** That the Open Space Trust Fund dedicated tax rate, as established by Ordinance No. 32-99, and codified under Chapter 50 of the Code of the Township entitled Open Space, Parkland and Facilities Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee, shall be reduced from two cents (\$.02) per hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation to one-half cent (\$.005) per hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation for calendar year 2015.

**Section 2.** That the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to collect the one-half cent (\$.005) per hundred dollars of assessed valuation for calendar year 2015 only. The funds derived from this dedicated tax shall continue to be maintained in a separate account and shall only be utilized for the purposes described in Ordinance No. 32-99 which established the Open Space and Parkland and Facilities Preservation Trust Fund.

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**Section 3.** That certified copies of this ordinance shall be transmitted to the Division of Local Government Services, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer and members of the Township's Open Space Advisory Committee.

**Section 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

**Section 5.** 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 6.** This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

The Ordinance will be further considered for Public Hearing and Final Passage at the February 26th, 2015 meeting of the governing body and at time any person wishing to be heard will be given the opportunity to speak. The Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 issue of the Daily Record. In accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record and the Ordinance will be sent to the Planning Board for referral and recommendation again in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law

So Introduced.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 7-15**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE, INCORPORATED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BLACK BROOK PARK CONCESSION STAND COMMENCING APRIL 18, 2015 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated** is a nonprofit organization which has requested permission from the Board of Recreation Commissioners and the Township Committee to operate the Black Brook Park Concession for the benefit of the public generally during the 2015 Little League Baseball season which begins on April 18, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated** agrees to comply with the Township's Specification which sets forth in full the standards and criteria for the proper operation of the Black Brook Park Concession Stand; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover believes it to be in the public interest that a lease agreement for ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR be entered into with the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated** upon commencement of the baseball season on April 18, 2015 through August 31, 2015.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance, with the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated**, a nonprofit organization, for the nominal sum of ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR commencing on April 18, 2015 through August 31, 2015 for the purpose of having the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated** operate the concession stand at Black Brook Park in serving the public generally.

**SECTION 2.** The Superintendent of Parks and Recreation is hereby designated as the officer of the Township to enforce the operational terms of the Lease Agreement.

**SECTION 3.** Prior to the inception of the lease, the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated** shall submit to the Hanover Township Business Administrator, proof of continuance of the tax-exempt status of the said non-profit organization pursuant to both State and Federal law.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

The Ordinance will be further considered for Public Hearing and Final Passage at the February 12th, 2015 meeting of the governing body and at time any person wishing to be heard will be given the opportunity to speak. The Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 issue of the Daily Record. In accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record and the Ordinance will be sent to the Planning Board for referral and recommendation again in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law.

Motion on introduction made by Member Francioli and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

So Introduced.

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**RESOLUTIONS AS A CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-15**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCEMENT IN GRADE AND COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES LUIS MONIZ AND LEO HALKO IN THE PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AND PARK MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT HAVING RECEIVED SATISFACTORY JOB PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**

***WHEREAS***, in accordance with Section 61-18. of Chapter 61 of the Code



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of the Township entitled "Employee Job Performance Evaluation System", the employees named below have received satisfactory job performance evaluations from their Department Head, and subject to Township policy, are entitled to advance in grade and compensation based on their anniversary date; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the individuals named below, in accordance with Salary Ordinance Nos. 23-2014 and 26-2014, shall be advanced in grade and compensation on their anniversary date:

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

**Luis Moniz** \$ 19.88 per hour  
Group I – Step 3 Effective 01/01/15

**Leo Halko** \$ 25.95 per hour  
Group III- Step 5 Effective: 02/01/15  
IBT Schedule "A-1"

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-15**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAXINE BERGMAN AS A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$14.49 PER HOUR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 11., ITEM 2.OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 23-2014 WHICH CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 17, 2015 SUBJECT TO RECEIVING SATISFACTORY MEDICAL AND EYE EXAMINATIONS AND A NEGATIVE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK**

**WHEREAS**, with the passing of Frank Rotella, a need exists to replace a school crossing guard position; and

**WHEREAS**, three (3) applications were received by the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, of the three (3) candidates interviewed by the Captain of Police and the Township's Human Resource Specialist, it is the recommendation of the Chief of Police that the following named individual be appointed to serve as a school crossing guard:

**Maxine Bergman**  
384 Parsippany Road, Apt. E-1  
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

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as a school crossing guard effective Tuesday, February 17, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 11., Item 2. of Salary Ordinance No. 23-2014, **Ms. Bergman** shall be compensated at the rate of \$14.49 per hour.

**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. That **Maxine Bergman** residing at 384 Parsippany Road in Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 is hereby appointed to serve as a school crossing guard effective Tuesday, February 17, 2015.
2. As a conditional appointment, **Ms. Bergman's** employment is subject to receiving satisfactory medical and eye examinations and a negative criminal history background check.
3. In accordance with Section 11., Item 2. of Salary Ordinance No. 23-2014, **Ms. Bergman** shall be compensated at the rate of \$14.49 per hour as a school crossing guard.
4. Pursuant to Township Policy, **Ms. Bergman** shall not be eligible to receive health and dental benefits, holiday pay, or earn and accrue paid vacation and sick leave of any kind whatsoever.
5. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Chief of Police, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer and the Township's Human Resource Specialist for reference and information purposes.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 35-15**

#### **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANAMARIA ORTEGA AS A PART-TIME/SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$14.49 PER HOUR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 11., ITEM 2.OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 23-2014 WHICH CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 17, 2015 SUBJECT TO RECEIVING SATISFACTORY MEDICAL AND EYE EXAMINATIONS AND A NEGATIVE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK**

**WHEREAS**, a need exists to supplement the services of the Police Department's School Crossing Guard Division with a part-time school crossing guard working only two (2) days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, three (3) applications were received by the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, of the three (3) candidates interviewed by the Captain of Police and the Township's Human Resource Specialist, it is the recommendation of the Chief of Police that the following named individual be appointed to serve as a part-time,

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supplemental school crossing guard:

**AnaMaria Ortega**  
608 Justin Court  
Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927

as a part-time school crossing guard effective Tuesday, February 17, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 11., Item 2. of Salary Ordinance No. 23-2014, **Ms. Ortega** shall be compensated at the rate of \$14.49 per hour.

**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. That **AnaMaria Ortega** residing at 608 Justin Court in Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927 is hereby appointed to serve as a part-time school crossing guard effective Tuesday, February 17, 2015. **Ms. Ortega** shall only work two (2) days a week supplementing the needs of the School Crossing Guard Division.

2. As a conditional appointment, **Ms. Ortega's** employment is subject to receiving satisfactory medical and eye examinations and a negative criminal history background check.

3. In accordance with Section 11., Item 2. of Salary Ordinance No. 23-2014, **Ms. Ortega** shall be compensated at the rate of \$14.49 per hour as a part-time school crossing guard.

4. Pursuant to Township Policy, **Ms. Ortega** shall not be eligible to receive health and dental benefits, holiday pay, or earn and accrue paid vacation and sick leave of any kind whatsoever.

5. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Chief of Police, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer and the Township's Human Resource Specialist for reference and information purposes.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 36-15**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF RONALD BARZ AS A PART-TIME DIAL-A-RIDE DRIVER AT THE RATE OF \$13.50 PER HOUR IN ACCORDANCE WITH JOB GROUP I UNDER SCHEDULE "B" AND SALARY RANGE GUIDE "D" AS SET FORTH IN SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 23-14**

**WHEREAS**, in order to assist in the performance of various services offered by the Recreation and Park Administration Department, the Superintendent of the Department recommended to the Board of Recreation Commissioners that a part-time Dial-A-Ride driver be employed; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of the Department and the Township's Human Resource Specialist interviewed candidates for the following part-time position:  
Dial-A-Ride Driver

**WHEREAS**, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board of Recreation Commissioners, in a memorandum dated February 10, 2015 to the Business Administrator and Township Committee recommend that the following individual be employed effective February 17, 2015:

**Ronald Barz** as a Part-Time Dial-A-Ride Driver; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department, the governing body hereby concurs with the nomination set forth above.

**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. **Mr. Ronald Barz** residing at 2506 Whippanong Way in Whippany, New Jersey 07981 is hereby appointed to serve as a Part/Time Dial-A-Ride Driver. **Mr. Barz** shall work a maximum of fifteen (15) hours a week as the need arises. Under no circumstances, shall **Mr. Barz's** hours exceed fifteen (15) hours per week.

2. **Mr. Barz** shall be paid at the rate of \$13.50 per hour under Job Group I of Schedule "B" and Salary Range Guide "D" set forth in Salary Ordinance No. 23-2014.

3. Pursuant to Township policy, **Mr. Barz** shall not be eligible to receive health and dental benefits, holiday pay or earn and accrue paid vacation and sick leave of any kind whatsoever.

4. The appointment set forth above shall take effect on February 17, 2015.

5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department, the Township's Human Resource Specialist and the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer for reference and information purposes.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 37-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF STEPHEN VOGEL AS A PART-TIME DIAL-A-RIDE DRIVER WITH A COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE (CDL) AT THE RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR IN ACCORDANCE WITH JOB GROUP I UNDER SCHEDULE "B" AND SALARY RANGE GUIDE "D" AS SET FORTH IN SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 23-14**

**WHEREAS**, in order to assist in the performance of various services offered by the Recreation and Park Administration Department, the Superintendent of

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the Department recommended to the Board of Recreation Commissioners that a part-time Dial-A-Ride driver be employed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of the Department and the Township's Human Resource Specialist interviewed candidates for the following part-time position: Dial-A-Ride Driver With a CDL

**WHEREAS**, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board of Recreation Commissioners, in a memorandum dated February 10, 2015 to the Business Administrator and Township Committee recommend that the following individual be employed effective February 17, 2015:

**Stephen Vogel** as a Part-Time Dial-A-Ride Driver with a CDL; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department, the governing body hereby concurs with the nomination set forth above.

**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. **Mr. Stephen Vogel** residing at 24 Broad Terrace in Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 is hereby appointed to serve as a Part/Time Dial-A-Ride Driver. **Mr. Vogel** shall work a maximum of fifteen (15) hours a week as the need arises. Under no circumstances, shall **Mr. Vogel's** hours exceed fifteen (15) hours per week.
2. **Mr. Vogel** shall be paid at the rate of \$15.00 per hour under Job Group I of Schedule "B" and Salary Range Guide "D" set forth in Salary Ordinance No. 23-2014.
3. Pursuant to Township policy, **Mr. Vogel** shall not be eligible to receive health and dental benefits, holiday pay or earn and accrue paid vacation and sick leave of any kind whatsoever.
4. The appointment set forth above shall take effect on February 17, 2015.
5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department, the Township's Human Resource Specialist and the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer for reference and information purposes.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 38-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER APPROVING AND ADOPTING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND PROTOCOL TO BE OBSERVED BY ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF TOWNSHIP BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND AUTHORITIES**

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**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee realizes the importance of transparency in government by providing its constituents and members of the public in general, with a means of communicating comments and opinions relevant to community issues; and

**WHEREAS**, in the same respect, it is also important for the Township's departments, boards, commissions, committees and authorities to utilize state-of-the-art social media technology in disseminating factual and concise information to its residents and responding to inquiries in timely fashion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hanover has developed a comprehensive policy and protocol to provide guidance and assistance to its elected officials, appointed department heads and managers, employees and the volunteer members of boards, commissions, committees and authorities in communicating with the public; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the Township Committee to formally adopt three (3) sets of documents which provide the Township's officials with pertinent guidelines and standard operating procedures in effectively utilizing the social media technology in communicating with residents and the public.

**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. The governing hereby formally approves and adopts the following documents to be included as part of the Township's Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual/Handbook and for distribution to all of the Township's employees and volunteer members of boards, commissions, committees and authorities:

- A. A Policy Setting Forth the Use of Social Media;
- B. A Social Media Commenting Policy; and
- C. The Social Media Posting Protocol

2. That the Business Administrator/Township Clerk in his capacity as the Township's Public Information Officer and the Township's Community Affairs/Public Policy Coordinator shall disseminate the Policies and Protocol described above and sponsor any workshops for employees and volunteer board members in order to properly implement the policies and standard operating procedures described in the three (3) documents which are attached hereto and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full.

3. All Township elected and appointed officials, employees and volunteer members of boards, commissions, committees and authorities shall be required to comply in full with the Social Media Policy and Protocol.

4. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Township Attorney, the Township's Personnel and Labor Counsel, Assistant Business Administrator/Community Affairs/Public Policy Coordinator and all department and bureau heads.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 39-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL K. HEUMILLER AND THE FIRM OF T&M ASSOCIATES, ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALISTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHER INVESTIGATING KNOWN SOIL AND GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION AT THE VAN DYK RESEARCH CORPORATION PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7 ROSIN ROAD IN WHIPPANY AND ALSO DESIGNATED AS LOTS 12 AND 13 IN BLOCK 3901 AS SET FORTH ON TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500.00 FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SCOPE OF WORK TO BE CONDUCTED BY T&M ASSOCIATES**

**WHEREAS**, the Van Dyk Research Corporation property located at 7 Rosin Road in the Whippany Section of the Township, and also designated as Lots 12 and 13 in Block 3901, as set forth on the Tax Map of the Township of Hanover, has remained abandoned for over thirty-five (35) years; and

**WHEREAS**, with the assistance of grant funds through the State's Economic Development Authority, the Township, since 1997, has performed several comprehensive studies including soil and groundwater sampling, to determine the extent of soil and groundwater contamination requiring remediation; and

**WHEREAS**, additional site investigation activities remain to be completed;  
and

**WHEREAS**, at the request of the Township's Business Administrator, **T&M Associates** (hereinafter referred to as **T&M**) prepared a proposal to provide licensed site remediation professional environmental services to further investigate known soil and groundwater contamination at the Van Dyk Research Corporation property; and

**WHEREAS**, the February 5, 2015 Letter Proposal and Quotation submitted by **T&M** describes the scope of services to be performed as follows:

1. Providing the services of a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) to continue the ongoing remedial process at the Van Dyk site in accordance with the Site Remediation Reform Act and all applicable regulatory requirements;
2. Development of a comprehensive scope of work to further investigate known soil and groundwater contamination present at the Van Dyk site requiring further investigation to determine the full extent of the contamination and advance the project toward closure; and

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3. To assist the Township in completing the technical sections of a grant application in seeking additional grant funds through the State's Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the February 5, 2015 Letter Proposal and Quotation is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the site investigation phase is critical in order to determine the extent of contamination and required remedial action before the Township can initiate the appropriate legal action in order sell the property and return it to the tax rolls as a ratable.

**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:11-5.(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law, the Business Administrator is authorized and directed to issue a purchase order to **T&M Associates**, environmental specialists, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the purpose of providing site investigation and licensed site remediation professional services related to the continued investigation of soil and groundwater contamination at the Van Dyk Research Corporation property located at 7 Rosin Road in the Whippany Section of the Township and also designated as Lots 12 and 13 in Block 3901 as set forth on the Tax Map of the Township of Hanover.
2. The February 5, 2015 Letter Proposal and Quotation of **T&M Associates** located at 11 Tindall Road in Middletown, New Jersey 07748 is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full.
3. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services to be performed are by persons authorized by law to practice recognized professions as professional engineers and environmental specialists licensed by the State of New Jersey and such services are not subject to competitive bidding.
4. That a brief notice of this award shall be published in the Daily Record as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.
5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Michael K. Heumiller at **T&M Associates**, the Township's Health Officer/ Environmental Specialist, the Township's Engineer and Chief Municipal Finance Officer for reference and information purposes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 40-15**



