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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, January 12, 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, Gallagher, Coppola, and Brueno

ABSENT: None

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 to open made by Member Brueno and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

William Eames, 6 Cove Lane Road, Whippany: Good Evening. I have communicated by mail with a couple of you and just want to ask again formally tonight, if I might, for a resolution from the Township of Hanover to the County of Morris with regard to their anti-competitive bidding. A resolution that they are actively considering. This has been going on for about two years, it's come through about five phases and probably going to be modified in the next five to six days but the essence of it has remained steadfast despite denials by Doug Cabana our Freeholder Director that the citizens do not know what they are talking about, hundreds and hundreds of OPRA documents and background files testimony and attending every meeting that they have had the citizens do know what they are talking about. A good article in the Daily Record today that you might want to look at. I have sent some background material, I can send anything that you might want or answer any questions that you have. The essence of the issue is this, the county for no reason we can determine has decided that it wants to restrain bidding and limit it basically to large contractors and union operatives that have apprenticeship programs. That's a burden on small businesses and we have asked many times privately, and publically and on the record what is the need for this, there has been no justifiable need, there has been no stated need there has been no evidence from the county as to why this might be necessary. There has been no problems, there are no problems in default with a contractor, no allegations of illegal workers, there's just no need for this on the public record. But it is in the shadow of almost \$315,000.00 of campaign contributions from unions, union packs and large contractors and engineering companies the four categories that would have apprenticeship programs up and running all the time.

There have been more than 100 letters by the county from citizens throughout the county resolutions from 13 municipalities, more than 20 people spoke last night, there had been position statements made by The American's for Prosperity Organization, the Congress and Industry Association in New Jersey, The Associated

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Building Contractors of New Jersey and another trade group that I can't remember the name UTCA, United Trades or something. There had been no letters of support, no testimony of support, no resolutions of support, no arguments made on the public record of support, so why?

The problem with this is that it restricts bidding which means the costs to the taxpayers will rise. Secondly, if it is passed, the unions will come next to the municipalities with similar pressures which will make your costs rise, so given the overwhelming abundance and please feel free to check with anybody at the County level. The County Administrator would be a good start. There is no justification for this. The only thing out there is that massive financial contribution in the last two election cycles. So, the rent has to be paid, in the words of one of the folks that testified last night, so I would ask the Township of Hanover to seriously consider before the County meets on the 25th of January to adopt this to write a resolution opposing it for your taxpayers, for your small business who will be precluded from bidding and to protect you against what will come next. If I can answer any questions now or after or provide any additional support or information, I will be happy to do so.

Mayor: If I might, this is a very controversial issue and you are absolutely correct, it has been before the Freeholders for quite some time, prior to election time, and now after election time. I have personally spoken to each of them myself, my own personal opinion about this proposed apprentice program etc., you mentioned that it restricts bidding, but now, the laws are clear and by the way this is not a comment pro or for, this is a query on my part, they must go with the prevailing wage.

Mr. Eames: It's not a wage issue; prevailing wage applies in all cases.

Mayor: So what aspects, and I might have taken up this argument with them already, but what aspects of bid restriction are you looking at or what you think this affects?

Mr. Eames: The trades and the businesses, small contractors, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, people that would do subcontracting primarily because 92% of the bids are already done by large union contractors, 92%, but they use subcontractors. For example, if you were to come in and redo the Township Municipal Building you might have a subcontractor just do the ceiling work, the suspended ceiling work. Another example given was they had a water tower that needed to be painted on the inside, that's a highly specialized type of work done by a small company with about 13 people as a subcontract to a major thing, but they are not unionized. All of the employees are highly skilled but given the extra paper work needed because of these restrictions that would be applied number one and number two because of the demand that all subcontractors be party to an apprenticeship program. There are not apprenticeship programs for many of these specialties. So, some companies will no longer bid when there is a particular apprenticeship in their specialty, very commonly in a small business as opposed to a union shop. Union shops will draw from the union work force as needed, so they are not steady employees of the contractor but in the smaller business I'm thinking in particular of an asbestos abatement company that has spoken on the record they have a steady work force of 30 people that they've always had, that they train internally and they are specialists in what they do all the time. There is no asbestos training apprenticeship program. So, they said what would it take to get an apprenticeship program? And, basically, they were told by the County Votech School you have to be a sponsoring employer, which would be a union, go talk to the unions, but this is a merit shop non-union company and they don't want to become a union company. So, it's those types of glitches that get thrown into the system as well as the paperwork certifications that become required. The small business, 30 people, they just can't do, so they just dropped out so the work is either done by somebody that is not skilled in that area but is going to wing it or it doesn't get done or you have to pay more to bring someone in from out of State that does apply and have an apprenticeship program.

Mayor: There is no question, we are very clear, you are very clear, etc., there is no question and I have had numerous conversations with business agents of area

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unions on this matter and the effects on economic development, the effects on Township's costs of bidding on these matters. There are two sides to this. And again, I'm not lining up against one or another. I made my personal opinions clear to the Freeholders about what I thought my feelings were in this. But, I must admit on one side, I do listen to another side of an argument, there were many tragedies in this Township in this County.

Mr. Eames: No, not many, numerically they listed 6.

Mayor: Well, the collapse of an airport hangar not too long ago which almost killed an individual. We had another issue locally which did kill two individuals.

Mr. Eames: One union and one non-union.

Mayor: There is an argument for training. There is an argument for skills. There is an argument for proper compliance to OSHA regulations and laws and I understand that, how does that get done?

