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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, September 28, 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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Alison Deeb, Administration for the Whippany River Water Shed Action Committee: I would like to thank you very kindly for your support of the Action Committee in the past for your member and it has been a pleasure to work with you and our organization for the last 19 years. Most importantly, thank you for letting us use your facility to meet, and we meet here once a month, we use your building, so we are very grateful for that. Tonight, I am here to ask for your support for the rain garden project at the Whippanong Library and what I have passed around hopefully there is five packets for each of you Committeemen and I do have some extras if you need it just some background information on this project but I'm here representing the Whippany River Water Shed Action Committee to ask for your support. What is a rain garden? A rain garden is when form meets function, and, the gutter meets the ground. Simply put, rain gardens are gardens specifically designed to soak up rain water and to help with storm water management and it's a very important issue for us at the Whippany River Watershed. Rain gardens look like regular flower gardens but they are more, when it rains a rain garden fills with a few inches of water and allows the water to slowly filter into the ground rather than running off into the storm drains and polluting our roads and waterways. Compared to a patch of lawn, a rain garden allows about 30% more water to soak into the ground, 30%. They also add beauty to neighborhoods and provide wildlife habitat. In this brochure, I gave you we received a grant from the Watershed Institute, this is a very old brochure. One of the benefits of the grant will be to update this brochure and if you look at the back it features a municipal building that could be the Whippanong Library. So one of the benefits of the project will be to provide publicity and exposure for Hanover Township, so it's got a lot of benefits, in addition to being good for the environment. So rain gardens are relatively low in maintenance. So, contrary to popular belief they are relatively low in maintenance just like a regular flower garden that you might have in your house. It needs pruning and thinning so it's not a very difficult thing to do, in fact I have to prune and thin my own garden at home. But, the benefits that you will have to educate your residents and educate the county are just numerous it being right next to the library. It's a win win. So, I hope that you will

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consider this project, I have provided detailed information there for you. If you have any questions, I will be happy to come back at the next meeting or two to work with you to develop a supporting resolution in support of this project. Basically, it's no cost to you, the work will be provided by the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee. We are asking for your help to help with the labor cost and the cost of the excavation but that is absorbed already in your department of Public Works. So we do have a grant for the plants, the biggest part of these gardens are the plants, if you can get high quality organic plants, it's just like garbage in and garbage out, if you can get good plants, which we have already procured and we have an arrangement with Rutgers you are 90% there and we have beautiful plants that we would be putting in. So, but please read the proposal it's a wonderful project being right next to your Library, you can provide workshops and educate young people as well as adults about the benefits of these rain gardens and maybe they will go home to their houses and build these gardens and learn about the benefits of these gardens. So thank you very much and I appreciate it and if you have any questions I will be happy to answer them tonight.

Mayor: The Township Committee has reviewed the request and as a matter of fact even engaged our Public Works Department; Brian Foran went and investigated, along with some others on the Recreation Department, the area including the Library. Our concern was that particular corner. By the way, we fully support the rain garden, we understand it, we even had communications with our Superintendent of Schools they have some down there and have been using it for the student body the education is fine, it's good, we want to do it. The issue is the location and so one of the locations that I suggested as this one seems to be in contention was we have a shed dwelling on the Stoney Brook Farm that we just completed. It has rain gutters and it's presently emptying into rain barrels that collect the rain water and then it's used for the gardens. But it's an ideal spot where it gets sunlight, rain water from the shed for this kind of planting and it's still in public view, it's right in front of a parking lot which is across from our soccer field and it's at the end of Stoney Brook, so we were hoping that you would take a look at that area and give us your comments on that.

Ms. Deeb: We did and if I may interject now, thank you for conversation on public hearing and time, the condition of this grant from the Watershed Institute specifically states that the rain garden must be adjacent to the Library or to a Library. So that location that you gave us and I did relay it back to our facilitator, that would not work, so it would work perhaps for another grantor but the money that we received for this has to be next to a Library.

Mayor: I'm sure that condition is based upon you want it in one good public area. Can I suggest maybe to have Brian Foran explore around the library grounds once again and see if he can recommend; I mean the one specific corner of that we didn't have much flexibility, you wanted that one corner by the driveway.

Ms. Deeb: What I have shared with you tonight, what is in your packet, is a picture of the location, a calculation of the estimated storm water, excuse me I didn't bring the packet up to me so I don't have....

