HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA at 7:00 PM Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey MEETING MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Mayor

Mayor Jones called the March 14, 2022 Township Committee meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

ADEQUATE NOTICE of this March 14, 2022 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was sent to the Observer Tribune on January 3, 2022 and published in the Observer Tribune on January 6, 2022.

Mayor Jones announced that adequate notice of the March 14, 2022, Township Committee meeting was called to order according to the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Present: Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator; Mr. Mark Roselli,

Township Counsel; Mr. Vincent DeNave, Assistant

Administrator

Public Present: None

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 Platt, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the Township Committee recessed into Executive Session at 5:04 pm.

Resolution TC 22-080 - 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. Hurstmont/Glen Alpin R. Falzarano & V. DeNave
- 2. KRE M. Roselli

- 3. Tunis Ellick's Mayor Jones
- 4. Joint Court R. Falzarano

Personnel:

1. Replacement of Police Secretary – R. Falzarano

Vote on Resolution:

Ms. Chipperson Dr. Lacz Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor The Township Committee reconvened into public session at 7:02 pm.					
ROLL CALL - N	Aunicipal Cler	·k	Ms. Chipperson, Dr. L	acz, Mr. Platt, Mr.	Yates, Mr. Jones
Mrs. Sharp called	the roll as follo	ows:			
Present: Absent: Also Present:		,	Ms. Chipperson, Dr. La None Mr. Falzarano, Townsh Township Counsel;		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor

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

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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 3, 2022, and published in the OBSERVER TRIBUNE on January 6, 2022; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road in Harding, NJ on January 3, 2022, and Notice was filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 3, 2022.

Mayor Jones announced that adequate notice of this March 14, 2022 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was called to order according to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Public Present:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Jones

Centennial:

Township Committee Member Chipperson provided an update on the Centennial as follows:

- Centennial Merchandize is available for purchase at the Kemmerer Library. There will be a pop-up shop that will enable anyone to order custom sizes, etc.
- Calendars are also for sale at the Kemmerer Library.
- Centennial Kick-off will be at Church of Christ the King presented by the Harding Township Historical Society with Warren Harding, III and Rodney Frelinghuysen on April 27, 2022
- Dinner & a Movie is set for April 29, 2022, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. at the Bernard's Inn.
- Centennial Gala featuring Art in Bloom on May 21, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- Tree at Memorial Park.
- Time Capsules (3).
- Margetts Field Centennial Festival, October 1, 2022. There will be fireworks, food, etc.

Township Committee Member Chipperson explained if you would like to volunteer for any of the above events, please contact anyone on the Centennial Committee.

Township Committee Member Yates reported that the tree in Memorial Park has died and a willow oak will be planted which has a long life.

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Lacz to proceed with Resolution TC 22-081 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. Township Committee Member Lacz proceeded to read Resolution TC 22-081 into the record and mentioned that this is the same group that represents the Harding Township Recreation Association. These boys have been playing together in-school and out of school for a very long time.

Resolution TC 22-081 – Resolution to Congratulate the Harding Township School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team for Winning the Morris County Tournament

WHEREAS, the Harding Township School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team has twelve (12) members, a Head Coach, and an Assistant Coach; and

WHEREAS, during the Harding Township School Boys' Varsity Basketball Season, the Harding Township Boys' Basketball Team played in a total of nine (9) regular season games and three (3) tournament games; and

WHEREAS, the Boys' Varsity Basketball season was supposed to have a season that consisted of sixteen (16) games, seven (7) games were cancelled due to a two week COVID hiatus; and

WHEREAS, the Boys' Varsity Basketball team won all nine (9) games for the regular season; and

WHEREAS, the Boys Varsity Basketball team played three playoff games in the Greater Morris County Junior School 2022 Inaugural Rich Stepanian Memorial Boys Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the first tournament game against Mt. Arlington was played in Harding, with the next tournament game against Mendham Borough was played at Wharton Middle School; with the final Championship Game versus Rockaway Valley-Boonton Township at Wharton Middle School; and

