

**HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
IN-PERSON ONLY
EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA at 7:30 PM
Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ADEQUATE NOTICE of this September 13, 2021 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was sent to the Observer Tribune on January 4, 2021 and published in the Observer Tribune on January 7, 2021.

Mayor Jones announced adequate notice of the September 13, 2021 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was published in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

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

Mayor Jones called for the roll. Mrs. Sharp called the roll. Let the record show that all members were present in person. Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator and Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney were present.

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION):

Resolution TC 21-159 – Resolution to Appoint Plosia Cohen, LLC as Special Labor Counsel

Mayor Jones asks Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 21-159 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Township Committee Member Yates proceeded with Resolution TC 21-159.

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding has a need to award a contract for a special labor attorney for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Plosia Cohen, LLC possesses expertise in the field of labor matters; and

WHEREAS, Plosia Cohen, LLC has prepared a proposal dated August 24, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$185.00 for labor matters for the Township; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the following contract is hereby awarded for the remainder of 2021:

Special Labor Counsel

Plosia Cohen, LLC
Chester Woods Complex
385 Route 24, Suite 3G
Chester, NJ 07930

9/13/2021 to 12/31/2021
Not to Exceed \$5,000.00
01-2021-1155-0155-2-00000

Township Committee Member Yates: made a motion to approve the resolution placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.

Mayor Jones asks 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. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 st	<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"/>

RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution TC 21-160– Resolution to Recess into Executive Session

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to recess into executive session. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates, seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, Mr. Platt was absent, none opposed, the meeting recessed at 6:35 pm.

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.

Contracts:

1. Property Acquisitions – M. Roselli
2. PBA Contract – R. Falzarano
3. Glen Alpin – R. Falzarano

Personnel:

1. Part-time Employee Scheduling – R. Falzarano

Potential Litigation:

1. Rolling Knolls Landfill – Mayor Jones

Vote on Resolution:

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

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to reconvene into public session. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Platt and seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the public meeting reconvened at 7:32 pm.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

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

Mrs. Sharp called the roll. All Township Committee members were present. Let the record show there were about 30 members of the public present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones 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 4, 2021, and published in the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE* on January 7, 2021; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road in Harding, NJ on January 7, 2021, and Notice was filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 7, 2021.

Mayor Jones announced adequate notice of the September 13, 2021 Township Committee meeting was published in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

RESOLUTION TC 21-161 – RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Platt to proceed with Resolution TC 21-161 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. *Township Committee Member Platt read Resolution TC 21-161 in its entirety.*

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minutes from the following meeting(s) are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk’s office: **August 9, 2021**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minutes from the following Executive Session meeting(s) are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk’s office: **August 9, 2021**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to accept the Township Committee meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Platt, seconded by Township Committee Member Chipperson.

Mayor Jones 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. Chipperson	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	1 st	<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"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION):

Resolution TC 21-162 Resolution to Appoint Ryan Grant as a Harding Township Police Officer

Mayor Jones asked **Township Committee Member DiTosto** to proceed with Resolution TC 21-162 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. *Township Committee Member DiTosto read Resolution TC 21-162 in its entirety.*

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the position of Police Officer in the Harding Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Erik Heller has conducted a detailed evaluation process and background check; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, Township Administrator, Robert Falzarano, and Chief Erik Heller, have determined the need for appointing a Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Grant has been a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer for Sea Isle City since 2018 and graduated from the Cape May County Police Academy for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers on April 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Chief Erik Heller recommends that Ryan Grant be appointed as a full-time Police Officer, commencing with a one-year probationary period with the Harding Township Police Department that is effective on October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Grant will be required to complete a Basic Police Officer Waiver Course at the Ocean County Police Academy, commencing on October 4, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the recommendation of Chief Erik Heller and the Township Administrator, Robert Falzarano be approved and hereby appoint Ryan Grant as a full-time Police Officer of the Harding Township Police Department effective October 1, 2021 at the annual salary of \$45,219 to be prorated for the remainder of 2021.

Township Committee Member DiTosto made a motion to approve the resolution placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Yates.

Mayor Jones 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. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiTosto	1 st	<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	2 nd	<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"/>

Mrs. Sharp conducted the Oath of Office to Ryan Grant. The Township Committee congratulated Officer Grant and said welcome aboard.

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION):

Resolution TC 21-163 Resolution to Appoint Jeffrey Jones as a Harding Township Police Officer

Mayor Jones asked **Township Committee Member DiTosto** to proceed with Resolution TC 21-163 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. *Township Committee Member DiTosto read Resolution TC 21-163 in its entirety.*

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the position of Police Officer in the Harding Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Erik Heller has conducted a detailed evaluation process and background check; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, Township Administrator, Robert Falzarano, and Chief Erik Heller, have determined the need for appointing a Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Jones has been a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer for Seaside Heights since 2019 and graduated from the Ocean County Police Academy for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers on June 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Chief Erik Heller recommends that Jeffrey Jones be appointed as a full-time Police Officer, commencing with a one-year probationary period with the Harding Township Police Department that is effective on October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Jones will be required to complete a Basic Police Officer Waiver Course at the Ocean County Police Academy, commencing on October 4, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the recommendation of Chief Erik Heller and the Township Administrator, Robert Falzarano be approved and hereby appoint Jeffrey Jones as a full-time Police Officer of the Harding Township Police Department effective October 1, 2021, at the annual salary of \$45,219 to be prorated for the remainder of 2021.