Mr. Eames: It gets done right now, because every one of these bidders right now has to be certified by the State Department of Labor, which examines their work record, whether their employees are legal, whether they have any complaints, whether their work has been substandard, whether there had been OSHA accidents, etc., Department of Labor's responsibility on behalf of the State because the state opted for the DOL to do it and to do those certifications, so in order to qualify to bid right now any subcontractor has to meet those kinds of standards and be on the certification list which is updated weekly. So understood, nobody wants unsafe workers. The irony to this is when you ask for apprentice workers you're asking for unskilled labor. You are not an apprentice if you are skilled, you are unskilled, you are being trained, so to the degree you increase the number of apprentices on the job, your increasing the number of unskilled people working on the job, so it's an interesting case.

Mayor: It is.

Mr. Eames: But based on all the testimony that has happened at the County, there has been absolutely no support that it is a safety issue, that the people that are doing contracting now are not trained or that there has been a problem with their training, there really hasn't been and if there were I would be quite concerned about this process. Obviously, accidents do occur, New York City was an example that was given last night at the Freeholder meeting where they have these cranes, and, it seems almost once a week, but all those jobs are the companies that would meet the new bidding restrictions, they are union businesses. So we know, accidents do happen, and I'm not defending that. And, also I want to make the point that those that are opposed to this are not anti-union. In fact, many of those that did testify last night come from union families or run union businesses or have been involved in this. But the question is not union or nonunion its competitive bidding, the ability for anybody to bid number one, and second, of all where there are unions that doesn't necessarily mean that the business has not matured to a point where it's not in a constant apprenticeship mode. Apprenticeship programs; there are right now 46 programs in the County, 30 of those are in plumbing, 10 are in electric so that leaves 6 that are in other fields. So, many of these subcontractors and small businesses are in a functional area that there are no apprenticeship training program that's why they have steady employees that have learned the job over the years in the business. They have done on the job training all the things that an apprenticeship program would offer within the company so if their employees are mature skilled workers they don't need an apprentice, a new trainee, and, when they do they cannot participate in an existing apprenticeship program because in many of these specialties there isn't one. And, there was some discussion about that both with regard to the Vo-tech school and the County College of Morris. The other aspect of this is an encouragement of local labor, hire where you can, but that is illegal to make as a prerequisite, you can encourage and ask for but you can't demand because it's anticompetitive and you are probably more familiar with it than I am.

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So, this has been asked many times, where is the origin from this, where is it coming from? Well the unions went to the State last year and not the first time asking for similar bidding preference kinds of language, it was turned down last year. The Governor wrote a veto message. It was very eloquent and very straight forward. It had nothing to do with the project later agreements which are not relevant to this. It had everything to do with anticompetitive and discouraging small business, and the Governor said on that basis I cannot support it. There is legislation that is working its way through again, it is much less restrictive at the State level, it is tied to one of New Jersey's transaction, you give me this and I'll give you that, it's a deal, but it is not passed yet. There are a few counties that I don't recall the exact number that have this type of language, there are more counties that have language that includes what is called an opt out clause that says if a company certifies that their folks are trained and they don't need, or cannot find an apprenticeship program then it doesn't apply to them. But the problem is that it still makes another three inches of paperwork in the application.

Mayor: There have been requests, I'll use that word on the municipalities by unions to provide such language in our developer's agreements etc., to assure that union labor gets the jobs, etc. Personally, I for one are for keeping jobs that can employ local people in work, so that's where or not if you're in a brotherhood or in a brotherhood, my concerns, but having said that, municipalities cannot put such language in developer's agreement and make the contractor commit to that, it's unlawful. So, therefore, the county is probably approaching it in its fashion and I will not make comment about that, I have made my opinions clear to certain people in the county. My thought on this to my colleagues here is that each one of them probably has their own opinion on this, maybe it's a shared opinion that we have, but I certainly invite them on this issue to contact a Freeholder Director and make it abundantly clear how they feel on an individual basis political or not.

Mr. Eames: That's fair and I appreciate that very much and I would encourage any of you with any questions I can provide a brief synopsis or the full blown background packet whatever you would like.

Mr. Coppola: On all of these accidents could they have been avoided with an apprentice program?

Mr. Eames: How would you answer that?

Mr. Coppola: And, are there a certain number of employees where you have to have an apprentice program?

Mr. Eames: This issue George I think is more to the point, no you can have one employee as long as there is a highly skilled supervisor, I forget what exactly the definition of that is, but in plumbing, for example, you have to have a Master Plumber to mentor the apprentice, so if you have one apprentice and one Master Plumber you can put an apprentice thing together but the component of that is the apprentice program has an educational component that was explained to us this week, mostly plumbing code and law, virtually no hands on that is taught at the Vo-tech and then on the job training which is taught by the Master Plumber, so you need those pieces and you have to guarantee that you are steadily using the educational resources

Mr. Coppola: Isn't that similar to an entry level position where you get training as you work?

Mr. Eames: An apprentice program requires an ongoing commitment to use it steadily for years at one of the institutions that has been certified.

Mr. Coppola: Doesn't have to be a documented program?

Mr. Eames: Yes. It is very cumbersome. We had a Department of Labor representative go through it all yesterday at the Freeholder Meeting, so it's just burdensome and the point is the accident question. There had been no recorded, or

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reported accidents on County projects because the County does do it's due diligence. We are blessed. And, I think you have heard me say this before, I have attended and have been involved in a lot of counties in New Jersey. We are blessed with the staff and the professionalism we have in Morris County, and, they do their work so plus you have the DOL certifying a company before they can get a bid in plus you have on-going inspections and monitoring and all of the quality control functions there had been no accidents, so while there have been accidents elsewhere and not on county projects.

Mr. Brueno: It sounds like they are hiding behind the veil of safety a little bit, but have they given any other reasons, it sounds like there were a lot of people at the meeting and you mentioned a lot of the public spoke out, did they give any indications

Mr. Eames: 100% as of Monday, 100% of the communication had been opposed from all levels, zero support. The reasons that the Freeholders state and not all at the moment there are several that are flat out against this, some that are wavering, and some that are very much in favor, they have said, we need to support training, we need a trained qualified work force, no questions, don't we spend millions of dollars on the County College of Morris and the Vo-Tech school? I mean if it's a training program we need, let's make it a training resolution not a bidding restriction.

The second question is that local employees, we want to encourage local employees, well there are some laws that limit the way you can do that and there is no evidence that nonlocal employees are a preponderance of employees right now. I'm waiting on an OPRA response to get me numbers but I don't have them. But there is no evidence that we are talking about out of State companies that are doing all of this work. And, then the third one is the need for safety. There has been no evidence for a need for changing what we are doing. There is no safety problem. So frankly, under questioning from the audience, the Freeholders admitted that all those things were true and they are in a very awkward position. They do have an obligation that they are trying to meet and I would personally, in my own opinion, contend its financial contributions to the campaigns. The record stands, I can show their correspondences to the Unions pledging that they would adopt apprenticeship bidding restrictions and a union endorsement letter as a consequence saying we enforce them because they will adopt apprenticeship restrictions.

I rest my case! Their documents not mine!

Mayor: I hate to break this off, but we have been on it for half of an hour now,

Mr. Eames: You have been very generous.

Mayor: I understand it and I think all of my council members understand it. I generally, gentleman I ask you if you have a strong opinion on this or any opinion on this to write, call or contact the Freeholders, appear at the meeting on the 25th.

Mr. Eames: On the 25th they will have a work session in the morning at 9:30 and then a public meeting where they will vote at 7:00 pm

Mayor: And, let our feelings be heard. I think Bill that's the best we can do.

Mr. Eames: That is excellent as Hanover Township always is. Thank you very much.

Mayor: Floor is still open. Hearing none seeing none.

Motion to close made by Member Brueno and seconded by Member Coppola.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Letter of Retirement Submitted by Captain Shawn Waldron. Effective Date of Retirement is March 1, 2017.

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Motion to accept letter of Retirement made by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Brueno.

Mr. Coppola: Yes but thanks for his 38 years of service to the Township.

B. Submission of Treasurer/Tax Collector’s Statement of Taxes and Tax Title Liens for the Year Ended December 31, 2016.

C. Submission of Annual Debt Statement for the Year Ending December 31, 2016.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented and ordered filed as received:

Chief Financial Officer	S. Esposito
Property Maintenance	E. DeSimoni
Construction Official	S. Donlon

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

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2016 and the Re-organization Meeting of January 5, 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 December 19, 2016 and January 5, 2017 be accepted and approved as presented by the Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Member Gallagher and was unanimously passed

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER APPOINTING J. WILLIAM BYRNE TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP’S PART-TIME HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST AND ESTABLISHING HIS COMPENSATION AT \$28,392.00 PER ANNUM UNDER JOB GROUP CLASSIFICATION VII AS SET FORTH IN SCHEDULE “B” AND SALARY RANGE GUIDE “C” IN ORDINANCE NO. 9-2016

WHEREAS, since August 17, 2015, **J. William Byrne** has served as a part-time Management Analyst in assisting the Township Engineer and Assistant Township Engineer in analyzing and assessing the needs of the Engineering Department and providing guidance and advice in the planning and coordination of departmental projects and activities; and

WHEREAS, **Mr. Byrne** has extensive experience and expertise in the management and human resource fields, and as a former corporate sector executive, has the knowledge and skills to resolve human resource related issues and problems on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, with the resignation of Joan Johnston as the Township’s Part-Time Human Resource Specialist effective November 15, 2016, the Mayor and Business Administrator recommend that **J. William Byrne** be appointed to fill the vacant position.

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. That **J. William Byrne** residing at 7 Vincent Terrace in the Whippany Section of the Township is hereby appointed to serve as the Township's Part-Time Human Resource Specialist. **Mr. Byrne** shall work twenty-one (21) hours per week.
2. In accordance with Job Group Classification VII under Schedule "B" and Salary Range Guide "C" as set forth in Ordinance No. 9-2016, **Mr. Byrne** shall receive a salary of \$28,392.00 per annum and be compensated on the 15th and 30th or 31st of each month with a total of twenty-four (24) payments.
3. Pursuant to Township Policy, as a part-time employee, **Mr. Byrne** shall not be eligible to receive any paid vacations, sick leave and health and dental benefits.
4. This appointment shall take effect immediately upon the approval of this resolution.
5. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer and **Mr. Byrne** for reference and information purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER APPOINTING VIVIEN THORSEN TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME VIOLATIONS CLERK FOR A SIX (6) MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017 AND ESTABLISHING HER COMPENSATION AT \$22.50 PER HOUR UNDER JOB GROUP CLASSIFICATION II IN ACCORDANCE WITH SALARY RANGE GUIDE "C" OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 9-16 (CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT SUBJECT TO RECEIVING A SATISFACTORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION, NEGATIVE DRUG TEST AND NEGATIVE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK)

WHEREAS, with the resignation of Whitney DuBose as the part-time Violations Clerk in the Violations Bureau effective October 31, 2016, there is a need to fill the position; and

WHEREAS, the position noted above is classified under Job Group II, Schedule "B" and Salary Range Guide "C" Salary Ordinance No. 9-16; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Township's job search process, the Township received five (5) applications by the Department of Administration; and

WHEREAS, of the five (5) applications, a total of three (3) candidates were initially interviewed by the Municipal Court Administrator and one of the full-time Deputy Municipal Court Administrators; and