Mayor: That's alright; one of the other considerations that we have was that as the garden grows this is nothing that we can groom or whatever so it's going to take on a natural outgrowth and at that particular corner we are not sure about line of site, which the driveway continues into the Police Department and that might create an issue there. We are looking at all of those aspects.

Mr. Gallagher: That is the one question that I wanted to ask; we understood that you could not prone and trim? But you specified that you can prune and trim.

Ms. Deeb: You know I'm not an environmental scientist so I'm the administrator for this organization. So, I would not be the project subject matter expert, but my understanding is that rain gardens are relatively low maintenance they just may need to be trimmed or pruned slightly if they get overgrown, just like your regular garden might. But it's nothing that your DPW staff wouldn't know how to do.

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Mr. Gallagher: For instance, the one at Memorial Junior School is very nice and very well contained and I know that Sal was talking to us about it a couple years ago. but our concern like Ron just said I know another Municipality that just did one and it took up a lot of room and continued to do so, but if we can contain it and have a certain area, like Ron said, if it doesn't get too big and interfere with a line of site that would be something else for us to consider.

Ms. Deeb: We are willing to be flexible on that point, right now the estimated size is 400 foot square, disconnecting approximately about 2000 square feet, the cost of the plants as estimated in July is \$1,518.00; estimate cost of construction is around \$6,000.00 this does not include the removal of the sidewalk to run the pipe extension under the garden. Again, the cost to the library and the Township is zero although we would appreciate it if you can supply the labor and the materials to do so.

Mayor: That is not an issue.

Ms. Deeb: The size I guess we can work with.

Mayor: Specifically, the concerns are the Superintendent of Public Works said the condition that the garden would take on after years of growth, etc., in that corner. It's nothing that we can groom and if it becomes unsightly, or, if it grows to some height then in doubt it's going to be an obstruction to that corner, you have traffic going intersecting from that corner from the Police Department.

Ms. Deeb: Well, if you look at this brochure that hopefully you all have there are three examples here of mature rain gardens but I can find out and get back to you if that pleases the Committee as to the height.

Mayor: Let's answer that question, that would be great; if you can check with the Water Shed Commission and get an answer as to what can and cannot be done to maintain its natural state that will help in our decision.

Ms. Deeb: Okay.

Mayor: That was really kind of it and we were concerned of it being overgrown and that we cannot touch it and then we have another issue.

Ms. Deeb: Okay, are there any other questions.

Mayor: We do support it. We do understand it. And, the nature of it, and the recharge of it we would like to do it, it's just where's the best place?

Ms. Deeb: Thank you for your time.

Mr. Giorgio: Alison do you have another set of the materials please?

Ms. Deeb: Yes.

Theresa Baird, 180 Parsippany Road, Whippany: The rain garden that was just brought up, the plantings depending on the types of perennials that could be put in here could be chopped down "pruned" all the way down six inches every year depending on the plants that are required to go into it. The plants that are on here are rather large like fire bush, roses and stuff like that, but the ones on the cover are more perennials that are cut down so that might lend itself to a better line of sight.

Another issue with rain gardens are the mosquito breeding that goes along with them. If they are not maintained properly and a lot of them aren't in Morris County especially in the Hanover, East Hanover, Florham Park, Morris Plains, Morristown and Morris Township area they do breed a lot of mosquitoes.

Mayor: This is one of our concerns, major concern that we had is knowing the limitations we have of grooming it or doing anything to it.

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Ms. Baird: That area is so small over there and adding piping it's like putting in a reverse septic system.

Mayor: I appreciate the intent of the Water Shed Commission as to wanting it to be seen.

Ms. Baird: Certainly, with the smaller plants you might be able to get away with it.

Mayor: We have some excellent areas at the Stoney Brook Farm but if it doesn't meet the criteria that they want and it needs to be seen by a Library, we will have to have Brian Foran look into it.

Ms. Baird: (inaudible speaking off microphone)

Ms. Deeb: We have not purchased the plants we have an estimate for the plants that we would like to use and they are similar to the plants that we have at the Hanover Memorial School I believe. But again, I'm not the project manager on this, the project manager is a Master Gardener from Rutgers Pat Rector. She's a heavy hitter in the Environmental Field so she is a Master Gardener, she will be leading that piece of it. She has installed dozens of these gardens and is extremely expertly familiar with the plants, but we can also get a plant list.

Mayor: Let me suggest this, we also have a Master Gardener by the way with the opening of our own Stoney Brook Farm. But, let me suggest that your Master Gardener meet with our Superintendent of Public Works Brian Foran and talk it out on specie location, size that these plants can grow and before you do that get us some information as to whether we are allowed to groom it or not, take care of it, and then let's meet and if it's possible to put it in the corner that you want then fine, we can justify it.

Mr. Ferramosca: One more piece of information, I don't think there is anybody who is against this concept from an environmental standpoint. I don't think it's an issue, I think the question is where. On Saturday, when they kicked off the Stoney Brook Community Garden one of the things quote on quote was the principal who spoke and he spoke about the fact that this Community Garden will serve as a living class room because we are going to bring our students to this Farm and participate in it as a result of it. It will be great from an environmental standpoint, both Mr. Gallagher and I sit on the Environmental Commission to be able to start introducing to young people the benefit of it. I think where you will get more of the people of who we want to impress like middle school children, learning about rain gardens and the importance of it if it's in a location where they are already being brought to from the school stand point, so think about that.

Ms. Deeb: I already did and I have an answer for you, yes and no. I love community gardens they are wonderful, but you are preaching to the choir, the library is a place where maybe book worms and where people will go that wouldn't even think about the garden. So it's just, I love your community garden and I had a family obligation and Mayor Francioli did extend the invitation to our Committee to attend but I could not attend. I also want to say tonight too that the library fully supports and, enthusiastically supports this and they couldn't be here tonight so I just want you to think about that too.

Mayor: Yes they do.

Ms. Deeb: You are preaching to the choir there

Mayor: We can debate it fairly well but I think we got so many great locations where our student population would enjoy it too, like I said we are dedicating a portion of the Stoney Brook Garden to the school so they are setting up a curriculum. And, I'm so proud of that with Mike Wasko so they will be up there when they can, they are also going to have summer camps so this garden will really even if you want to do a second

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one and do it out there and let's put it there, so there is merit to what Deputy Mayor is saying. So get back to us on what we can do and then you can resolve a lot of our questions. Thank you.

Richard Dunne, 59 Manger Road, Cedar Knolls: I have a little bit of a different perspective on what was just presented and I heard what Ms. Deeb talked about the grant and the language of the grant and that always gets an attorney's mind working and definitions and I happened to google the black law dictionary definition of adjacent ~ it says "lying near or close to neighboring" so if the grant actually says adjacent and the grant is a legal document and the property you are talking about Mr. Mayor is not that far away from the library although I know the rec center is between it and the library where you are suggesting because it uses other terms like approximate too it doesn't say it has, next to is part of the definition, but it is only one definition. If you wanted to test the expansion of that definition you might solve both parties' problems along with Mr. Ferramosca's sentence.

Mayor: That would be interesting to investigate because there is also a quality location right across the driveway with the Rec Center and the Rec Center has some beautiful open beds which can support this very, very well. But if it is genuinely tied to the fact that it has to be, well what do you say the language is Richard?

Mr. Dunne: Ms. Deeb said the grant says adjacent, of course I haven't seen the language have you seen the language?

Ms. Deeb: (inaudible) my understanding is that it is adjacent. I will verify that.

Mr. Dunne: So you can apply that broadly or strictly depending upon your perspective but to accommodate both parties' wishes here it would seem to me to be the better idea to apply this term broadly if in fact adjacent is the word.

Mayor: Giving that latitude I think we all agree that the Recreation Center gets a lot of attention, it's similar to the front door of the Municipal Building, I mean a lot of people go in and out of there, all ages by the way, matter of fact more ages, let me put it that way. We have youngsters in programs in the Rec Center as well, so there is something to be said, but look we have to go by stipulations of the grants, so let us know. Thank you Richard.

Paul Cardone, 35 Polhemus Terrace, Whippany: I am here tonight to discuss the intersection of Eden Lane and South Jefferson, particularly Eden Lane south bound. When you go southbound on Eden Lane there is a left hand turn and also you go straight, the right lane is for only right hand turns only. I would like to understand why it was designed that way number one and two idealistically would like to change it. It makes sense to have the left hand lane just for left hand turn and the right lane for straight or right. What happens today is folks who want to go straight are waiting for people to make the left hand turn, and sometimes you are there for a light or two, and other folks don't want to wait and they venture off into the right hand lane and go straight anyway; so my first reaction is that it does not make sense and let's change it but I guess I would like to understand first.

Mayor: I think the opposite is true when you get up to Whippany Road.

