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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, February 22, 2018, 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, Cahill and Mihalko

ABSENT:

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**STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by posting written notices and agenda of the meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, Township of Hanover and by hand delivering, mailing or faxing such notice and agenda to the following newspapers:

**HANOVER EAGLE  
MORRIS COUNTY'S DAILY RECORD  
THE STAR LEDGER**

and by filing same with the Township Clerk.

(Signed) Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor

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**OPENING PRAYER**

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

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Terry Baird, 180 Parsippany Road, Whippany: I was wondering if you can give us an update as to what is happening with the post office.

Mayor: It's on our agenda tonight for additional discussion, the status of it at this point is that we done some earlier work and collecting some values on what the land is and we, if I can use the term, taken the temperature of the land owner to see whether or not they are receptive to sale or not. I think there will be further discussion tonight as to whether we want to go forward with a plan to acquire it, I will tell you to date that the Morris County Farm Land Open Space Trust Fund has granted us a \$90,000 grant so far. We have not examined Green Acres Funding yet or Open Space Funding so to try and answer your question as best as we can, it's still in discussion stages.

Ms. Baird: Then I have a follow up question to that in reference to the postal service that we get here in town. I have mail and it's not my mail it belonged to someone on Sunrise and apparently it needed to be forwarded and it couldn't forward it so they put this yellow sticker on it and it was supposed to be returned to sender and the sender lives on Whippany Road but it got mailed to me on Parsippany Road, so I put it in the mailbox and I wrote a nice note with a date to please forward to the right address and it got back in my mailbox again twice. I don't know what to do with it now, I'm probably illegally holding it here. No, it's a Christmas card I believe.

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Mayor: I'm not trying to belittle it, it's a serious matter.

Ms. Baird: If I go over to the post office one more time, they don't like me over there. They are very disrespectful and they refuse to come out and speak to me, I could wait there for half hour to forty-five minutes for a supervisor and that person will not come out and speak to me?

Mayor: Is that the Morristown location, the one on Ridgedale Avenue?

Ms. Baird: Yes, I've been there several times on several issues especially with a certified mail that I sent that was neither delivered nor returned to me. I paid for a service and they wouldn't even refund my money to pay for it. So and this was the icing on the cake.

Mayor: Do you want to give that to us?

Ms. Baird: I most certainly will.

Mayor: For the record, the United States Post Office is not me, but I am conveying postal material.

Mr. Giorgio: Terry what I'm going to ask Krista, my Executive Assistant, to actually give me a copy of your comments verbatim along with this I'm going to sending it down to Camp Kilmer because there is a person down there who Mr. Schultz who has been very cooperative with us who follows through on some of our complaints and I'm going to ask him to follow up on this because the Mayor and I met with the Post Master of Morristown back in November and she did pledge her cooperation and we will speak to her as well but I want Mr. Schultz down at Camp Kilmer to understand some of the problems we are facing right now. I will send your comments directly to him verbatim.

Ms. Baird: The other issue I had was I had a court case and I sent a certified mail and I have neither the return receipt back they can't find it, a month later they still couldn't find it and it just never got anywhere and you pay about \$7.00 for it so I facetiously asked them to refund my money and they refused and I've been over there and I waited forty five minutes and nobody would come out finally I just left because my temper.

Mayor: As the Administrator has explained that we met with Post Master and Regional Post Master and both Masters what we thought was a successful meeting so I don't know this issue as why is it with the mail carriers or with the post masters itself we will have to find that out.

Ms. Baird: And, another time that I went over there somebody finally came out or I asked who the supervisor was so that when I got home and settled down I could write them a letter and they refused to tell me who the person's name was. So then I went back to the post office finally that person came out and they refused to give me their last name. Again, I just left because my blood pressure went up.

Mayor: As public employees, I don't know how they can do that. It shouldn't surprise me with all the difficulties that we have been having, but the Administrator will follow through for you and he will get back to you.

Ms. Baird: As something as silly but this could be very important mail to somebody.

Mayor: I happen to know the sender.

Ms. Baird: Thank you.

Mayor: This has been an ongoing problem that we are having in various areas of the town and I'm happy to say that I don't see it happening in my particular area upper Cedar Knolls area, John are you ok?

Mr. Ferramosca: We get mail pretty often that is late we get mail that belongs in Bernards Township sometimes but they are good about it, I put it back in the box and they pick it up and it doesn't come back to me I assume it went to the right spot.

Mayor: I think its individual mail carriers, but we will follow through Terry.