WHEREAS; the final score of the Championship game versus Rockaway Valley-Boonton Township was 79-38; making the final record for the Harding Township Boys' Varsity Basketball team 12-0; and

WHEREAS; on a side note, the Boys' Varsity Basketball team beat Delbarton 67-42, which has never been achieved at the Harding School.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Harding Township School Boys Varsity Basketball Team demonstrated that dedication and commitment are at the core for success and achievement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Harding Township Committee recognizes the dedication and commitment of every member of the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team and the outstanding coaching staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Harding Township Committee extend their congratulations to an outstanding group of young people for their achievement and representing Harding Township in a very positive and professional manner.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAM AND COACHES!!!!!

Matthew Lutz (2)
Colin Byam (3)
Jack Grande (4)
Donnie Gregory (5)
Jonathan Racanelli (11)
Andrew Schiller (12)
Simon Grande (13)
Ethan Daniels (15)
Lorenzo Maselli (21)
Chase Lankenau (22)
Thomas Settle (23)
Michael Gervis (Head Coach)
David Fassett (Assistant Coach)

Township Committee Member Lacz made a motion to approve this 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
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Ms. Chipperson	2^{nd}	\boxtimes			
Dr. Lacz	1 st	\boxtimes			
Mr. Platt		\boxtimes			
Mr. Yates	П	\boxtimes			
Mr. Jones		\boxtimes			

Township Committee Member Lacz presented a certificate of the resolution to all members of the team. A group picture was taken with the team and Mayor Jones. A standing ovation was received.

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)

RESOLUTION TC 22-082 -- RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Platt to proceed with Resolution TC 22-082. Township Committee Member Platt read the following:

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: February 14, 2022; and

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: February 14, 2022.

Township Committee Member Platt 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:

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RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 22-083 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. Township Committee Member Yates read Resolution TC 22-083 into the record.

Resolution TC 22-083 – Emergency Temporary Appropriations Resolution

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen in that the Township is expected to enter in contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2022 budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2022 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary appropriation resolutions adopted in the year 2022 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$4,404,137.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Town of Harding, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$4,404,137.00 as follows:

DEPARTMENT	Budget Line Item	2022 EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION		
HUMAN RESOURCES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	1,550.00	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$	167,550.00	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	21,050.00	
MIS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	36,050.00	
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$	1,800.00	
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	26,400.00	
MUNICIPAL CLERK	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$	14,550.00	
MUNICIPAL CLERK	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	22,575.00	
ELECTION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	3,250.00	
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$	78,000.00	
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	11,125.00	
AUDIT SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	15,500.00	
TAX COLLECTION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$	27,400.00	
TAX COLLECTION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	2,950.00	
TAX ASSESSMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$	25,000.00	
TAX ASSESSMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	3,000.00	
COST OF TAX APPEAL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	15,000.00	
TAX MAP REVISION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	3,250.00	
LEGAL SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	80,000.00	
ENGINEERING SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	25,000.00	
PLANNING BOARD	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$	5,600.00	
PLANNING BOARD	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	28,350.00	
BD OF ADJUSTMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$	21,700.00	
BD OF ADJUSTMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	31,850.00	
UNIFORM CONST. CODE	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$	122,950.00	
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SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	80,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT BUDGET EXCLUDING CIF & I	DEBT SERVICE	S	4,240,137.00

SEWER UTILITY	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$	12,500.00
SEWER UTILITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	150,000.00
SEWER UTILITY - SOCIAL SECURITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$	1,500.00
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY EXCLUDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND		s	164,000.00

- 2. Said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2022 budget.
- 3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

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 Lacz.

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 Dr. Lacz Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	2 nd 1 st				

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

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 22-084 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Resolution TC 22-084 Self Examination of Budget as Required by DCA

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Harding has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2022 budget year.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Harding that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

- 1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
- 2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
- 3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
- 4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
- 5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
- 6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

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	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Ms. Chipperson		\boxtimes			
Dr. Lacz		\boxtimes			
Mr. Platt	2^{nd}	\boxtimes			
Mr. Yates	1 st	\boxtimes			
Mr. Jones		\boxtimes			

Mayor Jones asked **Township Committee Member Yates** to proceed with Resolution TC 22-085 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. *Township Committee Member Yates proceeded with Resolution TC 22-085*.

