

**HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020**  
**REGULAR MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:30 PM**  
**Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor Yates**

*Mayor Yates called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.*

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**ADEQUATE NOTICE** of this January 13, 2020 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was sent to the Observer Tribune on January 7, 2020 and published in the Observer Tribune on January 9, 2020.

*Mayor Yates announced that adequate notice of this meeting was published in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.*

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**ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk**

Ms. DiTosto, Mr. Jones, Mr. Modi, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates

*Mayor Yates asked for a roll call. Mrs. Sharp called the roll. All members of the Township Committee were present.*

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**RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution TC 20-059– Resolution to Recess into Executive Session**

*Mayor Yates asked for a motion to recess into Executive Session. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Modi and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed the meeting recessed into Executive Session at 5:34 p.m.*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Harding Township Committee that it shall adjourn into executive session to discuss the following subject matter(s) without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 10:4-12b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the matter(s) discussed will be made known to the public at such time as appropriate action is taken on said matter(s), and when disclosure will not result in unwarranted invasion of individual privacy or prejudice to the best interests of the Township of Harding provided such disclosures will not violate Federal, State or local statutes and does not fall within the attorney-client privilege. The Township Committee will return to public session after this Executive Session.

**Personnel:**

1. PBA Contract – Adam Abramson

**Contracts:**

1. The Farm/Affordable Housing – Mark Roselli
2. Redevelopment – John Hague
3. Glen Alpin – Dev Modi
4. Property Acquisitions – Tim Jones

**Vote on Resolution:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor Yates

*Mayor Yates asked for a motion to reconvene into Public Session at 7:35 p.m. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded Mr. Modi, and with a roll call votes of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting reconvened at 7:35 pm*

#### ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

Ms. DiTosto, Mr. Jones, Mr. Modi, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates

*Mrs. Sharp called the roll. All members of the Township Committee were present. About 17 members of the public were in attendance.*

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Yates

*Mayor Yates led members of the Township Committee and members of the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**ADEQUATE NOTICE** of this meeting of the Harding Township Committee was given as follows: Notice was sent to the *DAILY RECORD* and the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE* on January 7, 2020, and published in the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE* on January 9, 2020; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road in Harding, NJ on January 9, 2020, and Notice was filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 7, 2020.

*Mayor Yates announced that adequate notice of this meeting was published in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.*

#### RESOLUTION TC 20-060 -- RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minutes from the following meetings are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk's office: **January 6, 2020.**

*Mayor Yates asked for a motion to accept the Township Committee Resolution TC 20-060 meeting minutes for January 6, 2020. Upon a motion made by Mr. Platt, seconded by Township Committee Member Jones.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

#### Vote on Resolution:

M 1-10-2020



	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Yates

### 1. Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Citizenship -- Larry Weppler

*Mr. Weppler provided background on the mission of the Harding Township Civic Association. Their mission is to foster an informed and engaged citizenry. One of the ways to further volunteerism and engagement is through the Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Engagement. This year the Civic Association had several nominations and the Trustees were split. The two (2) finalists were considered for different reasons. This year the Committee decided to made two awards. One of the nominees cannot be here this evening and his plaque will be awarded at the March 10<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting.*

*This evening Mr. Weppler asked Kim Howard to join him as he presented the Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Engagement to her. Mr. Weppler commented that charitable organizations need three things: wisdom, wealth, and workers. Kim Howard has been all three. For a life well served, the Harding Township Civic Association honor Kim Howard for her years of unselfish commitment, both as a volunteer and for her financial support to all of Harding's charitable organizations. We thank you Kim. A copy of Mr. Weppler's comments is appended to these minutes. Kim Howard thanked everyone and said it is her pleasure.*

**2. Carol Bianchi, JCP&L Liaison** – *Carol Bianchi thanked the Mayor and the Township Committee for having her. Ms. Bianchi commented that started working as JCP&L External Affairs Consultant about seven months ago. Mayor Yates commented that Ms. Bianchi was a long time member of the Bernards Township Towns Committee and was Mayor. Ms. Bianchi thanked the Mayor and commented that she serviced for six and one half years and enjoyed it. Ms. Bianchi mentioned that she has had the pleasure to work with the Township Administrator, the Mayor, and many others and understands the process. Ms. Bianchi commented on several items that are happening:*