WHEREAS, the applicants were rated on their prior employment experience and expertise and their overall skills and abilities to perform the duties and tasks of the part-time Violations Clerk; and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2016, the Business Administrator/Township Clerk and Municipal Court Administrator conducted a second interview with one finalist; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the interview, it is the recommendation of the Interview Committee that **Vivien Thorsen** residing at 55 Scandia Road in Hackettstown has the necessary work experience, job qualifications and administrative skills closely matching the Job Description for Part-Time Violations Bureau; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Thorsen shall serve as the part-time Violations Clerk for a six (6) month probationary period commencing Wednesday, February 1, 2017 and ending on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 ; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Schedule Range Guide “C” of Salary Ordinance No. 9-2016, **Ms. Thorsen** shall be compensated at the hourly rate of \$22.50 per hour under Job Group II. Pursuant to Township policy, **Ms. Thorsen** shall not be entitled to receive any other remuneration such as compensator time other than the annual cost of living adjustments that may be granted to non-union civilian employees by the Township Committee, and subject to receiving a satisfactory Job Performance Evaluation performed by the Business Administrator or his designee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thorsen shall be subject to the requirements of the Employee Job Performance Evaluation System as described in full under Section 61-18. Of Chapter 61 of the Code of the Township entitled Salaries and Compensation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Township’s Personnel Policies and Procedures, and Section 61-29.N.(1) through (4). Entitled “Alcohol and Drug Testing Policy for Civilian Employees” under Chapter 61 of the Code of the Township, **Ms. Thorsen** shall be subject to receiving a satisfactory medical examination, a negative drug test and a negative criminal history record check conducted by the New Jersey Division of State Police.

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 **Vivien Thorsen** residing at 55 Scandia Road in Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840 is hereby appointed as the part-time replacement Violations Clerk for a six (6) month probationary period commencing Wednesday, February 1, 2017 and ending Tuesday, August 1, 2017. As a part-time employee, **Ms. Thorsen** shall not work more than twenty-nine (29) hours a week.
2. In accordance with Salary Range Guide “C” of Salary Ordinance No. 9-2016, **Ms. Thorsen** shall be compensated at \$22.50 per hour under Job Group II. Pursuant to Township Policy, **Ms. Thorsen** shall not be entitled to receive any other remuneration such as compensatory time other than the annual cost of living adjustments that may be granted to non-union civilian employees by the Township Committee, and subject to receiving a satisfactory Job Performance Evaluation performed by the Business Administrator or his designee.
3. **Ms. Thorsen** shall be subject to the requirements of the Employee Job Performance Evaluation System as described in full under Section 61-18. Of Chapter 61 of the Code of the Township entitled Salaries and Compensation. At least twenty (20) working days prior to the probationary period, it shall be the responsibility of the Municipal Court Administrator to complete a written Job Performance Evaluation. In the event that **Ms. Thorsen** receives an unsatisfactory job performance evaluation during her probationary period, **Ms. Thorsen** may be terminated at the conclusion of the probationary period or sooner, whichever case is applicable.
4. Pursuant to Township Policy, **Ms. Thorsen** shall not be eligible to receive health and dental benefits or earn and accrue paid vacation and sick leave of any kind whatsoever.
5. This offer of employment is conditional and subject to **Ms. Thorsen** receiving a satisfactory medical examination, a negative drug test and a negative criminal history record check, all in accordance with the Township’s Personnel Policies and Procedures and Section 61-

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29.N.(1) through (4). Entitled "Alcohol and Drug Testing Policy for Civilian Employees" under Chapter 61 of the Code of the Township.

6. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Chief Municipal Finance Officer and **Ms. Thorsen** for reference and information purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF DAVID C. MANNHERZ AS A PART-TIME ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR/ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICERS/ASSISTANT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICER ON A TEMPORARY, AS NEEDED BASIS, AT THE RATE OF \$31.83 PER HOUR UNDER JOB GROUP IX, SCHEDULE "B" AND SALARY RANGE GUIDE "C" AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SALVATORE SIMONETTI AS A PART-TIME PLUMBING INSPECTOR ON A TEMPORARY, AS NEEDED BASIS, AT THE RATE OF \$32.47 PER HOUR PURSUANT TO ITEM 4. OF SECTION 11. UNDER SALARY ORDINANCE 9-16

WHEREAS, the Township is experiencing significant residential and commercial development, and with the construction season in full swing, the Construction Official has requested that the Township Committee authorize the employment of one (1) part-time assistant building inspector and one (1) part-time plumbing inspector, on a temporary, as needed basis whenever the Construction Official deems such assistance is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official recommends that the following individuals who are licensed by the State of New Jersey to serve as a building inspector and plumbing inspector be authorized to perform building inspection and plumbing inspection services on an as needed basis:

**David C. Mannherz
Salvatore Simonetti**

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

1. The governing body hereby authorizes the Construction Official to retain the services of the individual named below as a temporary, part-time Assistant Building Inspector/Assistant Zoning Officer/Assistant Property Maintenance Officer in order to assist the Building Department with residential and commercial building inspections:

David C. Mannherz
4 Moraine Road
Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950

2. **Mr. Mannherz** shall be compensated at the rate of \$31.83 per hour under Job Group IX, Schedule "B" pursuant to Salary Range Guide "C" of Salary Ordinance No. 9-16. **Mr. Mannherz** shall not work more than twenty-eight (28) hours in any week.
3. The governing body hereby further authorizes the Construction Official to retain the services of the individual named below as a temporary, part-time Plumbing Inspector in order to assist the Building Department with residential and commercial building inspections:

Salvatore Simonetti
71 Mountain Avenue
Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927

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4. **Mr. Simonetti** shall be compensated at the rate of \$32.47 per hour under Item 4. of Section 11. as set forth in Salary Ordinance No. 9-16. **Mr. Simonetti** shall not work more than twenty-eight (28) hours in any week.
5. The authorization given to the Construction Official to retain the services of **Messrs. Mannherz** and **Simonetti** as a temporary, part-time building inspector and a part-time plumbing inspector on an as needed basis shall expire on December 31, 2017.
6. As temporary, part-time employees of the Township authorized to work on an as needed basis, **Messrs. Mannherz** and **Simonetti** shall not be eligible to receive any prior service credit or receive or accrue any paid vacations, holiday pay, sick leave or health and dental benefits coverage of any kind whatsoever during their temporary employment with the Township.
7. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Construction Official, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer and **Messrs. Mannherz** and **Simonetti** for reference and information purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RESOLUTION RETAINING THE SERVICES OF FRED SEMRAU, ESQ AND THE FIRM OF DORSEY & SEMRAU AS "TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY" DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2017 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. SEMRAU IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 WHICH AMOUNT INCLUDES A RETAINER AT \$75,000.00 COVERING GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES, AND LITIGATION AND TAX APPEAL SERVICES AT \$175,000.00 (NOT INCLUDING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.00 FOR OUT-OF-POCKET DISBURSEMENTS, IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE ACTIONS AT THE RATE OF \$1,000.00 PER TAX SALE CERTIFICATE OR EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION), ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(i) AND N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 AND N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 et seq., the Township of Hanover has a need to retain the services of an attorney as a non-fair and open contract in order to provide the Township with legal counsel and representation in the conduct of the Township's business including the defense of the Township in matters of litigation; 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 Township of Hanover's Qualified Purchasing Agent has prepared a "Value Determination and Certification", (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution), that the estimated value for the performance of the legal services to be performed during calendar year 2017 has an anticipated value in excess of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Fred Semrau, Esq. and the firm of **Dorsey & Semrau** have served the Township of Hanover as Township Attorney during the last forty (40) years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee reappointed **Mr. Semrau** at its January 5, 2017 Reorganization Meeting and is desirous of memorializing his reappointment and that of the Firm of **Dorsey & Semrau** in rendering legal services to the Township during calendar year 2017; and

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WHEREAS, the Township finds itself in what is described as difficult financial times, particularly for the 2017 budget year, and, as a result wishes to restrict to the extent that it can, legal fees within the current budget year; and

WHEREAS, Dorsey & Semrau have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification form, the Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure form and the Stockholder Disclosure Certification. **Dorsey & Semrau** have certified that the Firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Hanover in the previous one (1) year, and that the new professional services agreement will prohibit **Dorsey & Semrau** from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5. (1)(a)(i), 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; and

WHEREAS, Fred Semrau, Esq. and the Firm of **Dorsey & Semrau** hereinafter referred to as the "Township Attorney" shall be paid a retainer of \$75,000.00 during calendar year 2017 which retainer shall cover all general legal services required by the Township; and

WHEREAS, in order to cover those issues involving litigation, tax appeals, condemnations and representation involving land use and corporate development, the Township Attorney shall be compensated based on the Firm's hourly rates, except, However, that the maximum amount for the litigation services shall not exceed \$175,000.00; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the annual retainer and those services rendered for general litigation, the Township Attorney shall be reimbursed for out-of-pocket disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the Agreement shall not exceed \$250,000.00 during calendar year 2017 plus \$3,000.00 for out-of-pocket disbursements. Except, however, the amount for litigation shall be adjusted when any item or items of litigation exceed one hundred (100) hours and is, therefore, considered to be extraordinary litigation; and

WHEREAS, In Rem Tax Foreclosure actions, while classified as litigation, will be billed separately at the rate of \$1,000.00 per tax sale certificate and will not be covered under the \$250,000.00 nor will any item or items of litigation considered extraordinary in nature; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2017 Temporary Current Fund Budget - Legal - Other Expenses, Line Item No. 127-0009-083 to meet the need of this award during the first quarter of 2017 and, it is anticipated that sufficient funds will be appropriated and available in the 2017 Current Fund Budget, all in accordance with the requirements of the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq.

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 **Fred Semrau, Esq.** and the law firm of **Dorsey & Semrau**, located at 714 Main Street, P.O. Box 228 in Boonton, New Jersey 07005 are hereby retained as the "Township Attorney" during calendar year 2017 in providing the Township with professional legal services, including the preparation of legal opinions and the representation of the Township in litigation, and in any negotiations or representations involving developers and/or corporate property owners, all of which are more particularly described in the attached Agreement.

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2. For general legal services, the Township Attorney shall be paid a retainer of \$75,000.00 during calendar year 2017. The Township Attorney shall also be compensated, based on the Firm's hourly fee schedule, in rendering professional legal services regarding litigation, tax appeals, condemnations and in representing the Township regarding any proposed land use and corporate developments at the following hourly rates:
Fred Semrau, Partner..... \$163.00 per hour
Associate.....\$137.00 per hour
Paralegal.....\$ 87.00 per hour

The amount for this portion of the Agreement shall not exceed \$175,000.00, except that this amount for litigation shall be adjusted when any item or items of litigation exceed one hundred (100) hours, and is considered to be extraordinary litigation. The total contract amount, however, for all legal services, shall not exceed the maximum amount of \$250,000.00 plus an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for out-of-pocket disbursements. However, In Rem Tax Foreclosures, while classified as litigation, shall be billed separately at the rate of \$1,000.00 per tax sale certificate and shall not be covered under the \$250,000.00 cap.

3. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 et seq., the Business Entity Disclosure Certification form, the Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form, and the Stockholder Disclosure Certification submitted by **Dorsey and Semrau** shall be placed on file with this resolution. The Determination of Value Form certified by the Township's Business Administrator, acting in his capacity as a Qualified Purchasing Agent, is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full.
4. The Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2017 Temporary Current Fund Budget - Legal - Other Expenses, Line Item No. 127-0009-083 to meet the need of this award during the first quarter of 2017 and it is anticipated that sufficient funds will be appropriated and available in the 2017 Current Fund Budget, all in accordance with the requirements of the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq.
5. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with **Fred Semrau, Esq.** on behalf of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 (except In Rem Tax Foreclosure cases which shall be billed separately at the rate of \$1,000.00 per Tax Sale Certificate and cases classified as extraordinary litigation which are not covered under the \$250,000.00 cap) plus out-of-pocket disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.
6. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(i) because the services performed are by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession as a licensed attorney of the State of New Jersey and such services are not subject to competitive bidding.
7. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2017

**A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RESOLUTION RETAINING THE SERVICES OF
STEPHEN E. TRIMBOLI AND THE FIRM OF TRIMBOLI AND PRUSINOWSKI LLC
AS "SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL" TO THE TOWNSHIP DURING CALENDAR YEAR
2017 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO**

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EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. TRIMBOLI IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 BASED ON AN HOURLY RATE OF \$130.00 PER HOUR PLUS AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750.00 FOR OUT-OF-POCKET DISBURSEMENTS, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(i) AND N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 AND N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and in conformance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and N.J.S.A. 44A-20.26 et seq., the Township of Hanover needs to retain the services of a labor attorney as a non-fair and open contract in order to provide the Township with labor and personnel legal counsel and representation in the conduct of the Township's business; 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, the Township's Business Administrator, in his capacity as the Township of Hanover's Qualified Purchasing Agent has prepared a "Value Determination and Certification", (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution), that the estimated value for the performance of the legal services to be performed in calendar year 2017 has an anticipated value in excess of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Trimboli and Prusinowski LLC have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification form, the Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form, and the Stockholder Disclosure Certification. **Trimboli and Prusinowski LLC** have certified that the Firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Hanover in the previous one (1) year, and that the new professional services agreement will prohibit **Trimboli and Prusinowski LLC** from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township Committee to retain the services of **Stephen E. Trimboli** and the law firm of **Trimboli and Prusinowski LLC** (hereinafter referred to as the Special Labor Counsel) to serve as the Township's Special Labor Counsel during calendar year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Special Labor Counsel shall be paid for all professional legal services at the rate of \$130.00 per hour plus reimbursement for all necessary disbursements incurred during the performance of legal services; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the agreement shall not exceed \$60,000.00 for all legal services plus an amount not to exceed \$750.00 for out-of-pocket disbursements during calendar year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2017 Temporary Current Fund Budget – Legal O/E, Labor Negotiations, Line Item No. 127-0009-095 to meet the need of this award during the first quarter of 2017 and that it is anticipated that sufficient funds will be appropriated and available in the 2017 Current Fund Budget, all in accordance with the requirements of the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq.

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 **Stephen E. Trimboli** and the law firm of **Trimboli and Prusinowski LLC**, located at 268 South Street in Morristown, New Jersey 07960, are hereby retained to provide the Township with professional legal services, as Special Labor Counsel, for calendar year 2017. Services shall include, but not be limited to,

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preparation for and attendance at negotiations meetings with various labor organization representatives, the preparation of written legal opinions and the representation of the Township in litigation arising out of matters for which the attorney is retained.

2. For all services rendered under the terms of the Agreement, **Mr. Trimboli** shall be paid at the rate of \$130.00 per hour plus reimbursement for all necessary disbursements incurred during the performance of legal services. The total contract amount for all legal services, shall not exceed the maximum amount of \$60,000.00 plus an amount not to exceed \$750.00 for out-of-pocket disbursements.

3. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and N.J.S.A. 44A-20.26, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification form, the Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure form and the Stockholder Disclosure Certification submitted by **Trimboli and Prusinowski LLC** shall be placed on file with this resolution. The Determination of Value Form certified by the Township's Business Administrator, acting in his capacity as a Qualified Purchasing Agent, is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full.

4. The Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2017 Temporary Current Fund Budget – Legal O/E, Labor Negotiations, Line Item No. 127-0009-095 to meet the need of this award during the first quarter of 2017 and that it is anticipated that sufficient funds will be appropriated and available in the 2017 Current Fund Budget, all in accordance with the requirements of the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq.

5. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with **Stephen E. Trimboli** and the Firm of **Trimboli and Prusinowski LLC** on behalf of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for all legal services plus an amount not to exceed \$750.00 for out-of-pocket disbursements.

6. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(i) because the services performed are by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession as a licensed attorney of the State of New Jersey and such services are not subject to competitive bidding.

7. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE VIDEO TAPING OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR A TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017 BY ROBERT KOPACZ AT THE RATE OF \$385.00 PER TAPING AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE, SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MR. KOPACZ

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover believes that open government and transparency are key elements in communicating to the residents of the Township and the public in general, the actions and decisions made by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, technological advances in the communications industry provide governmental entities with the necessary state-of-the-art tools to transmit information in verbal and visual formats to their constituents, using such mediums as cable TV and the Internet, and most recently via YouTube; and

WHEREAS, it is the philosophy of the governing body that residents of the community should actively participate in the decision making process by attending Township Committee meetings and the meetings of other boards and commissions in

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order to assist the Township's government in formulating policy; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further believes that by video taping and televising meetings of the governing body via cable TV and YouTube, this action will energize members of the community to attend and participate at meetings of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, an informed community is the cornerstone to good government, and in this regard, the Township Committee wishes to retain the services of **Robert Kopacz**, as videographer, in recording and converting into suitable formats for television and the Internet, the regular public meetings of the Township Committee during a twelve (12) month period commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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 Township Committee's philosophy of open government and transparency, and the need to inform its constituents of actions and decisions that affect the welfare of the community, the governing body hereby authorizes the video taping of all regular public meetings of the Township Committee during a twelve (12) month period commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.
2. The governing body hereby retains the services of **Mr. Kopacz** for the purpose of videotaping all regular public meetings of the Township Committee during calendar year 2017 which meetings are held at 8:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Municipal Building on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month except in June, July, August, November and December when only one (1) meeting may be convened.
3. **Mr. Kopacz** shall be paid a flat fee of \$385.00 to tape each Township Committee meeting which fee includes the taping of meetings, the conversion of the tape into suitable formats for broadcasting on Cablevision's Access Channel 21 and for streaming on demand over the Internet via YouTube and the Township's web site. This fee also includes providing the Township with three (3) standard definition DVDs for the Township and the Whippanong Library.
4. In the event of an extraordinary situation where a Township Committee meeting exceeds two (2) hours in length, **Mr. Kopacz** shall be compensated an additional \$75.00 per hour for any portion of that meeting which exceeds two (2) hours.
5. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to **Mr. Kopacz** and the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer for reference and information purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN AND GRANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE FISCAL GRANT YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 PURSUANT TO THE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE FROM JULY, 2014 THROUGH JUNE, 2019

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in

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efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey;
and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Morris.

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

1. The governing body hereby authorizes the submission of a Strategic Plan and grant for the Hanover Township Substance Awareness Council Municipal Alliance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, in the amount of:

Drug Enforcement & Demand Reduction (DEDR)	\$ 11,949.99
Cash Match	\$ 2,987.25
In-Kind	\$ 8,961.75

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.
3. The Mayor, Chairperson of the Township's Substance Awareness Council and the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer are hereby authorized to execute the Strategic Plan for funding the Township's Municipal Alliance.
4. That certified copies of this resolution shall be submitted to the Morris County Municipal Alliance Coordinator, the Chairperson of the Township's Substance Awareness Council and the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer for reference and information purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER ESTABLISHING AN INTERNET SAFETY ZONE

WHEREAS, the sale, purchase and exchange of commodities through online transactions and websites has become commonplace; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hanover seeks to provide a designated area for residents who participate in such online transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended that the Township Committee establish an area within the Township where residents may transact such exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the safe transaction zone shall be located in an area near the Whippanong Library at the Township's Municipal Building Complex and available between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays (Excluding holidays); and

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WHEREAS, the Township of Hanover hereby creates the Safe Transaction Zone to aid in the prevention of threats associated with the sale and purchase of online transactions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Township of Hanover hereby establishes and creates a Safe Transaction Zone as described hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER GRANTING AN 790 SQUARE FOOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL EASEMENT TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS LOT 1 IN BLOCK 3001 AS SET FORTH ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER

WHEREAS, as part of the new QuickChek convenience store and gas station development on the southerly side of New Jersey State Highway Route 10 at the intersection of Route 10 Eastbound and South Jefferson Road, new traffic signals were erected on both sides of New Jersey State Highway Route 10; and

WHEREAS, one such traffic signal is located at the intersection of New Jersey State Highway Route 10 and North Jefferson Road on property owned by the Township of Hanover at 1000 Route 10 and also designated as Lot 1 in Block 3001; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has requested that the Township of Hanover grant a 790 square foot easement for the traffic signal located on Township property; and

WHEREAS, a metes and bounds description for the traffic signal easement has been prepared by Control Point Associates, Inc. which delineates the traffic signal easement situated on Township property; and

WHEREAS, the metes and bounds description and a copy of the traffic signal easement exhibit prepared by Control Point Associates, Inc. are attached hereto and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township Committee to authorize the approval and granting of a traffic signal easement to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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. A 790 square foot traffic signal easement on the northwest corner of Route 10 Westbound and North Jefferson Road on the Municipal Building Campus at 1000 Route 10, in Whippany, and also designated as Lot 1 in Block 3001 as set forth on the Tax Map of the Township of Hanover is hereby granted to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
2. The Township Attorney is authorized and directed to record the Grant of Easement in the Morris County Clerk's Office.
3. Upon recording, the Business Administrator/Township Clerk shall transmit a copy of the recorded easement to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Control Point Associates, Inc. and the Township Engineer for reference and information purposes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 29-2017

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

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

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL. #	NAME	AMOUNT
4402	14	C0205	Brad Schwartz 23 South Belair Ave Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 RE: 205 Appleton Way	\$1,593.37
7801	1.30		Vivian Lee 14 David Drive Whippany, NJ 07981	\$190.84

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The governing body approved a grand total disbursement of **\$4,503,176.39** for the payment of all bills as of this Regular Township Committee Meeting. A copy of the "Bills Payment List – by Vendor" is hereby approved and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full. Moved by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

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

RAFFLES:

- RL-2085 – Sgt. Ryan E. Doltz Memorial Foundation, Inc. – Tricky Tray**
- RL-2086 – St. John Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church – 50/50 on premise**
- RL-2087 – St. John Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church – Tricky Tray**
- RL-2088 - Morristown Alumnae Fortitude Foundation – Tricky Tray**
- RL-2989 - Our Lady of Mercy – Calendar Raffle**

Motion made by Member Coppola to accept as consent agenda and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion to open to the public made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Gallagher: Last Saturday we had another snow and ice event and I just want to say that Hanover Township DPW was on it and did a fantastic job as they said we had a lot of black top almost right away, so thank you guys.

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Also, last Friday night, we started our Friday nights at Mennen Arena, our nights started on January 6th and will run every week until Friday March 10th. We had the largest turnout so far with 185 skaters and this week we are planning on 300 skaters. At the same time, we also held an event at Whippany Park High School for the Substance Awareness Council and had almost 200 people at that event, so thank you very much. A lot of good people working very hard for our families.

Tomorrow night at Mennen Arena the Morris County Park Police along with the Morris Area Coalition for Education and Positive Choices will be providing a photo ID with a finger print free of charge to every skater. That offer is good to everyone. People have asked if they were really little or adults, everyone that shows up can get a photo id it's a really nice looking card, Chief Roddy worked with the Park Police Chief and they came up with a really nice template.

We have ten consecutive Friday's with special events planned for every one of them, for example February 24th is law enforcement night, we have right now 10 major law enforcement agencies that are going to showcase equipment, and it will be a great night, great exposure to our youngsters with positive role models. We are going to have a firefighter night, an American martial arts night, Sharon's Studio of Dance and Music night, so we are going to be busy.

I also want to say, that on February 16th the Morris Area Coalition for Education and Positive Choices along with the Hanover Township Substance Awareness Council will be holding its third master class in one of the Parsippany High Schools, this is shaping up to be the biggest and most informative class to date with several very good special guests, and everyone will be invited to that and for these events please check your local newspaper and of course FaceBook.

Tuesday, February 7th the School and Park Traffic Safety Advisory Sub Committee will be hosting its 5th public forum at the Memorial Junior School in the tech center at 7:00 pm. This type of forum has proven to be a very effective tool and has been very helpful to everyone, especially our families with school age children, again keep your eye on the local paper and Facebook and details. Thank you Mayor that's it for me.

Member Ferramosca: The Green Team led by Phil Glawe received silver status for My Sustainable New Jersey for environmental initiatives, this is a significant distinction for Hanover Township to earn this. Less than 10% of the Municipalities in the State have earned this, and, we are one of two within the entire Morris County to earn that distinction. That same Green Team will be putting on an energy fair on February 18th in our municipal center. That municipal center activity is to number one to learn about energy efficient products, learn about LED lighting and the benefits of it, so homeowners are encouraged to come out, it's going to be Saturday morning February 18th from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Recreation Center.

Lastly, the Planning Board has begun the process on what we have been talking about for a long time now, the reinvention of Route 10 and the first meeting which they have spent nearly three hours on is signage, we have a vision on Route 10 to encourage quality retail on Route 10, quality ratable on Route 10 and signage is a big issue and I think we are moving along. Mayor that concludes my commentary.

Mayor: That was a very good session, the entire planning session for that one Tuesday night focus was on the signage and providing a little more liberal usage of signage for our retailers who are really crying for that.

Member Coppola: First of all, Cultural Arts there are a number of programs that they have upcoming for the New Year. There are brochures out in the lobby, take a look at them, they really do a great job. If anyone is interested and I'm speaking to the camera at this point, if anyone is interested in joining, they are really looking for help in that particular area.

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The seniors they have a whole entire slate of new officers this year, and a lot of new programs, so if you are interested in joining the seniors please do so. I can tell you for a fact that after my first year of full time you won't be sorry, they do a lot.

Last night, we were invited to a Marine Corp Social Event, very well attended, they sent their apologies to Mr. Brueno and Mr. Gallagher it was kind of a last minute to these two gentleman, so it wasn't intentional but they couldn't find their email address, but anyway we did extend their apology to them, but it was very well attended and a really nice evening.

Our new Police Officer Josh Williams started, he is currently in training and I think he is going to do a great job.

On a sour note, I want to acknowledge the loss of one of our Landmark Commissioner for many many years Barbara Howell. She succumbed to many injuries and loss of limbs and Barbara was a really active member of the Landmark Commission and we will definitely keep her in our prayers and her family, she is going to be well missed.

Mr. Brueno: The ski trips are underway, unfortunately we are conflicting with the ice skating, but for those who don't want to skate we have the ski trips on Friday's unfortunately there are only 5 ski trips. So, we will be able to have the skiers to come in with the skaters going forward after February 10th last ski trip.

We also have the first ever Chili Cook Off on February 3rd at the Recreation Center and we have 9 chili participants so far and we are looking for one more, the tickets will be \$10 and \$5 for seniors, all the chili you can eat. There will be a contest so you are asked to grade the different chilies on quality and so forth, but it's a new event here in town and hopefully we will get a nice turnout for that.

Just in terms of Route 10 and I know there is quite a bit of blight on Route 10, but I think I mentioned this at the Re-Org meeting. We do have both a Lexus Dealer and a Maserati Dealer side by side in Hanover Township, so it's not all bad. We are attracting good businesses and certainly, I wish I could afford a Maserati, unfortunately, I can't but for those who can there will be shopping in Hanover at our newest commercial tax payer, so please support your Lexus and Maserati dealers.

Mayor: As many know that for the last three years John has been the liaison to and I've been serving on the Hanover Township Economic Development Advisory Committee, a very well formed group of professional men and woman who have businesses or business interest in this town and are looking for the economic vitality of Hanover Township. They made a lot of wonderful suggestions over the years to our various boards and will continue to do so. They are completing a plan which they will have available to the Township Committee, hopefully very shortly, called the "2025 Plan" and that is a snapshot of what they see for Hanover and the 2025 year. It's a blue print, it's merely that a blue print takes into consideration some of the variables in the Township, traffic conditions, roads highways, education, it's takes into consideration the population, work force, housing, commercial businesses in the town and the direction that we are going, not the least of which is a component of it is this Route 10 corridor study which we are just finishing up. We just had our first hearing on it already as a matter of fact, for Route 10 and so we are looking forward to that plan.

Very shortly, and I will be sharing tonight with my colleagues some more information about a very exciting development here in our Township. As many know, with the presence of Bayer Corporation and Bayer expanding in our Town and is doing very well and still growing, and, now with MetLife in our town, we have been somewhat branded and a profile of a PharmaTown, in a direction of where we are going. If you look at some of the other segments in our town, Saddle Road area with medical industry, Atlantic Health, etc., and practices that are coming in but very shortly we will have some information that we will also be a banking town. I'm not talking about a drive-thru, not a Chase Bank or your PNC, I'm talking about International Banking Company will headquarter in Hanover Township. We will have more information on that

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but it's going to be exciting for all of us and certainly add greatly to our fiscal stability and economic vitality of Hanover Township. So we are continuing to move forward with redevelopment in our town.

Any other comment from the Committee at this time ~ no, Motion to Close made by Member Brueno and seconded by Member Ferramosca.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to close at 8:48 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