Mr. Cardone: If you go to the next light, Whippany Road, it is exactly what I'm talking about.

Mayor: I'm going to look to my Engineer and who I've discussed this with some time ago.

Mr. Cardone: On Facebook there are a lot of folks interested

Mr. Maceira: Obviously the issue the sku on Eden Lane if you notice the legs of the intersection are directly opposite of each other there is an angle break in that intersection.

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Mr. Cardone: I'm not following

Mr. Maceira: On Eden Lane the lanes are not opposite directly aligned with each other, there is a sku, so the issue is that there is not enough clear site distance if a car were making a left hand turn to North Jefferson Road northbound they would block the sight distance of anybody going straight through Eden Lane and anyone making a left hand turn heading south onto South Jefferson Road. There was a situation where it could create some very severe accidents there.

Mr. Cardone: So if I'm in the left hand lane and I'm making a left toward Route 10

Mr. Maceira: So if that straight through movement were in the right lane as you suggest then you would not be able to see anyone coming from Eden Lane making the left onto South Jefferson or they would not be able to see you traveling straight through.

Mr. Cardone: Somebody coming from the opposite direction?

Mr. Maceira: Exactly, yes.

Mr. Cardone: I wouldn't be able to see?

Mr. Maceira: They would shadow that movement, you would not be able see that. We have looked at that numerous times, the only way to correct that would be to take that angle out of the intersection and that would require some property takings.

Mayor: That is proposed by the long future, if that property improves we are talking about the old Eden Mill property then that corner that the Engineer is talking about would be rectified it would be straighten out.

Mr. Maceira: If it's not clear you can come tomorrow to my office and I will show you on a plan cause trying to describe it is a little difficult

Mr. Cardone: On the surface when you look at it seems to be.

Mr. Coppola: If you are going to make that turn I use that a lot when you use the right lane you have to be absolutely careful because it's a blind side from people making a left going to Ridgedale Avenue. They make a left to go to South Jefferson Road you can't see that when you are going on the right side.

Mr. Cardone: If I'm coming on the right and going straight.

Mr. Maceira: Yes, that is exactly the condition, that left turn vehicle will block the view of oncoming traffic.

Mr. Cardone: Okay.

Mr. Ferramosca: We want to support the flow of traffic obviously we live here I share your concern; I've asked Mr. Maceira this I think the Chief has weighed in it as well; that if it was safe the movement that you are proposing we would support it but until that definition of that intersection is reconstructed so it's a perfect right angle the blind spot presents a danger to those who are making the turning action either going south bound if you are heading west or if you are trying to go straight going to Whippany Road, so there is that gray area now that prevents a clear line of sight.

Mr. Cardone: If you took a little more where the park is, that wouldn't help?

Mr. Ferramosca: Right now there is a major application for what will happen to that River Park property and if something ever happens with that property, part of that redevelopment of that property would be the reconstruction of that intersection. So that

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is when your idea would be brought forward so that you set up right angles so you can safely have a left turning designation and a through and a right.

Mayor: If you really want to see it google map the area open it up and you can't see it from the ground level but when you see it from a google map you can see that the corners don't line up and that's what the Engineer is talking about.

Mr. Cardone: Yeah, I understand what you are saying I'm just trying to picture it.

Mayor: If you saw it that way, it's not a matter of just going straight across an intersection it does have a jag for the right but Gerry in any event this has been talked about a lot. So are we saying that with the improvement of the corner should something happen on that property the lane change could be made?

Mr. Maceira: Absolutely, the way the lanes are designated right now is only a condition because of the sku if that sku were eliminated then we would have a more typical arrangement of the lane.

Mr. Cardone: Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you for coming out tonight we appreciate it.

Jim Martin, Fanok Road, Whippany: On the subject it's been in the back of my head for ever and ever also and I think I mentioned it to a few people, but if that's the reason can't you control the lights and just have lights that say no left so you're not changing lanes at all. You are controlling it with the lights who is going where?

Mr. Maceira: When you start to introduce additional phasing into an intersection you are introducing more delay, so you are just going to create more congestion and that is really what we are trying to avoid and try to improve the congestion and delays through the intersection. We have done it at other locations where we had some other safety issues but you resolve the safely issue but then you are creating a little bit more delay at the intersection of Ridgedale & Mountain is one and at this location how many people are inconvenienced by going straight through cause you are waiting, I don't think we have justified that that it requires to retime the lights and add those additional phasing because now you might be able to start to create additional delays on South Jefferson Road and that is a heavily traveled road and it just again creates more delays and ques so I think at this point I think the intersection for what it is and the alignment for what it is now is working appropriately as best we can and obviously we are limiting accidents so that is the number one priority.

Mr. Martin: As far as I'm concerned that right hand turn coming off Ridgedale onto South Jefferson is minimal use as far as I can see, that's why I say that lights can adjust everything by saying that's the right hand lane but.

Mr. Maceira: It's an option. But again in our judgment we don't feel that will create

Mr. Martin: Again it's not 300 people being backed up I agree it just what it is, thank you.

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

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2017 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 of September 14, 2017 have been accepted and approved as presented by the Township

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Clerk. The motion was seconded by Member Gallagher and was unanimously passed. Mr. Coppola abstains since he was not at the September 14, 2017 meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented and ordered filed as received:

Township Engineer	G. Maceira	Reports of September
Construction Official	S. Donlon	Reports of August
Property Maintenance	E. DeSimone	Reports of September

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

RESOLUTIONS AS A CONSENT AGENDA:

POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH STAIGAR, P.E., P.P., AND THE FIRM OF DYNAMIC TRAFFIC, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO UPGRADING THE EXISTING INTERSECTION AT WHIPPANY ROAD AND PARK AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$63,675.00, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW AND PAY-TO-PLAY LAWS AT N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(i) AND N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 AND 19:44A-20.26 ET SEQ. AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH STAIGAR AND THE FIRM OF DYNAMIC TRAFFIC, LLC

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(i) and the Pay-to-Play regulations at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and 19:44A-20.26, the Township Committee needs to retain the services of a professional engineer, licensed by the State of New Jersey, as a non-fair and open contract in order to perform design services as it relates to the upgrading the existing intersection at Whippany Road and Park Avenue in the Whippany Section of Hanover Township; and

WHEREAS, the intersection modernization project is needed in order for the intersection to be fully compliant with the latest standards set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Americans With Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, because **Dynamic Traffic, LLC** is intimately familiar with traffic patterns within the Township, the Township Engineer believes that this Firm has the necessary experience and expertise to perform the design services required by the Township; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Township Engineer, **Joseph Staigar** submitted a proposal and quotation dated July 26, 2017 outlining the scope of services in conformance with the Township's needs to modernize the Whippany Road and Park Avenue intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the proposal submitted by **Mr. Staigar** and believes that **Mr. Staigar** and **Dynamic Traffic, LLC**, whose members are professional engineers licensed by the State of New Jersey, have the necessary expertise, field experience and demonstrated professional engineering knowledge to perform the design services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance **Dynamic Traffic, LLC's July 26, 2017** letter proposal and quotation, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full, **Mr. Staigar** and **Dynamic Traffic, LLC** will perform the design services in an amount not to exceed \$63,675.00 based on the estimated fees required for the project based on the firm's hourly rate schedule; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the requirements of the Non-Fair and Open Process of the Pay-to-Play Legislation at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 et seq., the Township's Business Administrator in his capacity as the Qualified Purchasing Agent, has prepared a "Value Determination and Certification", (a copy of which is attached hereto and

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made a part of this resolution), that the estimated contract for the performance of professional planning consultant services has an estimated value in excess of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Dynamic Traffic, LLC shall be required to submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that **Dynamic Traffic, LLC** has not made any reportable contributions to a political candidate or candidate committee in the Township of Hanover in the previous one (1) year and that the contract with the Township will prohibit **Dynamic Traffic, LLC** from making any reportable contributions during the term of the professional services agreement; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, **Dynamic Traffic, LLC** shall also file a Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form and a Stockholder Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township Committee to retain the services of **Joseph Staigar, P.E., P.P.** and the firm of **Dynamic Traffic, LLC** for the purpose of performing design services related to upgrading the existing intersection at Whippany Road and Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the total contract amount with **Joseph Staigar, P.E., P.P.** and the firm of **Dynamic Traffic, LLC** shall not exceed \$63,675.00 and said compensation shall be based on the Firm's hourly rate schedule, all in accordance the July 26, 2017 proposal and quotation, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(i) et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids, and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

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 **Joseph Staigar, P.E., P.P.**, a professional engineer and professional planner, licensed by the State of New Jersey, and the firm of **Dynamic Traffic, LLC** located at 1904 Main Street in Lake Como, New Jersey 07719 are hereby retained for the purpose of performing design services related to the intersection modernization at Whippany Road and Park Avenue in the Whippany Section of the Township in order to make the intersection fully compliant with federal traffic regulations and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The scope of services shall be performed in accordance with the July 26, 2017 proposal and quotation submitted by **Dynamic Traffic, LLC** which proposal and quotation is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full.
2. Based on the Firm's 2017 schedule of hourly rates and direct expenses, the total contract amount for the design services shall not exceed \$63,675.00.
3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a professional services agreement with **Joseph Staigar, P.E., P.P.** as a senior principal and Andrew D. Jafolla, P.E., P.T.O.E., the principal of **Dynamic Traffic, LLC**.
4. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provision of the Local Public contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(i) because the services to be performed are by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession as a professional engineer and professional planner licensed by the State of New Jersey and such services are not subject to competitive bid.
5. 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.

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER DESIGNATING LOTS 13 AND 14 IN BLOCK 303 ON THE TOWNSHIP TAX MAPS, ALSO KNOWN AS 1515 ROUTE 10, AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., (hereinafter "Redevelopment Law"), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land within the municipality constitute an area in need of redevelopment, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 of the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover by resolution adopted June 11, 2015, directed the Township Planning Board (hereinafter "Board") to:

1. Conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether property identified as Lots 13 and 14 in Block 303 as set forth in the Tax Map of the Township of Hanover (hereinafter "subject property") constitute a non-condemnation "area in need of redevelopment" according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5.; and
2. To study the subject property and to develop a map reflecting the boundaries of the proposed redevelopment area, to provide public notice and conduct public hearings in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and draft a report with a resolution to the Township Committee containing its findings and determinations; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is adjacent to and in common ownership and developed together with Lot 1.2 in Block 200 on the Tax Map of the Township of Parsippany Troy-Hills which has been designated a non-condemnation "area in need of redevelopment" in accordance with the Redevelopment Law by the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany Troy-Hills by resolution adopted September 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a "Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment Study," including a map of the subject property, was prepared by Blais L. Brancheau, P.P., dated August 11, 2017, which study recommended that the Board find that the subject property meets the statutory criteria for an area in need of redevelopment and that the Board recommend formal designation of the subject property by the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board conducted a public hearing held on September 19, 2017 which was duly noticed according to the requirements of the Redevelopment Law, and at which no members of the public spoke; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board voted to recommend to the Township Committee to designated the subject property as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2017, the Planning Board adopted a resolution memorializing its decision of September 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the recommendation of the Planning Board and concurs with its recommendation to designate Lots 13 and 14 in Block 303 as an area to be designated as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment.

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 the property located at 1515 Route 10 and designated as Lots 13 and 14 in Block 303 on the Township Tax Map shall be designated as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Redevelopment Law for the same reasons set forth in the Board's resolution, that is,:

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A. The generality of buildings are substandard, unsafe, unsanitary, dilapidated, or obsolescent, or possess any of such characteristics, or are so lacking in light, air, or space, as to be conducive to unwholesome living or working conditions in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5a.

B. Areas with buildings or improvements which, by reason of dilapidation, obsolescence, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light and sanitary facilities, excessive land coverage, deleterious land use or obsolete layout, or any combination of these or other factors, are detrimental to the safety, health, morals, or welfare of the community in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5d.

C. A redevelopment area may include lands, buildings, or improvements which of themselves are not detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, but the inclusion of which is found necessary, with or without change in their condition, for the effective redevelopment of the area of which they are a part in accordance with the definition of "redevelopment area" contained in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3.

2. That the Township Clerk shall forthwith transmit a copy of this resolution to the Township Attorney, the Township's Professional Planner and Engineer and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for review in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6(c), and that this designation shall not take effect except as provided for in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6(c).

Mr. Ferramosca: Since we spent a little bit of time speaking about traffic and traffic movements if anybody who sits and ages as they try to make a left turn off of Whippany Road onto Park Avenue at 5:30 at night; Resolution A is calling it for a design firm to come in and upgrade that intersection so you will have a better flow of traffic going from Whippany to Park Avenue; and the better news about this improvement if it's so built out that the \$63,675.00 would not be coming from the taxpayers in Hanover Township it would be coming from an account that is called an off-track improvement account which is coming from the developer's money. So I just want to provide everyone a little more information about that.

Motion made by Member Coppola to approve the revised consent agenda and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

RAFFLES:

- RL- 3062 – Bethel AME Church – on premise 50/50**
- RL- 3063 - Gift of Life of NJ, Inc. – off premise raffle**

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Motion to close Public made by Member Brueno and seconded by Member Ferramosca.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gallagher: This Tuesday night Darryl Strawberry is coming to Memorial Junior School sponsored by the Substance Awareness Council. We had 500 plus people sign up. It's the biggest crowd we ever had for one event. I just want to say that Hanover Township PD and the school system has been working together with School and Park Traffic Safety to accommodate all these people coming into one spot. The parking lot at MJS has only 86 spots in it so I think we are going to have a lot more cars than 86. Mr. Wasko worked with the Chief and Lt. Loock to set up shuttles so we have it pretty much under control. We also have four gentlemen from American Martial Arts coming in not to be security but to help guide people almost like a world series game.

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A lot of people are going to be walking all over the place and we are going to have a lot of people on staff for guidance. So, I want to say thank you to HTPD and the Schools and also to the TC for allowing this to be a line item in the Substance Awareness Council budget this year.

Tomorrow night the Hanover Township Education Foundation is having a big comedy night right here at the Ukrainian Church Hall. There are still tickets available it should be a lot of fun. Doors open at 7:30.

Believe it or not we are making arrangements for our ten consecutive Friday nights for Mennen Arena this winter. The one thing that Bill Clinton said that I always thought was nice and clever was he referred to his campaign in 1996 as "The Bridge to 2000" we refer to our 10 consecutive night as the bridge to spring time because after the holidays everybody gets ready for the doom and gloom of the darkness at 4:30. So we are going to have our ten consecutive nights and our big night is going to be law enforcement night and we have a different theme every Friday night.

Planning is going great with One Day One School which is going to be October 28 at Hanover Park High School. Ten year anniversary and if anyone wants to help and if anyone wants to get involved or anybody wants to donate let's go all hands on deck we would love to have you.

Mr. Ferramosca: I'm not going to speak about bridges Mr. Gallagher I'm going to speak about roads. I've been speaking about them at almost every Township Committee meeting. The Township Committee is asking for some patience by the residents starting tomorrow, Friday September 29th through October 4th. There is major paving of the road in Hanover Township; Parsippany Road from Whippany Road to E. Halsey will be paved completely over that period of time, weather permitting. Consult the Township website if you need additional information.

In addition under the banner of great things happen in Hanover, there was an event today by an organization called TransOptions and TransOptions is a leader in Morris County in trying to facilitate traffic movement trying to make it easier for people to get to work. We were there, the Mayor and I, we are very proud of the fact Hanover Township was given a Gold Award in terms of providing and leading facilitating work place environment to improve the flow of traffic and the honors of that goes to Mr. Giorgio as well as the Mayor in terms of leading that with the Committee and our Police Department in supporting that. In addition in receiving the Gold Award Hanover Township was also recognized for its efforts in terms of safe routes to school. Safe routes to school is led by a consortium of individuals Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Coppola, Lt. Loock, Chief Roddy, Chief Bolcar specifically for the improvements that they have done at Salem Drive, Mountview Road and Bee Meadow; school safety traffic is very important and complements to all of the individuals who led that effort, it was recognized throughout Morris County.

Lastly, under great things happen in Hanover Township; Hanover Township made youth soccer history last week with a very very special event that was within our Town, Dannon which is the world leader in terms of yogurt. Their parent company is called Danone it's a French business. They hosted what is called the World Cup Games, it is for youth soccer for boys and girls ages 10-12 they had representation for over 30 countries. These kids played soccer from Thursday through Saturday culminated by a championship game at Red Bulls Arena. It was only fitting for Hanover to be the site of that because we have a great soccer tradition in Hanover Township starting at the early ages of recreation with youth soccer going onto travel teams ultimately a fine varsity program and many of these accomplished athletes have continued on to play at higher level of the collegiate levels, so it's only fitting that Danone National Cup first time in America was hosted in Hanover Township.

Mayor: That was absolutely beautiful and to answer a lot of questions might have had by calling or facebook etc., why are school busses being followed by police cars and what is the security situation here; when you have 33 countries representing

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300+ children that you are responsible for in this town they must have had about 30 school buses here.

Mr. Ferramosca: And, the head of security for Danone complimented.

Mayor: The head of security from Danone Chief complimented our department and you to the highest degree. He never worked seamlessly with a better department and he was very happy over that. You did a yo man job, the combination of the County, State Police that took over the security there, we couldn't even get on the site. But they did a great job, the kids were wonderful and we had some pictures from there so it was great. Thanks to the Red Bull and Danone.

Mr. Coppola: A couple of things, first of all Landmark Commission, very grateful for the grant that we received. They are in the process of performing a number of stone restorations and or plaque id's that are being developed. Also, they are working a new berm and hedge line going along Route 10. It's a wonderful project and we are very grateful for the moneys received and there is a lot of work to be done in that burial yard and thank God it's getting done.

Cultural Arts anybody that is interested for the balance of this year or next year the brochures are right outside in the lobby on the table.

Public Safety in conjunction with what Mr. Ferramosca was saying, we are just asking the residents to be patient because we have a lot of projects going on as you go through this whole Hanover Township both in Whippany and Cedar Knolls; bridge reconstruction, road paving, milling a lot of work is going on, so we are just asking for everybody to be patient and once it is done the roads are going to be in beautiful shape as have each and every year the number of roads that we completed.

Also tonight, the Police were hosting a neighborhood watch program I just would have loved to have been able to attend but I'm just not sure how many people attended but as always the Chief and his department puts on a wonderful program for the residents of Hanover Township, what it is that they should be looking out for in the event of problems within their community, so they can be proactive.

The Senior just finished their executive meeting and they will be forming a nominating committee for new groups of offices for next year.

The Cedar Knolls Fire Department is holding their annual event tomorrow night, sometimes we get two, three, four events in one day. But their event is also the same time as the one mentioned by the one mentioned by Committeeman Gallagher so it's going to be interesting to divide ourselves up.

Mr. Brueno: Recreation fall programs are underway, so that means that the next season registrations are beginning. So basketball, wrestling and it's not just about sports over at the Recreation Department. There is a baking class, yoga, aerobics, there are boot camps all kinds of working out going on so check the website or stop in the Recreation Center to see the winter programs that are in place in conjunction with Mr. Gallagher's ice skating we are going to try to keep everyone busy during the winter months.

We had our grand opening of the Community Garden last Saturday, a nice attendance. Mr. Lent got us some publicity in his newspaper we appreciate that. We just want to mention the fact that you can reserve a spot for the spring. I know it's a long way off but we do have a very good facility there. There is top soil available, mulch available, water available, everything and anything even if you have a garden or have the availability to have a garden at home you might want the comradery and maybe compare notes and compete with who can grow the biggest tomatoes and that sort of thing, so the community garden will be ready to roll in the spring.

The construction is underway for the new snack bar and restrooms over at the brick yard it was a little bit delayed but we are happy to say we are making progress

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there that should be possibly be open for some of the fall events, but it will certainly be open for the spring.

Lastly, we have the Mayor's Wellness event going on this Sunday at Central Park on Eden Lane beginning at 12:00 and you will be able to take the train from the train station in Whippany, you take the train up to Eden Lane get off at Central Park and there will be all kinds of activities all geared towards wellness. Wegman's will be there, they will have a nice display in fact it is my understanding some of the employees will be dressed as vegetables so that's not to be missed. Bayer, Red Bulls be will there all about eating and living a healthy life style in Hanover. The weather promises to be great so don't drive over to Central Park there won't be any parking available. If, you can get a ride and get dropped off but we really encourage you to take the train, part of the event is really raising funds for the Whippany Railway Museum which is a very good cause.

Mayor: The Whippany Railway Museum is selling the tickets. So, if you want tickets for this event and it's this Sunday up until that time you can go to the Railroad Museum ticket agency right there and you can buy your ticket. The train ride goes from the museum through Morristown the other way and turn from Morristown to come back to Central Park. It will stop at Central Park and let you off even though you parked your car at the Railroad Museum. You can stay at Central Park as long as you want, enjoy the day there, Red Bulls will be there and also on the train, and the train will go back to the station it will get other passengers and drop you off if you were at Central Park the train will do that 4 times during the course of the day. There will be events on the train, events at Central Park. They already sold about 600 tickets, so it's going to be a well well attended event, and the funds for this are going to our own Whippany Railroad Museum and I think that is wonderful. That Museum is becoming a focal point of believe it or not of tourism into Hanover. We would like it to expand, we would like to see our steam engine get put back together which we are on the cusp after 10-12 years of getting that done.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to close at 9:27 p.m. by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

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Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk