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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 Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, in said Township.

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

ABSENT:

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) Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor

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John Finetto, 16 & 21 Oak Blvd, Cedar Knolls: I don't know if I should have the Boro Engineer up to date and why I am here, he is knowledgeable as to my situation. I have some construction going on across the street from my home, I own two pieces of property 16 and I own 21. I woke up Monday morning and there are 15 tandem trucks dumping dirt across the street from my other house. They were filling the whole yard in and put up a 4 foot wall. I was not aware of that ~ I have been in construction for 50 years, retired now, I look, it's not marked out, no silt fence no cleat pad, I stopped the truck, I said where are you getting the dirt from and I want to know where the dirt is coming from, is it coming from a gas station down the street? It has to be documented. The guy answered me "what are you a wise guy," so I got a little angry, I waited a while. I went to the Engineer and I asked what was going on. Gerry was not aware of what was going on.

Mr. Maceira: That is true, I was not aware at that time but the property owner did have an approved grading plan and he did have a zoning permit for the construction on the retaining wall. When we did go to the site there was some construction issues that obviously we weren't notified of, then there was no silt fence and there was some issues with the grading, but we have been working with the property owner to resolve those issues and as of today we are satisfied with the progress of the property and the condition of the property at this point.

Mr. Finetto: Isn't there supposed to be a soil log? There was a machine that turned over on that property. There was a diesel spill and nobody was notified of that. Why didn't that happen?

Mayor: Currently, a machine turned over?

Mr. Finetto: I called the Dig We Must number and they said and I'll quote "you can't put a mailbox in," they dug three holes between 5 and 8 feet deep and dumped debris in there. That makes unnatural voids in the ground; you either get pockets of water or sentiment.

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Mayor: I want to let you continue, but at the same time, I don't want to get into areas of rigs that the Engineering and Building Departments do, but let me ask you some general questions on this. Is there an immediate impact to your property?

Mr. Finetto: Not right now, not immediate. I called the arborist, there are three trees that they put soil on the roots and you know how that goes and he said, I'm going to have a letter for the next meeting, because I don't know if I'm going to get a lawyer, I called my insurance company and see what they wanted to do because it is going to take the tree 5 years to die, it's not going to die tomorrow morning.

Mayor: So you are saying that our arborist has not seen the trees?

Mr. Maceira: Yes he has, he went on Tuesday to inspect the property.

Mr. Finetto: The damage has been done, I have built houses in towns, you can't run a truck on the roots, and you have to put a fence up you have to put mulch, that wasn't done. I am angry because what is turning out, I have a nice house there, one of the nicest houses on the block, if you are going to put a four foot wall there, what impact does that have on me when I'm sitting on my patio looking at a four foot wall there.

Mayor: Four foot on the front of the property?

Mr. Finetto: No, along the whole side.

Mr. Maceira: The side and a portion of the rear; but again,

Mr. Finetto: My neighbor sent pictures. She didn't want to come because neighbors don't want to come and make trouble. This morning I walked out and the guy said "oh there's the wise guy, we're going to take care of him," 79 years old, I'll take care of myself, none of those jerks are going to take care of me, they don't scare me, she didn't want to come but she sent pictures to the engineer, he has them. Next meeting, I think I'm going to get an attorney.

Mayor: Gerry have you been there?

Mr. Maceira: I have been on the site.

Mr. Finetto: He has done an excellent job, once I went there, I was very angry and you can tell I get angry.

Mayor: Are there relevant issues that John needs to be resolved?

Mr. Maceira: Regarding the wall ~ there was a zoning permit issued from Sean that does meet the current zoning regulations for the wall.

Mr. Finetto: My neighbor said that the wall was out now.

Mr. Maceira: We understand from the property owner that the wall might come at a later point in time so right now the property is graded and sloped down to meet the existing grade. So the wall has not been constructed but there is a permit that has been issued.

Mr. Finetto: I thought you had to keep the wall back 10 feet and put evergreens there. There are ways of doing it where it doesn't offend anyone, it doesn't detract from either house, and he has some kind of contractor advising him?

Mayor: The wall is there for purposes of terracing?

Mr. Maceira: It was a retaining wall. The property owner wanted a level yard so he wanted to bring it up ~ the wall is actually 3.5 feet high.

Mayor: Come visit me on Slope Drive and see what level yards are.