- 1. Will have a DCC (District Command Center) Tour on January 29, 2020 and encourages the elected officials or anyone from the staff or OEM who would like to come to attend. It is a good experience of behind the scenes.*
- 2. JCP&L is making a significant investment in their infrastructure. Will be conducting a significant amount of tree trimming. JCP&L realizes everyone loves their trees so we are working closely with the Township and the Shade Tree Committee to ensure it goes well.*
- 3. Will conduct enhanced tree trimming in 2020. JCP&L has already conducted some tree trimming. Will commence their four year trimming on March 20, 2020 out of the Green Village substation. Notice was provided to the town with a list of streets.*
- 4. Installing trip savers which are a type of recloser which will minimize the duration of outages. Nine will be installed in 2020. More information on the trip savers will be forthcoming.*

5. Ms. Bianchi mentioned that she has been working with Mr. Toribio from your DPW with regard to clean-up from the tornado.

*This is the update for this evening and the Township has my contact information.*

*Mr. Platt commented that one of the things we encountered during all the super storms was the fact that the substations are located in low lying areas. The township wanted a map so we can locate what houses are affected by substations. When it comes to power outages, it would be great to know what neighborhoods are served by what substation. Mr. Platt wanted to make sure that the map is accurate and located someplace where we can access. Mr. Falzarano commented that the Township has the map which was received in late 2017. Ms. Bianchi reported that she will meet with Mr. Falzarano to go over the map in more detail. Ms. Bianchi commented that JCP&L does not publish their maps any longer due to security reasons but can sit down and go over the information.*

*Mayor Yates thanked Ms. Bianchi for attending the Township Committee meeting.*

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## **RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION) - NONE**

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### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **1. Request From NJ State Veteran's Chamber of Commerce – Peter Lupo, Esq.**

*Mr. Lupo, Esq., was not in attendance to report on the request from the NJ State Veteran's Chamber of Commerce.*

#### **2. HOST Management Plans / 2020 Budget – Mayor Yates**

*Mayor Yates reported that the Township Committee reviewed the HOST 2020 Budget and the 2020 Management Plans. Mayor Yates thanked the HOST Committee for their preparations and for taking this serious and putting together a very comprehensive budget along with the management plans. Mr. Jones commented that Mr. Wepler put in many hours compiling this information. Mayor Yates commented that he would like to receive comments from the Township Committee but does not see why the Township Committee would second guest their numbers. Mr. Falzarano commented that the 2020 budget has been entered into the Municipal Budget.*

*Mr. Platt thanked Larry Wepler for all his hard work and included us in every step of the way. Mr. Platt commented as an observation that unless the Township starts planting trees, Harding Township will look drastically different. Mr. Platt mentioned putting together a budget that puts forestation for trees in place. Mayor Yates commented that the Environmental Commission is working on a tree plan. Mayor Yates reported that hopefully we will have a plan that incorporates, Environmental Commission, HOST, and residents.*

*Mrs. DiTosto thanked Mr. Wepler and HOST for doing this. Mrs. DiTosto commented on the Gatehouse matching grant funds for 2020 in the amount of \$43,000. Mrs. DiTosto asked if that is mostly for the building or for the grounds. Mr. Wepler reported that it has nothing to do with the building. About \$42,000 is for the trail grant and other items. The Harding Land Trust put together a grant application to enhance the trails and to take out some of the invasives and replace with more natural plantings. Mr. Jones commented that about \$1,090 is for building maintenance for mowing, gutter cleaning, etc. Mrs. DiTosto asked if the money from the trails will come back to the Township for the matching grant. Mr. Wepler commented no, the matching grant is exactly that. The total grant is \$120,000, of that amount, \$42,000.00 is the Township's portion of the grant.*



*Mayor Yates thanked Mr. Wepler and HOST.*

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## **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT**

Hearing of citizens during the Public Comment section of the Agenda is an opportunity for any member of the public to be heard about issues which are/are not topics scheduled for Public Hearing tonight. To help facilitate an orderly meeting, and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to a reasonable length of time.

*Mayor Yates opened the meeting for public comment.*

*Mr. Chris Allyn, resident – commented that at the November and December Township Committee meetings, there was Ordinance #15-19 authorizing the private sale of Township Owned Real Property Commonly referred to as Block 2, Lot 16 to L&T Affordable Housing Urban Renewal Corporation pursuant to NJSA 40A: 12-21 that two members (Mrs. DiTosto and Mr. Modi) voted against the Ordinance. To Mr. Allyn's knowledge neither voiced a reason to your opposition at the introduction or the public hearing. Mr. Allyn would like to ask Mrs. DiTosto and Mr. Modi to explain what in the Ordinance caused their opposition.*