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE TOWNSHIP IN THE MORRIS COUNTY ADAPTIVE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM (McARP) DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION AND PARK ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT THE TOWNSHIP'S FAIR SHARE ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION OF \$2,460.00**

**WHEREAS**, there has been created a **Morris County Adaptive Recreational Program (McARP)**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Program intends to provide recreational services for disabled persons of all ages, and further to give these persons an opportunity to explore new leisure time skills in conjunction with their age and specific disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the total project cost is estimated to exceed \$300,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to the Township of Hanover with respect thereto will be approximately \$2,460.00 according the Fair Share Ratio's schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee fully endorses and supports the exceptional programs and activities sponsored by **McARP** and views **McARP** as an important countywide organization serving the diverse recreational needs of all age groups.

**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. The governing body hereby authorizes the participation of the Township in the **Morris County Adaptive Recreational Program (McARP)** during calendar year 2015.

2. The Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department is hereby authorized to submit payment of the Township's 2015 Fair Share Assessment in the total amount of \$2,460.00 when funds become available either through the year 2015 Temporary Current Fund Budget or the adopted year 2015 Current Fund Budget.

3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer and **McARP** for reference and information purposes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 41-15**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONEYS TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER**

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**WHEREAS**, at the Township of Hanover Municipal Tax Sale held on December 3, 2012, a lien was sold on Block 9001, Lot 4, also known as 940 Route 10, Whippany, New Jersey 07981, for 2011 delinquent taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate 2012-27, was sold to U.S. Bank Cust for Empire Tax Fund, LLC for an 18% redemption fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Estate of Hardy, owner has affected redemption of Certificate 2012-27 in the amount of \$18,891.49.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$18,891.49, payable to US Bank Cust for Empire Tax Fund LLC, 2 Liberty Place, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 2012-27.

### RESOLUTION NO. 42-15

#### 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:

<b><u>BLOCK</u></b>	<b><u>LOT</u></b>	<b><u>QUAL. #</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
3901	18		Douglas L Heinhold, Esq. Attorney Trust for LSAC Morris County 325 New Albany Road Moorestown, NJ 08057 Location: 4 Apollo Drive Reserve for Tax Appeal	\$98,175.00
6902	14		McKirdy & Riskin PA Attorney Trust Ricam LLC 136 South Street PO Box 2379 Morristown, NJ 07962-2379 Location: 5 Leslie Court Reserve for Tax Appeal	\$4,499.00
7703	3		Ronald & Angela Heusser 12 Polhemus Terrace Whippany, NJ 07981	\$1,861.92
8103	8		Frank & Joanne Lacitignola 6 Fenwick Road Whippany, NJ 07981	\$2,315.68

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**Motion made to approve as a Consent Agenda made by Member Coppola and Seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.**

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**RAFFLE LICENSES:**

- RL- 2818 – Jersey Battered Women’s Service – off premise raffle
- RL- 2819 - Jersey Battered Women’s Service – Tricky Tray
- RL- 2820 – Jersey Battered Women’s Service – on premise 50/50
- RL– 2821 – Whippany Park High School Booster Club – on premise 50/50
- RL- 2822 - Whippany Park High School Booster Club – Tricky Tray

Motion to approve by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed as consent agenda.

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

The governing body approved a grand total disbursement of \$4,103,297.96 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 Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher 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

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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor: Any other comment from the Township Committee.

Mr. Gallagher: First of all, I would like to thank Brian Foran and the Hanover Township DPW. The last few storms in Hanover have been a little bit tricky and unpredictable pushing snow and salting is one thing but we have had a couple of ice storms, which are the most dangerous types of storms and I would like to say that our DPW was fantastic they were on the ball, we were all in constant touch and most of our streets most of them were black top and I’m in several different towns in a day and I just want to say these guys did a great job and I think I can speak for the Committee and many Hanover Township residents and say we all appreciate it and we think they did a great job. Thank you guys.