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

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**APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2018 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 February 8, 2018 have been accepted and approved as presented by the Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Member Cahill and was unanimously passed.

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**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

The following reports were presented and ordered filed as received:

Finance Officer	S. Esposito	Summary Budget Revenues
Construction Official	S. Donlon	Reports as of February 12
Property Maintenance	E. DeSimone	Reports as of February 22

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

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2-2018**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 125-4 ENTITLED "RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES" UNDER CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER ENTITLED FEES WITH THE INCLUSION OF NEW RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT POOL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE YEAR 2018 BEE MEADOW SWIMMING POOL SEASON AND OTHER RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES**

Proof of Publication that the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction for Ordinance 2-18 appeared in full in the January 31, 2018 issue of the Daily Record in accordance with the law.

Motion to open public hearing made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

Motion to close public hearing made by Member Francioli and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

Now on Adoption, Be it resolved, that an Ordinance entitled, "**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 125-4 ENTITLED "RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES" UNDER CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER ENTITLED FEES WITH THE INCLUSION OF NEW RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT POOL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE YEAR 2018 BEE MEADOW SWIMMING POOL SEASON AND OTHER RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES**" be passed on final reading and that a Notice of the final passage of the Ordinance be published in the Daily Record.

Motion to adopt ordinance made by Member Cahill and seconded by Member Mihalko unanimously adopted the Ordinance.

**So Adopted.**

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**RESOLUTION AS A CONSENT AGENDA: (NONE)**

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**RAFFLE APPLICATIONS:**

- RL-3093 – Employment Horizons, Inc. – 50/50 on premise**
- RL-3094 - Jersey Battered Women’s Service – Tricky Tray**
- RL-3095 – Jersey Battered Women’s Service – 50/50 on premise**
- RL-3096 - Jersey Battered Women’s Service – off premise raffle**
- RL-3097 – Rotary Club of Morris Plains – off premise 50/50**

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

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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Motion made by Member Mihalko to Open to the Public and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

Motion to close public portion made by Member Mihalko and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Member Gallagher: February 13<sup>th</sup> last Tuesday night we had our Master Class on Vaping at Memorial Junior School; it was a great success thank you. We had a lot of people there, a lot of parents there some children a lot of law enforcement, Mr. Wasko opened it up and Chief Roddy came on and talked about the problem and it was a very nice story in the paper today about it. Eric Prach was the featured speaker about vaping and the dangers of it, the instruments and the actual chemicals people are beginning to vape. It’s very dangerous and it was very eye opening. Then Morris County Prosecutor Fred Knapp took the floor and talked about opiates and heroin and things that are going on in Morris County, in the State and nationwide. Then Brad Seaberry came along and talked about phentenoil which is a new drug around here which is very strong extremely dangerous and just a little more for us to worry about and lose sleep over and drink coffee and fight this fight a little more aggressively and try to help our families. Sheriff James Gannon came in at the end and he talked about treatment, about Hope One he also talked about the treatment center that they opened up in the jail to help some criminals that are on drugs get cleaned up and go back and be more productive in society. So a lot of people are working on a lot of ends on these problems and I am very proud to say that our portion of it is getting bigger and bigger with education and awareness and working with children in the beginning and trying to deter them from taking two or three steps in the wrong direction and we are getting more and more support with more municipalities which is a nice segway into our Mennen Arena nights. We have ten consecutive Friday nights at Mennen Arena. We have been averaging between 250-275 every Friday night which is crazy. We have a different event every Friday night and March 2<sup>nd</sup> is our big law enforcement night. Last year we had 85 law enforcement officers. This year looks like we are going to have about 150. So we are really doing a lot of good work trying to influence our kids in a good way surround them with positive role models and good activities.

Cultural Arts had the Chinese New Year last week and it was an incredible crowd and I think they said they had three times the amount they had last year. Great event ~ my whole family was sick during that week. Mr. Cahill got me sick but I think both of my kids got me sick because they were coughing on me for three days.

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Last thing is the DPW once again all of us that were involved in snow removal said that didn't have one easy storm this year. It was ice, it was rain, it was snow, it was rain then ice so it was crazy, the town did a great job, they salted, they pushed so just to say what John Ferramosca brought up last time I do want to say after this storm I saw even more Hanover Township residents shoveling their sidewalks and it's just positive reinforcement. We know it's not easy and we know that a lot of us have a lot of other things to do but it is a serious public safety concern, so I would like to thank everybody who did get out to shovel their sidewalks especially in routes to bus stops and schools and it means a lot to all of us and especially us with school age kids that have a little bit of a safer run going to their bus for school.

