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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 11, 2018, at 8:40 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:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Terri Baird, 180 Parsippany Road, Whippany: I am here tonight for a special reason, the State of New Jersey has regulations that they are proposing for beekeepers in the State of New Jersey and the proposed regulations are not in line with beekeeping best practices. From the State's website we have without a healthy honey bee population, successful fruit and vegetable production would be at risk. New Jersey's 20,000 bee colonies valued at \$350 per colony represent a \$7 million honey bee industry for our state and contribute to the successful production of nearly \$200 million worth of fruits and vegetable annually. The packet that I gave you the first is my letter to you and I would like to read it; it should take me under four minutes:

"My name is Terri Baird. My "family" has been deeply rooted in the community and has resided in Hanover Township for close to 200 years. I am a farmer. I have horses, goats, chickens, honeybees and I grow vegetables. I stand before you today as a beekeeper. I would like to ask our Hanover Township Committee to adopt a resolution that expressly opposes the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Proposed Beekeeping Regulations and duly inform the League of Municipalities that the Township of Hanover opposes the proposed regulations.

The New Jersey Beekeepers Association, a statewide association of beekeepers with membership in excess of 1500, **opposes** the Department of Agriculture's proposed beekeeping regulations, as these proposed regulations are flawed in several ways, as follows: The regulations violate the spirit of the law they were intended to support. In part, this law states, to "prohibit. .. any municipality from regulating the keeping of honey bees and any related activities,

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including the production of honey and other products from honey bees." In other words, the law was passed to prevent municipalities from prohibiting beekeeping, and yet the proposed regulations would render beekeeping virtually illegal in Hanover Township. It is estimated at this time that at least half of the current hives will become illegal in the state if these proposed regulations become law. The New Jersey Dept of Ag has ignored the intent of the legislation that directed it to produce these regulations. Further, the Dept of Ag is ignoring its own "Best **Management Practices for Beekeepers in Populated Areas,**" which has been successfully used for years as the standard throughout the state.

The proposed regulations site that one group of citizens from one municipality who had issue with one beekeeper were able to control the drafting of the regulations, but why were citizens from other municipalities not given the same opportunity? Hanover Township has a beekeeper, and we have had zero problems, so why were residents of Hanover Township **NOT** allowed to speak to all the positive experiences Hanover Township has had from having a beekeeping neighbor? The Dept of Ag claims to have consulted with organizations in its deliberations-which the NJ Beekeepers Association says is **NOT** true. The Dept. of Ag failed to perform its due diligence. It does **not** cite one shred of scientific evidence for any of its claims or determinations. Additionally, the Dept of Ag did **NOT** consult with **any** experts or scientists- **NOT** one commercial beekeeper, professor of agriculture, or entomologist. They didn't even consult with our very own State Apiarist. Their beekeeping and honeybee definitions do not correspond to conventional, scientific definitions, and most of their definitions are incorrect and some simply do not make any sense. Shockingly, the proposed regulations state that they were based on "**Anecdotal Experience.**" Honeybees are the most scientifically studied insect in the world. Why use "Anecdotal experience" when there is plenty of scientifically proven information available? Does the Dept of Ag think anecdotal experience is more reliable than science?

The proposed regulations amount a harsh crackdown on NJ's beekeeping community, and the Dept of Ag has **not** demonstrated any objective reason for this explosion of red tape, so the proposed regulations should be opposed and rejected. - Beekeeping is legal throughout New York City, which is significantly more densely populated than anywhere in New Jersey, further showing how absurd these regulations really are, and that they are discriminatory against people who cannot afford 5 acres of land. Why take measures that will reduce the populations of our most important pollinator, the honeybee?

On behalf of all New Jersey Beekeepers, I would please ask the Hanover Township Committee for its support, and to please inform the League of Municipalities of your opposition to the proposed regulations. Thank you"

I have included an article from the Star Ledger from the President of the New Jersey Bee Keepers Association and included a summary statement in response to the proposed regulations which kind of turns it down as to what the problems really are. I have enclosed a suggested resolution and I have also enclosed the proposed rules which are in what I would call deminulative type and require pretty much a magnifying glass and if you go online to the document they have made the document not searchable. Thank you State of New Jersey.

Mayor: Can I ask you a question or two. Thank you for that summary and complete report as to what is going on here, it begs the question and I'm sure we will find the answer if we went through some of the material you gave us and we will take a look at it; but I'm sort of perplexed why the Department of Agriculture is trying to regulate this from one to five acres. Is it a health issue? Is it a problem regarding public welfare in any way?

Ms. Baird: In Peapack Gladstone there was a beekeeper who had spilled a 5 gallon bucket of honey which caused all of his bee hives to obviously swarm to a food source. And, the best thing to do is to basically walk away and let them eat up the food source and in a couple of hours that food source is gone and they have taken it all back to the hive. The neighbors got all excited about it and they are the ones who have gone to the state to make these regulations to punitive to beekeepers.

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Mayor: I find it ironic given the fact that this particular specie, bees are in fact endangered in the state. So much in that we are trying to encourage the growth of the bee population for pollination of fruits and vegetable and so forth which are critical to the food chain. I'm a little myth as to what this is trying to accomplish.