*Mrs. DiTosto commented as follows:*

- \* Wanted to see a financial analysis completed by a third party professional which was not done.*
- \* Should have been an open bidding for the Farm rather than accepting the one bid that was received.*
- \* Would have liked to see an appraisal.*

*Mrs. DiTosto commented that everything that the Township Committee did was certainly legal and within our legal framework. For Mrs. DiTosto it was a question of process and wanted to see the items above done and that is why Mrs. DiTosto did not vote for the Ordinance.*

*Mr. Modi commented that he does not believe he is required to provide a public comment and chose not to and will continue to stand by what he chose to do at those two meetings..*

*With no further comments from the public, the open public meeting was closed at 8:00 p.m.*

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## **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING -- NONE**

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## **ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS: NONE**

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## **RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items are considered to be routine by the Harding Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Township Committee Member so

requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS TC 20-061 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 20-065 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH EXCEPTION OF 20-063**

**CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:**

*Mayor Yates announced that Resolution TC #20-063 will be removed from the Consent Agenda this evening and will be placed on a future meeting agenda.*

**Mayor Yates** asked Committee Member Modi to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 20-061 through TC 20-065, with the exception of TC #20-063 which was removed from tonight's agenda.

*Committee Member Modi made a motion to approve the resolutions placed on this evening's Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Mr. Platt.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

**Vote on Resolution:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**FINANCE:**

**Resolution TC 20-061 – Bill List**

**WHEREAS**, vouchers for payment have been submitted to the Township Committee by various municipal departments.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that all vouchers approved by the Finance Chairman be paid subject to the certification of the availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

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**Resolution TC 20-062 – Release of Ridge At Sand Spring Maintenance Bond**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, Township Construction Official, and Board of Adjustment Attorney have certified that there are no outstanding invoices and have approved the release of the following escrows.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release the following escrows as per N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.1.



**Grading, Engineering, Tech Review, & Performance Escrow**

Ridge at Sand Spring

\$14,619.44

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**CONTRACTS:** *This resolution was removed from tonight's agenda for further review.*

**TC Resolution 20-063 – Resolution Designating A Conditional Redeveloper and Authorizing the Execution of a Conditional Redeveloper Agreement For Senior Living District of Hurstmont/Glen Alpin Redevelopment Study Area**

**WHEREAS**, on November 19, 2018, the Township Committee of Harding Township adopted Resolution No. 18-196, directing the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the properties identified as Block 27, Lot 2, located at 679 Mt. Kemble Avenue (the "Hurstmont Parcel") and Block 34, Lot 1 (the "Glen Alpin Parcel") (collectively referred to as the "Redevelopment Study Area") qualify as a "non-condemnation" area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-1, et seq. (the "Redevelopment Law"); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 19, 2019, the Planning Board conducted a duly-noticed public hearing, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-6, during which the Planning Board considered the preliminary investigation report of Heyer, Gruel & Associates ("HGA"), dated February 1, 2019 (the "Preliminary Investigation Report") and heard the testimony of Susan S. Gruel, P.P. and McKinley Mertz, P.P. of HGA concerning the Preliminary Investigation Report; and

**WHEREAS**, after the Planning Board hearing and consideration of the Preliminary Investigation Report the Planning Board determined that the Redevelopment Study Area met the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law and recommended that the Harding Township Committee designate the Redevelopment Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Committee accepted the recommendation of the Planning Board and on February 25, 2019, via Resolution No. TC19-073, designated the Redevelopment Study Area as a "non-condemnation" redevelopment area; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2019 on behalf of Harding Township, HGA prepared a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Study Area, dated May 13, 2019 (the "Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan") and referred such plan to the Planning Board for review and comment, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-7; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board considered the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan at its meeting of May 20, 2019 and submitted a report of its review of the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan dated June 3, 2019 to the Harding Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2019 the Harding Township Committee adopted a resolution accepting the Planning Board's report on the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan and responded in the resolution to the comments of the Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2019, the Harding Township Committee, after introduction and publication as required by law for adoption of general ordinances, conducted a public hearing on the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan and the ordinance adopting the Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Committee reviewed and considered the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan and the Planning Board recommendations and determined that the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan was consistent with the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2019, the Harding Township Committee adopted the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan by Ordinance# 13-2019; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2019, the Harding Township Committee designated Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC as the "Redeveloper" of the Redevelopment Study Area pursuant to Township Resolution No. TC 19-136; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redeveloper presented concept plans to the Harding Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Redevelopment Steering Committee conducted a public meeting concerning the Redeveloper's concept plan and the proposed plan revisions on September 4, 2019 receiving comments from the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Committee conducted a public meeting concerning the Redeveloper's concept plans and the proposed plan revisions, receiving comments from the public; and

