

HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021
IN-PERSON ONLY
EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING at 7:30 PM
Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey
MEETING MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

ADEQUATE NOTICE of this August 9, 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 that adequate notice of the August 9, 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 Mrs. DiTosto was an excused absence. Township Committee Members Chipperson, Platt, Yates, and Jones were present.

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 Platt, seconded by Township Committee Member Yates, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, Mrs. DiTosto was absent, none opposed, the meeting recessed at 7:15 pm.

Resolution TC 21-144– Resolution to Recess into Executive Session

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. Glen Alpin/Hurstmont Subdivision – J. Hague
3. Ravenswood/Leventhal Easement – M. Roselli
4. Affordable Housing – R. Falzarano

Personnel:

1. Police Hire – Chief Heller

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	1 st	<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"/>

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to reconvene into Public Session at 7:25 pm. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed the meeting reconvened into public session at 7:32 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones led the Township Committee and members of the public in the Pledge of Allegiance. *Let the record show there were 16 members of the public present.*

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 August 9, 2021 Township Committee meeting was published in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

RESOLUTION TC 21-145 – RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with Resolution TC 21-145 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. Township Committee Member Chipperson read the following:

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: **July 12, 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: **July 12, 2021**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to accept the Township Committee meeting minutes. A motion was made by Township Committee Member Yates and seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

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

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 21-146 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. Township Committee Member Yates read the following into the record.

RESOLUTION TC 21-146 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF POLICE SERGEANT PATRICK CHRISTEL AND RECOGNIZING HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING

WHEREAS, Harding Township Police Sergeant Patrick Christel has retired effective, August 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Christel served on the Morristown Police Department from August 1996 until February 2004; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Christel was appointed in Harding Township on February 1, 2004 as a Patrol Officer; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Christel was promoted to Sergeant on April 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Christel has served Harding Township as Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Megan's Law Liaison, Project Lifesaver Coordinator, Cell Block Manager, Naloxone Coordinator, and Municipal Counter-Terrorism Liaison; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Christel served with honor and dignity.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, New Jersey extend their appreciation and congratulations for the many years of dedicated service to the residents of Harding Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, New Jersey remind Sergeant Christel of the adage that "Life begins at Retirement" and wish him Good Luck!

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 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

Mayor Jones presented Sergeant Christel with a signed copy of the resolution. A standing ovation was given. Chief Heller reported that last month the Police Department held a walk-out ceremony where members of the Morristown Police Department came over, Harding Police Department, family, employees from upstairs, and residents attended. Sergeant Christel was presented with a shadow-box of his patches, etc. Tonight Chief Heller presented Sergeant Christel with his retired badge and identification. Sergeant Christel thanked everyone. Sergeant Christel explained his career was what he always wanted to do since he was a little boy. Growing up and achieving his goal has been amazing. Growing up in Morristown, working in Morristown, and then coming to Harding where the community really embraced their Police Department, was different and a welcome change. In his 17 years at Harding, it is one thing that has been steady, you always felt embraced by the community. Sergeant Christel said he hopes this never changes, especially now, where law enforcement really needs it. Sergeant Christel thanked the Township Committee and Mr. Falzarano for all their support. That's it; 10-7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Jones reported that the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department held their 100 year celebration on Saturday, August 7, 2021. The celebration was very nice everyone seemed to have a great time.

Mayor Jones asked Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator to provide an update on the Shared Court with Long Hill Township.

Mr. Falzarano reported that Chief Heller, Lieutenant Gromek, and myself, met with the Long Hill Court Administrator, Administrator, and the Judge to discuss the implementation plans for the shared court. The meeting was exceptional. Chief Heller felt very comfortable meeting with the new Judge and the Court Administrator. Mr. Falzarano asked for some monthly reports to be compiled and without hesitation Mr. Falzarano had samples of those reports with all the information and more the next day. It was a very pleasurable experience to see this and have that type of cooperation with a neighboring community. It was an extremely positive meeting. The shared court operations will commence on January 1, 2022. Mr. Falzarano had asked the Court Administrator of Long Hill if she had contacted the Madison Court to start the transition of the records and she replied it has already been taken care of. It is a very efficient court with a very efficient Judge who has been in Long Hill for a long time. It looks like Harding Township will have a very good relationship with Long Hill.

Mayor Jones turned the meeting over to Township Committee Member Chipperson.

Township Committee Member Chipperson reported that the tally was completed for the Centennial Logo entries and the result is that Jonathon Racanelli was the winner. A sample of the winning logo was presented to the members of the public. The logo will be used on decorations throughout the town, letterhead, etc. Township Committee Member Chipperson introduced the co-chairs of the Centennial Committee; Nicole Lacz and Tracey Walters. The Centennial Committee presented Jonathon Racanelli with a certificate to certify that he was the winner of the Logo Contest.

Township Committee Member Chipperson reported that the next public meeting for the Centennial is scheduled for September 15, 2021 at 7 pm at the Municipal Kirby Hall.

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 members of the public and asked for each member to come up to the microphone, state your name, address, and make your comment. With no public comments, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Jones asked Mr. Tharp from the Pingry School to present his request.

1. Pingry School Bus Stop Request -- Bill Tharp

Mr. Tharp reported he is the Operations Officer at the Pingry School in charge of Transportation. The reason he is here this evening is to ask for the use of the Township's Municipal Parking Lot for bus pick-up and drop-off in the morning and afternoon. It would be a 16 passenger school bus. The school anticipates about 2 to 4 families with about 6 to 8 children. The morning pick-up would be about 7:30 am and the afternoon drop-off would be about 4 to 4:15 pm. Mr. Tharp explained that the Pingry Short Hills School Campus is K through 5th grade and they do not have buses that service Chatham and Harding. Pingry would like to offer bus service to Chatham and Harding for the K through 5 grade. Pingry Short Hills Campus is a private school and they do not have normal busing. The school uses the Kensington Bus Company and this would be called a Group Stop for Harding residents.

Township Committee Member Yates commented if this has been provided to the Township's Joint Insurance Fund. Mr. Falzarano explained that the Township would be covered under our Joint Insurance Policy. The Township would notify the JIF of this. Mr. Tharp commented that the school has a Certificate of Insurance that they would provide.

Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney commented the school would like to use the Municipal Parking lot as a bus stop. Mr. Roselli explained that the Municipal Parking lot is not intended for a bus stop, it is intended for the Municipal Building, the Library, and the use of the tennis courts and

the trail. If the Township intends to do this, it will need to be more formalized and include some type of use agreement and hold harmless agreement and for those residents who would use the bus stop to sign a hold harmless agreement. This will create a use of the parking lot that was not an intended use.

Township Committee Member Platt – commented what would be the route into the Municipal Complex by way of Blue Mill or Sand Spring. Mr. Tharp mentioned it would come from the Kensington home base. Mr. Platt commented that the logistics would need to be known. Mr. Tharp commented if this is approved, further information would be provided on the logistics. A discussion ensued.

Township Committee Member Chipperson – commented what was the thought in asking for this parking lot compared to a church parking lot where there is no real traffic. The concern is; will the children be dropped off and if the parents are late would they be wandering the parking lot. There is a fair amount of traffic in the Municipal parking lot. Mr. Tharp commented that the reason to use this parking lot was due to it is a well-known place in town and people feel safe there. Pingry wanted to have the approval of the Township and wanted the people to know that this is something Pingry is working on. The Municipal Parking Lot is a central location and that is why it was chosen. When Pingry reached out to parents, this was the spot they chose. A question was asked what the hours of the Police Department are. Chief Heller commented 24/7 but someone should be in there from 8:30 to 4:00. A discussion ensued regarding the ages of the children and if the bus driver stays with the children until the parents arrive and the length of the contract. Mr. Tharp commented that there is sometime built in for the morning and afternoon pickup and drop-off. The children would not be left in the parking lot without a parent or guardian. Mr. Tharp commented the agreement could start as a one year trial and then be revisited with the Township.

Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney, commented that the Township would be creating a precedent. Mr. Roselli asked if Pingry currently has different pick-up and drop-off locations elsewhere. Mr. Tharp commented that there are currently about 12 to 15 different group stops in New Jersey. Mr. Roselli commented are any of the group stops on a government entity. Mr. Tharp commented that there is a stop at Kean University and there is an agreement with Chatham Borough for the use of a group stop at a School property. Township Committee Member Yates commented that he has no problem with this request as long as the insurance and the details can be worked out. Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator, commented that the Township needs to move cautiously with this request. The idea of putting a draft contract together is probably the best thing to do. The Township will need to look at all the possibilities that may occur. The one concern, is the hours. The morning pick-up is before anyone arrives at the Municipal Building, the afternoon, however, people are still here which could present a problem. Mr. Falzarano believes the Township should look at the contract and go from there. Mr. Roselli commented as your Counsel, he does not recommend this request. A further discussion ensued. The consensus of the Township Committee was to see a draft agreement for this request.

Mr. Tharp thanked the Township Committee for allowing him to present this request. Let the record show that Mr. Tharp left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING: NONE

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE:

Township Committee Member Yates explained that Resolution TC 21-155 will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

Resolution TC 21-155 – 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.

Township Committee Member Yates made a motion to accept Resolution TC 21-155 Bill List, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 21-147 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 21-158 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked **Township Committee Member Platt** to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 21-147 through TC 21-154 and Resolution TC 21-156 through TC 21-158.

Township Committee Member Platt 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 Yates. Let the record show that Resolution TC 21-155, Bill List, was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate vote.

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	1 st	<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"/>

APPOINTMENTS:

Resolution TC 21-147 – Resolution to Appoint Vincent DeNave as Assistant Administrator with the Township of Harding

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that effective October 1, 2021, Vincent DeNave, is hereby appointed as a full time Assistant Administrator at a salary of \$98,838.00 to be prorated for the remainder of the 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to execute the employment agreement.

CONTRACTS:

Resolution TC 21-148 – Resolution to Authorize the Award of a Cleaning Contract to Blue Line Quality Services LLC, in the Amount Not to Exceed \$15,000

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works solicited competitive quotes from two (2) qualified contractors for janitorial services for the Kirby Municipal Building and the Police Department for the calendar year 2020 with the option to award two additional one year extensions; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., provides that the contracting agent shall award the contract after soliciting at least two competitive quotations, if practicable, for those contracts that in the aggregate are less than the bid threshold of \$40,000.00, but exceed 15 percent of the bid threshold (\$6,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the following two (2) quotations were received:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>ANNUAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>
1. SR Professional Cleaning	\$18,000.00
2. Blue Line Quality Services, LLC, Hardwick, NJ	\$15,000.00

And,

WHEREAS, the value of this contract is less than the bid threshold of \$44,000.00 and therefore may be awarded by soliciting competitive quotes without advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works recommends that the contract be awarded to Blue Line Quality Services, LLC, 183 Millbrook Road, Hardwick, NJ 07825 in the amount of \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works recommends awarding the first of the two year extensions for 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, has certified that sufficient funds are available in Current Fund Account #01-2021-1310-0310-2-00038 for the award of this contract, 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 Director of Public Works and hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a janitorial cleaning contract with Blue Line Quality Services, LLC in accordance with the specifications upon which quotations were received and accepted, in the amount of \$15,000.00; 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 21-149 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council to Renew Membership Therein for the Period of October 1, 2021 Through September 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (“MCCPC”) was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of educations, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, Township of Harding desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency, to **renew** its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.

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

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Harding hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said Agreement is for renewal of membership in the MCCPC for a five year (5) period from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2026.
2. The Harding Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.

4. All appropriate Harding Township officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution

Resolution TC 21-150 – Resolution to Renew Membership in the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

WHEREAS, the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereinafter the Fund) is a duly chartered Municipal Insurance Fund as authorized by NJSA 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding is currently a member of said Fund; and

WHEREAS, effective December 31, 2021, said membership will expire unless earlier renewed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey has resolved to renew said membership.

BE IT RESOLVED, it is agreed as follows:

1. Township of Harding hereby renews its membership in the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a three (3) year period, beginning January 1, 2022 and ending January 1, 2025*.
2. The Township of Harding hereby ratifies and reaffirms the Indemnity and Trust Agreement, Bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund as from time to time amended and altered by the Department of Banking & Insurance in accordance with the Applicable Statutes and administrative regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith.
3. The Township of Harding agrees to be a participating member of the Fund for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership.
4. In consideration of the continuing membership of the Township of Harding in the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, the Fund agrees, subject to the continuing approval of the Commissioner of Insurance, to accept the renewal application of the Township of Harding.
5. Executed the 9th day of August, 2021 as the lawful and binding act and deed of the Township of Harding, which execution has been duly authorized by public vote of the governing body.

*12:01 am

Resolution TC 21-151-- Local Budget & Fiscal Affairs Law – Special Items 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 \$29,176.00, which item, Tunis-Ellicks House Preservation Plan has been awarded from the Morris County Preservation Trust; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$29,176.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of "Tunis-Ellick House Preservation Plan"

Resolution TC 21-152 – Resolution to Award a Contract to H.M.R. Architects, P.A. For Historic Preservation Plan Preparation

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding has a need to award a contract for the services of preparation of Historic Preservation Plan for the Tunis Ellicks House; and

WHEREAS, the Township is permitted to acquire such services through a "non-far and open" process (as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-10.4), meaning that the award is made by the Township Committee in its judgement of which provider will best serve the interests of the citizens of Harding, and not by a "fair and open" process (as defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4) such as awarding to the lowest bidder; and

WHEREAS, at the April 12, 2021 Township Committee meeting of the Township of Harding, the Township Committee authorized the preparation and submission of a Historic Preservation Plan Preparation Grant Application; and

WHEREAS, at the April 12, 2021 Township Committee meeting of the Township of Harding, the Township Committee authorized the expenditure of the required 20% match (\$7,294.00) for the grant through the Open Space funds; and

WHEREAS, the Harding Historical Society will contribute \$1,233.00 to reduce the Harding Township \$7,294.00 (20% match); and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2021, the Morris County Historical Preservation Trust Fund awarded the Township of Harding a \$29,176.00 grant for the purpose of a Historic Preservation Plan Preparation; and

WHEREAS, H.M.R. Architects, P.A. has submitted a proposal dated July 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, H.M.R. Architects, P.A. has completed and submitted the required Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Harding has certified that addition monies are available in the amount of \$36,470.00 from the following accounts:

Account #05-9999-1155-0155-2-00000
Account #02-2021-2801-0801-2-00000

WHEREAS, the total amount shall not exceed \$36,470.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the contract is hereby awarded for a one (1) year period; and

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

Resolution TC 21-153 – Resolution to Authorize an Increase to the Professional Services Contract for Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP

WHEREAS, at the January 3, 2021 Township Committee meeting, the Township Committee authorized \$25,000.00 for the services of Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP, under their professional services contract; and

WHEREAS, at the March 8, 2021 Township Committee meeting, the Township Committee authorized an increase of \$75,000.00 for the services of Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP, under their professional services contract; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the authorization for the services of Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP, under their professional services contract to perform disposal/diversion tasks; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Harding has certified that additional monies are available in the amount of \$30,000 from account number # 05-5000-0000-0170-2-00000; and

WHEREAS, the total amount shall not exceed \$130,000.00.

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 a one year period; and

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

Redevelopment Attorney	Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP	1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021
	75 Livingston Avenue, Suite 301	Not to Exceed \$100,000.00
	Roseland, NJ 07068	05-5000-0000-0170-2-00000

FINANCE:

Resolution TC 21-154 – 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
32	6.01		Harding Township	2020	\$ 3,294.72	100% Tax Exempt

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

Resolution TC 21-156 – Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a Police Vehicle

S 8-06-2021

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase a vehicle 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- 4007- 4- 04062 in the amount of \$38,777.11; and

WHEREAS, 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, Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Ave, Morristown, NJ is an approved vendor under ESC Co-Op #65MCESCCPS-ESCNJ 20/21-09.

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:

Vendor	State Contract/ Cooperative #	Department	Quantity	Item	Price
Beyer Ford	ESC Co-Op #65MCESCCPS- ESCNJ 20/21-09	Police	1	SUV	\$38,777.11
TOTAL:					\$38,777.11

PERSONNEL:

Resolution TC 21-157 – Resolution to Authorize the Re-Appointment of Fernando Omar Atoche as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding appointed Fernando Omar Atoche as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Police Officer for one year term commencing on August 12, 2020, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:146.14 (a); and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Erik Heller has recommended Mr. Atoche be reappointed as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Police Officer for an additional one year term with the Harding Township Police Department commencing August 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Fernando Omar Atoche continues to meet the requirements for a Class II Special Law Enforcement Police Officer in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that it is in the best interests of the Township to re-appoint Officer Atoche for an additional one-year term.

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 Police Chief Erik Heller be and hereby is accepted and that it does hereby re-appoint Fernando Omar Atoche as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Police Officer in the Township of Harding for an additional one-year term commencing on August 12, 2021 at the rate of \$31.83 per hour.

Resolution TC 21-158 – Resolution to Authorize the Re-Appointment of Patrick Meade as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding appointed Patrick Meade as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Police Officer for a one year term on September 16, 2020, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:146.14 (a); and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Erik Heller has recommended Mr. Meade be reappointed as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Police Officer for an additional one year term with the Harding Township Police Department commencing September 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Meade continues to meet the requirements for a Class II Special Law Enforcement Police Officer in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that it is in the best interests of the Township to re-appoint Officer Meade for an additional one-year term.

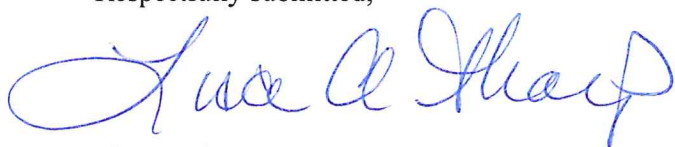
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the recommendation of Police Chief Erik Heller be and hereby is accepted and that it does hereby re-appoint Patrick Meade as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Police Officer in the Township of Harding for an additional one-year term commencing on September 16, 2021 at the rate of \$33.29 per hour.

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 Platt, and with a unanimous vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Municipal Clerk