Ms. Baird: Several years ago in 14-15 the state passed it so that municipalities couldn't prohibit beekeeping in their communities and they came up with a set of guidelines the state apiarist, the state's official expert, to ensure they came up with a set of guidelines and those are the guidelines that we follow, Best Practices. Those Best Practices constantly change and morph because we are trying to keep our colonies alive. Losing half of your colonies over winter time is normal, so that is why you have to have extras to borrow frames of brood so you can make another colony and re-queen. The idea was to protect beekeepers and that's what the legislation was supposed to be about. But the actual beekeepers themselves NJ Beekeeping Association, the State Apiarist none of these people were involved. Only the Division of Plant Industry was involved, plus the people from this municipality were able to sit in on these three meetings that they had.

Mr. Mihalko: How far along is this? Is it a law?

Ms. Baird: The comment period ends.

Mr. Semrau: January 19th the comment period ends.

Mayor: I know from Hanover's standpoint when we completed our farm and garden area, we very much wanted a bee population to be placed somewhere near the garden area for obvious reasons and that's to pollinate fruits and vegetables in the garden, we took a position after checking with the Joint Insurance Fund and all the beurocracy of this that we did not go forward because from a municipality stand point and a farm of this nature and with so many peoples onto the farm we didn't know what bee stings or the effect of bees would be on the population so we couldn't control it from that standpoint but in private area or private farms or property that's different.

Ms. Baird: My bees easily come over here to the garden, bees travel at 3 miles easily they can travel up to 5 miles so they don't have to be exactly on top of what you want to pollinate.

Mayor: Let's do this, by the way, I commend you, very well done. My recommendation to the Township Committee is that your materials be turned over to the Board of Health who by the way would do a very thorough job of looking at this and making some recommendations from the Board of Health standpoint.

Mr. Ferramosca: I would second that.

Ms. Baird: I'm available to answer any questions, these regulations will put the onus on the Town, so in other words, say if I didn't have bees and I wanted to be a beekeeper I would have to go before the Planning Board, I would have to do the 200 foot notification, I would have to get a lawyer, I would have to pay for this, that and all the stuff you would have to do to get a variance.

Mayor: A whole other level of bureaucracy

Ms. Baird: Because one municipality had one beekeeper who spilled one 5 gallon pail of honey. It has become crazy.

Mayor: It doesn't seem right but it certainly should be looked at in greater detail. I think the Township Committee's position is how does it relate to public welfare, public safety and public wellbeing. If it impugns that that is one thing. Let's take a look at it and the Administrator will deliver the documents to Dr. Perez and the Board of Health, we will schedule it for our next meeting and if they have a recommendation to the Township Committee whatever that be I'm sure the Township Committee would support it going forward from there.

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Mr. Gallagher: I'm allergic to bee stings. I can take one or two but three or four I start to have a real problem and four houses down from my mom there is quite a bit of bees farms, they are bee keepers. They have many of those big boxes and I never had an issue you wouldn't even know they were there if you didn't see them when you looked down the side of their house, so I think as far as safety to the public it's fine.

Ms. Baird: The only time they get defensive is when you go into their hive, they are out, they are busy, those girls they got to get nectar they have to get water, pollen and all this stuff for the colony to survive, they can care less about you.

Mr. Gallagher: Like chasing somebody like me down the street on their bike.

Ms. Baird: A lot of people misidentify bees, they say bees and, they automatically think honey bees but they are really yellow jackets who are members of the wasp family, so there are other insects that are misidentified and that can cause a problem too.

Mr. Ferramosca: I applaud you for doing what you are doing, when I first read that article in the Star Ledger I asked myself, isn't there a shortage? Aren't honey bees under significant stress? And, aren't they key to the whole food chain and instead of promoting and sheltering these bees now we are going to make it harder? Perhaps, we can ask our Board of Health to speak with Bayer, because Bayer is in the science of trying to protect bees as well.

Mayor: Bayer is working aggressively to bring back the bee population. I was happy to see them on my own property. My garden might have a shot this year!

Mr. Ferramosca: So, perhaps we can get our Board of Health to contact Bayer and see if Bayer can provide some real information to get so that people making informed decisions as opposed to reacting to a pail that spilt in Peapack.

Ms. Baird: Exactly, thank you very much.

Mayor: We will get back to you and keep you informed and we will get this on the Board of Health agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2017, December 20, 2017 and the Re-Organization Meeting of January 4, 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 December 14, 2017, December 20, 2017 and the Re-Organization Meeting of January 4, 2018 minutes have been accepted and approved as presented by the Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Member Gallagher and was unanimously passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Notifications from the Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Awarding Contracts for Insurance Coverage for 2018, Accounting-Auditing Services with Nisivoccia, L.L.P. and Professional Engineering Services with CP Engineers, LLC

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

The following reports were presented and ordered filed as received:

Finance Officer	S. Esposito	Summary Budget Revenue
Construction Official	S. Donlon	Reports of December
Property Maintenance	E. DeSimone	Reports through January 10

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

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RESOLUTION AS A CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2018

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE DECLARING THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 21ST THROUGH JANUARY 27, 2018 AS SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK IN
HANOVER TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, all children in the Township of Hanover should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hanover recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in the Township of Hanover to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of the Township of Hanover; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hanover is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hanover has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and

WHEREAS, **School Choice Week** is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options.