Township Committee Member DiTosto made a motion to approve the resolution placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Chipperson.

Mayor Jones 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. Chipperson	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiTosto	1 st	<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"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mrs. Sharp conducted the oath of office to Jeffrey Jones. The Township Committee congratulated Officer Jones and said welcome aboard.

Chief Heller thanked the Township Committee for allowing the Police Department to hire two officers and presented both officers with a formal sealed copy of their resolutions that were just read. Chief Heller welcomed Ryan and Jeffrey to the Harding family and explained both officers come highly recommended. Both have good experience as specials from the shore area. They will receive some extra training while they're here and then will be on the road soon. Welcome.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Dickson's Mill Bridge – Christopher Vitz, Director of Public Works & County Engineer, County of Morris; Roslyn Khurdan, County of Morris; and Christopher Statile, Engineer

Mayor Jones explained that Mr. Vitz, Ms. Khurdan, and Mr. Statile, are here this evening to discuss the replacement of the Dickson's Mill Bridge.

Mr. Vitz, Morris County Engineer -- *provided a brief introduction and reported that Roslyn Khurdan, Assistant County Engineer, and Mr. Statile, Consulting Engineer for the project are here this evening to discuss the plans for the bridge. Mr. Vitz commented that the Dickson's Mill Bridge is functionally obsolete, structurally deficient, and needs to be replaced. The bridge is one in a handful that is on the County's list to be replaced. The County received \$1 million in federal funding for replacement of the bridge and the County has been working with the Township on the replacement. It is a 22 foot wide bridge and Mr. Statile will provide more details regarding the bridge in a power point presentation. Mr. Statile presented a power point presentation to members of the Township Committee and members of the public. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes. Township Committee Member Platt commented that this is a handsome bridge. Township Committee Member DiTosto commented it is a beautiful bridge but why will it take six months. Mr. Statile commented there is a lot to a bridge with many components. A discussion ensued regarding the timing and construction of the bridge. Mr. Statile commented once the Township agrees to the plan, then the NJDEP permits are prepared and sent to the State which includes Fresh Water Wetlands permits as well. Within these two permits, there are timing restrictions.*

Mayor Jones asked for a consensus on the bridge plans by the Township Committee. The consensus of the Township Committee was they were all in support of the plans presented this evening. The Township Committee thanked Mr. Vitz, Ms. Khurdan, and Mr. Statile. Mr. Vitz will keep the Township Committee in the loop going forward. The letter of support by the Township Committee will be sent to Mr. Vitz's attention.

Mr. Weppler, resident – commented when the guard rail on 16 Blue Mill Road will be fixed. Mr. Vitz commented that he will have this guard rail looked into. Mr. Vitz mentioned that the guard rail project is currently out for bid and will ensure 16 Blue Mill Road will be placed on it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Jones announced that CPAC had a very nice memorial service for 911 and was very well accounted for. The Township Committee thanked Mr. Tom dePoortere for doing such a great job with the memorial service.

Centennial Moment - Mrs. Chipperson commented that the next public meeting will be in person at 7 pm on September 15, 2021 at the Municipal Building. The website has been updated with many events. The video and story series has commenced and is ongoing. The calendar is underway and the vendor is on board. Advertising is available for residents who wish to donate to the event and more information is available on the website. A discussion regarding fireworks ensued. Mrs. Chipperson commented that if there are fireworks, they would be planned for the festival on October 1, 2022.

Harding Seniors – Mayor Jones commented that the Harding Seniors have commenced their meetings at Church of Christ the King.

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 Jones opened the meeting to any members of the public for public comment at 8:15 pm.

Mr. Steve Balog, resident – commented what is the Rolling Knolls Landfill. Mayor Jones commented that the Rolling Knolls Landfill is a landfill at the end of Britton Road in Chatham Township with a small portion of the property being located in Harding Township. It is a registered superfund site. There is a memorandum of understanding that has been provided to the parties involved. Chatham Township, Great Swamp Watershed Association, the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge, and the Miele Trust have entered into a memorandum of understanding but Harding Township has not seen the plans to date. Township Committee Member Platt commented that this site was known as the Miele Dump which allowed everything to go in there in the 1950's and 1960's. A discussion ensued. Mr. Roselli commented that the process has not even started, they just entered a memorandum of agreement, they will need to hold public meetings, etc. Mayor Jones commented that the Township supported capping the landfill and is not in support of the trucks going through the Township.

Mr. Larry Weppler, Lee's Hill Road – commented that he utilizes the Municipal Trails on a regular basis and would like to compliment the DPW and the Township for fixing the trail after Hurricane IDA.

Township Committee Member Platt – commented that these climate events will continue and the Township might want to place an asphalt top on several areas along the path. A discussion ensued.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING: NONE

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE

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 21-164 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 21-172 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 21-164 through TC 21-172. *Mayor Jones commented that Resolution TC 21-159 will be added back into the Consent Agenda. Township Committee Member Yates recused himself from Resolution TC 21-165, Bill List.*

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

Township Committee Member DiTosto commented on Resolution TC 21-169 TC Meeting Time that for those that commute the 7:00 pm start time is difficult to adhere to. The Board of Health discussed this last week and will continue with the 7:30 pm start time. Township Committee Member Platt commented he is in agreement with Township Committee Member DiTosto and believes the 7:00 pm start time will limit volunteers. A discussion ensued. Mayor Jones commented that the Township Committee will revisit the start time at the end of the year for the Township Committee meetings for 2022. The resolution will be amended to remove Monday, January 10, 2022. Mr. Roselli commented that the resolution will need to be advertised. Mrs. Sharp will advertise the resolution.