Mr. Ferramosca: Under the banner of great things happen in Hanover, Hanover Township's Economic Development Advisory Committee will be awarded as a recipient 2017 Municipal Economic Development Award from Morris County's EDAC Corporation, congrats to Dan Breen as well as all the members of EDAC team.

Second topic is probably a four letter word that you least want to hear me say it's COAH. COAH as we all know is a very confusing and complex and complicated topic to discuss. So for those that are interested in it our Planner, Blais Brancheau on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Whippanong Library will be doing a presentation on that very subject the title of this presentation is "Multifamily housing in Hanover Township," providing you with a better understanding. It's an hour, I encourage you to come out and learn about it. Blais is an authority in terms of helping our town manage COAH and it'll be a great opportunity and to ask some questions of Mr. Brancheau.

Mayor: Well said, this COAH issue is one that we have been dealing with for years. But the public has to learn more about it and new generations have to learn more about it and learn about what is going on in our town with density housing and why, how did we get where we are with condominiums and everything else, I think we have managed it quite well but this lecture will be given by our Planner at the library on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 and I think it's a great opportunity for you to learn all about what this Council of Affordable Housing is all about and where we stand with it on present day.

Mr. Cahill: So let's begin with the fire departments, this past Saturday was their Fire District Elections both District 3 as well as District 2 in Whippany. The results were first on the Cedar Knolls District's Budget which Cedar Knolls \$2,316,306.00 was 2018 budget and it was 46 for and 8 against so it was a huge turnout for these elections. There were two people that were up for reelection to the fire commission so Robert Calais and Michael Dugan were both re-elected to their positions. District 2 Whippany Fire Company was budgeted for 2018 \$1,543,179.00 also won approval of their budget 50 to 21 two people were reelected Randy Polo and Derrick Shearer and a new comer Ray Woytas was elected to finish Committeeman Mihalko's term so Ray will be finishing up a 1 year left term. In keeping with public safety the Hanover Township's Youth Public Safety Academy this was a program that was done over the summer I believe it was two weeks where the youth are brought in and they spend time getting training from police, fire and it's a pretty sophisticated in depth type of program. Our program was awarded the New Jersey's Parks and Recreation Associations Daniel M. Galzaberdy's 2018 Excellence in Recreational Programing Award. The one of the main reasons that we won that award was because of the coordination between all of the different departments here in town Cedar Knolls Fire, Whippany Fire, OEM Department, Hanover Township PD and Recreation Department all worked very closely together and if you remember a few months back the graduation ceremony right here in Town Hall you can tell that the kids learned a lot. Tom Quirk as well as Denise Brennan from the Recreation Department and some of the representatives from the both Fire Departments will be going to an awards dinner to accept the award in Atlantic City March 6<sup>th</sup> and congratulations to everybody.

Moving on to education, just one highlight really, for the first time the State Department of Education published a rating of the high schools in New Jersey, there are 511 of them and Whippany Park made the top 50. They were in the 88 percentile as one of the better high schools in the state. The ratings were done pretty simply and was basically on graduation rates, which are very high in our town. There was some park

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test proficiency results that were also used as well as absentee amongst some other things as well, again to get into that 80<sup>th</sup> percentile says a lot of the high school so congratulations to them as well. That's it a short report tonight.

Mr. Mihalko: I mention each meeting that I love my assignments, we can start with a table meeting with the Vets and they are working on the parade it is going to be on Memorial Day, and the plans are already in process and this was the first time I got to meet with them and they were fantastic what a well-oiled machine. It was here is what you do, this is when you do it, and looking forward to another parade coming up so mark it on your calendar and get your walking shoes out gentleman.

I also got to meet with the seniors although they had a couple of meetings snowed out again; they have a lot of programs going on. There are over 330 seniors signed up they are very active and a great bunch. For half of their meeting I wound up sticking around for about another hour and half afterwards just chatting with people it was a really nice function it held at 12:00 on Wednesday for any of the seniors please get out and get involved. It was a great group of people and it was actually a lot of fun.

To Recreation, we always have a lot of stuff going on and this is the time of year where we are getting programs ready for the spring and even into the summer. Let me back track, we had our Stingo-Bingo which was to help support the pool, Eddie Cashen did an awesome job pulling the numbers, there was 60 plus people and for \$10 you got your card, you got pizza and drinks and prizes and it was a lot of fun. I was able to go with my youngest daughter and we had a terrific time and a lot of her friends were there and it was a lot of fun.

Just to chime in with Ace's Cultural Art's the Chinese New Year I was at that function also, it was fantastic. The culture, the music that was played and there was some past Whippany Park Band Members were in the group, they did a fantastic job and it was a blend of jazz and Chinese music if you can imagine. It was fantastic, again they put on a great presentation and it was a huge turnout again over 300 people were there.

Also, the Youth Public Safety Academy I was going to mention that, they did a fantastic job. I just want to thank and pat Denise Brennan and Tom Quirk on the back they did a fantastic job with that. It's a pretty high honor that they received and congratulations to them.

Things that are coming up, summer camps are getting into the swing, so keep an eye open for that. We are just formulating them now, I got to look at some of the preliminary stuff they really have some fantastic day trips that they are going on and one after the next for the first four weeks through July. Keep an eye out for it there is some good stuff coming that way.

We also have a trip going to the Paper Mill Playhouse to see The Sting that is April 12<sup>th</sup>. There are still some seats and tickets available but not too many..

Mr. Martin (public): They are sold out.

Mr. Mihalko: Is it? Oh wow. From last week until now it's been sold out. It's a great deal, it was \$25 plus you got lunch at Charlie Brown's plus the play and the bus trip. So next time act quicker. That's my report.

Mr. Gallagher: Brian referred to all of us working together and I just want to say that Committeeman Mihalko, myself and the drug coalition and Little League Baseball this year for the first time are setting up at the Little League Parade which we will be announcing soon we are going to have free photo id's for every youngster that wants one. We talked quite a bit about the importance of it and we offered it at Mennen Arena we have Morris County Park Police to come in to work with us to give every student and family member that would like one a free very nice photo id.

Mayor: Are our police involved in that?

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Mr. Gallagher: Yes, Chief Roddy is part of the drug coalition and he, myself and The Morris County Park Police Chief worked it out and apparently we have the equipment somewhere but it's like everything else the technology is incredible and they have it, it looks like a boom box it's this big you take a picture and boom it comes out and it looks great. When we talked to him about interest in buying one of these he said oh we will just bring it down, so we called him on it and said hey here is the date we want you and he said we will be there. So Chief Roddy worked a little bit to orchestrate that a little bit and worked with Mike with baseball and it's going to be great.

Mr. Mihalko: The date for opening day was originally the 14<sup>th</sup> it is changed now it is April 21st which is a Saturday and the schedule of what and when things will happen, but mark it down.

Mayor: We had a meeting last Wednesday evening the Stoney Brook Farm and Garden we are getting ready for spring it's around the corner, based on yesterday's weather it's here. But we are inviting everybody to take a look at the farm the gardens are available to anyone in the Township they are 4x16 foot gardens and for a fee of \$25 that is your vegetable garden for the season. Last night's meeting brought out a good range of condominium and townhouse owners for obvious reason that they don't have yard areas to grow or plant their own vegetable or whatever so this is their opportunity to take advantage of it. We had about 30-35 people at that meeting last night who signed up. We are close to half way sold out on the garden and we will probably bringing these opportunities to the senior as well to take advantage of this.

I want to mention the up and coming Saturday is the second annual energy fair. The energy fair is being held at Whippany Park High School and it begins at 9:00am and for those who want to learn about all the various forms of energy saving lighting, solar energy, insulation, smart thermostats, home energy units. It's going to be an interesting program for you to attend so we look forward to seeing you there. The farm team will also have a table there as well.

I want to close on somewhat of a somber note and there is no doubt that we are all emotionally moved this week by what has occurred in Florida and the tragedy that took place down there. We here in Hanover Township as well as most schools in the area are very sensitive to the issues of safety for our youngsters. To the degree that I can share with you the fact that we have a permanent SRO officer in the schools. That SRO officer in the school is a police officer, an armed police officer, who remains in the high school that is true of our Hanover Park and of Whippany Park. We are aware that the BOE and school systems have taken all necessary steps to the extent that they can share with us and for security purposes programs that they have for security of the young student bodies is well under their prevue and well under their control. We are meeting shortly as mayors to learn more about some, to the extent that we can learn about our school security, but our hearts go out to all of the families, parents and relatives to all who lost children in this past tragedy it's very difficult for us to think about what those kinds of losses could be.

Motion to close.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made to close at 9:06 p.m. was by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Mihalko and unanimously passed.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER  
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Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk