

**HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022**  
**IN-PERSON**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:00 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA at 7:00 PM**  
**Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor**

*Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.*

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**ADEQUATE NOTICE** of this December 12, 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 this December 12, 2022, meeting of the Harding Township Committee was called to order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.*

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**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. Yates, Mr. Jones*

*Absent:*

*Mr. Platt*

*Also Present:*

*Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator; Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney (arrived at 6:30 pm); Mr. DeNave, Assistant Township Administrator; Mr. Michael Edwards, Affordable Housing/Redevelopment Attorney; Mr. Jonathan Drill, Affordable Housing Attorney; and KRE Members – Mr. John Kushner; Mr. Derrick Orth, Attorney, and Mr. Noah Chrismer*

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**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 Lacz, and upon a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting recessed into Executive Session at 5:03 pm.*

**Resolution TC 22-200 - 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. KRE – M. Edwards
2. Glen Alpin – V. DeNave
3. Shared Services – R. Falzarano

**Litigation:**

1. Verizon – M. Roselli

**Vote on Resolution:**

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

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**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor**

*Upon a vote of all ayes, the Township Committee reconvened into public session at 7:11 pm.*

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**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. Yates, Mr. Jones*

*Absent:*

*Mr. Platt*

*Also Present:*

*Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator; Mrs. Sharp,  
Municipal Clerk; Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney*

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**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* 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 adequate notice of the December 12, 2022, meeting was called to order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.*

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Jones**

**Mayor Jones** reported that on Thursday, December 8, 2022, Mr. Walter Ness, long time resident of Harding Township passed away. Mr. Ness was a World War II Veteran and turned 102 on November 24, 2022. Mr. Ness was an integral part of the Harding Township Community and we would like to take a moment in silence to remember Mr. Ness.

**Township Committee Member Yates** commented that Mr. Ness was a great guy and up until a month ago, he went on two dates per week.

**Township Committee Member Chipperson** commented that when we were conducting the Centennial video, we had to schedule around Mr. Ness's weekly Tuesday date. Mr. Ness commented that when they did his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday parade during COVID that was very special to him, and he thought about that everyday since then. If you have not seen the Centennial video, please check it out.

**Madison Road Bridge** – Mayor Jones commented that the Madison Road Bridge opened on Friday, December 9, 2022. Mayor Jones mentioned that Mr. Wepler could not be here this evening to receive his platitudes. Mr. Wepler is the one who notified us about this bridge and when Chief Heller and Tracy Toribio conducted a site visit, they realized this was a Somerset County Bridge. Somerset County was contacted and a year and a half later, the bridge is open.

**Harding Township Reaches Milestone for Redevelopment of Glen Alpin** – Mayor Jones reported that the subdivision papers require Green Acres to sign off on. We are awaiting one signature from the Morris County Commissioner which is required. Mayor Jones reported the submissions from developers were received and the Township is negotiating a sale.

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#### **RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)**

##### **RESOLUTION TC 22-201 -- RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 22-201.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minute(s) from the following meeting(s) are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk's office: **November 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: **November 14, 2022.**



*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<br>APPROVAL                     | AGAINST<br>APPROVAL      | ABSTAIN                  | ABSENT                              |
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| Ms. Chipperson | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Dr. Lacz       | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br><input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Mr. Platt      | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Mr. Yates      | 1 <sup>st</sup><br><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"/>            |

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

*Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with Resolution TC 22-202. Township Committee Member Chipperson read Resolution TC 22-202 in its entirety.*

**Resolution TC 22-202 – Resolution to Appoint Michael Stefkovich to the Harding Township Police Department**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee, Township Administrator, Robert Falzarano, and Acting Chief / Lieutenant Michael Gromek have determined there exists the need to hire a replacement Police Officer in the Harding Township Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Acting Chief / Lieutenant Michael Gromek has conducted a detailed evaluation process and background check; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Stefkovich has a Bachelor's Degree in Jurisprudence, Law, and Society with a minor in Psychology from Montclair State University and will be attending the Morris County Police Academy to complete the mandatory New Jersey Police Training Commission Courses; and

**WHEREAS**, Acting Chief / Lieutenant Michael Gromek has recommended that Michael Stefkovich 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 January 1, 2023.

**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 Acting Chief / Lieutenant Michael Gromek be approved and hereby appoint Michael Stefkovich as a full-time Police Officer of the Harding Township Police Department at the annual salary of \$48,340.00.

**Township Committee Member Chipperson** made a motion to approve this non-consent 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<br>APPROVAL                     | AGAINST<br>APPROVAL      | ABSTAIN                  | ABSENT                              |
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| Ms. Chipperson | 1 <sup>st</sup>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Dr. Lacz       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Mr. Platt      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Mr. Yates      | 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | <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, Municipal Clerk, conducted the Oath of Office for Michael Stefkovich. Mrs. Sharp congratulated Mr. Stefkovich. Mayor Jones provided Mr. Stefkovich with a sealed copy of Resolution 22-202. Lt. Gromek commented that Mr. Stefkovich flew through his interview process. He has 15 years of law enforcement experience. Mr. Stefkovich will start his six (6) month training at the Academy on January 6, 2023.*

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

**Mayor Jones** asks Township Committee Member Lacz to proceed with Resolution TC 22-203.

**Mr. Robert Falzarano, Township Administrator**, explained this started out by our Municipal Clerk being very alert to a request for information regarding property that was going to be sold. In reality the property was never going to be sold. It was the person trying to acquire the property through less than legal means. Mr. Falzarano explained Mrs. Sharp deserves recognition for being so smart for recognizing the address, and knowing this address was not for sale and bringing this matter to my attention. This is how this started.

**Township Committee Member Lacz** read Resolution TC 22-203 in its entirety.

**Resolution TC 22-203 – Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Honoring and Recognizing the Accomplishments and Dedication of Lieutenant Michael Gromek and Sergeant David Selecky**

**WHEREAS**, Harding Township Lieutenant Gromek received information regarding a suspicious attempt to transfer title to a property; and

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Gromek initiated an investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Gromek and Sergeant Selecky conducted interviews and fact finding with the Morris County Clerk's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 5, 2021, Harding Township Lieutenant Michael Gromek and Sergeant David Selecky were assigned to investigate an attempted theft of a property worth 2.5 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Gromek and Sergeant Selecky met with Township Officials on that date for fact finding; and



**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Gromek and Sergeant Selecky facilitated an in-depth investigation into a theft suspect; and

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Gromek and Sergeant Selecky continued the theft investigation, following leads that required them to visit several jurisdictions, conducting multiple interviews; and

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Gromek and Sergeant Selecky facilitated assistance from the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, Morris County Clerk's Office, Officials from the State of New Jersey, and the Bloomfield Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Gromek and Sergeant Selecky successfully identified a suspect and subsequently charged the suspect for forgery of fraudulent documents, falsifying public records, and theft; and

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Gromek and Sergeant Selecky's investigation led to the subject being charged with one (1) second degree crime, ten (10) third degree crimes, and one (1) fourth degree crime.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey honors and recognizes the accomplishments of Lieutenant Michael Gromek and Sergeant David Selecky in obtaining an Exceptional Duty Award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Township Committee extend their congratulations and appreciation for Lieutenant Gromek and Sergeant Selecky's dedicated service to Harding Township.

**Township Committee Member Lacz** made a motion to approve this non-consent 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<br>APPROVAL                     | AGAINST<br>APPROVAL      | ABSTAIN                  | ABSENT                              |
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| Ms. Chipperson | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Dr. Lacz       | 1 <sup>st</sup>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Mr. Platt      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Mr. Yates      | 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | <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"/>            |

*Lieutenant Gromek commented that when receiving notification from Mr. Falzarano, within 15 minutes of this notification, Sergeant Selecky and I conducted a road trip to the Bloomfield Police and received background information on this individual. This individual switched their license to the property address and started to create a paper trail. Lt. Gromek explained that after speaking with the Morris County Clerk and placing a hold on the property, the deed was not transferred due to a \$45 fee that was not paid. Lt. Gromek commented the best way to lock up your property is by having a mortgage.*

*Sergeant Selecky thanked the Township Committee and Lt. Gromek and commented that it was a team effort and thanked all the officers involved. Everyone involved made the outcome possible.*

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS: NONE**

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT**

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

*Mayor Jones opened the meeting to public comment at 7:40 pm. With no public comments, Mayor Jones closed the public comment at 7:40 pm.*

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**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING: NONE**

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**ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS: NONE**

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items are considered to be routine by the Harding Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Township Committee Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS TC 22-204 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 22-213 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 22-204 through TC 22-213.

*Township Committee Member Chipperson 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 Lacz.*

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

**Vote on Resolution:**

|                | MOTION                   | FOR<br>APPROVAL                     | AGAINST<br>APPROVAL      | ABSTAIN                  | ABSENT                              |
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| Ms. Chipperson | 1 <sup>st</sup>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Dr. Lacz       | 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Mr. Platt      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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"/>            |

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**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Resolution TC 22-204 – Appointment of Lisa A. Sharp as Certified Municipal Registrar**

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Registrar term has expired as of July 11, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Lisa A. Sharp has the designation of Certified Municipal Registrar; and

**WHEREAS**, Lisa A. Sharp has been the Township's Certified Municipal Registrar since February 10, 2015.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that Lisa A. Sharp is hereby reappointed for a three-year term starting July 11, 2022, as Certified Municipal Registrar pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:8-17.

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**Resolution TC 22-205 – Planning Board Appointments**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the following appointments as members of the Harding Township Planning Board commencing December 1, 2022, be made:

Tracey Walters  
Class IV

4 year unexpired term  
December 31, 2024

Darren Burns  
Alternate 1

2 year term expiring  
December 31, 2022

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**CONTRACTS:**

**Resolution TC 22-206 – Resolution Authorizing the Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation to Determine Whether Certain Property Within the Township Qualifies for Designation as an area in Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**



**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Redevelopment Law”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, to determine whether certain parcels of land constitute areas in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law the Township Committee (“Township Committee”) of the Township of Harding (the “Township”) must authorize the planning board of the Township (the “Planning Board”) to conduct a preliminary investigation of the area and make recommendations to the Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee believes it is in the best interest of the Township that the Planning Board undertake an investigation and study of the real property commonly designated as Block 34, Lot 1.01 (commonly known as 508 Tempe Wick Road) on the tax map of the Township, inclusive of any and all streets, “paper” streets, private drives and right of ways (the “Study Area”) to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee desires to explore whether the Study Area may be an appropriate area for consideration for the program of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, prior to the Township Committee making a determination as to whether the Study Area qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment, the Township Committee must authorize the Planning Board, by resolution, to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria of an area in need of redevelopment set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee wishes to direct the Township Planning Board to undertake such preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5, and in accordance with the investigation and hearing process set forth at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding hereby directs the Harding Township Planning Board to conduct the necessary investigations and to hold a public hearing to determine whether the Study Area defined hereinabove qualifies for designation as an area in need of redevelopment under the criteria and pursuant to the public hearing process set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1, et seq.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Planning Board is hereby authorized to utilize the services of Heyer, Gruel & Associates to assist the Planning Board with the preliminary investigation and hearing(s); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the redevelopment area determination shall further authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the New Jersey Legislature for use in a redevelopment area, other than the use of the power of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as “Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area”); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Planning Board shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Township Committee in the form of a Resolution with supportive documentation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and Township Planning Board and Planning Board Secretary.

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**FINANCE:**

**Resolution TC 22-207 – Bill List**

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

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

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**Resolution TC 22-208 - Resolution Establishing 2023 Salaries for Non-Contractual Personnel**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that the salaries of the following non-contract employees are listed below for the year 2023:

| Position   | Employee           | Annual Salary |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| Assistant Township Administrator                   | DeNave, Vincent    | \$ 128,338.00 |
| Assistant Finance Officer                          | Fiore, Andrew      | \$ 82,076.00  |
| Board of Health REHS                               | Byrnes, George     | \$ 47,322.00  |
| Chief Finance Officer (PT)                         | Shah, Himanshu     | \$ 55,257.00  |
| Construction Office Secretary                      | Walker, Patricia   | \$ 54,999.00  |
| Construction Official                              | Fornaciari, Mark   | \$ 125,000.00 |
| Finance Assistant / Deputy Tax Collector           | DeOliveria, David  | \$ 49,999.00  |
| Planning Board Secretary                           | Taglairino, Lori   | \$ 10,999.00  |
| Police Chief                                       | Heller, Erik       | \$ 184,000.00 |
| Police Lieutenant                                  | Gromek, Michael    | \$ 164,285.00 |
| Police Secretary                                   | Adams, Antoinette  | \$ 57,176.00  |
| Public Works Driver – Grade I ; Step 2             | Masterson, Edward  | \$ 52,098.00  |
| Public Works Foreman Supervisor – Grade I ; Step 1 | Miller, James      | \$ 81,206.00  |
| Public Works Mechanic – Grade I                    | Westervelt, Steven | \$ 82,997.00  |
| Public Works Operator – Grade I                    | Mabey, Earl        | \$ 72,697.00  |
| Public Works Operator – Grade I ; Step 2           | Philhower, Jeffrey | \$ 68,578.00  |
| Public Works Operator – Grade I ; Step 2           | Buller, Justin     | \$ 68,578.00  |
| Public Works Superintendent                        | Toribio, Tracy     | \$ 135,871.00 |



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| Pumping Station Engineer                        | DeNave, Vincent     | \$ 15,862.00   |
| Pumping Station Operator                        | Toribio, Tracy      | \$ 17,093.00   |
| Qualified Purchasing Agent                      | Fiore, Andrew       | \$ 8,677.00    |
| Receptionist / Administration                   | Taglairino, Lori    | \$ 22,000.00   |
| Subcode Official - Plumbing (PT)                | Driscoll, Brady     | \$ 26,022.00   |
| Subcode Official – Electrical (PT)              | Delizio, Eric       | \$ 26,013.00   |
| Tax Assessor (PT)                               | DiRado, Anthony     | \$ 36,353.00   |
| Tax Collector (PT)                              | Leber, Rachel       | \$ 15,450.00   |
| Township Administrator                          | Falzarano, Robert   | \$ 179,962.00  |
| Township Clerk                                  | Sharp, Lisa         | \$ 98,333.00   |
| Zoning Board Officer                            | Byrnes, George      | \$ 18,926.00   |
| Zoning Board Secretary                          | Taglairino, Lori    | \$ 22,000.00   |
| Administrative Assistant/Secretary (PT)         | Andrews, Margaret   | \$25.27 / hour |
| Finance Assistant (PT)                          | D’jamoos, Diane     | \$25.27 / hour |
| Police Administrative Assistant (PT)            | Eldridge, Christian | \$32.96 / hour |
| Class II Special Law Enforcement Police Officer | Atoche, Omar        | \$32.47 / hour |
| Class II Special Law Enforcement Police Officer | Meade, Patrick      | \$33.96 / hour |
| Construction Clerk (PT)                         | Ott, Nicole         | \$20.60 / hour |
| Construction Fill-In (PT)                       | Bell, Henry         | \$40.00 / hour |
| Construction Fill-In (PT)                       | Broccoli, Joseph    | \$40.00 / hour |
| Construction Fill-In (PT)                       | Catanese, Francis   | \$40.00 / hour |
| Construction Fill-In (PT)                       | Lance, Thomas       | \$40.00 / hour |
| Construction Fill-In (PT)                       | McIntosh, Robert    | \$40.00 / hour |
| Construction Fill-In (PT)                       | Moschello, Joseph   | \$40.00 / hour |
| Public Works Craftsman/Carpenter/Driver (PT)    | Sandello, Michael   | \$30.39 / hour |
| Public Works Craftsman/Carpenter/Driver (PT)    | Sabol, Jeffrey      | \$41.06 / hour |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such salaries shall not exceed the amount set forth in the Township of Harding Minimum/Maximum Ordinance #14-2022 adopted on November 14, 2022.

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**Resolution TC 22-209 – Resolution to Waive ACH Fees for Online Payments Through December 31, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the Township began offering online payments in 2015 as an additional convenient payment method for residents to make tax and sewer utility payments; and

**WHEREAS**, the usage of online payments has grown annually and the efficiency and accuracy of processing tax payments has been greatly increased since the implementation of online payments; and



**WHEREAS**, in order to continue to promote the safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Harding by reducing the need to make municipal payments in person, the need exists for to promote online payments for tax, sewer utility, and weapons permits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee recognizes that the ACH (Automatic Clearing House) transaction convenience fees collected should be waived; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the convenience fees for ACH online payments is hereby waived through December 31, 2023.

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**Resolution TC 22-210 – Resolution to Transfer Funds**

**WHEREAS**, there appears to be insufficient funds in certain accounts listed below to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the Current Year; and

**WHEREAS**, there appears to be a surplus in certain accounts listed below over and above the demand deemed to be necessary for the balance of the Current Year

**BE IT RESOLVED**, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A 40A:4-58, part of the surplus in the accounts listed below be and the same are hereby transferred to the accounts listed below to meet the current demands; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer be is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers:

**Current Fund Budget**

|                            |         |                                      |         |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>FROM:</b>               |         | <b>TO:</b>                           |         |
| Recycling – Other Expenses | \$5,000 | Vehicle Maintenance – Other Expenses | \$5,000 |
| <b>Total:</b>              | \$5,000 | <b>Total:</b>                        | \$5,000 |

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**Resolution TC 22-211 – Resolution to Cancel Certain Capital Ordinance Balances**

**WHEREAS**, certain General Capital Ordinance balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended funded balances may be returned to the Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Capital Surplus, and unfunded debt authorizations may be cancelled; and

**WHEREAS**, Capital Ordinances with balances to be cancelled are as follows:

| Capital | Description | Balance |
|---------|-------------|---------|
|---------|-------------|---------|

| <b>Ordinance</b> |   |                        |
|------------------|---|------------------------|
| 21-07            | Acquisition of Public Works Equipment - Hot Box                 | \$ 40,000.00           |
| 04-16            | Acquisition of Land - Section 20 costs                          | \$ 300.00              |
| 08-05            | Glen Alpin House Restoration                                    | \$ 400,000.00          |
| 07-07            | Various Public Improvements - Sewer Capacity - COAH Site        | \$ 37,500.00           |
| 08-09            | Various Public Improvements - Sewer Capacity - COAH Site        | \$ 37,600.00           |
| 13-03            | Redevelopment Zone & Digitize Tax Maps                          | \$ 18,239.59           |
| 18-03            | MIS Hardware & Software - Telephone System                      | \$ 12,670.00           |
| 18-03            | MIS Hardware & Software - Courtroom Audio Improvements          | \$ 5,130.04            |
| 14-04            | Exterior & Interior Improvements - Remediation at Public Works  | \$ 720.47              |
| 14-04            | DPW- Various Equipment & Trailer                                | \$ 211.82              |
| 15-03            | Exterior & Interior Improvements - Remediation at Public Works  | \$ 4,975.00            |
| 15-03            | DPW- Various Equipment & Trailer                                | \$ 26.36               |
| 17-02            | Acquisition of Vehicle  | \$ 1,919.96            |
| 17-02            | Acquisition of Police Equipment - Gun Storage Locker            | \$ 257.70              |
| 17-02            | Acquisition of Police Equipment - Radar Unit                    | \$ 507.50              |
| 17-02            | Acquisition of Police Equipment - Solar Panel Speed Radar Signs | \$ 9,000.00            |
| 17-05            | Acquisition of Land - Tiger Lily Lane                           | \$ 193,550.00          |
| 18-05            | Acquisition of Land - 140 Blue Mill Road                        | \$ 15,803.10           |
| 18-22            | Acquisition of Land - 26 Arborview Way                          | \$ 12,138.10           |
| 20-08            | Acquisition of Land - DOT Property                              | \$ 18,123.28           |
| 10-12            | Ext. & int. Improvements - Farm                                 | \$ 141,449.64          |
| 11-07            | Ext. & int. Improvements - Farm                                 | \$ 21,400.00           |
| 12-03            | Ext. & int. Improvements - Farm                                 | \$ 24,800.00           |
| 12-03            | Additional Unit - Farm at Harding                               | \$ 25,000.00           |
| 13-03            | Ext. & int. Improvements - Farm                                 | \$ 18,317.02           |
| 14-04            | Ext. & int. Improvements - Farm                                 | \$ 25,000.00           |
| 15-03            | Ext. & int. Improvements - Farm                                 | \$ 25,000.00           |
| 16-02            | Ext. & int. Improvements - Farm                                 | \$ 25,000.00           |
| 17-02            | Ext. & int. Improvements - Farm                                 | \$ 54,250.00           |
| <b>Total</b>     |   | <b>\$ 1,168,889.58</b> |

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the unexpended and dedicated Capital Ordinance balances listed above be cancelled and funded balances returned to the Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Capital Surplus and unfunded debt authorizations cancelled.

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**MISCELLANEOUS: NONE**

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**PERSONNEL:**

**Resolution TC 22-212 – Resolution to Accept the Resignation of R. T.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the resignation of R.T.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the last day of employment with the Township of Harding will be December 13, 2022.

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**Resolution TC 22-213 – Resolution to Authorize the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks**

**WHEREAS**, there are certain checks that have been outstanding in excess of one (1) year, lost, or otherwise need to be cancelled; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel the outstanding or lost check listed below:

| <b><u>OUTSTANDING CHECK</u></b> |                                     |         |           |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Date                            | Vendor                              | Fund    | Amount    |
| 7/13/2021                       | 3D Althetics                        | Current | \$ 324.00 |
| 8/10/2021                       | Kennedy Woods Homeowners Assoc.     | Current | \$ 408.59 |
| 10/19/2021                      | Fastsigns                           | Current | \$ 55.00  |
| 12/14/2021                      | Erik Heller                         | Current | \$ 294.79 |
| 2/15/2022                       | American Hose & Hydraulic Co., Inc. | Current | \$ 150.78 |
| 2/15/2022                       | Erik Heller                         | Current | \$ 41.58  |
| 2/15/2022                       | Fastsigns                           | Current | \$ 107.50 |
| 3/15/2022                       | Chatham Lawnmower Service Inc.      | Current | \$ 22.49  |
| 5/10/2022                       | Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs      | Current | \$ 32.00  |
| 5/10/2022                       | N.J. DRE Association                | Current | \$ 50.00  |
| 8/9/2022                        | Peter Dugan                         | Current | \$ 5.00   |
| 9/13/2022                       | Erik Heller                         | Current | \$ 198.83 |
| 9/13/2022                       | Fastsigns                           | Current | \$ 229.48 |
| 10/19/2022                      | Fastsigns                           | Current | \$ 824.95 |

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the above listed outstanding checks totaling \$2,744.99 from the Current Fund be cancelled.

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**ORAL RESOLUTION – NEW YORK SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS**

**Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney**, explained that a motion is required to add an Oral Resolution in connection with the New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Consent Order that authorizes the Township Attorney, which stipulates a settlement order on behalf of the Township subject to Zoning Board approval and the Zoning Board authorizing their attorney to execute the stipulation on behalf of the Zoning Board and subject to review and approval by the Mayor, Township Administrator, and Township Attorney, any proposed amendments and revisions that the Zoning Board may request and any revisions or amendments or changes that Verizon Wireless may request or suggest and further subject to the



Township Attorney requesting revisions be made to the stipulation and Consent Order that were offered by the Township Committee.

Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates, 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 Oral Resolution:**

|                | MOTION                   | FOR<br>APPROVAL                     | AGAINST<br>APPROVAL      | ABSTAIN                  | ABSENT                              |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ms. Chipperson | 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Dr. Lacz       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Mr. Platt      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Mr. Yates      | 1 <sup>st</sup>          | <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"/>            |

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**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING: NONE**

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**ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Jones**

With no further comments, Mayor Jones said Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year to everyone. We will see everyone at the reorganization meeting on January 5, 2023, at 7:00 pm not 10 am.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates, seconded by Township Committee Member Lacz, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp  
Municipal Clerk