Mayor Jones 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. Chipperson	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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	1 st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution TC 165	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

APPOINTMENTS: NONE

CONTRACTS:

Let the record show that Resolution TC 21-159 had a motion made earlier by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Platt and a vote of all ayes, none opposed.

Resolution TC 21-159 – Resolution to Appoint Plosia Cohen, LLC as Special Labor Counsel

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding has a need to award a contract for a special labor attorney for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Plosia Cohen, LLC possesses expertise in the field of labor matters; and

WHEREAS, Plosia Cohen, LLC has prepared a proposal dated August 24, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$185.00 for labor matters for the Township; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the following contract is hereby awarded for the remainder of 2021:

Special Labor Counsel	Plosia Cohen, LLC Chester Woods Complex 385 Route 24, Suite 3G Chester, NJ 07930	9/13/2021 to 12/31/2021 Not to Exceed \$5,000.00 01-2021-1155-0155-2-00000
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FINANCE:

Resolution TC 21-164 – Resolution to Authorize the Cancellation of Taxes

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting authorization to cancel taxes as listed below:

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
16	14.01		Harding Township	2020	\$ 10,143.57	Overbilled Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the taxes and hereby authorized to adjust the records accordingly.

Resolution TC 21-165 – 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.

Resolution TC 21-166 – Local Budget & Fiscal Affairs Law – Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Harding of the County of Morris hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an additional unanticipated item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$65,000.00, which item, has been awarded from the New Jersey Highland’s Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$65,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of “Water Use & Conservation Management Plan”

Resolution TC 21-167 – Resolution To Accept Highland’s Council Grant #21-033-011-1413

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

WHEREAS, Section 6.g the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to enter into any and all agreements or contracts and execute any and all instruments to carry out any power, duty or responsibility assigned to it under the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 14 of the Highlands Act expressly requires mandatory Plan Conformance for municipalities located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area, which must revise and conform their local master plan and development regulations, as they relate to development and use of land in the Preservation Area, with the goals, requirements and provisions of the Regional Master Plan within 15 months of adoption thereof, or December 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Section 15 of the Highlands Act provides for voluntary Plan Conformance where any municipality

located wholly or partially in the Planning Area may voluntarily revise and conform their local master plans and development regulations, as they relate to the development and use of land in the Planning Area, with the goals, requirements and provisions of the Regional Master Plan at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act provides that Highlands Council approval of a Petition for Plan Conformance confers specific benefits on the conforming municipality including: planning grants, technical assistance, state aid, priority for projects, a strong presumption of validity and extraordinary deference in the event of legal challenge, and legal representation; and

WHEREAS, Section 18 of the Highlands Act obligates the Highlands Council to establish a grant funding program to reimburse municipalities for reasonable expenses associated with Plan Conformance; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2008, the Highlands Council approved Resolution 2008-73 to provide grant funding for the Highlands municipalities to cover the reasonable expenses associated with revisions to master plans, development regulations or other regulations to conform them to the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council encourages every Highlands municipality to participate in the implementation of the Regional Master Plan and provides grants to assist Highlands municipalities in conforming with and implementing the goals, policies and objectives of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Harding Township is in need of reimbursement-based grant funding in order to address the Highlands Act requirements for Plan Conformance, specifically preparation of the Municipal Water Use and Conservation Management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highland's Council will contribute reimbursable grant funding in the amount of \$65,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harding Township Committee, in the County of Morris, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute Highland's Grant Agreement #21-033-011-1413; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Township Officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the term of this resolution.

Resolution TC 21-168 – Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a Pick-Up Truck

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase vehicles for the Township of Harding, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30 -5.5(b), the Township Chief Financial Officer has provided a certification of funds for Account # 04- 2021-202107- 4003- 4- 04080 in the amount of \$40,463.50; and

WHEREAS, on public bids are not required when the purchase is made under a state contract or co-op in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A11-12; and

WHEREAS, DFFLM, LLC, 215 Route 202, Flemington, NJ is an approved vendor under Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council # 15-C, Item 11 for a Ford F-350 Regular Cab 4x4, 2021 Model with plow kit and lift gate.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harding Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris that the Municipal Clerk and the Township Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to approve and forward the required purchase order for the following vehicle:

R 9-13-2021

Vendor	State Contract/ Morris County Cooperative #	Department	Quantity	Item	Price
DFFLM, LLC	15-C	DPW	1	Pick Up Truck w/ Plow Kit & Lift Gate	40,463.50
TOTAL:					\$40,463.50

MISCELLANEOUS: *Let the record show that Monday, January 10, 2022 will be removed from this resolution.*

Resolution TC 21-169 -- Meeting Schedule of the Township Committee for October 2021 through January 2022

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-19 requires that every public body shall post and maintain posted throughout the year for the purpose of public inspection, a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body to be held during the succeeding year.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that during 2021 public meetings of the Harding Township Committee shall be held at 7:00 p.m. and executive sessions shall be held before the Harding Township Committee’s public meetings at Kirby Hall, 21 Blue Mill Road in New Vernon in said Township on the following dates:

- Monday, October 18, 2021 (3rd Monday)
- Monday, November 8, 2021
- Monday, December 13, 2021
- Monday, January 3, 2022– *Reorganization at 10:00 am*
- Monday, January 10, 2022*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above schedule and any revision thereof shall be posted on the bulletin board in Kirby Hall and mailed to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record, and upon prepayment of mailing and processing costs, to all persons requesting copies of such schedule or any revision thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the meetings shall be conducted in accordance with *Roberts Rules of Order*.