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Mr. Finetto: I had to put bales of hay the whole length of that property.

Mayor: You are right soil erosion

Mr. Finetto: (inaudible) if this same neighbor came out to me and said the (inaudible) are going to die because the fence is up, (inaudible)

Mayor: What is the current status of this matter?

Mr. Maceira: The property has been filled and has been graded off meeting current zoning regulations in terms of slope and it has been stabilized, it has been seeded and hayed.

Mr. Finetto: It's 100% better today than it was yesterday, but it didn't go away.

Mayor: John, from what I'm hearing though and from what our Engineer is telling us is that, and I understand you are upset, anytime anything is changed there is going to be a sentiment. But if it's corrected and remediated to the point where it meets our regulations our hands are tied; this is your right.

Mr. Finetto: The soil log has not been taken care of. The diesel spill has not been taken care of. What is going to happen to the trees that are taken care of that and then what? Are there going to be evergreens that block it? Do you want me to look at a four foot wall? Do you want to look at a four foot wall? What would your wife say; she would throw you out of the house!

Mayor: She would have a lot to say, but that is beside the point. I'm not trying to be trivial about it and I understand you are upset.

Mr. Finetto: I have one of the best houses on the block

Mayor: If our Engineer goes out there, he's been out there with Sean; you've been out there with your staff.

Mr. Maceira: Yes everyday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and also today.

Mayor: What kind of additional remedial work has to be done including stabilizing the soil.

Mr. Maceira: The soil is stabilized. The issues that Mr. Finetto brings up regarding a diesel spill; we were not aware of that, we didn't see evidence of it. That might have happened before we came on site and obviously we don't have full time inspectors so we are not there to see everything that occurs.

Mr. Finetto: I'm not saying that ~ you did a good job. Once you came over you came 4 or 5 times. The whole procedure was not handled properly; it was not taken into consideration for neighbors.

Mayor: I understand that you are upset that things went forward without enough oversight. I appreciate

Mr. Finetto: Go out there and look at my house and then try to visualize; I have pictures before they took the dirt away today, what it looked like. I built the house 6 years ago, I put a soil fence there, and I had to do everything. That's when the hammer was in charge, Mr. Kaplan.

Mayor: Was there obvious erosion to the joining property.

Mr. Maceira: No I didn't see anything, because the one thing that between the two properties there is an established swale so we didn't feel that there was any real danger of any silt running off the property that was doing the fix.

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Mayor: Did they swale between the two properties?

Mr. Maceira: There was an existing swale already and it's already there, it's established. But some of the things that we needed to remediate was that the silt fence was initially ~ (interrupted)

Mr. Finetto: That was (inaudible) I called an attorney today and he said that it was a deed restriction on that and if there is a deed restriction on it he can't put a wall on there.

Mayor: Is there a deed restriction?

Mr. Maceira: Not that I'm aware of, no.

Mr. Finetto: I will find out by the next meeting.

Mayor: John, why don't I suggest and I'm sure you have met before, but why don't you meet on the property with John on his property and review all of these issues as a matter of fact at the same time. When is the Arborist in?

Mr. Maceira: On Tuesday.

Mr. Finetto: He came, he was very nice, and he looked.

Mayor: We will have our Arborist out there and look at the tree stock.

Mr. Finetto: I have one too. I have a report

Mayor: Well I don't want you to go to any expense if we can help. We will take a look.

Mr. Finetto: I have to submit to the insurance company, someone has to be liable for the trees.

Mayor: We will take a look and the Engineer will give us his comments and a report and we will follow up with you and make sure that everything is done properly and to code and if there is silt fencing that needs to go up

Mr. Maceira: It's up now, properly done.

Mr. Finetto: It was not up Monday or Tuesday, it wasn't staked out, "Dig We Must, You Have to Call" not a mailbox, not two holes with fill in it;

Mayor: I know how you can be upset when things are going on before we think the Township has a chance to take a peek at them but Tom you have a question?

Mr. Gallagher: I have one question for you sir. We had four tandems of soil removed from my house when we had a project. And, the first question I was asked was is the soil certified? Because that has to do with where they are going to take it and how much it is going to cost. You said that the soil was not certified, do you know for sure? Do we require it to be?

Mr. Finetto: I asked him for a soil log.

Mr. Gallagher: Do we require one when we change the grade in town to have the soil certified?