Resolution TC 22-085 - Introduction of Budget - Municipal Budget Notice - Fiscal Year 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for year 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Observer-Tribune in the issue of March 17, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Harding does hereby approve the attached as the Budget for the year 2022; and

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated				
		2022		2021	
1. Surplus	\$	2,750,000.00	\$	2,400,000.00	
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	1,591,615.14	\$	1,365,918.24	
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$	90,000.00	\$	90,000.00	
4. a.) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	\$	6,023,815.00	\$	5,934,749.00	
b.) Addition to Local School District Tax	\$	-	\$	-	
c.) Minimum Library Tax	\$	-	\$	-	
Tot Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bnd	\$	6,023,815.00	\$	5,934,749.00	
Total General Revenues	\$	10,455,430.14	\$	9,790,667.24	

Summary of Appropriations	2022 Budget	Final 2021 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,757,600.00	\$ 3,529,700.00
Other Expenses	\$ 3,681,630.14	\$ 3,512,527.33
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$ 943,000.00	\$ 854,300.00
3. Capital Improvements	\$ 773,600.00	\$ 587,100.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	\$ 379,600.00	\$ 388,332.91
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 920,000.00	\$ 918,707.00
Total General Appropriations	\$ 10,455,430.14	\$ 9,790,667.24

2022 Do	edicated Se	wer Utility				
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated					
		2022		2021		
1. Surplus	\$	56,000.00	\$	49,000.00		
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00		
3. Deficit (General Budget)	\$.=	\$.=		
Total Revenues	\$	256,000.00	\$	249,000.00		
Summary of Appropriations		2022 Budget	F	inal 2021 Budget		

1. Operation Expenses: Salaries and Wages	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 202,000.00	\$ 202,000.00
2. Capital Improvements	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
3. Debt Service	\$ -	\$ -
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)	\$ -	\$ -
Total Appropriations	\$ 256,000.00	\$ 249,000.00

		Balance of C	Outst	anding Debt	
	General Sewer Utility				
		\$			
Interest		591,225.00	\$	-	
Principal	\$	3,340,000.00	\$	-	
Outstanding					
Balance	\$	3,931,225.00	\$	-	

Personnel						
	2022 Budget	Final 2021 Budget				
Total Number of Full Time Persons Budgeted	35	34				
Total Number of Part Time Persons Budgeted	15	15				

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on April 11, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2022 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

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 Chipperson.

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

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		APPROVAL	APPROVAL		
Ms. Chipperson	2^{nd}	\boxtimes			
Dr. Lacz		\boxtimes			
Mr. Platt		$\overline{\boxtimes}$			
Mr. Yates	1 st	\boxtimes			
Mr. Jones		\boxtimes			

Mayor Jones commented that it is interesting that we are doing the budget this evening as I received a compilation of the history compiled for Harding's sixtieth anniversary, 1922-1982 by Dorothy Adey. In briefly reviewing the document in 1952, the Municipal Budget was \$105,741.00 and in 1979 the Municipal Budget was

\$1.4 million. Mr. Platt commented that he believed the cost of this building in 1980 was \$3 million. Mayor Jones commented that in this document it states the true cost was \$1.684 million.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Kitchell Road Improvements – V. DeNave

Mr. DeNave, Assistant Administrator – reported that Mr. Falzarano asked Mr. DeNave to take a look at Kitchell Road. There were a variety of different reports that was conducted as well as concerns raised by several neighbors.