Resolution TC 21-170 – Resolution to Authorize the Purchase a Variable Message Board and Trailer

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police solicited and received three competitive quotes for the purchase of a variable message board and trailer; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., provides that the purchasing agent shall award the contract after soliciting at least three competitive quotations, if practicable, for those contracts that in the aggregate are less than the bid threshold of \$40,000.00, but exceed \$6,600; and

WHEREAS, the following three (3) quotations were received:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>ANNUAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>
1. Somerset County Co-Op Pricing	\$24,416.50
2. Garden State Highway Products, INC.	\$24,203.00
3. S.P.A. Safety Systems, LLC.	\$23,245.00

And,

WHEREAS, the value of this purchase is less than the bid threshold of \$40,000.00 and therefore may be awarded by soliciting competitive quotes without advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends that the purchase be completed with S.P.A. Safety Systems, LLC., 278 Old Ledgewood Road, Flanders, NJ 07836 in the amount of \$23,245.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, has certified that sufficient funds are available in Current Fund Account #04-2021-202107-4027-4-04081 for this purchase, and that this certification is contingent upon, and will be subject to, appropriations in the 2021 Municipal Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it concurs with the recommendation of the Chief of Police and hereby authorizes the purchase of a variable message board and trailer from S.P.A. Safety Systems, LLC.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Resolution TC 21-171 – Resolution Authorizing the Township of Harding Tax Collector to Conduct an Online Tax Sale and Approval of Contract with RealAuction.com

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved RealAuction.com LLC to conduct electronic tax sales in the State of New Jersey along with participating Counties and Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

WHEREAS, Harding Township wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale in 2021 and to award a contract for such services to RealAuction.com LLC as a vendor which has been determined to have complied with the statutory provisions necessary to supply such services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale, and it does hereby approve a contract with RealAuction.com LLC, subject to final approval by the Township Attorney and Township Administrator, for said electronic tax sale and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if necessary.

Resolution TC 21-172 – Resolution to Authorize Sale of Surplus Property through GOVDEALS Online Auction Website

WHEREAS, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township has surplus property acquired for the use by Harding Township personnel which are not needed for public use, or is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey permits the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use through online auction services, pursuant to the Local Unit Electronic Technology Pilot Program and Study Act, P.L. 2001, c.30; and

WHEREAS, GovDeals, an internet auction entity specializing in government surplus items, will list the items for auction on its website, www.govdeals.com for 10 days at a cost of 7½% of the final (closing) sales price. Successful bidders will receive a Buyer's Certificate by email from GovDeals. Payment in full shall be due not later than 5 business days from the time and date of the Buyer's Certificate. Payment shall be accepted in the form of U.S. Currency, Certified Cashier's Check, Money Order or Company Check (with Bank letter guaranteeing funds) and shall be remitted to the Township of Harding. Buyers will arrange all handling, loading and transportation of purchases within 10 business days from the time and date of the Buyer's Certificate. Purchases will be released only upon receipt of payment as specified.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and auction the following surplus property via online:

Two - Polycom Sound Stations 2W, part #2201-67880-160, SN AA0A1249051A1

2W, part #2201-67810-160, SN AA0A1249051A1

One - Comcast modem, model - SMCD3G-CCR, SN H211351ACODF

Two - Dell Keyboards, model #SK-8115, CN-0DJ331-71616-93P-0SVZ

model #SK-8115, CN-0J4628-71616-65R0WWZ

Three - AVAYA Phones - 4412D+, SN A31659251737; get number for 3rd phone

4424D+, SN 041622042636, headset/no wire

Five - Dell Mouse, CN 0C9CCD-CH400-85G002LB-A00, ID 0000055890

CN 0C9CCD-CH400-884-00BL-A00, ID 0000055890

N231, D PPID: CN-09RRC7-48723-1BH-0JVY

DP/N: OXN967, SN 10S02CNN

Dell Mouse, PID HC7420D0KY6

One - Asus Mouse, MOBTUO, SN 49A014DD7

One - Lucent Technologies Phone 4400, Serial #41102NT10189

One - Trendnet- network boost, model TEG-S50g, S/N: CA11225041784

Two - Kensington – Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 10.1 - KeyFolio Pro with Keyboard for Galaxy Tab 3

One – HP Monitor Stand – E232 (LDG)

One -- Monitor Stand – CDL0000060 – 7AA07.002-145701267-A

1 -Dell Monitor – Model # ST220Mc – SN: CN-031W58-64180-07T-0B1S Manufacture Date 7/2010

1-Dell Monitor – Model # P2212Hb – SN: CN-0NDMRP-74261-299-2HRU Manufacture Date 9/2012

1-Dell Monitor – Model # 1907FPt – SN: CN-0DC323-71618-661-BKAP No Manufacture Date Listed

1-Dell Monitor – Model # 1908FPc – SN: CN-0UW042-64180-79U-1RAL Manufacture Date 9/22007

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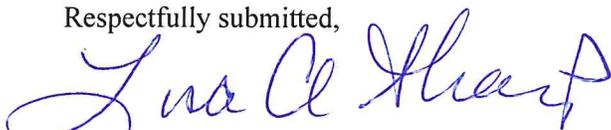
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ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING -- NONE

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Jones

With no further comments, Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates, seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

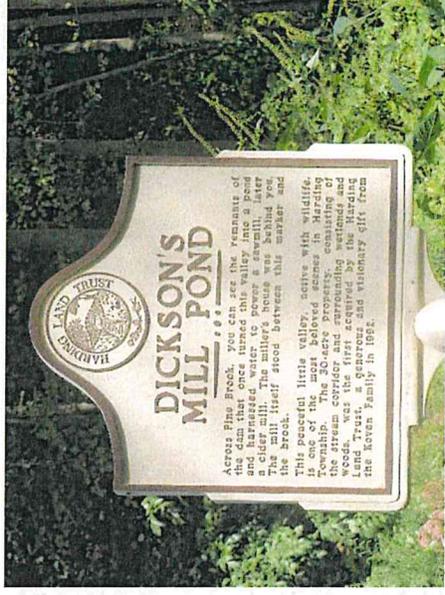
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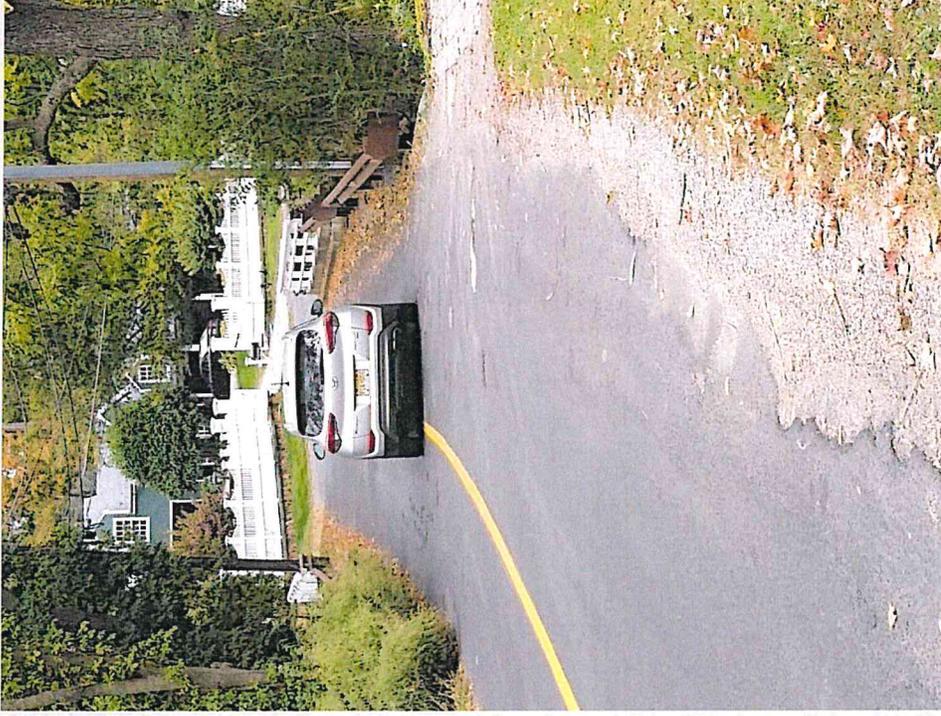
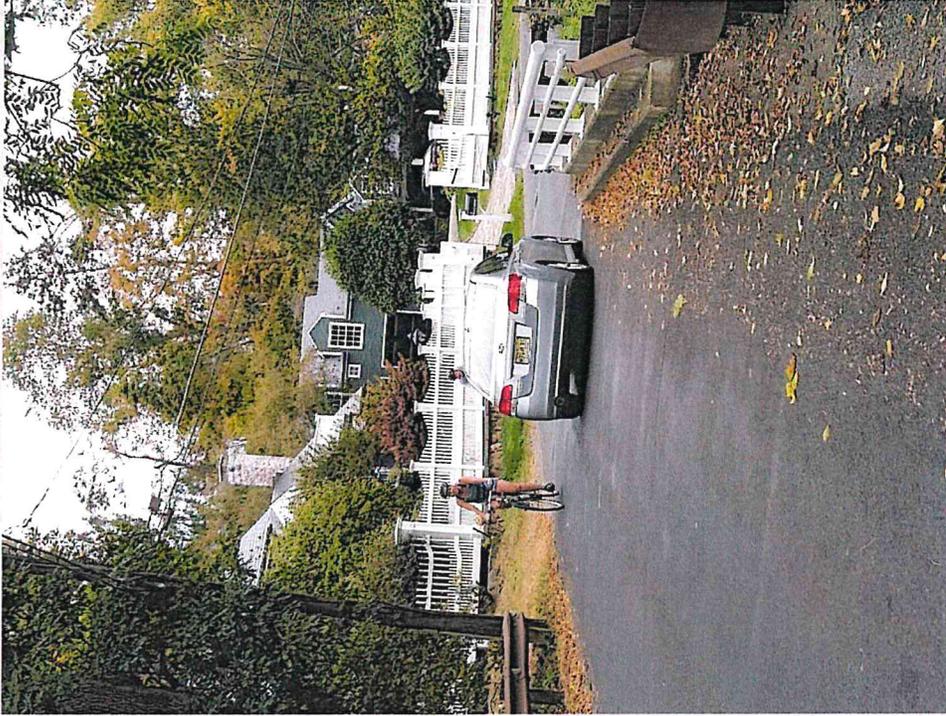
Lisa A. Sharp
Municipal Clerk

Replacement of the Dickson's Mill Road Bridge (No. 1400-490) over Great Brook Harding Township, Morris County, NJ

September 13, 2021

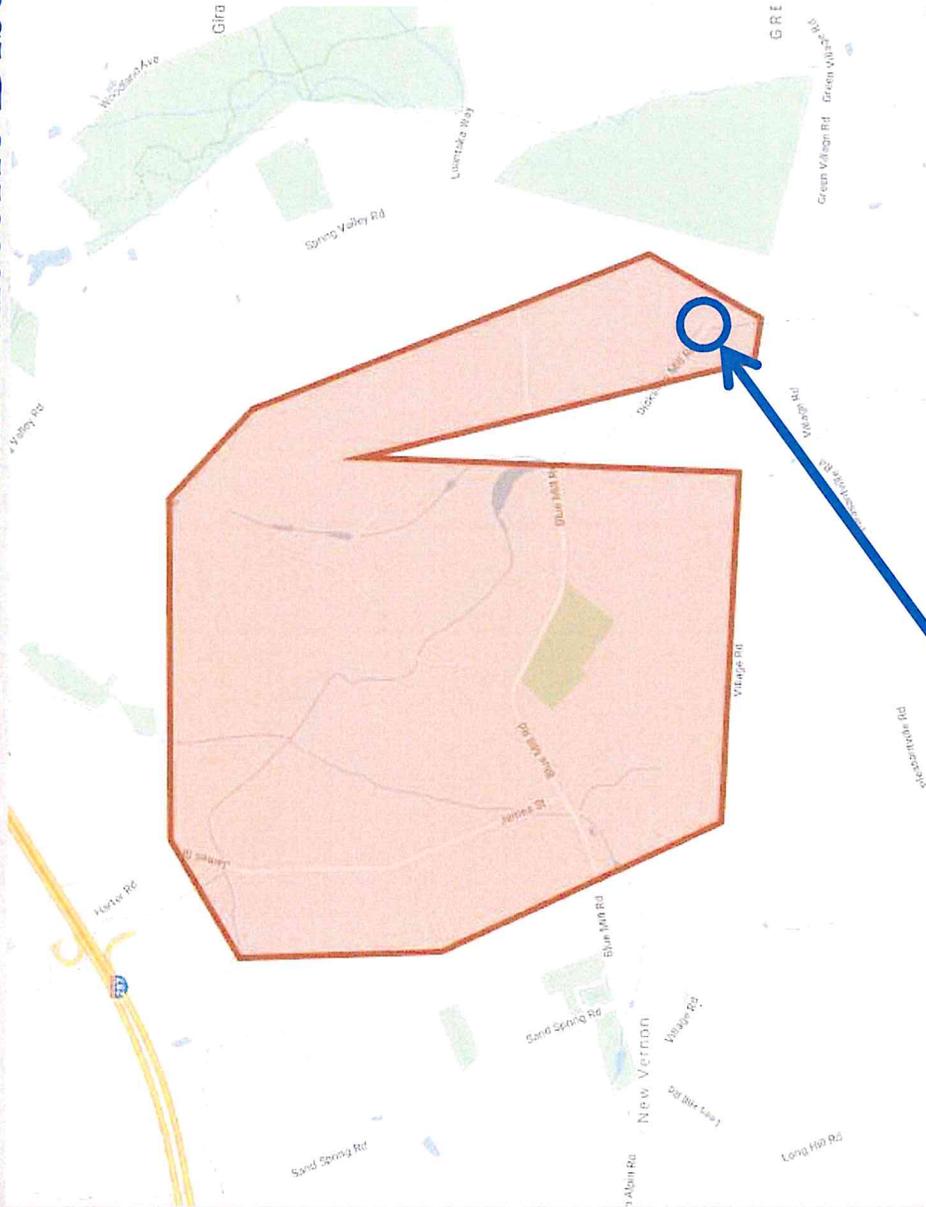


Dickson's Mill Road Bridge over Great Brook



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The Silver Lake Historic District

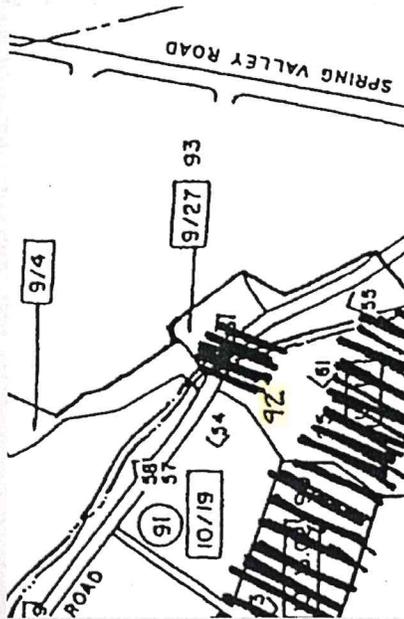


Silver Lake Historic District	
IS NHL?:	Null
Property ID:	99000270
Resource Type:	District
Address:	Roughly along Blue Mill Rd., Dickson's Mill Rd., Beuren Rd., Red Gate Rd., and James St.
City:	Harding
County:	Morris
State:	NEW JERSEY
Listed Date:	3/5/1999
Multi Resource Name:	
# of Contributing Buildings:	80

Bridge Location

Dickson's Mill Road Bridge over Great Brook

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NPS Form 10-900-a

OMB Approval No. 1024-0018

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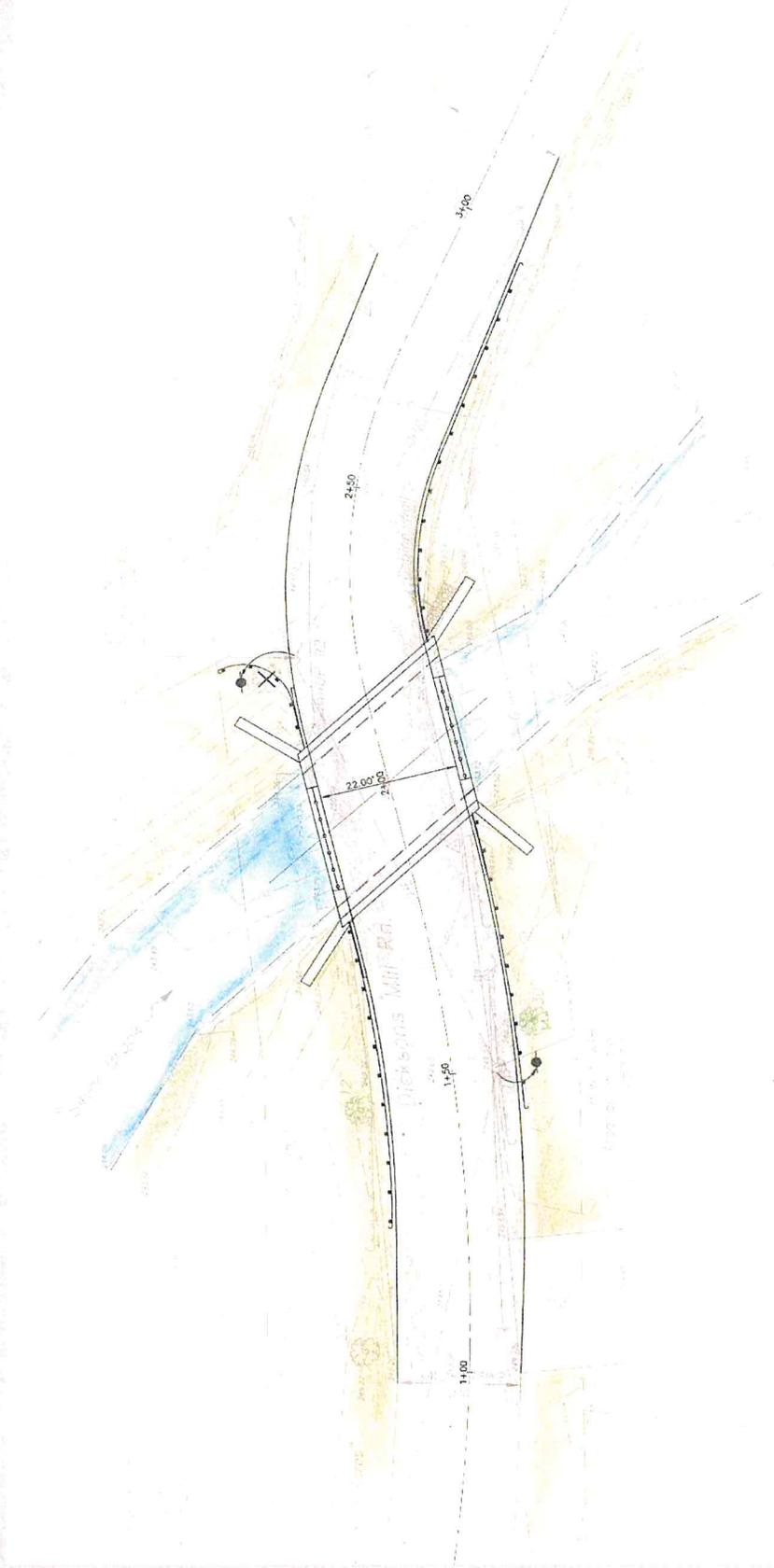
92. Dickson's Mill Road
Bridge over Pine Brook

Non-contributing structure
Photo #55

A modern steel bridge with concrete walls, with no design relationship to the historic district. There is no remaining evidence of the historic bridge which stood here in the 19th and early 20th century.

Dickson's Mill Road Bridge over Great Brook

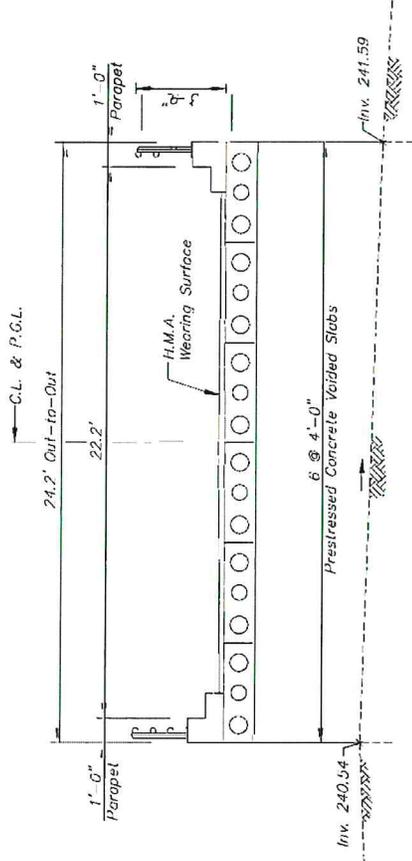
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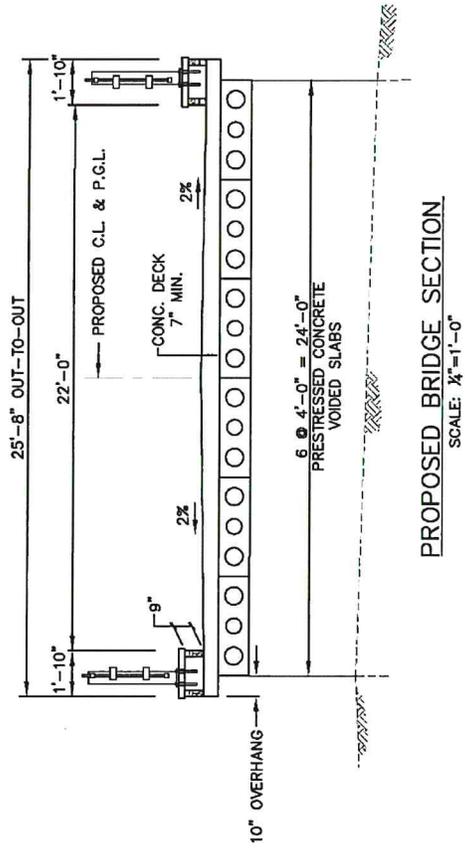
PLAN
SCALE 1"=10'

Dickson's Mill Road Bridge over Great Brook

Existing & Proposed Bridge Sections



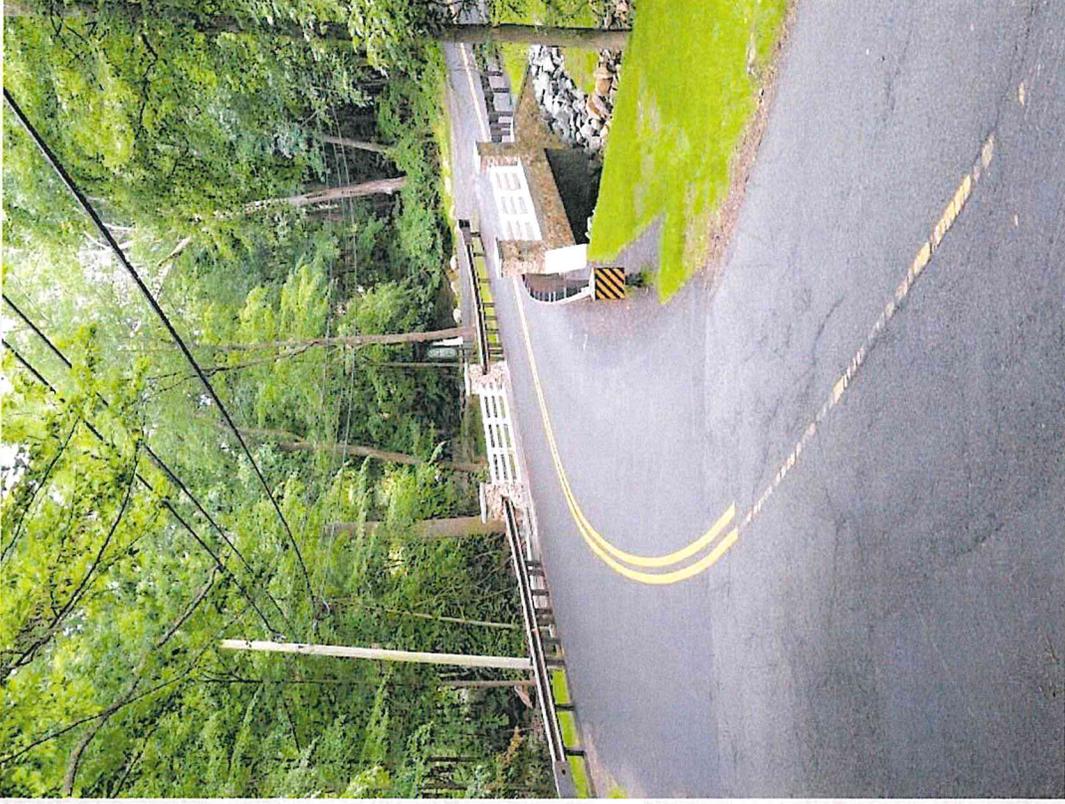
EXISTING BRIDGE SECTION
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PROPOSED BRIDGE SECTION
SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"

Dickson's Mill Road Bridge over Great Brook

Example of Stone Pylons with White Railing



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Example of Stone Pylons with White Railing



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Example of Stone Pylons with White Railing



Dickson's Mill Road Bridge over Great Brook

Potential Timeline

- Harding Council Concept Presentations September 2021
 - Preliminary Design & County Approval November 2021
 - Application for Authorization to SHPO December 2021(Submit)
 - NJDEP Flood Hazard & Freshwater Wetlands Application “
 - Complete Design Documents, Bid Advertisement March 2022
 - Construction – 6 Month Duration
- Road Closure with Detour
- As Early as July 2022