Mr. Maceira: There is really nothing on the books that requires a certification.

Mr. Finetto: There should be, I don't know if it came from a gas station;

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Mr. Maceira: We do know where it came from, from a house that is being constructed on Summit.

Mr. Finetto: I took a picture of every truck three different vendors.

Mr. Maceira: That could have been a few different trucks coming from the same site. Again, there is nothing in the regulations that gives us the authorization to require where the soil is coming from.

Mayor: You need permits to take soil out to ~ we don't require a permit or inspection of incoming soil?

Mr. Maceira: No

Mayor: Where is our Planner ~ making note of that in the codes, I think we have something to look at here?

Mr. Finetto: I bought the house on 11 Cooke and I had dirt and I could not take it out of town I had to pay DeMeo \$10,000 to take my dirt.

Mayor: We have a lot of construction going on we have a lot of stock pile of soil where if people need fill.

Mr. Finetto: I had to pay \$10,000 but this guy is giving the dirt for nothing.

Mayor: John we certainly can't resolve it here, but I would like you to do we can set up a time with the Engineer and along with our Arborist and whomever else you would like on the site and review it with John once again, and if there are any deviations in any way shape or form from what your requirements are..(interrupted)

Mr. Finetto: The Arborist said the trees are going to die. Its going to take 5 years...

Mayor: Unless we take care of it.

Mr. Finetto: It's done ~ the damage is already done. They dug up the tap roots, that is it.

Mayor: This isn't back fill this is

Mr. Finetto: This is dug out and back filled now, you are never going to find it now, and you changed the water table. I built houses in Tenafly if you change the water table the tree dies. The tree is used to having "x" amount of gallons of water a year if you change it it dies.

Mayor: I get what you are saying I'm just not out there so I can't comment on the extent of the damage. Our Engineer

Mr. Finetto: I'm very angry about it. I built so many houses in town and I just purchased another house in town. I was always worried about coming here and saying something, because one back always scratches the other, but I'm glad I'm here and I'm not going to let this go. I'm not going to let this lie. I am telling you that right now. This gentleman just said he took dirt away and had to have it certified. Why don't I have that same privilege?

Mayor: Well, give us an opportunity, please, to get on your property take a look from there, let the Engineer make his recommendations. Gerry copy us on your recommendation and the same thing with the Arborist and any other observations that you have. We will take a look and we will do our earnest to make it right for you.

Mr. Finetto: I'm going to make a golf course there and I guess I was going to be the sand trap.

Mayor: A good par five?

Mr. Finetto: Thank you. (After leaving the floor Mr. Finetto went up to a member of the audience who was seated next to a Police Officer and he told the gentleman that he

Mayor: Gerry, you will be in touch with this gentleman?

Mr. Maceira: I have met with Mr. Finetto two or three times on this issue already, I don't have a problem meeting with him, I will provide a summary report.

Mayor: It's a difficult problem, the properties all through town different hilly properties, my neighbor instead of using a wall brought in boulders I mean the size of mountains and to some degree it was improvement and he got better utilization of his property, as long as you don't impact someone else's property by drainage.

Mr. Maceira: To put on the record, that was one of the things that we approved the grading plan that's definitely the first thing that we look at to make sure that the drainage patterns aren't changed and they weren't changed for Mr. Finetto or the neighbor in the rear.

Mayor: Give us a report.

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2016 have been presented to the members of the Committee prior to this meeting by the Township Clerk.

Member Ferramosca moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2016 be accepted and approved as presented by the Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Member Brueno and was unanimously passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Submission of Water Authority's Independent Auditors Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2015.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented and ordered filed as received:

Police Department	M. Roddy	Report of March
Construction Official	S. Donlon	Reports of March
Treasurer's Report	S. Esposito	Reports of April 12th
Public Works	B. Foran	Reports (2) April
Property Maintenance	E. DeSimone	Report of April

All reports are on file in the Business Administrator's Office.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 16-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING THE RESURFACING OF A PORTION OF RIDGEDALE AVENUE FROM MALAPARDIS ROAD TO CEDAR KNOLLS ROAD IN THE CEDAR KNOLLS SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF

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**\$700,000.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S
FISCAL YEAR 2015 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM AND THE TOWNSHIP'S 2016
CURRENT FUND BUDGET**

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township of Hanover to resurface a portion of Ridgedale Avenue from Malapardis Road to Cedar Knolls Road in the Cedar Knolls Section of the Township; and

WHEREAS, due to its deteriorating condition to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians, the Township Committee desires to authorize this improvement project; and

WHEREAS, funds for the resurfacing for a portion of Ridgedale Avenue is available through the Road Construction and Reconstruction Account of the Township's Calendar Year 2016 Current Fund Budget and a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2015 Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, the resurfacing of a portion of Ridgedale Avenue will include milling, a new asphalt riding surface, drainage modifications and other related improvements to be specified in the Township's Construction Plan, Specification and Supplementary Specification.