**WHEREAS**, HGA, Special Counsel Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, and Township Engineer Apgar Associates reviewed those concept plans, and they proposed certain revisions to the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan taking into consideration the public comments received by the Harding Township Redevelopment Steering Committee and the Harding Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2019 on behalf of Harding Township, HGA prepared an amendment to the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendment to the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan was introduced by Ordinance on first reading, September 12, 2019 and referred to the Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to NJSA 40A:12A-7; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board considered the amendment to the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan at its meeting of September 23, 2019 and submitted a report of its review of the amendment to the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan dated September 24, 2019 to the Harding Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC as the Redeveloper expired by passage of time on September 23, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2019, the Harding Township Committee, after introduction on September 12, 2019 and publication as required by law for adoption of general ordinances, conducted a public hearing on the amendment to the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2019 the Harding Township Committee adopted the amendment of the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan by Ordinance No. 16-2019; and



**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2019 the Harding Township Committee recognized Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC as the Redeveloper of the Senior Living District located within the Redevelopment Study Area as set forth in the amendment of the Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan approved by Ordinance No. 16-2019; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. TC 19-194 adopted on September 30, 2019, the Harding Township Committee extended Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC's designation as Redeveloper of the Senior Living District located within the Redevelopment Study Area and the date by which the Township and the Redeveloper could negotiate and execute a Redevelopment Agreement until October 31, 2019, after which date, Resolution No. TC 19-194 would have no force and effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee and Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC failed to execute a Redevelopment Agreement on or before October 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee and Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC have agreed to continue to negotiate in good faith for purposes of finalizing and executing a Redevelopment Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee, as the Redevelopment Entity for the Township of Harding, does also desire to designate Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC as the conditional redeveloper (the "Conditional Redeveloper") of the Senior Living District located within the Redevelopment Study Area, subject to the negotiation and execution of, among other things, a redevelopment agreement (the "Redevelopment Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee also desires to authorize the negotiation and execution of a conditional redeveloper agreement ("Conditional Redeveloper Agreement") with the Conditional Redeveloper for the purpose of establishing a framework for the negotiation and execution of the Redevelopment Agreement.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully repeated herein.
2. Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC is hereby conditionally designated as Redeveloper of the Senior Living District located within the Redevelopment Study Area ("Conditional Redeveloper") pending the negotiation, approval by vote of the Township Committee and execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with the Township of Harding.
3. The within designation is expressly contingent upon the Redeveloper's execution of a Conditional Redeveloper Agreement and in accordance with the terms thereof and is also made for a limited period until February 28, 2020, unless extended by the Township Committee.
4. The Mayor is further authorized to negotiate a Conditional Redeveloper Agreement with the Redeveloper to be approved by vote of the Township Committee.

Or

4. The Mayor is authorized to execute the Conditional Redeveloper Agreement that is substantially in the same form as that on file with the Township Administrator, with such changes, omissions or amendments as the Township Administrator deems appropriate in consultation with the Township's counsel and professionals.

**TC Resolution 20-064 – Resolution to Award a Maintenance Contract to DeBlock Environmental**

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Response back-up services are required for the Harding Township Sewage Collection System; and

**WHEREAS**, DeBlock Environmental Services, LLC submitted a contract proposal dated January 6, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Purchasing Agent has reviewed the contract proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract proposal submitted is for the calendar year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the charges for 2020 are as follows:

<b>Year 2020</b>	<b>Licensed Operator</b>	<b>Special Project Hourly Rate (Est. 40 hrs.)</b>	<b>Emergency Response Hourly Rate (Est. 12 hrs.)</b>	<b>Total</b>
DeBlock Environmental Services, LLC	Lump Sum \$1,320	\$115/hr. \$4,600	\$95/hr. \$1,140	\$ 7,060

and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Harding has the sole and exclusive right to renew the contract for up to two (2) consecutive one (1) year periods as follows:

<b>Year 2021</b>	<b>Licensed Operator</b>	<b>Special Project Hourly Rate (Est. 40 hrs.)</b>	<b>Emergency Response Hourly Rate (Est. 12 hrs.)</b>	<b>Total</b>
DeBlock Environmental Services, LLC	Lump Sum \$1,320	\$115/hr. \$4,600	\$95/hr. \$1,140	\$ 7,060

<b>Year 2022</b>	<b>Licensed Operator</b>	<b>Special Project Hourly Rate (Est. 40 hrs.)</b>	<b>Emergency Response Hourly Rate (Est. 12 hrs.)</b>	<b>Total</b>
DeBlock Environmental Services, LLC	Lump Sum \$1,320	\$115/hr. \$4,600	\$95/hr. \$1,140	\$ 7,060

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the contract proposal submitted by DeBlock Environmental Services, LLC is hereby approved.