- The biggest issue was a safety issue raised by Morris Township as well as the County that resulted in a study that was conducted by the NJDOT and NJTPA regarding the curbs on the roadway. This is a very curvy road and varies in width; 20 to 22 feet wide. It lends itself to several issues with people not necessarily staying in the lane (going across the double yellow). One of the items discussed in the report was that they wanted to have advanced notice signs put up for the curvature of the road as well as advisory speed limit signs. Before you head to the curve, there will be a sign that shows a curve up ahead with a speed limit associated with it. It will be an advisory sign recommending a 20 mph speed limit. The Township will be placing the signs around those curves. Mr. DeNave mentioned that it is not an enforceable speed limit, it is an early warning sign, recommending 20 mph. In advance of the signage going up, Mr. DeNave mentioned that we will meet with the residents this impacts.
- The other issue was brought up by Morris Township by Patriot's Path crossing that a marked crosswalk needs to be put in that was not replaced after the paving several years back. The crosswalk will be needed to be replaced.
- A lighting issue was raised by several neighbors (103 / 112 Kitchell). The issue raised by the neighbors was that there was not enough lighting and requested a street light. A study was conducted by Morris Township and Harding Township Police Departments as well as Harding Township's Engineer Paul Fox. All felt that the lighting was adequate and was not a safety concern. The recommendation was nothing was needed with regard to the lighting on Kitchell.

2. D'Urso Road Improvements – V. DeNave

Mr. DeNave – explained that Mr. D'Urso's (112 Kitchell Road) concern was that there were several occasions over the last several years where cars have run off the road and ended up on his grass. Mr. Toribio, DPW Superintendent and Mr. DeNave met with Mr. D'Urso and walked the area in question. Mr. D'Urso explained that cars coming from Morris Township cross the double yellow and end up in his yard. Mr. Toribio, in the spring/summer, will widen the road in that section along the curb by five (5) feet. It will be marked out before hand and show Mr. D'Urso before it will be stoned and then pave it, in hopes to shift the double yellow. In the area along the curb where the issues have occurred, Mr. Toribio will widen this another four to five feet and have the lane width extended in hopes that people do not cross the double yell. This is all in Harding's right-of-way. Mr. D'Urso will conduct some planting behind this. The Township will coordinate with Mr. D'Urso who is find with this recommendation. Mr. DeNave commented he drove up and down the roadway and mentioned there is a mailbox located in Morris Township that sticks out right before the curve. Mr. DeNave spoke with Mr. Slate, Engineer from Morris Township, to approach the resident of the mailbox and ask if it can be moved to the other side of the driveway. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Steve Balog – asked if there were going to be four signs. Mr. DeNave responded with yes, two in each direction.

Chief Heller commented that weather was related to those conditions.

Tree Concerns -- Mr. DeNave explained that there were tree concerns on Kitchell and Woodland. There were trees on Township property that were inhibiting the site distance. Coming from Morris Township there were several dead trees. Mr. Fox, Township Engineer, recommended the trees be removed for site distance purposes. The two trees that were dead were: one ash and one sugar maple. Mr. Toribio has removed the trees that were safety issues. Mr. DeNave reported the stumps will be removed and a little re-grading will be conducted to ensure when the grass grows in the spring that the site issue is not there. A discussion ensued.

3. Kemmerer Library Patio

Elaine McHale, Blue Mill Road – reported that Mr. David Rose will provide the specifics on the proposal to build a hard scape patio on the north side of the Kemmerer Library. E. McHale explained the Board's thinking and why the Kemmerer Library believes the patio could be a wonderful gift to the community. Kemmerer Library represents the best of Harding Township. It was built as a result of volunteers, led by Anita Cole who had a vision of what a library and community center could do for Harding. The money was raised privately. The community center, not just a library with books, has been at the Board's core thinking. There is a community lead for a patio due to the increase in activities on the Municipal Campus; tennis courts and walking trail. The Kemmerer Library believes in extending our community center with this community gathering space is the right next step.

Mr. Dave Rosen, Architect – reported his firm was the architectural firm for the design of the library. A copy of the proposed new patio drawing on the north side of the library was provided to each Township Committee member. Mr. Rosen mentioned that the patio is 22 feet by 35 feet, which includes a low wall 18 inches high (height of a typical chair). It can be a sitting wall and also enclose the area. Mr. Rosen proceeded to explain the proposed drawing with members of the Township Committee and members of the public. A copy of the proposed new patio drawing is appended to these minutes. Mr. Rosen reported that the current lease agreement is for 20 feet out from all parts of the building. The size that would work best for the types of community and library programs the Kemmerer Library would hold would be about 800 square feet altogether. There is a small lawn area beyond the patio and an arch of bushes that will provide an aesthetic and physical barrier. The issue is to extend the library's ability to use an area beyond the 20 feet; whether this is a lease modification or a license agreement. Mr. Rosen asked if there were any questions.

Mr. DeNave commented that there was a field meeting with Margie Ticknor, Dave Rosen, Tracy Toribio, and myself to walk around the site to ensure there would be no issue with snow removal on any kind of maintenance on the Town property. Mr. DeNave reported that there would be no conflict with anything around that area.

Township Committee Member Chipperson – commented if there would be a concern with children as there is a curve coming around the building. Mr. Rosen explained this is a children's area but not exclusive to children. It is an area for all events with adults using it the majority of the time but it is the safest area for children.

Mayor Jones asked about the grading of the back of the building area. Mr. Rose explained that there is an area on the lower right of the patio on the drawing where the property begins to drop down. At most, it may drop down about 2 feet and is at the back of the building.

A discussion ensued regarding runoff, storms, lighting in the wall, setbacks, and lease agreement. Mr. Roselli explained if a lease is required, then the Planning Board approval is required. Mr. Roselli asked if there were any setback requirements. Mr. Rosen responded there are no setback requirements. Mr. Roselli mentioned that O 3-14-2022

the library could expand the lease area and the lease agreement could be amended. After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Township Committee was to move forward with the project.

4. Tree Ordinances - V. DeNave

Mayor Jones – reported that changes to the Township Tree Ordinance for trees in the right-of-way is currently underway. Mayor Jones explained currently a volunteer goes out regarding a tree concern and the Township should have a professional (Tree Conservation Officer) say if the tree is dead, etc. If there is an undeveloped lot, the Township does not want them to clear cut the lot. Mr. DeNave explained that the ordinance will have teeth in it. The Township does not want residents to stop taking trees down unless it is in the conservation area. A discussion ensued regarding tree service companies. Mr. DeNave explained that Mr. Linson will send information to tree service companies. The Township would like the ordinance to be user friendly but it will punish those who do not follow the ordinance. Township Committee Member Yates explained that it does not prevent residents from taking trees down, just not in the conservation area. Township Committee Member Platt mentioned that evergreens are not a good replacement tree, they cut off site lines.

Mr. Falzarano, Township Administration explained there are two points:

- 1. Enforcement Needs to be a professional.
- 2. Plantings should be reserved to recommendations by the Shade Tree Committee. The Shade Tree Committee should recommend what goes on public lands.

Mr. Falzarano reported that the tree ordinance still requires work. Trees in the right-of-way require a plan to address who will be responsible and how to handle. A discussion ensued regarding safety, ownership of a tree that falls in the road from the right-of-way, trimming, pruning, etc. The Ordinance will be sent to Mr. Roselli for review.

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 member of the public at 8:35 pm.

Mr. Peter Allen, Deer Ridge Drive — explained that he sent a letter to Mr. Roselli and the Township Committee with attachments from his lawyer regarding the actions taken by their HOA. There is an amendment to be voted on next week by the Homeowner's Association (HOA) to their HOA rules. Mr. Allen commented that an amendment to the Declaration of Covenants for fee simple homeowners on Deer Ridge Drive will be voted on. Mr. Allen would like the Township Committee to stand up and assist in defending against the HOA. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Roselli explained that he has not read Mr. Allen's letter as he does not represent Mr. Allen. Mr. Roselli reported that there are laws that go with the HOA and mentioned that this is not a subject matter for the Township Committee and that you have hired an attorney who will handle your case.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to read Ordinance TC #02-2022.

Township Committee Member Yates read Ordinance TC #02-2022 by title as follows:

ORDINANCE #02-2022 – "AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING INTHE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY"

Which said Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Township Committee Meeting held on February 14, 2022.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk to give a summary of the legal notice.

The Municipal Clerk stated that a legal notice was sent for publication on February 14, 2022 to the Observer Tribune indicating that Ordinance #02-2022 was introduced and passed on first reading at the February 14, 2022 meeting and indicated that the second reading and public hearing were to be held on March 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm on or at any time thereafter for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public, posted on the Township website, and posted in accordance with the law.

Mayor Jones: The meeting is now open for public hearing on the Ordinance and any member of the public may be heard.

With no members of the public wishing to be heard, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing.

Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #02-2022 and moved its adoption. Township Committee Member Platt seconded the motion.

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

Vote on Adoption:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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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 22-086 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 22-090 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 22-086 through TC 22-090.

Township Committee Member Chipperson made a motion to approve the resolutions placed on this evening's Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee. Township Committee Member Chipperson explained that she will be abstaining to Resolution TC 22-089 Bill List as she has a conflict with Destination Athlete and Township Committee Member Platt voted no to Resolution TC 22-086. 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
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APPOINTMENTS:

TC Resolution 22-086 – Resolution to Appoint Vincent DeNave to the Harding Township Board of Health

Let the record show that Township Committee Member Platt voted against this resolution.

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 appointment as member of the Harding Township Board of Health commencing March 15, 2022, be made:

Vincent DeNave Regular Member 3 year term expiring December 31, 2024 TC Resolution 22-087 – Resolution to Appoint David de Oliveria as a Full-Time Employee of the Finance Department

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that effective March 3, 2022, David de Oliveria is hereby appointed as a full-time Finance Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector for the Finance Department at a salary of \$42,000.00 to be prorated for the remainder of 2022.

CONTRACTS:

Resolution TC 22-088 -- Resolution to Authorize a Tonnage Grant Application

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which a tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand the existing program; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS; the recycling regulations impose on the municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2022 recycling grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Harding Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harding Township Committee that:

- 1. Harding Township hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Tracy Toribio to ensure that the application is properly filed.
- 2. The monies received from the recycling tonnage grant will be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.
- 3. This resolution replaces resolution TC 21-082 which was approved on March 8, 2021.

FINANCE:

Resolution TC 22-089 - Bill List

Let the record show that Township Committee Member Chipperson abstained from this resolution due to a conflict with Destination Athlete.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS:

TC Resolution 22-090 – Resolution to Accept the Retirement of Susan Sherlock

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Harding Township Committee accepts Susan Sherlock's retirement from the Harding Township Police effective, July 1, 2022.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to introduce Ordinance #03-2022.

Township Committee Member Yates introduced the following Ordinance by title as follows:

HARDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #03 – 2022

"AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)"

Township Committee Member Yates explains the purpose of the Ordinance and moved for introduction on first reading. *Township Committee Member Yates explained the two (2) percent levy and mentioned that the 2% is placed in CAP Bank and used at a later date. The public hearing will be held in April 2022.*

Township Committee Member Yates read:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on March 14, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby requested to publish the proper notice thereof, including this ordinance, post the ordinance, and make copies available to members of the general public.

Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #03-2022 and moved its introduction. Township Committee Member Platt seconded the motion.

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

Vote on Introduction:

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Mr. Jones		\boxtimes			

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to introduce Ordinance #04-2022.

Township Committee Member Yates introduced the following Ordinance by title as follows:

HARDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #04 – 2022

"CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$773,600"

Township Committee Member Yates explained the purpose of the Ordinance and moved for introduction on first reading.

Township Committee Member Yates read:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on March 14, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby requested to publish the proper notice thereof, including this ordinance, post the ordinance, and make copies available to members of the general public.

Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #04-2022 and moved its introduction. Township Committee Member Chipperson seconded the motion.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:* 0 3-14-2022

Vote on Introduction:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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ADJOURNMENT - Mr. Jones

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Sharp

Municipal Clerk