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 resurfacing of a portion of Ridgedale Avenue from Malapardis Road to Cedar Knolls Road in the Cedar Knolls Section of the Township. The resurfacing project shall include milling, a new asphalt riding surface, curb and sidewalk, drainage modifications and other related improvements.

Section 2. The Township Engineer and Assistant Township Engineer are further authorized and directed to prepare the construction plan, specification and supplementary specification to be utilized in connection with the resurfacing of a portion of Ridgedale Avenue as described in **Section 1.** above and to publicly advertise and receive sealed competitive bids all in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1. et seq.

Section 3. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$700,000.00 to undertake the resurfacing of a portion of Ridgedale Avenue as described in **Section 1.** Of this Ordinance from the following accounts:

1. Year 2016 Current Fund Budget Road Construction & Reconstruction Account, Account No. 048 Line Item Nos. 126-0048-833 and 126-0048-847	\$575,000.00
2. The New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2015 Municipal Aid Program.....	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$700,000.00

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 May 26th, 2016 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 Daily Record in accordance with the law.

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

So Introduced.

RESOLUTIONS AS A CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-2016

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME, SEASONAL PERSONNEL TO BE EMPLOYED AS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LABORERS AND PARK MAINTENANCE WORKERS, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14. OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 9-2016

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Public Works, Buildings and Grounds and Park Maintenance Department recommends the employment of the individuals listed below to work as full-time, seasonal employees assigned to the Public Works Department under the following categories:

**DPW Laborers
Park Maintenance Workers**

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Business Administrator that the Township Committee approve the individuals listed below under paragraph one (1), who shall be compensated at the rates set forth in accordance with the salary ranges established in Section 14. of Salary Ordinance No. 9-2016.

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 Section 14. of Salary Ordinance No. 9-2016, the rates of compensation for the following seasonal employees mentioned below shall be as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS & PARK MAINTENANCE:

The following individuals shall be assigned to work as Roads, Sanitation and/or Park Maintenance Division Workers:

<u>NAME & ADDRESS:</u>	<u>START DATE</u>	<u>RATE OF PAY:</u>
1. Ryan Cahill, 25 Polhemus Terrace, Whippany	5/09/16	9.25/hr.
2. Dominic DeVito, 4 Mt. Vernon Way, Whippany	5/16/16	9.25/hr.
3. Matthew Mastobuono, 25 Summit Avenue, Cedar Knolls	5/09/16	9.25/hr.
4. Tyler Passero, 25 Hamilton Court, Whippany	5/09/16	9.25/hr.
5. Ryan Pirl, 27 Woodcrest Road, Whippany	5/27/16	9.25/hr.
6. Michael Jennings, 47 Grand Avenue, Cedar Knolls	5/11/16	9.25/hr.
7. James Dunne, 59 Manger Road, Cedar Knolls	5/16/16	9.00/hr.
8. Kevin Cortright, 14 Highland Avenue, Whippany	5/09/16	9.00/hr.

2. Irrespective of the assignment of the individuals listed above, the Superintendent reserves the right to assign any of the summer seasonal personnel to any of the Department's Divisions based on work load needs.

3. Except for disciplinary removal, all appointments (with the exception of the all year round Teen Coordinators) as seasonal employees shall terminate on or before September 10, 2016.

4. That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Public Works, Buildings and Grounds and Park Maintenance Department, the Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department and the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer for their reference and action.

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RESOLUTION NO. 87-2016

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL MARANO TO SERVE AS A FULL-TIME, TEMPORARY, SEASONAL INTERN ASSIGNED TO THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHING HIS COMPENSATION AT \$14.75 PER HOUR AS SET FORTH UNDER SECTION 14. OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 9-16

WHEREAS, the Building Department, has for several years, provided college students with the opportunity to gain hands on experience and an understanding of the functions and responsibilities of the Department and the various duties and assignments performed by the sub-code officials and inspectors; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Construction Official that **Michael Marano** who served as the full-time intern assigned to the Building Department during the summer of 2014 and 2015, be rehired for the period commencing May 9, 2016 and ending on August 31, 2016.

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 **Michael Marano** residing at 34 Valley Forge Drive in the Whippany Section of Hanover Township is hereby appointed to serve as a full-time, temporary, seasonal intern assigned to the Building Department commencing May 9, 2016 and ending August 31, 2016.

2. **Mr. Marano** shall be compensated at the rate of \$14.75 per hour as set forth under Section 14. as listed in Salary Ordinance No. 9-16.

3. Irrespective of the Building Department assignment, the Business Administrator/ Township Clerk reserves the right to assign **Mr. Marano** to any other Department based on the work load needs of other departments.

4. Except for disciplinary removal, all appointment as a seasonal employee shall terminate on or before August 31, 2016.

5. That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Construction Official and the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer for reference and information purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-2016

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME, SEASONAL PERSONNEL FOR THE BEE MEADOW POOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13. ITEM 2. OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 9-2016

WHEREAS, the Board of Recreation Commissioners recommends the employment of the various individuals listed below to work as full-time, seasonal employees assigned to the Recreation and Park Administration Department under the following categories:

Bee Meadow Pool

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Board of Recreation Commissioners that the Township Committee approve the individuals listed below under paragraph one (1), who shall be compensated at the rates set forth in accordance with the salary ranges established in Section 13., Item 2. of Salary Ordinance No. 9-2016.

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:

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1. In accordance with Section 13, Item 2. of Salary Ordinance No. 9-2016, the rates of compensation for the following seasonal employees mentioned below shall be as follows:

PARKS & RECREATION - SUMMER

<u>Bee Meadow Pool:</u>		<u>Start Date</u>
<u>Swim Team Coaches:</u>		
Catherine Mills	\$1,500.00	05/27/16
Chiara Mennona	\$ 800.00	05/27/16

2. Except for disciplinary removal, all appointments (with the exception of the all year round Teen Coordinators) as seasonal employees shall terminate on or before September 5, 2016

3. That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department and the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer for their reference and action.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-2016

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

WHEREAS, at the Township of Hanover Municipal Tax Sale held on December 1, 2015, a lien was sold on Block 8301, Lot 2, also known as 4 Alanon Street, Whippany, New Jersey 07981, for 2014 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate 2015-10, was sold to M & P Retirement Plan for a 0% redemption fee and a \$2,700.00 premium paid; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Stigliano, owner has affected redemption of Certificate 2015-10 in the amount of \$1,800.41.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,900.41, payable to M&P Retirement Plan, P.O. Box 109, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 2015-10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Municipal Finance Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,700.00 (Premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

Mr. Giorgio: One additional resolution that was discussed in Executive Session just prior to this meeting; all of the other Resolutions will be taken as a consent agenda, but the Title of this resolution is:

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER APPOINTING ERIK WOODRUFF AS A NEW PROBATIONARY PATROLMAN FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016 THROUGH THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017 AT A BASE SALARY OF \$55,289.00 AT STEP 1 OF THE SALARY GUIDE SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE NO. 21-2014 (CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT SUBJECT TO RECEIVING SATISFACTORY MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS, A NEGATIVE DRUG TEST AND COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION)

WHEREAS, the authorized strength of the Hanover Township Police Department is thirty (30) superior officers and patrolmen; and

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WHEREAS, with the retirement of the Chief of Police on March 1, 2016 and a Sergeant on February 1, 2016, the promotional process to fill these positions is underway; and

WHEREAS, as the Department undergoes reorganization in ranks, the need exists to employ two (2) patrolmen; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Township's job application process, the Police Department reviewed forty (40) applications for the position of patrolman; and

WHEREAS, initially, the Police Department's Interview Committee interviewed thirty (30) candidates and then narrowed down the selection to ten (10) candidates for a second interview; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the second round of interviews, the Interview Committee recommends the applicant below whom they believe is qualified and meets the Township's hiring standards and criteria in performing the duties and responsibilities of a patrolman; and

WHEREAS, except as otherwise provided by State Statute, Section 53-11.1 of Chapter 53 of the Code of the Township entitled Police Department describes the minimum educational background a candidate must have in order to be considered for the rank of patrolman; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Interview Committee to recommend that the individual named below be appointed by the Township Committee to fill one (1) of two (2) patrolman positions, and to serve as a probationary patrolman for a one (1) year period commencing Wednesday, June 1, 2016 and ending on Thursday, June 1, 2017:

Erik Woodruff
226 Morris Turnpike
Randolph, New Jersey 07869; and

WHEREAS, as a conditional offer of employment, **Mr. Woodruff** must receive satisfactory medical and psychological examinations, a negative drug test, and a negative background investigation; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township Committee to accept the recommendation of the Interview Committee and appoint **Mr. Woodruff** as a probationary patrolman.

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 **Erik Woodruff** residing at 226 Morris Turnpike in Randolph, New Jersey 07869 is hereby appointed to serve as a probationary patrolman effective Wednesday, June 1, 2016. **Mr. Woodruff** will serve in a probationary capacity for a one (1) year period which shall end on Thursday, June 1, 2017.
2. In accordance with Salary Ordinance No. 21-14 and the current 2014-2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township and the Hanover Township Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, PBA Local #128, **Probationary Patrolman Erik Woodruff** shall receive a base salary of \$55,289.00 at Step 1 of the Patrolmen's Step Classification Guide.
3. As a conditional offer of employment, **Mr. Woodruff** must receive satisfactory medical and psychological examinations, a negative drug test, and a negative background investigation. In the event **Mr. Woodruff** fails any of the examinations set forth above, the conditional offer of employment may be withdrawn immediately.

4. During the probationary period, **Probationary Patrolman Woodruff**, as a newly appointed patrolman, does not retain any type of permanent status within the Police Department and may be dismissed at the discretion of the Township Committee only after proper preliminary notice has been given an opportunity for a hearing afforded the patrolman. This condition of employment is in conformance with Section 53-9.D.1 set forth under Section 53-9. Entitled "Qualifications for Appointment." Pursuant to Chapter 53 of the Code of the Township entitled Police Department.
5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Captain of Police, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer and **Probationary Patrolman Woodruff** for reference and information purposes.

Mayor: This officer fills out our ranks at this point this is not an additional expansion of our force but it does fill out our ranks from the promotions that were made, as you know our Chief retired. We replaced the office of Chief, we will be replacing the office of Lieutenant we replaced the rank of Sargent and this is entry level, this patrol officer which maintains the complement of the 30 officers that we have.

Motion made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Brueno to accept resolutions as a consent agenda and unanimously passed.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Member Gallagher: May 13th we are going to have our big night at WPHS, we changed the name from the Volleyball Tournament Family Picnic to Hanover Township's Big Night Out, the night got a lot bigger and we have a lot more partners, and we are going to have something for everybody.

DPW the fields look great. All our kids are enjoying them they are beautiful and safe.

The pool is getting into pretty good shape ~ I've seen some pictures on Facebook with some of the steps they are going through.

I also want to say they did a fantastic job setting up and taking down for the Little League Parade, it was a great parade, a lot of fun, a lot of people out there enjoying it. The last thing that I want to say, which is kind of different is I just want to say to the Township Committee and to our friends out there, Morris Plains School District and Frank Druetzler are officially going to invite all of us May 24th to a meeting to be recognized for the One Day One School Beautification and safety initiative. It feels really good to be part of this team, and it feels good to be making our team bigger and it's kind of nice to be invited with the entire Township Committee because we always joke that we do a lot of things together, it's good and bad because we take the fire wall down sometimes but it's nice to be invited and to have our friends and partners in Morris Plains recognize us together like that.

Mayor: That was an excellent undertaking Tom, One Day One School Project with our neighbor Morris Plains went very well, the expansion of the program because work has been done in East Hanover and certainly in Hanover and as well in Florham Park, so the program has great possibilities and I would like to see it expand some of our State Legislatures get on board with this saves the School Districts hundreds of thousands of dollars literally, and I can't for the life of me understand why somebody from our Senate or State Assembly can't be carrying the banner for this in Trenton and pushing it a little further but maybe we can make some more noise.

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Member Ferramosca: 2016 is all about the roads, and we have 16 roads for our goals this year, 5 are done two underway that leaves us 9 left and of those 9 the good news is that they are all planned. We are moving rather aggressively. I want to complement the team that is getting it done, Engineering is taking the lead on this, as well as Mr. Giorgio mentioned it tonight on Ridgedale Avenue, the total cost of that paving on Ridgedale Avenue is \$700,000.00 of which \$125,000.00 is coming from a grant so a good job.

This is a reminder that this Saturday is community shred day April 30th from 8-11 at 10 Ridgedale Avenue Employment Horizons. Please come out you just did your taxes take all of the confidential papers that you want to see destroyed and shred it in an environmental safe manner down to Employment Horizons. Please no metals in that we don't want to damage their equipment.

Mr. Brueno: The Little League Opening Day took place last week, thank everyone for their participation, the Knights of Columbus cooked all of the Hot Dogs of course our DPW got the fields in fantastic shape. I want to congratulate Bill Brittle on his retirement after 40 years. I'm sure we will have him at some point in May. I can't believe he is stepping down, seemed like he would be there forever, but again we congratulate him and wish him the best in his retirement.

The senior golf outing which we brought back last year, will take place on June 6th; please contact the Rec Center to register.

Mayor: The Senior Outing

Mr. Brueno: Yes back after 5 years.

Mayor: I might qualify

Mr. Brueno: We are not going to ask for any ID; the requirement is just that one member of the foursome is a senior. We want to open it up to everyone in town. Summer camp registration is underway, if you haven't done some already and your child would like to attend camp a lot of good programs a lot of good activities, traveling teens for the 2nd year in a row for our Middle School aged kids, lots of good programs including Yankee Game so look into that.

Mayor: By the way for the seniors in our Township, the golf outing this, is the second one, it was a blast it was a lot of fun, a lot of nasty words but a lot of fun. If you can get out and join us we welcome you to be with us, a lot of good conversation and a lot of bad golf.

We are making progress on the Township's Stoney Brook Community Farm, I'm sure a lot of people in the community are hearing bits and pieces about it, we are well into the planning stages now, and we have a significant amount of land as some may know alongside Fanok Road and Stoney Road, several acres in there, a design work has already been taking place. We think we can afford about 140-150 plots and we are working on policy positions now for our Community so that if you are a resident of the community and you want to take one of these plots and grow vegetables and farm it with us we would love you to do that. There will be some conditions, we are really trying to harvest food for you but also for those in need and a lot of the produce that comes out of the garden might be earmarked for local missions Interfaith Food Pantry and many families in the county who need that type of assistance. Irrigation is going in, I think we have the spec going on that soon, fence is going in and we are working with education, there will be an educational component to the garden which will be prenominal. We met with the Superintendent of the School and he will bring the idea to the Board and to the PTA and he will share an educational component as well-being headed up by Mr. Kitchell who is doing a phenomenal job as chair, so we will keep you posted as we go along. Probably won't be officially cut the ribbon the community farm until spring 2017 but that is when everything will be in place. So we are looking forward to that.

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Mr. Ferramosca: The members of the Township Committee want to complement the Mayor who has really taken a lead on the Community Farm. This is really a noble mission when you consider what this is all about. It's going to be a farm for the people of Hanover Township for gardening purposes as well as a farm for the people of Hanover Township to share, for those who are less fortunate to provide produce fresh produce to the missions in the nearby area as well as the Morris County Food Pantry ~ so a shout out for the Mayor in terms of leading this initiative.

Mr. Gallagher: With the scope of this garden once it's up and running any other communities see the success of it and the popularity of that influence alone will spark more

Mayor: We are hoping that will be the case. Some communities have already taken the initiative already, already Mayor Druetzler has a beautiful garden we are using that as a template somewhat for ours, but ours will be significantly larger. We want to offer everyone in the community to be part of it and to grow and learn more about it. Industries in the community are taking part of it, Bayer has been involved even Wegman's who isn't even built in our Town yet is sitting on our counsel as well, members of the Library Board will bring more education about this it will be in the schools and it's an exciting project that pulls us all together and we can take this model to other towns.

Mr. Brueno: The AED's have been placed in all the parks in Town, our Cedar Knolls Fire Department has done some training they are there and usable and hopefully they will never be needed but if they are, they are at all of the parks.

Mayor: That's great!

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Brueno and unanimously passed.

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