**TC Resolution 20-065 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 Decreasing the Contract Amount with Tilcon New York, Inc., For Millbrook Road Resurfacing**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 19-121, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Harding approved and awarded a Contract to Tilcon New York, Inc. for the project, Millbrook Road Resurfacing in the amount of \$154,974.75.00; and



**WHEREAS**, during the performance of the work, the Township Engineer discovered conditions which were unforeseen prior to the commencement of the construction; and

**WHEREAS**, such unforeseen conditions resulted in a reduction to the contract price and are more specifically described in the Township Engineer's Certification #1 attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer determined that such unforeseen conditions must be addressed, and the costs related to the work and furnishing of such services has caused a decrease in the cost of the Contract by 22.91% below the awarded contract amount of \$154,974.75 for a final construction cost of \$119,478.21, and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the recommendation and Certification of the Township Engineer #1, Paul Fox, Township Engineer, the Mayor and Committee determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Harding to authorize the proposed Change Order (#1); and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is intended to be adopted in conformance and compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.9.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Change Order (# 1) for the Resurfacing of Millbrook Road in the sum of \$ 119,478.21 (representing a decrease of 22.91% below the awarded contract price of \$154,974.75) with Tilcon New York, Inc. is hereby approved.

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## **ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING -- NONE**

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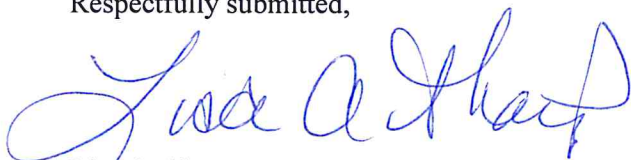
### **ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Yates**

*Mrs. DiTosto commented that she received a call from Rabbi Lubin who is interested in speaking with the Township regarding placing a Menorah as part of the Holiday display in Bayne Park. Mr. Falzarano commented that he knows Rabbi Lubin and will contact him.*

*Mayor Yates asked if there were any further comments or questions. With no further comments or questions Mayor Yates asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to continue the discussion of Property Acquisitions at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Jones made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Modi.*

*The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:05 pm. No formal action will be made in Executive Session.*

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp  
Municipal Clerk

Kim S. Howard

The mission of the HT Civic Assoc is to foster an informed and engaged citizenry.

One of the ways we try to foster volunteerism and engagement is through this award - the Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Engagement. Hesna was the long time editor of the Thumbnail, our volunteer produced and citizen-funded newsletter. We lost Hesna too soon a few years ago. To honor her memory and service to Harding, the Civic Association renamed this annual award, formerly Distinguished Citizen Award, to the "Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Engagement." The two plaques for these awards will be hung here in Kirby Hall -- the prior one on which the last name is "Hesna Pfeiffer" and the newer one on which the most recent names have been inscribed.

This year we had several nominations for the Hesna Pfeiffer award and the Trustees were split. The two finalist, were in consideration for very different reasons. In a rare move the Committee decided to make two awards this year. One of the two awardees couldn't be here tonight and his plaque will be awarded later this year at a subsequent Township Committee meeting.

I'd like to have Kim Howard join me up here.

Kim Howard moved to NJ in the early 1930's and moved to her home on Village Road in the early 1940's. Kim recalled, at the time, Featherbed Lane was still a dirt road and cars traveling in front of her home on Village Road were rare. Kim recalls



climbing to the top of the New Vernon School to watch for German aircraft during WWII.

A wise person once told me that charitable organizations need three things: wisdom, wealth and workers. Kim has been all of these things. She has been the Chair of the Morristown American Heart Association, and labored on committees for the Morris Museum, read to children when the New Vernon Library was still located in the firehouse, worked in the Junior League's "Nearly New" resale shop in Morristown and for over 70 years has been the President of the SMS Foundation which provided financial support to many, if not all, of Harding's charitable organizations, including the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, the Kemmerer Library, Morristown Medical Center and of course the Civic Association.

For a life well served, we honor Kim for her years of unselfish commitment, both as a volunteer and for her financial support to all of Harding's charitable organizations. Thank you Kim.