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:

January 21-27, 2018

is hereby proclaimed

SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP

The governing body calls upon all residents of the Township to recognize the important role of education in preparing students to reach their potential and attain achievements in becoming successful citizens and adults.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
HANOVER APPOINTING THOMAS QUIRK AS THE FULL-TIME ASSISTANT TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE RECREATION AND PARK ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT FOR A SIX (6) MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD BEGINNING
JANUARY 15, 2018 THROUGH JULY 15, 2018 AND ELEVATING MR. QUIRK FROM
A THIRTY (30) HOUR A WEEK TO A THIRTY-FIVE (35) HOUR A WEEK EMPLOYEE
AT HIS CURRENT HOURLY RATE OF \$23.82 PER HOUR, ALL IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SCHEDULE "B" AND SALARY RANGE GUIDE "C" OF SALARY ORDINANCE
NO. 8-2017**

WHEREAS, by resolution dated July 10, 2014, **Thomas Quirk** was appointed by the Township Committee to serve as the Part-Time Program Coordinator in the Recreation and Park Administration Department; and

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WHEREAS, since his appointment, **Mr. Quirk** has assumed additional duties and responsibilities in coordinating various Department activities, programs and projects which have continued to increase since his initial appointment; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of the Superintendent, **Mr. Quirk** plays a pivotal role in managing and coordinating the various functions of the Department; and

WHEREAS, at its November 21, 2017 meeting, the Board of Recreation Commissioners voted to recommend that **Thomas Quirk** be appointed to the full time position of Assistant to the Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department and that he be elevated from a thirty (30) hour a week employee to thirty-five (35) hours a week; and

WHEREAS, **Mr. Quirk** shall not be entitled to an increase in salary and shall be compensated at his current hourly rate of \$23.82 per hour, or if annualized, a salary of \$43,352.40, all in accordance with Schedule "B" and Salary Range Guide "C" of Salary Ordinance No. 8-2017.

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 recommendations of the Board of Recreation Commissioners and the Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department, **Thomas Quirk** residing at 42 Summit Avenue in the Cedar Knolls Section of the Township is hereby appointed to serve as the full-time Assistant to the Superintendent effective Monday, January 15, 2018.
2. **Mr. Quirk** is hereby elevated from a thirty (30) hour a week to a thirty-five (35) hour a week at the rate of \$23.82 per hour, or if annualized, a salary of \$43,352.40, all in accordance with Schedule "B" and Salary Range Guide "C" of Salary Ordinance No. 8-2017. Pursuant to Township policy, **Mr. Quirk** shall not be entitled to receive any other salary increases 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 Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department.
3. **Mr. Quirk** shall serve a six (6) month probationary period commencing January 15, 2018 through July 15, 2018 and be subject to the requirements of the Employee Job Performance Evaluation System as described in full under Section 6118. Of Chapter 61 of the Code of the Township entitled Salaries and Compensation; Personnel Policies. At least twenty (20) working days prior to the end of the probationary period, it shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to complete a written job performance evaluation. In the event that **Mr. Quirk** receives an unsatisfactory job performance evaluation during his probationary period, **Mr. Quirk** may be reduced in position or terminated at the conclusion of the probationary period or sooner, whichever case is applicable.
4. **Mr. Quirk** shall be entitled to 5.5 vacation days during calendar year 2018 in accordance with Section 61-10.C. and D. of Chapter 61 of the Code of the Township but shall not be permitted to utilize the 5.5 vacation days until he has completed his six (6) month probationary period and received a satisfactory job performance evaluation. In addition, **Mr. Quirk** shall be eligible to earn and accrue .5 sick leave days per month up to six (6) sick leave days in each calendar year of service pursuant to Section 61-11.A.(3) of Chapter 61. Here again, **Mr. Quirk** is not permitted to take any paid sick leave until he has satisfactorily completed his probationary period.

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5. **Mr. Quirk** shall not be eligible to receive the annual optional medical benefits coverage payment as he receives full medical benefits coverage as a retired Hanover Township Police Officer.
6. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Recreation and Park Administration Department, the Chief Municipal Finance Officer and **Mr. Quirk** for reference and information purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RESOLUTION RETAINING THE SERVICES OF FRED SEMRAU, ESQ AND THE FIRM OF DORSEY & SEMRAU AS "TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY" DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2018 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 2018 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-one (41) years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee reappointed **Mr. Semrau** at its January 11, 2018 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 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Township finds itself in what is described as difficult financial times, particularly for the 2018 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

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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 2018 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 2018 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 2018 Temporary Current Fund Budget - Legal - Other Expenses, Line Item No. 128-0009-083 to meet the need of this award during the first quarter of 2018 and, it is anticipated that sufficient funds will be appropriated and available in the 2018 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 2018 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.
2. For general legal services, the Township Attorney shall be paid a retainer of \$75,000.00 during calendar year 2018. 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

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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 2018 Temporary Current Fund Budget - Legal - Other Expenses, Line Item No. 128-0009-083 to meet the need of this award during the first quarter of 2018 and it is anticipated that sufficient funds will be appropriated and available in the 2018 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. 23-2018

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 2018 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO 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 2018 has an anticipated value in excess of \$17,500.00; and

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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 2018; 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 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2018 Temporary Current Fund Budget – Legal O/E, Labor Negotiations, Line Item No. 128-0009-095 to meet the need of this award during the first quarter of 2018 and that it is anticipated that sufficient funds will be appropriated and available in the 2018 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 2018. Services shall include, but not be limited to, 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 2018 Temporary Current Fund Budget – Legal O/E, Labor Negotiations, Line Item No. 128-0009-095 to meet the need of this award during the first quarter of 2018 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.