Mayor: How are we doing on salt?

Mr. Gallagher: We are waiting for more salt, and we are a little low actually.

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Mr. Gallagher: The other portion of the storms created the “unofficial Hanover Township Storm Desk Central” where we all communicate on Facebook and the Office of Emergency Management shares weather forecasts. We are all in communications with different warning coming up, different roads that are bad, and we even shared some information about sidewalks that haven’t been shoveled and bus stops that didn’t have access for our children to get to and it helped us all to work together to try to get our residents safe, and especially the little kids walking to the bus stop in the morning.

This Saturday at 1:30 p.m. we have a girl in Hanover Township Jessica going for her Gold Award with her Girl Scouts, we have talked about this for a few months, AMA is working with the Substance Awareness Council, she is going to be doing a presentation this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Whippany Park High School and everyone is invited to come check it out.

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the School and Park Safety Advisory Committee is going to be having their 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing, we had one last year at the same time and we are having one Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the purpose is to listen to questions, comments and constructive criticism about these highly congested areas, go over some of the improvements we have made in 2014 and some of the improvements we would like to make in 2015 but again we want the public input and from the people who live in these areas and travel these areas. That’s my report Mayor.

Mayor: Anyone else, George?

Member Coppola: I would just like to note that I thank the Committee during the whole budget process for the support that they have given to the Landmark, they have become quite a group with the Township with the many historic significance within the town itself. The budget is now allowing them to continue with the burial yard, all the work they have done to make it a real nice area where people can actually see the history of the Township. Also, we got some money to start restoring the stones, there’s a lot of historic significance with individuals that are buried there, but through the many years the weather has done its toll on those stones, which are starting to crack, fall apart, as well there is heavy traffic on Route 10, so the Committee has been really understanding, the Landmark didn’t get everything they want but they got a step forward in the right direction and for that I thank the Committee for their support and it is the history of Hanover there is a lot there. They even got to the point where they met with Scott Pepper our Superintendent of Schools and they are actually working out a program for the K-8 in the elementary schools to kind of bring this younger generation to understand more about the history of Hanover because there is so much history that is here in this town. And the Landmark is going to bring it to the forefront. So thank you all for your support, I really thank the Committee.

Mayor: They are doing great work on that, I know they have a lot of very aggressive plans and we are trying to budget for them along the way and keeping with the foremost principal objective of that is to not increase taxes in the Town and everyone was cooperative about that, also it goes without saying that our Library Board had some particular needs this year, Sue Das, our Librarian will be leaving us, and a full-time Librarian will be coming in to fill her shoes and the Township Committee

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provided budgeting that would allow for that full time person and a 2% increase in order to protect the programs in the Library, so that is happening.

John do you have any comments?

Mr. Ferramosca: Yes, once again an acknowledgment is in order here I want to personally extend my thanks to Mr. Esposito who did a fine job in terms of the budget along with the department heads, they worked on developing what I would call a cost efficient budget, cost efficient in terms of zero percent increase that's hard to do with \$24,000,000.00 budget. An effective budget, a budget that will be sustainable in terms that it has built in elements that will allow us to achieve efficiencies and complements go to the Mayor as well as leading the charge in giving us the challenge in which we all rose to the occasion and pulled off a zero percent increase budget, so I think it's a special acknowledgment and it is well deserved.

Mayor: Thank you John, I appreciate that very much. I just have a brief comment and that is we would be very derelict if we didn't recognize the fact that one of our missal families' wife Dot Steiger as we all know very, very well, wife of past Mayor and Committeeman Bob Steiger is ill. We are praying for her recovery. We hope she can get through this difficult time. Prayers are with her and Bob. We hope for the best for the family, so on that note, any other comments from the Committee, I'm going to ask for a motion to open the floor.

Motion made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

Seeing none, hearing none. Motion to close.

Motion to close made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER  
COUNTY OF MORRIS  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk