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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 Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask that you bless this governing body with an abundance of wisdom and understanding so that every deliberation will result in actions which will promote the common good and the general welfare for all of the people of Hanover Township...AMEN

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO CARMEN BLANDINO
IN RECOGNITION OF FORTY-ONE (41) YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HANOVER
TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY.**

Mayor: We have a very special presentation we would like to make to a gentleman that we all know in our Community here and we want to recognize his long time service and that gentleman is Carmen Blandino. Mr. Blandino has been so very active in this town over the years certainly with the Knights of Columbus and Carmen you and I we go back a long time with the KofC. You have been a wonderful wonderful support of KofC all through the years all the functions and events that you have run and all the charitable involvements that you have and your Township would like to recognize that right now and we would like to present you with an award.

Mr. Giorgio: Carmen was also a dedicated member of the United States Airforce and as a Veteran we are presenting him with this American Eagle with the inscription "presented to Carmen Blandino in recognition of his distinguished service as an United States Air Force Veteran from the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover."

Mr. Gallagher: I consider Carmen a dear friend he has become very close to me and my family, he is an uncle a brother and he is a mentor, Carmen I'm so glad you are part of my life, you are a great guy and I love you. Thank you.

**MUSICAL PERFORMANCE OF HOLIDAY SONGS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
MEMORIAL JUNIOR SCHOOL VIKING VOCALS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR.
RAY UY.**

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Mr. Gallagher: We have a special musical performance tonight of Holiday Songs by the Members of the Memorial Junior School Viking Vocals under the direction of Mr. Uy.

Santa Made a Special Visit

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF MERIT TO THE UNDEFEATED FLIGHT 1 HANOVER BLUE PANTHERS U-15 GIRLS AND THE HANOVER AVALANCHE U-11 GIRLS BEING NAMED THE MCYSA 2017 FALL CHAMPIONS.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF MERIT TO THE HANOVER BLUE DEVILS U-10 BOYS AND HANOVER STRIKERS U-9 BOYS BEING NAMED THE MCYSA 2017 FALL CHAMPIONS.

Mr. Brueno: This is the fun part of the job and the fact that we have four teams, the Blue Devils, the Avalanche, the Strikers and the Panthers are all here this evening. Fantastic, so happy to have you all here. This is the great part of the job where we get to recognize the youth of Hanover for some of their accomplishments and in this case we had both the choir that was fantastic and now we have some sports teams that have done a tremendous job. Just a bit about the program from my perspective, of course the program can't be run without the administrators so Mr. Anthony Coppola and Mr. Tim Donahue I want to recognize them, I know a tremendous amount of time and effort they put in, the phone calls, the emails, the registration process, none of this can happen without them. They have really grown the program, I know we started by Ed Bonder in I believe in 1992 and I think there were one or two teams at that point and Ed had some kids who were pretty good athletes and wanted to give them the opportunity to play travel soccer. That has now grown to 17 travel teams over 600 kids in the soccer program, one of the things that I know that Anthony and Tim have spearheaded is bringing in professional trainers and everybody gets an hour a week with the Red Bulls Trainers and I know the success has really started to show and grow because of the amount of time and effort, intensity that gets put into soccer just a great game. So one of the things that I want to mention to the kids, I know how hard you all work and certainly it's not all about winning but if winning didn't matter they wouldn't keep score and all the scores are online, they are in the internet, so let's face it winning does matter, it matters a little bit anyway. Not to say that you can't get a lot out of sports if you don't win and there are a lot of teams that aren't here tonight but a little extra work whatever it may have taken to get you guys here as Flight Champions, so we have four teams that were Flights Champions and that's winning out of 10 games so congratulations there, also special thanks to the coaches. Volunteer coaches putting in time and I know I have a daughter playing u14 and I know how much work it takes between the line-ups and the substitutions, the injuries the complaints, the officials making bad calls, it never ends. But it's not possible without these coaches. Lastly, for the kids, enjoy it, I played a lot of sports in town never played soccer I played football, basketball, baseball and most often I can't remember what I had for breakfast but I can tell you about my high school football and baseball games like it was yesterday. You remember these times and enjoy them, really appreciate the wins and make sure you thank your parents for all the sacrifices they have done, so without any further delay we will bring up one team at a time, we will go in age order. Here we go.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Motion made by Member Brueno to Close to the Public and was seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

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RESOLUTION AS A CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 231-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER RELEASING THE \$56,014.00 SUBDIVISION/SITE IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE BOND, THE \$6,224.00 CASH BOND, PLUS A PORTION OF THE INTEREST, PURSUANT TO P.L. 1985, c.315, AND THE \$3,122.00 ENGINEERING INSPECTION FEES TO BLANCHARD SECURITIES COMPANY, LLC – FREDERICK HOLDING COMPANY, LLC AS IT RELATES TO THE LIMITED SITE IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT CONCERNING 170 HANOVER AVENUE IN CEDAR KNOLLS AND ALSO DESIGNATED AS LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK 1601 AS SET FORTH ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2007, the Planning Board granted Preliminary Site Plan, Minor Sub-Division and Variance Approval to **Blanchard Securities Company, LLC – Frederick Holding Company, LLC** as applicant/owner/developer, in connection with the demolition of an existing building and construction of a new office building and related site improvements on property located at 170 Hanover Avenue, in the Cedar Knolls Section of the Township and designated as Lots 1, 2, and 3, in Block 1601 as set forth on the Tax Map of the Township of Hanover; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board granted Final Site Plan approval on January 15, 2008 for the project in question which is located in the I-Zone District; and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated February 9, 2012, the Township authorized a Limited Site Improvement Construction Agreement by and between the Township and the Developer; and

WHEREAS, the Limited Site Improvement Construction Agreement required the Developer to submit a total performance guaranteed of \$62,238.00 which included the submission of a Subdivision/Site Improvement Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$56,014.00 and a Cash Bond in the amount of \$6,224.00; and

WHEREAS, since the Developer entered into a Developer's Agreement on November 20, 2017 and posted the required bonds, the Township Engineer, in a letter dated December 15, 2017 recommended that the surety and cash bonds required under the Limited Site Improvement Construction Agreement be released.

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

1. In accordance with the December 15, 2017 letter recommendation of the Township Engineer, **Blanchard Securities Company, LLC – Frederick Holding Company, LLC's** SubDivision/Site Improvement Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$56,014.00 be released.
2. The cash bond in the amount of \$6,224.00, plus a portion of the interest, pursuant to P.L. 1985,c.315 is hereby released. The cash bond is deposited in a TD Bank Escrow Account, Account No. 7760845123.
3. The Township Engineering Inspection Fees in the amount of \$3,122.00 held in Trust Fund Escrow Account No. 252-7041-499 is also released to the Developer.
4. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Township Engineer, Chief Municipal Finance Officer and **Blanchard Securities Company, LLC – Frederick Holding Company, LLC's**, for reference and action purposes.

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Motion made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher accepting and approving of all Resolutions as a Consent Agenda and was unanimously passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The governing body approved a grand total disbursement of **\$159,818.73** 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 Francioli 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 office.

RAFFLES:

- RL-3080 – Xavierian Guild of St. Elizabeth – Tricky Tray**
- RL-3081 – Our Lady of Mercy HNS – Calendar Raffle**

Motion to be approved made by Member Ferramosca and by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Dennis Fashano, 39 Forest Way: I just wanted to say this is your last meeting and I wanted to commend our two committeemen that are now leaving us, Mr. Brueno and Mr. Coppola for all of their work and helping making the quality of our town and maintaining our tax rate and hopefully our new Committeemen will do the same. Merry Christmas to all of you.

Motion made by Member Coppola to Close to the Public and was seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Brueno: Go out of order for my last meeting here. I will make it quick, brevity is one of the keys to successful public speaking, first of all in terms of an announcement, we have been talking about the 5/6 grade football team, they were in a couple of weeks ago, they did win and go to the National Championship and then in fact won the National Championship so we have a parade planned on January 15th that is Martin Luther King day, they were not going to be able to do it on the weekend because they all have other activities, they have wrestling and other sports, so that is how they came up with that date I hope a lot of people can make it, there will be information on the website so please check that out.

So in closing at my last meeting, I just want to say it's both an honor and a privilege to serve the town over the past 6 years, I just can't believe how quickly it's gone. Not that it's all been all fun and games but it's been a lot more good than bad, that's for sure. I want to thank my fellow Committeemen Ron Francioli the Mayor, John Ferramosca, George Coppola and Ace Gallagher and also Kenny Schleifer who I served with for the first two years of my tenure. A tremendous group of guys, we didn't always see eye to eye on every single topic but we had an opportunity to hash it out in the back room and 99% of the time we came out front we were unified and I think that's really important not that everybody has to fall in line but everybody had the opportunity to express their opinion on a given topic and I think having harmony on the Committee has made us successful over the past 6 years. I also want to thank Krista for all of her

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assistance, I don't want to leave anybody out, Silvio is here and all his hard work on Finance Committee, Tom Quirk at the Recreation Department, Denise Brennan. Everybody has been so supportive it's just a fantastic place to work, live and play. Certainly, I want to thank my family, my wife putting up with me all the late nights, the dinners, running out the door, all that wonderful stuff, and once again all that we have accomplished and I'm not listing out a laundry list of things, but bringing in Bayer, MetLife and now Barclays I think that is a pretty impressive lineup for a little town of 13,000 people. To have three global headquarters for companies like that, and it doesn't happen by accident, they don't want to do business in towns where there isn't some continuity and a lot of good things going on. So having been able to attract them in the last 6 years is one of the accomplishments not that I did it myself obviously but I'm very proud of.

Often times we hear complaints very nice of Mr. Fashano to offer some complement and I had the opportunity to go to the Senior Luncheon today and I walked around as I always do and I spoke to a lot of the attendees and I heard a lot of good things, Facebook could be the root of all evil and all the root of many complaining in many instances but when you get the opportunity to get out and see people we get a lot of thank you and it really means a lot, it goes a long way.

Lastly, I just want to wish the best of luck to our incoming Committeemen Brian Cahill and Mike Mihalko. I think they are tremendous guys. I'm sure they are going to do great work and in four or five meetings, everybody is going to be saying Bob Who? So thank you again, I appreciate it and best of luck in 2018.

Mr. Gallagher: I just want to say a great friend of mine former Superintendent of Florham Park Schools, Dr. Ron Z, once told me the only thing in life that is constant is change. And, I told him that I might still be a little immature but I don't like change that much, I like things to stay the way it is and things change and I just want to say to Bob and George, I have been with you guys for four years and I worked with you on many other things for many more years God Bless You and thank you for everything you did and thank you for your time and passion and you guys aren't going too far, I see a list of things that you are going to be doing for the next couple of years at least. So, I'm not going to say goodbye, I'm just going to say thank you. And, I learned a lot from you guys and I appreciate working with you and all of your great accomplishments thank you.

Happy Holidays to everybody, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year anything anybody celebrates have a great time and be careful on the streets whether it's the weather, if people drive late at night they aren't as well behaved as we are. Enjoy your families. God Bless.

Mr. Ferramosca: Tonight was a terrific illustration of great things happen in Hanover we started off the evening with honoring a leader in our community Carmen Blandino, he was always there in serving Hanover Township, be it by a member of the Knights of Columbus, be it a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church he was involved in everything. So we thank him and it was great to honor him tonight. Tonight we were treated to a Christmas Concert it was fantastic. The Memorial Junior School Viking Vocals under the direction of Mr. Uy that was a terrific chorus to get us all in the Christmas mood. We had a special appearance from Santa Claus, doesn't get much better than that and he's back to the North Pole. And, we capped the evening with recognizing many members of our soccer team. Hanover Soccer team has come a long way. They had tonight a group display of kids who are Morris County Champions. One group to include Champion Flight Level 1 having gone back a long time ago with Committeeman Brueno in coaching soccer kids it's great to see them develop and it's great to see them succeed. Although it's a great night in Hanover it's also bitter sweet moment for the Township Committee and that we have two great members of our committee who have completed their terms of service. We have George Coppola I served with him for 8 years on this committee, George was key to restoring the financial viability of Hanover Township and he was a very solid committeeman and he was our champion of public safety, always involved always looking out always promoting safety and George will always be known as one of the keys in terms of supporting and

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advancing transparency. Really trying to serve the public, being responsive to the public and getting the information out as best as we could. So George I thank you for all of your contributions and I'm proud to have served with you on the Committee.

Bob Brueno has been our leader, he has been our go to guy in terms of Recreation, all of these programs these wonderful things that happen in Hanover Township in our Recreation Department do not happen by themselves, he has been there and he has been supportive of our recreation team and he has worked with Denise and worked with the members of the Recreation Commission as well as Mr. Quirk to provide our children and adults of all ages the finest recreational programs second to none. He is a great strong strategic thinker I will miss his contributions in that respect and I wish them both all the best in the future endeavors and we are not going to let them stray too far I can tell you that.

Mr. Coppola: if Committeeman Brueno that 6 years went fast try 23. As an elected official 9 years on the Township Committee and it has been truly my honor to serve, I really really enjoyed it. We have many accomplishments and many of them Mr. Brueno brought them up so we are not going to be redundant, but I am proud of the many accomplishments that we collectively as a Committee turned blighted locations in this town to nicely redeveloped sites at no cost to the taxpayers. That is a major achievement. Many of the residents who enjoy what has taken place may not realize that all of the work that goes on around town these major reconstruction didn't cost them a dime. I say that there are really four most significant initiatives that I'm proud of, first of all, the shoe box budgeting, that was always fun that day, but I saw on this Committee for 9 years that budget has never exceeded 2% it was a given time when a couple of times when it was zero and down .3% and still continued all the services; so it's not an easy achievement. We went from a tough time in 2009 to a much better timenow thanks to all of us. MetLife, Bayer and Barclay all that does so much to help the residents of this town, because people don't realize that all the extra work that they do at no cost and I'm not even talking about coming here, landscaping our facilities and doing Monroe Hall, so there are a lot of things that they do that really the outside people don't really know that is not costing them a dime.

I am really happy with one area that I thought Mr. Gallagher and I worked on was Reynolds Avenue sidewalk; who would ever have thought that piece of sidewalk would be used as much as it is today. I find that to be a major accomplishment not for achievement but for safety. You don't want kids trotting down Reynolds Avenue and God forbid somebody gets hurt. This also has been interesting period for me on public safety, for the reconstructing of the Police Department. We had the Chief retire, Captain retired, two new Lieutenants, four Sergeants and a number of patrolman and it's like a whole new area down in the Police Department that I'm really pleased with. I guess my most major achievement that I'm happy with is this gentleman that is televising the meeting. We turned this in 2009 televising our meetings to get absolute transparency and Bob has always done a great job he does a really great job. All that I want to say that all of these accomplishments cannot happen without collectively all of the Committee people working together even though we have differences. I want to say thank you to Mr. Giorgio and his entire staff, Silvio, Krista, Cathy you can go on and on and on for people who are responsible. I thank Chief Roddy for all of his support in different areas that I looked for and again for all the support of our Township Committee. I truly hope that Brian Cahill and Mike Mihalko find there tenure on the Township Committee as rewarding and as enjoyable as I have.

Lastly, I can never say Thank You to my wife Phyllis she put up with all of this for 23 years and that doesn't include any of the other volunteer functions so without her and this 56 years together I wouldn't be where I am today. So I thank you and I love you. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy and Healthy Blessed New Year.

Mayor: Bitter sweet evening. I add to the accolades, the workings of George and Bob over the years has been wonderful experience and accomplished experience for all of us on the Township Committee. Agreed we all talked about the differences that we had and we fight it out but in the end we all try to do the one thing and that's to keep Hanover first and I think we all have done a good job at that and I thank you

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George all these years for all the time and effort you put into every assignment. George is devoted so devoted right to the end. Most people at this point in time and you hear that expression when your lame in politics and you know you're going out George has not given up a beat; he has made every meeting and gone to every event. Calls me up at 7:00am to remind me of events and right on top of it. Dedication is unbelievable and it always have been appreciated.

I know both Bob and George are going to be around. We are not going to lose their experience and they are going to be put to work in the areas that they love best and Bob will be joining us in Recreation and George will continue with Landmark and other assignments, so we want to keep and retain the experience that we have. We wish you both the best.

Something wonderful happened here in Hanover Township last Sunday, but it wasn't close to Hanover Township. It was a place called Canton, Ohio. In Canton Ohio our youngsters in football took a National Championship in football that day. Absolutely outrageously outstanding for Hanover and they are going to be recognized very well. I think we will keep the public advised as we go forward and everybody is so interested and everybody wants to be part of it and I think they will let us know more as we go forward as to the dates and time of the parade in Hanover Township.

I wish everyone a wonderful safe and warm and happy Merry Christmas warm greetings to you and your family as we go into the New Year. Thank you all very much for making Hanover the wonderful town that it is today. Thank you all.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to close at 9:52 p.m. was by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Brueno and unanimously passed.

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

Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk