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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. 24-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE VIDEO TAPING OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR A TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 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 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, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

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, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
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 2018 which meetings are held at 8:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Municipal Building on the

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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. 25-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A LIMITED EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF VARIOUS OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TECHNICAL SERVICES AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR AND A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000.00 DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2018 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2019, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(ii), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 AND N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pay-to-Play provisions of the Non-Fair and Open Process at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 et seq., the Township Committee and the Township's Open Space Park Land and Facilities Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as "OSAC") are in need of retaining the services of an open space preservation consultant whose staff members have technical expertise and experience in the field of open space conservation; and

WHEREAS, during the past sixteen (16) years, the Morris Land Conservancy, and now known as **The Land Conservancy of New Jersey** (hereinafter referred to as the "**Conservancy**") has served as the technical advisor to the Township Committee and the OSAC in assisting the Township with a variety of tasks and activities related to the preservation and conservation of open space within the Township; and

WHEREAS, based on its past performance and service to the Township, the Township Committee believes that the staff of the **Conservancy** has the technical expertise, demonstrated knowledge and experience to continue assisting the Township Committee, the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Township's professional staff, with essential open space services; and

WHEREAS, as with the 2017-2018 EUS Agreement, the Township desires to execute a limited "project specific" extraordinary, unspecifiable services agreement with **The Land Conservancy of New Jersey** which scope of services shall be limited to: (a) assisting the Township in the preparation of materials to keep the Township's Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant up to date; (b) to assist the Township in developing up to two (2) Grant applications to be submitted to the Morris County Open Space Preservation Trust Fund during 2018; (c) to provide on-going communication and coordination with State and County agencies responsible for land preservation and (d) to attend up to three (3) Township or County meetings to discuss issues with the Township's Open Space Advisory Committee or to assist in the presentation of the Township's grant applications before the Morris County Open Space Committee; and

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WHEREAS, in the event the Township requires the preparation of maps or the performance of other services related to specific special projects not included under this EUS Agreement, the **Conservancy** shall submit a separate proposal(s) and quotation(s) only when such proposals are requested by the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the services of the **Conservancy** fall under the category of an Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(ii), which services are specialized and qualitative in nature and requiring expertise, extensive training and a proven reputation of successful activities in the area of open space conservation; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township Committee to renew a limited Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services Agreement with the **Conservancy** for the performance of various technical open space services to be performed at the rate of \$125.00 per hour and a total cost not to exceed \$6,000.00 during the period commencing March 1, 2018 and ending February 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Business Administrator, acting in his capacity as the Qualified Purchasing Agent, has determined and certified in writing that the value of the open space preservation consultant services for the period beginning March 1, 2018 and ending on February 28, 2019 will not exceed \$17,500.00 and therefore, the filing of a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, the Chapter 271 Political Contribution Form and the Stockholder Disclosure Certification by the **Conservancy** with the Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 et seq. will not be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Township's Open Space Trust Fund Account, Line Item No. 254-3509-499 to fund this award, 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. In accordance with the Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii), **The Land Conservancy of New Jersey**, with offices located at 19 Boonton Avenue in Boonton, New Jersey 07005, is hereby retained to provide the Township Committee, the Open Space Park Land and Facilities Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee, and the Township's professional staff with a limited, project specific scope of services agreement which services are enumerated in the Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services Contract.

2. **The Land Conservancy of New Jersey** shall be paid at the rate of \$125.00 per hour for the performance of the scope of services outlined in the Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services Agreement during the period commencing March 1, 2018 and ending February 28, 2019. The total contract amount shall not exceed \$6,000.00 during the twelve (12) month period.

3. In the event the Township requires mapping and/or other special project services to be performed by the **Conservancy**, the Township's Business Administrator shall request the submission of a written proposal and quotation from the **Conservancy**. If the governing body authorizes the performance of additional services, said services will be billed separately and apart from the EUS Agreement.

4. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a limited EUS Agreement on behalf of the Township Committee.

5. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service", in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is essential that the governing body obtain the guidance and assistance of individuals possessing the technical expertise, demonstrated knowledge and proven ability to assist the Township with those issues and subjects directly related to open space conservation and preservation.

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6. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the, the OSAC, the Chief Municipal Finance Officer and **The Land Conservancy of New Jersey** for reference and information purposes.

7. That a brief notice of this award shall be published in the January 17, 2018 issue of the Daily Record as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1412-33-019-006 AS AN INACTIVE POCKET LICENSE FOR RESTONNA, LLC FOR THE LICENSE TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIAL RULING TO PERMIT THE RENEWAL OF AN INACTIVE LICENSE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2017, **Restonna, LLC** filed a Verified Petition with the Director of the Division of ABC requesting authorization for the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, as the local issuing authority, to consider a renewal application for inactive Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1412-33-019-006 for the 2017-2018 license term pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 33:1-12.39; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated December 29, 2017, **Restonna, LLC** received a Special Ruling, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 permitting the Township, as the issuing authority, to grant the renewal application for the 2017-2018 license term; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Clearance Certificate for renewal purposes has been received from the New Jersey Division of Taxation for the licensee referenced above and is on file in the office of the Business Administrator/Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to approve the renewal application as an Inactive Pocket License during the 2017-2018 license term.

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 approves the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1412-33-019-006 as an Inactive Pocket License held by **Restonna, LLC** (the sole member of the company is Jane Oster with a company address located at 429 Sylvan Avenue in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 07632) for the 2017-2018 license term beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The licensee has paid the Township and Division of ABC license renewal fees for the 2017-2018 license term.
2. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Hanover Township Police Department for reference and information purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2018

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, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 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 2019, 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. 28-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE CONSENTING TO THE APPLICATION OF VITO INGHILTERRA FOR THE EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT OF THE SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR ONE (1) NEW SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 106 JENKS ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING AND ALSO DESIGNATED AS LOT 17.02 IN BLOCK 25 AS SET FORTH ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING

WHEREAS, the Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority has received a request from **Vito Inghilterra** for a water service connection to one (1) new single family residence located at 106 Jenks Road in Harding Township, and also designated as Lot 17.02 in Block 25 as set forth on the Tax Map of the Township of Harding; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new water service connections, outside the District of the Authority but not considered a new extension requires the approval of the Authority's four (4) creating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the properties in question front on, or have reasonable access to the Authority's system and no "new extension" (as defined in the Service Contract between the Authority and its creating municipalities dated January 20, 1977) is required; and

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WHEREAS, the Authority has determined and advised the creating municipalities that the proposed service connections can be made without any adverse effect on the system, and that no further extension of the system is foreseen as a result of providing service to the one (1) new single family residence located at 106 Jenks Road in Harding Township; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested that the creating municipalities give their consent to the proposed water service connection.

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. Consent is hereby given to the Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority to provide water service connections for one (1) new single family residential dwellings unit located at 106 Jenks Road within the Township of Harding, and also designated as Lots 17.02 in Block 25 as set forth on the Tax Map of the Township of Harding.
2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Authority and the Municipal Clerks of the Township of Morris, the Borough of Morris Plains and the Town of Morristown for reference and action purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER

WHEREAS, at the Township of Hanover Municipal Tax Sale held on December 4, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 907, Lot 15, also known as 83 Mountain Avenue, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927, for 2016 delinquent taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate 2017-02, was sold to M&P Retirement Plan for a 0% redemption fee and a \$1,100.00 premium paid; and,

WHEREAS, Branoon Peccoralo, owner has affected redemption of Certificate 2017-02 in the amount of \$212.21.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$212.21, payable to M&P Retirement Plan, P.O. Box 2051, Morristown, NJ 07962 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 2017-02.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Municipal Finance Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,100.00 (Premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER

WHEREAS, at the Township of Hanover Municipal Tax Sale held on December 2, 2016, a lien was sold on Block 3103, Lot 1, also known as 38 Nye Avenue, Whippany, New Jersey 07981, for 2015 delinquent taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate 2016-07, was sold to Ridgeback Ventures LLC for a 17% redemption fee; and,

WHEREAS, CLC Builders, owner has affected redemption of Certificate 2016-07 in the amount of \$4,397.10

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$4,397.10, payable to Ridgeback Ventures, P.O. Box 503, Mt. Freedom, NJ 07970 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 2016-07.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2018

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:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUAL. #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4901	2 & 19		Zipp Tannenbaum & Caccavelli LLC 45 Airport Road LLC 280 Raritan Center Parkway Edison, NJ 08837 Location: 45 Airport Road Reserve for Appeals	\$69,824.00
4901	17		Zipp Tannenbaum & Caccavelli LLC 23-35 Airport Road LLC 280 Raritan Center Parkway Edison, NJ 08837 Location: 25 Airport Road Reserve for Appeals	\$88,999.00

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The governing body approved a grand total disbursement of **\$4,210,860.02** 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-3082 – Project Graduation, Morristown HS – 50/50 off premise**
- RL-3083 – Project Graduation, Morristown HS – on premise raffle**
- RL-3084 – Project Graduation, Morristown HS – Trick tray**
- RL-3085 – St. Johns the Baptist Ukrainian Cath. Church- Tricky Tray**
- RL-3086 – St. Johns the Baptist Ukrainian Cath. Church- 50/50 on premise**

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Ms. Baird, 180 Parsippany, Whippany: I know there was water main breaks down near the High School and people were complaining that there were again that the water company was not communicating with the public even though they have been touting using EverBridge and stuff like that. Will you be meeting with them again?

Mayor: I can bring you up to date to this point; we are very concerned over the way the communications may be handled by the water company. There will be a

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meeting with the members of the water company taking place tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at the water company and that meeting will be part of our members of our Police Department as well as Office of Emergency Management will be there and myself to discuss just this very matter of notifying the public in the case of water main breaks of any size and scope. We had a significant one as you know where an issue water alert Thanksgiving Day which affected probably nearly 1,000 families and we do have water main breaks which are going to be taking place more frequently as the ground thaws and that is unavoidable. You are going to have breaks around that may or may not disturb your water service and in some cases around Deerfield I understand that it did disturb water service so how do we communicate? We are going to try and work it out closer with the water company whether it takes ringing door bells as they have done or any other means of trying to get the word out, not everyone of us is on EverBridge and not every one of us gets emergency information that way.

Ms. Baird: But even those of us who are on EverBridge didn't get a notification.

Mayor: That is part of the problem.

Ms. Baird: Parsippany had a water break yesterday and I'm part of their Nixle, it came right out and right back when it was done.

Mayor: There is another piece of red tape in this and that the Township Committee is sort of limited as to whether it could post regarding water company issues without that information coming from the water company as the authority on that. So, in one case I can only give you the case on Thanksgiving Day. We were impeded by the fact that we couldn't get that information fast enough and we not at liberty to release such information on our own. One of the subjects we are going to work out.

Ms. Baird: I just know that a lot of people are concerned about it.

Mayor: We will try to keep everybody up to date. I know the same meeting is going to take place with the Seniors Club. George Coppola and some members will be meeting with the water company on January 16 and they will probably reiterate of whatever we discuss this coming Friday, but we will try to keep the public aware of what is going on there.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Mihalko: I have some fun stuff to report on, I got Recreation Department. A lot of good things going on, first Monday, January 15th we will be honoring the Hanover Tiger's Junior Pee Wee National Champions with a parade. It's kicking off at 1:00 p.m. from Birchwood Manor coming down to the Recreation Center. You need to get here earlier though because the roads will be closed off at 12:30 p.m., try to get here for 12:15. So people know North Jefferson will be shut down from 12:15-1:45 p.m. on Monday, January 15th. Please come out and support your team. They did a fantastic job, they went undefeated, if you get a chance to see on YouTube the final catch it looks like the NFL, it really was impressive. February 2nd, we have our annual Chili Cook Off so we had several people involved last year and again this year 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, February 2nd. We also have some sign-ups going on. Karate is starting, check with the Rec Center on that, that is K-adult and that is every week. We also have baking starting up also, so please check the Recreation website and get involved.

We also have a Chinese New Year Celebration on February 11th which is Sunday at the Main Meeting Room at 3:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome, it's free. Music, refreshments Chinese artwork and it should be very interesting.

Member Cahill: So I will start with Monday night January 8th. I went to my first Fire Commission Meeting with the Whippany Fire Commission, Committeeman Mihalko introduced me to the group and I sat through their regular order of business. At the end of the meeting, Fire Chief Cortright and Commissioner Derek Sheer gave me a tour of the fire house, it's been a long time since I've been in there. But it was a great tour and

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shows me what equipment needed upgrades and that sort of thing and it was very informative. I'll be attending the Cedar Knolls Commissioner Meeting on January 18th and I will update you on that as well.

On January 9th, I went to the K-8 Board of Education Meeting. It was their re-organization which had been cancelled from the snow storm a week before whereas Joe had reported Sal Azzarello, Glen Yanotta and Gina Marie Winkler were elected newly active board members and they were sworn in and for the election of officers they stuck with the same folks Steve Furda remains the President and Carol Tognetti is the Vice-President, so short meeting.

Just as an update, also with the Board of Education, they are going through their budget process right now so there will be a budget review internally January 8-12 and the Board meeting on February 27th will be where the initial preliminary budget will be introduced to the public. Hopefully, all goes well and the public hearing adoption of the budget will happen in April.

Mayor: Will that be the opportunity Brian for public to comment?

Mr. Cahill: Yes. So moving on to public safety, just an update on a program I'm sure you all have seen the signs if you are on 287 or any highways with signs, drive sober or get pulled over holiday programs so Hanover Township Police were awarded \$5,500 in a grant to participate in this program and it occurred from December 8th through January 1st and Hanover Township Police did was that they added roving patrol cars adding up to about 140 extra hours of extra patrol going through and looking for potentially impaired drivers. So, the results over that time period, there were 3 DWI arrests associated with alcohol and one associated with drugs; and in addition to that there are also 12 additional arrests for other things like possession, warrants and under age possession of alcohol and there was also 126 motor vehicle violations so quite a busy time for that amount of hours for patrol.

Another thing, a press release was put out today and I wanted to make mention that this is important. The press release starts off with the question how does your uber driver know exactly where you are and exactly where the uber driver is right? That is because our cell phones have such technology that gives a person the ability to really track and can pinpoint where somebody is if you so desire. The older 9-1-1 systems could not do that, they could only pinpoint to the nearest cell tower so it was a challenge for police in trying to find somebody there exact location but now Hanover Township Police has recently added a new feature to this new cutting edge 9-1-1 system which was installed in November this is called Rapid SOS and essentially it enables our phones to communicate with the 9-1-1 system that will allow the emergency dispatcher to pinpoint exactly where you are on a map in the dispatch center even if you are on the move, this is a free app so obviously we encourage everyone to download it from the app store, again it's free and actually the application is RapidSOS beeping if you want to do a search.

Mr. Ferramosca: Tonight it's not about the roads, we are going to talk about Bee Meadow Park upgrades. The good news is that Bee Meadow Park one of the premier parks in Hanover Township, Bee Meadow Pond Nature Trail project has been approved and a grant has been awarded to our municipality in the sum of \$72,000.00 to help facilitate the implementation of that around the pond, which will be a great amenity for the park, which is a beautiful park and I encourage you to use that when it's built. You will enjoy it.

Next, pet owners please help out your pets, and what you can do for your pets this month is to renew their license. If they are in need of vaccinations, they should always be kept up to date. This is the month you should do it and the good news is if you do it this month you will save money and they will be happy. So please renew your pet licenses this month.

Third point is one which is very important for our college students. It's tough getting a job getting out of college and one of the key things between getting that first job when you are graduating from college be it community, state or private college that you had an internship. Well, Hanover Township is providing a major opportunity geared to our college students primarily sophomore year and up for them to participate in an

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internship program within Hanover Township within our Municipality, to learn about Government and this is a great opportunity and more details will be posted soon on the Township's website about this. And, we encourage those who are interested to take advantage and submit an application, so stay tuned for further details.

Lastly, I'll appeal to EverBridge, it's a great service and works really well but you have to sign up for it. You need to go to the Township's website and sign up so you will get your notifications. The Township will provide the notification to you in the event of an emergency situation.

Mr. Gallagher: I appreciate the extra time here Ron I was unable to be here at the Reorganization Meeting and I'm sorry I wasn't here because I didn't get the opportunity to see Brian and Mike get sworn in, guys welcome and congratulations and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you on yet another level. So, God Bless you guys and thank you for wanting to be here and good luck. We will get a lot of work done.

I'll abbreviate this because it's not the re-org but I just want to hit my high points and as many of you know a lot of our reports are available every month. So, I'm just going to give a slightly different take on the actual material and reports and hit some high notes and just for the first minute address the way our Governing Body works and how we work together. So, before I share some highlights for my specific detail on this governing body, I just would like to say once again how much I appreciate this great honor to serve on the Hanover Township Committee and to serve all the Hanover Township residents. As many of you know, the Township Committee form of Government is very different from other forms of government in our surrounding municipalities. This Committee is made of five equal members who work together on every level and then the detail is broken down to what we are all responsible for a specific series of detail but at the end of the day all decisions are made by this entire governing body and believe me, we put an incredible amount of time into every decision we make together. And, many times, if we cannot get a consensus we will discuss it time and time again sometimes until we drive each other nuts and, if we still can't get a consensus that item will not make it to the floor. So, sometimes people actually give us all of us, about being 5 to nothing with our voting, but what many people don't understand is the amount of material that doesn't see the light of day on this floor because we can't find good common ground. So, I am proud of the decisions that I have made going into year 5 as part of this body and again I'm honored to be part of this Township Committee and I appreciate all of you guys so thank you very much.

Before I run through a couple of my highlights I want to thank Bob Brueno for all of his years as a Committeeman, he is a great guy, and became a great friend. I always known him and his family but he was great and I'm sure he is not going to be too far. Committeeman Coppola I can say the same things worked with him for years and a very good guy and did a lot of good things for Hanover Township and God Bless George.

But again welcome guys you were my next line and thank you for being here.

I want to say thank you very much to our entire Hanover Township Municipal family. It's an incredible work force and it is a family and I think we are all very good friends in this building too. You can't go down the hall without talking to someone and having a nice time with somebody. But, I do want to single out a couple of people that I lean on often, Joe Giorgio, Joe, I always say it, this is year 5 and you are the hardest working man in Hanover Township hands down. I'm pretty sure you know how much I value you professionally and personally and if you don't, hey Joe I appreciate you professionally and personally and there it is.

Brian Foran I will get to you in a minute, he is a complete rock star he is in every one of our lives every day, and he is the best. It's also a true honor to work with Chief Mark Roddy, Chief is one of the hardest working, honest, dedicated total professional you will meet and I'm proud to say that I believe the Chief and I have become very good friends. He is a great guy and he is the absolute perfect person being the Chief of our Police Department.

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I also was out to thank Fred, the Township Attorney. Fred is an incredible attorney and has become a great friend to know Fred is to love Fred and this is one of the most balanced people I ever met in my life. Fred, I appreciate you, thank you for all you do for all of us.

And, thinking about the Hanover DPW I can list about 65% of what they do in one sentence, I have to drink some water for this sentence though. Every fall they are picking up leaves, they ran through Hanover Township 22 times the entire Township. Cut grass, blow leaves, they plow snow, they salt, painting, maintaining and rebuilding fields, all buildings and grounds maintenance, they have in-house mechanics servicing all vehicles including police cars and all power equipment, setting up for all events and taking down from every event and they decorate for every holiday, patching pot holes, painting cross walks, installing signs, every type of rebuilding, they rebuilt the basins in-house, street sweeping, cleaning, planning and working the one-day-one school event, partnering and helping out with our schools on every level, all of our organized sports and all of our recreations, they've become pool experts in the last couple of years. They are ready 24 hours a day. These guys are the best. We appreciate everything you do all the time and you will hear most of us on the dais applaud them almost every two weeks for the great work that they do.

In completing my fourth year of service on this Committee, I can say in the last three years plus we have all been talking about roads, the repaving of roads, the milling and paving and the total reconstruction of roads although we all like to take credit for this we also have to thank Brian Foran and the DPW he was right there with us and spearheading this aggressive campaign with Engineering. In the beginning of my first term, I can't tell you how many conversations I had with Brian, and the entire Township Committee about how many roads we do each year and how many roads each surrounding municipality was doing each year and we were comparing our numbers. Along with all of us and being able to budget for this very aggressive road reconstruction initiative I believe that everybody has noticed, and now, by the way we are consistent or ahead of all of our surrounding municipalities so I'm very very proud of that and it's a lot of work and a lot of time budgeting and finding the money.

I'm going to leave it here, I do have a few more but I'm going to leave it here. The Hanover Township Substance Awareness Council led by Carol Giorgio, she is an incredible leader of this group a lot of people who have a lot of different ideas. This year the council received grant money and thank you to the Township Committee we now have a line item to get a national speaker, and what is great about getting a national speaker it gets people into our events. John spearheaded an event about 6 years ago, might have been the best one that I ever went to, there were about 5 people in the audience, so nobody took away that powerful message besides the five of us and I think it was us three were three of the five. So, we did have Darryl Strawberry and people were a little critical about that decision but guess what a lot of people heard a very positive powerful message and we are going to continue to do that. Again, the Substance Awareness Council is very good and we have a great leader and the Township Committee is on every decision that we make and the last point is School & Park Traffic Safety Advisory. This Township Committee created this subcommittee to specifically deal with vehicular and pedestrian traffic in and around all of our schools and parks. Years ago, we all compared notes and we looked as to what other towns were doing and we weren't even close to me too until we got together and Brian Cahill stood by my side the entire time as vice-chair and we got a lot of work done. 47 improvements in 4 years and they are real improvements that our families can see and enjoy and we do believe our families are much safer because of it. Thank you for your time

Mayor: I'm glad you got the opportunity to give your report. We all have obligations working guys here and we give up a lot of our time for our Town here but certain of us when emergencies occur storms occur etc., we are called out and that was the case for Ace so glad you had the chance to catch up.

I just want to give a little comment here that's important. At the last Board of Health meeting, we had a very involved discussion about influenza and problems that are now beginning to build up in the state with the flu; most states are in a critical situation with flu and I think many of us have taken advantage of the Health Department's flu shots. I think that is great. If you haven't had one, and your

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concerned with getting one now is too late; you are wrong, get the flu shot it is still effective and it might be the deterrent that you need. But, if in fact, I think we are going to put a bulletin on this Joe on our website, if in fact that a family member or you feels you are coming down with or getting ill with symptoms of flu be it fever, cough etc., you have to act on it immediately if you don't seek immediate medical attention, certainly remedies that you might be able to have available for you Tamiflu is one of the better products on the market, I don't think there is a cure all for flu other than rest beyond that, but one thing that you want to make sure is that it does not advance and become problematical to the lungs etc., most of us have had shots for that as well, there is a shot for pneumonia, if you didn't have that shot talk to your doctor. This is a terrible flu season and don't ignore it in any way, just be cognizant of it. I think all of us on the Township Committee want to express our concerns for George Coppola for recuperating, George had a fall over the past few days at his home on the ice trying to put down some melt crystals and get to a meeting and rushing around and he slipped and had a fall and took an injury that did bring him to Morristown Memorial for some medical help. He is doing well and he is at home recuperating. So George, if you catch this on YouTube, we all wish you the very best and we know you are going to do well.

Again, Committeeman Mihalko brought up the Tigers that's going to be this Monday, do get there early. Parade starts at 1:00 p.m. from the Birchwood but get there by 12:00 there will be parking at the Municipal Complex here and parking across the street as well at Veteran's Field. We do expect a broad spectrum of dignitaries that we heard from Senator Cody, some of our Assembly people and some of our Freeholders and some Mayors from other towns who wish to join us on that day to celebrate with the youngsters which is quite a championship that they won there on a national level so we all want to be part of that.

Spring is not too far around the corner and we are sending letters out to all of our condominium complexes for the Farm and Garden. We will be having a meeting, I think meeting notices went out for February 21st at 7:00 p.m. over at the Rec Center. If you are in a condo you will probably get notification of that. You will have an opportunity to have a garden or not with a condo this is that opportunity we will tell you all about the farm and how you can have a piece of ground to grow your own plants there. So please join us for that as well.

Member Ferramosca: Youth development is something very important that everyone on the Township Committee is in support of. We are pleased to see that Hanover's Library is going to sponsor a program beginning this Friday night called Toast Master's. It's normally a program given for adults but their Toast Master's program is going to be open for High School students, so I really encourage our student body out there to take advantage of this. This is a tremendous gift to have Toast Master's brought to you increasing your communication skills and developing them at an early age and it's a wonderful gift so please go out and do it.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to close at 9:29 p.m. was by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

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