

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, held in the Municipal Complex at 7:30 p.m. on the above date.

Upon call of the roll, the following Committee members were recorded present: Committeeman Frank DelCore, Committeewoman Gloria McCauley and Deputy Mayor Greg Burchette. Also, in attendance were Township Clerk Pamela Borek, Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera, Township Attorney William Willard and Township Labor Attorney Eric Bernstein. Committeeman Carl Suraci was absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Following roll call, Mayor Tomson advised that in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, of the Public Laws of 1975, that notice of this meeting was made by the posting on the bulletin board at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex and notifying the officially designated newspapers that this meeting would take place at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex at 7:30 p.m. on May 27, 2014.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Approval of the April 8, 2014 Regular Session Minutes*
 - Upon motion by Committeewoman McCauley, seconded by Committeeman DelCore, the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Regular Session Minutes were approved upon the call of the roll.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE LIAISONS, AND RECEIPT OR REPORTS, PETITIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Committeeman DelCore

Committeeman DelCore thanked everyone who participated and contributed to the Veterans Breakfast this past Saturday.

Committeeman DelCore announced the Cultural Arts Commission will be having the Annual Music Festival on Saturday August 9th. More details to come.

Committeewoman McCauley

Committeewoman McCauley thanked everyone for putting together the Memorial Day Parade. It was an honor to participate in the parade and a day to remember why we have freedom in this country.

Committeewoman McCauley stated that they were also at the Neshanic parade on Monday.

Committeewoman McCauley stated that the Hillsborough Police are participating in the "Click it or Ticket" campaign. "Click it or Ticket" is a nationwide effort aimed at encouraging the use of seat belts through enforcement efforts. The campaign began on May 19th and runs through June 1st. All occupants in a vehicle must use a seat belt.

Committeewoman McCauley stated that this week May 25 thru June 1 is National Hurricane Preparedness week. The Office of Emergency Management encourages all Township residents to visit the National Oceanic and Atmospheric and Atmospheric website at www.noa.gov or the OEM website at www.hillsboroughoem.org for more information.

Committeewoman McCauley reminded residents that The Annual Green Living and Wellness Fair will be held on June 17th from 3 to 7 pm at the municipal building in the multi-purpose room. Local organizations and businesses will be presenting information, displays and demonstrations on topics ranging from living a healthy lifestyle, making sound nutritional choices, making green lifestyle choices and various health screenings. More information will be in this Friday's e-news along with the details about a Poster contest.

Deputy Mayor Burchette

Deputy Mayor Burchette announced that The 'Shop Hillsborough Program' is a reality. Shop Hillsborough is a program in which residents will be given a discount card and if you shop in Hillsborough at a participating business you will have a discount. You will use the card and the discount will come as a credit on your property tax. Deputy Mayor Burchette thanked the following sponsors of the program: Somerset Medical Center, Active Disposal Services, Inc., Premier Disposal, Bridgewater Motorworks, Frontier Financial Planning and Capital Management, Inc., 911 Septic Pumping and Repair and the Somerset Patriots.

Deputy Mayor Burchette announced that DPW Clean up Coupons are still available for select dates. Please visit the DPW facility on East Mountain Road or the Administration Office to obtain your coupons for the facility on Auten Road.

Deputy Mayor Burchette added that Summer Camp sign up is currently underway. Please visit the Parks and Recreation website for all the details about the summer camp program.

Mayor Tomson

Mayor Tomson thanked HHS PALS Program which is a student run group that connects students at the High School with children with Autism

Mayor Tomson thanked once again to all our veterans and residents who came out on Saturday for the Memorial Day Event. As always it was a moving event, especially during the roll-call of all the Veterans.

Mayor Tomson thanked the Neshanic Fire Department for the invitation to participate in their parade this year.

Mayor Tomson advised residents that the Municipal Complex, including the Library and Board of Education offices will be closed on Friday, June 13th from 10am until approximately noon for an active shooter training exercise. The Township will continue to notify the public in the days leading up to the event. Please be sure you are signed up and receiving our Friday e-newsletter and also that you are signed up for the Honeywell Instant alerts both which are on the home page of the Township website.

Mayor Tomson reminded residents that on June 3rd is the Primary Election. Polls open at 6am and remain open until 8pm. Be sure to check your sample ballot to ensure you are heading to the correct polling location. It is recommended to bring your sample ballot to the polls.

Committeeman Suraci

Absent

PROCLAMATIONS

- *Proclamation honoring the retirement of Corporal Brian McCarron*

WHEREAS, Brian McCarron, a dedicated Corporal of sixteen years with the Hillsborough Township Police Department and two years as a Hillsborough Township Police Dispatcher, is retiring from the Hillsborough Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 1996, Corporal McCarron began his career as a Police Dispatcher for the Hillsborough Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1998, Corporal McCarron was hired by the Hillsborough Township Police Department as a Police Officer and graduated the Police Academy on June 12, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Corporal McCarron was assigned to the Patrol Division until February 28, 2000; He was then reassigned to the Investigative Division on March 1, 2000 until December 31, 2000;

WHEREAS, In January 2001, Corporal McCarron then was assigned to the Patrol Division and on August 6, 2006, appointed Corporal and remained in this position until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Corporal McCarron has received many letters of appreciation from citizens and commendations from the Department commending him for his excellent work and dedication to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Corporal McCarron received a Commendation for an attempted suicide investigation and a Command Citation for a theft investigation; and

WHEREAS, Corporal McCarron has served the Township of Hillsborough and its' residents with passion and selflessness; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge, understanding and judgment that Corporal McCarron brought to the Township is a reflection of his dedicated service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough hereby express their gratitude for all the hard work Corporal McCarron has done for the Township of Hillsborough and the community.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, along with his numerous co-workers, and the citizens of Hillsborough Township thank Corporal Brian McCarron for his valuable contributions to Hillsborough Township.

- *Proclamation celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Hillsborough Township Police Department*

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township Police Department celebrated the organization's 50th anniversary on May 12th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, 50 years ago the Governing Body of the Township of Hillsborough established a full time police department via Ordinance to protect and serve a growing community; and

WHEREAS, Chief Arthur G. Stoveken was appointed the first Chief of Police in 1955 after serving as a member of the Hillsborough Police Volunteer Service starting in 1943, Chief Stoveken retired on August 31st, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Donald Dowches was the first full time Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, in 1964 the Hillsborough Township Police Department had 4 full time police officers and overnight Township coverage was the responsibility of the New Jersey State Police; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Police Department is commanded by Chief Paul A. Kaminsky who is joined by 50 full time sworn officers, 7 Dispatchers and 8 Civilian Assistants offering twenty-four hour coverage of the Township; and the Department is established as an Accredited Police Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department maintains a close relationship with the residents, business owners, Township officials and children in Hillsborough Township and strives to ensure that the members of the community are safe whether in their homes, at school or traveling on the roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, do hereby recognize and honor the Hillsborough Township Police Department for their 50 years of continuous service which has been instrumental in making Hillsborough one of the best places to live in America.

- **Proclamation honoring the Hillsborough High School Boys Varsity Volleyball Team**

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Varsity Boys Volleyball Team has completed its 10th season as a varsity sport at Hillsborough High School; and

WHEREAS, the Team has won their 3rd straight Skyland Cup Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Team has captured its 6th Skyland Conference Championship Title in the past 7 years; and

WHEREAS, for the past 8 seasons the Team has qualified for the NJSIAA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Team has finished the season ranked in the State Top 20 the past 8 seasons as well; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Todd Sudol and Assistant Coach Robert Longo worked tirelessly with a great group of players stressing the importance of good technique, playing with ATTITUDE and taking PRIDE in how they perform on every snap of the ball.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, do hereby commend all of the members of the Hillsborough Varsity Boys Volleyball Team: Greg Amato, Anthony Angeline, Matt Mazer, Scott Timko, Eric Brandwein, Brad Gluch, Connor McAvaddy, Brian McEnroe, Kevin Michaels, Ken Schengrund, Matt DiDomenico, Mike Grabon, Cole Norfleet, Artun Peker and Sean Plaskon, not only for the awards they have won, but also for their unwavering teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the season.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Township Committee, further commend the Hillsborough Varsity Boys Volleyball Team for the honor that they have brought to themselves, their team and our community through their many achievements.

PRESENTATIONS

The Rotary Club of Hillsborough presented Hillsborough Social Services with a generous donation of a 2014 wheelchair accessible van.

Mayor Tomson thanked The Rotary Club for the generous donation and all the services they provide the community.

Mr. Ron Skobo Director of Social Services also thanked the Rotary Club for this wonderful donation.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AND MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- *None*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2014-08 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN MONIES HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,295.00, IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH**

WHEREAS, there are funds available in the Hillsborough Township Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$265,295.00; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Committee has determined there is a need to appropriate the aforesaid Capital funds for the following purposes and amounts:

1.	Replacement of Obsolete Rescue Tools	88,895.00
2.	Various Sidewalk Replacements	75,000.00
3.	Transportation Bus for Senior Citizens	60,000.00
4.	Bullet Resistant Protective Barrier (Finance Dept)	20,000.00
5.	Electronic Door Lock Replacement Parts	20,000.00
6.	Replacement Defibrillator (Police)	1,400.00
		\$265,295.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the aforementioned sums are hereby appropriated.

Mayor Tomson stated that when this ordinance was introduced it was for those necessary items recommended as high in priority by the Capital Planning Committee.

Committeeman DelCore reiterated that these items were high priority on the Capital Planning Committee.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, to open the public hearing, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

Upon motion by Committeeman DelCore seconded by Deputy Mayor Burchette, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2014-08; the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

2014-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 221 ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS" BY PROHIBITING SMOKING.

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has determined that tobacco is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, exposure to environmental tobacco constitutes a substantial health hazard to the nonsmoking majority of the public; and

WHEREAS, electronic smoking devices have not been approved as to safety and efficacy by the federal Food and Drug Administration, and their use may pose a health risk to persons exposed to their smoke or vapor because of a known irritant contained therein and other substances that may, upon evaluation by that agency, be identified as potentially toxic to those inhaling the smoke or vapor; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of smoking at outdoor recreational and open space property owned or leased by the Township would better preserve the natural assets of the Township by reducing litter, increasing fire safety in those areas, and lessening the exposure to secondhand smoke among the public; and

WHEREAS, the public interest is especially concerned with preventing the youth of Hillsborough Township from being exposed and succumbing to the temptations of experimenting with tobacco related products and electronic smoking devices; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2 declares that "any municipality may make and enforce such ordinance as it may deem necessary and proper for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Chapter 221 of the *Code of the Township of Hillsborough* entitled "Parks and Recreation Areas" is hereby amended by the addition of §221-6.1 entitled "Smoking Prohibited" as follows:

SECTION I. Chapter 221 entitled "Parks and Recreation Areas" is hereby amended by the addition of Section 221-6.1 entitled "Smoking Prohibited" as follows:

§221-6.1 Smoking Prohibited.

§221- 6.1

A. Definitions

As used in this Section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Electronic Smoking Device" shall mean an electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo or pipe.

“Smoking” shall mean the burning of, inhaling from, exhaling the smoke from, or the possession of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco or any other matter that can be smoked, or the inhaling or exhaling of smoke or vapor from an electronic smoking device.

“Parks and Recreational Facilities” shall mean all public parks, playgrounds, or ball fields, publicly owned or leased by the Township of Hillsborough, upon which the public is invited or upon which the public is permitted and where individuals gather for recreational activities, including all areas adjacent to such facilities including, but not limited to, any parking areas, driveways or drive aisles.

B. Smoking is prohibited in parks and recreational facilities. A sign indicating that such property is a designated smoke-free zone shall be clearly and conspicuously posted at all locations where smoking is prohibited by this Ordinance.

C. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department and/or the Health Officer of the Township of Hillsborough.

D. Any person observed to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$250.00.

SECTION II. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior Ordinance of the Township of Hillsborough, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of *The Code of the Township of Hillsborough* are hereby ratified and affirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Mayor Tomson stated that the concept of the Smoke-Free Parks Ordinance was brought to the attention of the Township Committee by the Hillsborough Municipal Alliance and the Hillsborough Health Department. The Regional Cancer Coalition will donate signs to be placed around our parks, letting people know about the law and the fine. In addition, Somerset County has passed a smoke-free parks ordinance for all county parks. The Sourland Mountain Preserve is a county park in Hillsborough Township, and as such is smoke-free. This ordinance brings all other Hillsborough parks under the same umbrella.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, to open the public hearing, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

Attorney Bill Willard clarified that electronic cigarettes are also included in this ban.

Ms. Lucille Talbot from the Morris Somerset Regional Cancer Coalition thanked the Committee for moving forward with this ordinance.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2014-09; the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

2014-10 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 THEREFORE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,425,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH TO FINANCE THE SAME.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$1,500,000 and including \$75,000 as the several down payments required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the down payment or otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable bonds or notes are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,425,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds or notes, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds or notes are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefore, the maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

(1) Purpose:Acquisition of various equipment for the Township, including, but not limited to, 2 ton – 4 ton Trailer Model Asphalt Recycler and Hauler and John Deere X729 Subcompact Tractor with glass cab and snow attachments, and including all work and materials necessary THEREFORE or incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$57,530
<u>Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$54,654
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness:</u>	15 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$ 2,876

(2) Purpose:Acquisition of a 6 wheel dump truck with snowplow and spreader, and including all work and materials necessary THEREFORE or incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$210,000
<u>Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$199,500
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness</u>	5 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$ 10,500

(3) Purpose:Township wide road resurfacing and repaving project, and including all work and materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$1,232,470
<u>Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$1,170,846
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness</u>	10 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$ 61,624

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the several improvements or purposes is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the several improvements or purposes is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefore.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time, at not less than par and accrued interest, at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report

must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget or temporary capital budget (as applicable) of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget or amended temporary capital budget (as applicable) and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Township Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are improvements or purposes the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the costs thereof have been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the several improvements or purposes, computed on the basis of the respective amounts or obligations authorized for each improvement or purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 9.49177 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,425,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$150,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the several improvements or purposes.

(e) The Township reasonably expects to commence the acquisition and/or construction of the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, and to advance all or a portion of the costs in respect thereof, prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder. To the extent such costs are advanced, the Township further reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount of bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Township is hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 9. The Township hereby covenants to take any action necessary or refrain from taking such action in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the bonds and notes authorized hereunder as is or may be required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code"), including compliance with the Code with regard to the use, expenditure, investment, timely reporting and rebate of investment earnings as may be required there under.

Section 10. To the extent that any previous ordinance or resolution is inconsistent herewith or contradictory hereto, said ordinance or resolution is hereby repealed or amended to the extent necessary to make it consistent herewith.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mayor Tomson stated that this ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds for non-routine capital purchases, mainly related to the resurfacing of roadways resulting from the higher than normal snowfall experienced this past year. A portion of this issuance would also be for necessary equipment for the Department of Public Works again related to the harsh winter.

Upon motion by Committeeman DelCore seconded by Deputy Mayor Burchette, to open the public hearing, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

Committeeman DelCore stated that the Township has recognized this was a harsh winter which deteriorated the roads. The Township had about three to four times more snow this last year. The Township is moving forward early on this ordinance to allow the Township to bond for certain items and allow 1.5 million outside the budget to allow for road replacement and some equipment.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette seconded by Committeeman DelCore, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2014-10; the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

2014-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 232, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH TITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" TO IDENTIFY EXISTING SECTIONS 232-1 THROUGH 232-8 AS "ARTICLE I. NONRESIDENTIAL PREMISES AND MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS", AND ADD A NEW "ARTICLE II. VACANT AND ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES" TO REQUIRE MINIMUM PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR VACANT AND ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 232 of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough titled "Property Maintenance" shall be amended as follows:

Section 1. Existing Sections 232-1 through 232-8 shall be identified under the title "Article I. Nonresidential Premises and Multifamily Dwellings".

Section 2. A new "Article II. Vacant and Abandoned Residential Properties" shall be added to Chapter 232.

Section 3. The following Sections shall be added under new "Article II. Vacant and Abandoned Residential Properties":

§ 232-9. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to protect the public health, safety, morals and welfare by establishing minimum standards governing the maintenance, appearance and condition of vacant and abandoned properties by establishing standards governing facilities and conditions of said facilities and fixing penalties for the violation of this chapter.

§ 232-10. Definitions.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Township Enforcement Officer shall be defined as the Zoning Officer, Health Officer, Construction Official, Township Engineer or any other Township officials so designated by the Township Committee to enforce the provisions of this chapter. Nothing herein shall preclude any Township employee engaged in the enforcement of laws and ordinances from enforcing the provisions hereof. The Construction Official shall be responsible for enforcement of violations of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code.

EXTERIOR OF THE PREMISES

Those portions of a residential structure or accessory structure on residential property which are exposed to public view and the surrounding open space.

NUISANCES AND HAZARDS

The following shall be considered nuisances and hazards for the purposes of this Article: (1) any residential structure or accessory structure in disrepair by reason of deteriorating conditions or

storm damage; (2) out of service swimming pools in disrepair by reason of deteriorating conditions or storm damage; (3) dead, rotting or diseased trees; (4) loose and overhanging tree limbs; (5) accumulated junk, litter or debris; (6) accumulated hazardous, noxious, or unhealthy substances or materials; and (7) overgrown or neglected lawns, bushes, trees, shrubbery and landscaping.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

The title owner of a vacant and abandoned property or a creditor responsible for the maintenance of a property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 46:10B-51.

STREET ADDRESS

This means an address at which a natural person who is the responsible party or an authorized agent actually resides or actively uses for business purposes, and shall include a street name or rural delivery route.

VACANT AND ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Any improved residential property which is not physically occupied by a title owner, title owner's family member, title owner's relative or a tenant of the title owner and at which at least three of the following conditions exist at the property:

- 1) Overgrown or neglected vegetation;
- 2) The accumulation of newspapers, circulars, flyers, or mail on the property;
- 3) Disconnected gas, electric or water utility services to the property;
- 4) The accumulation of hazardous, noxious, or unhealthy substances or materials on the property;
- 5) The accumulation of junk, litter, trash, or debris on the property;
- 6) The absence of window treatments such as blinds, curtains, or shutters;
- 7) The absence of furnishings and personal items;
- 8) Statements of neighbors, delivery persons, or government employees indicating that the property is vacant and abandoned;
- 9) Windows or entrances to the property that are boarded up or closed off, or multiple window panes that are damaged, broken, and unrepaired;
- 10) Doors to the property that are smashed through, broken off, unhinged, or continuously unlocked;
- 11) A risk to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or any adjoining or adjacent property owners due to acts of vandalism, loitering, criminal conduct, or physical destruction or deterioration of the property;
- 12) An uncorrected violation of a municipal building, housing, or similar code during the preceding year, or an order by municipal authorities declaring the property to be unfit for occupancy and to remain vacant and unoccupied;
- 13) The mortgagee or other authorized party has secured or winterized the property due to the property being deemed vacant and unprotected or in danger of freezing;
- 14) A written statement issued by mortgagee expressing the clear intent of all mortgagors to abandon the property; or
- 15) Any other reasonable indicia of abandonment.

YARD

An open space extending between the closest point of any building and a lot line or street line, excluding those portions of the yard that are critical areas as defined in Chapter 188-3 and/or subject to conservation restrictions.

§ 232-11. Registration of Vacant and Abandoned Residential Properties.

A. Registration. The responsible party for a vacant and abandoned residential property shall file a certificate of registration with the Township Clerk within 90 days after receipt of notice, pursuant to § 232-14, that the property has been determined to be vacant and abandoned, or within 30 days after the responsible party assumes ownership of or responsibility for a property already determined to be vacant and abandoned, whichever is later. A certificate of registration shall remain valid for one year from the date of issuance and shall be renewed on an annual basis if the property remains vacant and abandoned.

B. Form of Certificate of Registration. The certificate of registration shall be filed on forms prescribed by the Township Clerk and shall contain:

- 1) The name, street address, and telephone number of a person who resides or maintains an office within the State and who is either the responsible party or an authorized agent designated by the responsible party to receive notices and complaints of property maintenance and code violations on behalf of the responsible party;
- 2) The name, street address, and telephone number of the person responsible for maintaining the property, if different; and
- 3) A certificate from a licensed insurance provider evidencing the liability insurance coverage on the vacant and abandoned residential property as required by § 232-12.

C. Certificate of Registration Amendments. A responsible party for a vacant and abandoned residential property shall file an amended certificate of registration within 30 days after any change in the information required to be included thereon.

D. Certificate of Registration Fees. The following fees for a certificate of registration shall be paid by the responsible party:

- 1) \$250 for the initial registration fee;
- 2) \$250 for all annual renewals of the registration where there are no outstanding property maintenance or code violations at the time of renewal; and
- 3) \$500 for annual renewal of the registration where there are outstanding property maintenance or code violations at the time of renewal.

§ 232-12. Security; Notification; Liability Insurance.

A. Within 45 days after the property has been determined to be vacant and abandoned and until the property is reoccupied, the responsible party for a vacant and abandoned residential property shall:

- 1) Enclose and secure the property against unauthorized entry;

- 2) Post a sign affixed to the inside of the property and visible to the public indicating the name, address, and telephone number of the responsible party, any authorized agent designated by the responsible party for the purpose of receiving service of process, and the person responsible for maintaining the property if different from the responsible party or authorized agent; and
- 3) Acquire and otherwise maintain liability insurance by procuring a vacancy policy, covering any damage to any person or any property caused by any physical condition of the property.

§ 232-13. Maintenance Standards for Vacant and Abandoned Residential Properties.

A. Vacant and abandoned residential properties shall be maintained in accordance with the following standards:

- 1) The property shall be kept free of all nuisances and hazards, litter and debris.
- 2) The property shall be kept free of accumulations of water, vegetation or other matter which might serve as a source of food or as a harboring or breeding place for infestation.
- 3) Grass in the yard area shall be cut and maintained so as to prevent the grass from growing to seed or exceeding fourteen inches (14") in height.
- 4) The exterior of every structure or accessory structure, or other improvement on the premises shall be kept in good repair and all exposed surfaces subject to deterioration shall be protected against weathering or deterioration by a protective coating appropriate for the particular material involved as needed.
- 5) The exterior of the buildings shall be free of loose material that may create a hazard by falling on persons utilizing the premises.
- 6) All exterior walls, roofs, windows, window frames, doors, door frames, sky lights, foundations and other parts of the structure shall be maintained to keep water from entering the structure and to prevent excessive drafts or heat loss during cold or inclement weather and to provide a barrier against infestation. Damaged or badly worn materials shall be repaired or replaced and places showing signs of rot, leakage or deterioration or corrosion shall be treated or restored to prevent weathering or seepage.
- 7) Leaders and drain pipes shall be securely fastened to the building and maintained in good condition free of leaks and free of obstructions and shall direct storm waters into draining systems or away from the foundation walls of the structure.

§ 232-14. Notice of Vacancy and Abandonment.

Upon determination of the enforcement officer that a residential property is vacant and abandoned, the enforcement officer shall notify the responsible party by personal service, registered mail or posting of notice in a noticeable place on the property of the determination and the requirements of this Article.

§ 232-15. Notice of Violation.

The enforcement officer upon determination of any violation of the provisions of this Article, or any other applicable ordinances, statutes or regulations, shall serve a notice of such violation on

the responsible party by personal service, registered mail or posting of notice in a noticeable place on the property. The notice shall advise the responsible party of the violation and the obligation to remedy the same within 10 days from the date of the notice. If the violation is not remedied to the satisfaction of the enforcement officer within said 10 days, the enforcement officer may issue a summons to the responsible party and request the governing body to adopt a resolution authorizing the municipality to abate the violation and place the property in compliance with the provisions of this Article and any other applicable ordinances, statutes or regulations at the responsible party's sole cost and expense and impose a lien on the property for all costs and fees associated therewith.

§ 232-16. Abatement by Municipality; Costs as Lien.

Upon adoption of a resolution by the governing body, the municipality may abate any nuisance, hazard or violation and place the property in compliance with the provisions of this Article and any other applicable ordinances, statutes or regulations. The enforcement officer shall certify the costs thereof to the governing body. The governing body shall review the certificate of costs and if found acceptable, authorize a lien be placed against the property. The amount of the lien shall be added to the taxes to be assessed and levied upon the property. The amount of the lien shall also bear interest at the same rate as taxes and be collected in the same manner as any other taxes assessed and levied upon the property.

§ 232-17. Violations and Penalties.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute an additional, separate and distinct offense. Any penalty imposed pursuant to this section shall be recoverable by a summary proceeding under the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.). The Superior Court, Law Division, or the municipal court shall have jurisdiction to enforce such penalty.

Section 4. Severability. If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Mayor Tomson stated that this ordinance amends the Township Code to require minimum upkeep of a residential vacant and abandoned property, including securing the property from unauthorized entry. The responsible party will be required to register a vacant and abandoned property with the Township Clerk thereby providing necessary contact information to the Township. After notification the responsible party will be required to remove overgrown vegetation and provide minimum maintenance of the structure. Upon failure to act within the prescribed time frame, the Township will initiate corrective action by placing a lien on the property for recovery of costs.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, to open the public hearing, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2014-11; the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

Ms. Susan Gulliford asked how does a property get on this list?

Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera responded that Dr. Belnay is the point of contact.

Mayor Tomson thanked Administrator Ferrera and everyone who worked on this ordinance.

2014-12 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK. (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, NJSA 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$833,930.86 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as a cap exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring that, in the CY 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hillsborough shall, in accordance with this ordinance and NJSA 40A:4-45.14. be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$833,930.86 and that the CY 2014 municipal budget for the Township of Hillsborough be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor Tomson stated that under state budget law the unused portion of the appropriations cap, which is different than the tax levy cap, may be reserved to be available in the next two years. Each year since 2002 Hillsborough has been able to reserve some appropriation authorization in the cap bank. The cap bank has no impact on property taxes.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, to open the public hearing, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2014-12; the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

- *None*

PRESENTATION MUNICIPAL BUDGET

- *Nancy Costa – CCFO, CMFO, CTC, RPPPO*

Mayor Tomson stated that the preparation of the budget created a rigorous challenge to the Township Committee's goals of minimizing the impact on taxpayers, while providing the Township Departments with the funds necessary to deliver needed and expected services for our residents.

Mayor Tomson thanked the full finance team, led by CFO Ms. Nancy Costa, along with Administrator Ferrera, the Finance Chairs Committeeman DelCore and Committeeman Suraci and all of the municipal department heads for their hard work and diligence.

Ms. Costa gave a PowerPoint presentation about the 2014 Municipal Budget and it is available online at www.hillsborough-nj.org

Mayor Tomson thanked Ms. Costa for her presentation.

Mayor Tomson stated that balancing the municipal budget is never an easy task, but once again this budget held spending to below the 2008 levels and it continues our approach of managing the township's spending in a fiscally responsible way.

Mayor Tomson stated as noted by Ms. Costa, this budget is under the 2% levy cap, and results in an appropriations increase of 1.8% over 2013. Key cost drivers in this year's budget include the expense associated with the unusual amount of snow this winter and the increases in contractual wages and salaries, coupled with the final debt service payment for the 2002 Library expansion.

Mayor Tomson stated that once again, the Township stood our ground and said a resounding NO to using the exception loopholes to raise taxes above the 2% cap. The net result of this budget is that the municipal tax rate will increase 1.4 cents per \$100 of property valuations from 31.3 cents to 32.7 cents.

Committeeman DelCore thanked Mrs. Costa and her staff with their help on the budget and great support from the Township's Administration staff.

Committeeman DelCore stated that each budget brings different challenges along with the 2% cap. He reported that this year's impact with Mother Nature cost an additional \$319,000 for snow removal, which is a significant amount of money to absorb in a budget in any given year. As noted there was probably an additional \$325,000 that could have been taken in this year's budget additional spending to increase the levy as the Township has chosen to do in the past and continues not to. The Township has rejected those exceptions within the hard 2% cap as opposed to the soft cap factoring those exceptions.

Committeeman DelCore stated that over the course of 2007 to 2013 the Township's contra was reduced by the State over \$900,000. The course of those years absorbing that reduction in state aid with offsetting reduction in spending at that time and as noted we are still spending less today even with that reduction in aid.

Committeeman DelCore stated that Standard & Poors changed the Township's credit rating for the municipally to AA+ which puts the Township on a par with the US Government. That speaks to the work that has gone into the budget, the employees of the Township, the Administration staff, and the excellent work of the Finance group to make sure that the Township is spending money wisely.

Committeeman DelCore stated that the AA+ speaks to the financial stability of the Township and as a member of the finance committee he is very proud.

Deputy Mayor Burchette stated that he did some research and he's proud of the Township's AA+ rating and further reported that there is no AAA Township.

Committeewoman McCauley thanked everyone for their hard work.

- *Resolution authorizing the 2014 Municipal Budget to be read by title only.*

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, as amended by Chapter 78, P.L. 1964, the municipal budget as advertised, may be read as its title at the public hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget, as advertised, shall be posted, in the principal municipal building, and is made available to each person requesting the same, during said week and during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough hereby determines that the above conditions have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2014 municipal budget shall not be read in full, but by its title only.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette seconded by Committeeman DelCore, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

- *Resolution adopting the 2014 Municipal Budget.*

WHEREAS, the 2014 Municipal Budget was introduced and approved by the Hillsborough Township Committee on April 22, 2014, at a regularly scheduled Township Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing for the 2014 Municipal Budget was held on May 27, 2014, at a regularly scheduled Township Committee meeting, at which said budget was read by title only;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the 2014 Hillsborough Municipal Budget totaling \$27,870,408.00 is hereby adopted and that two certified copies of the same be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and a certified copy of the same be forwarded to the Somerset County Board of Taxation.

Upon motion by Committeeman DelCore seconded by Deputy Mayor Burchette, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF KEITH HOOK FOR THE POSITION OF PART TIME BUS DRIVER FOR THE HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, EFFECTIVE MAY 28, 2014, AT A RATE OF \$17.00 PER HOUR, NOT TO EXCEED 29 HOURS PER WEEK, ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the Hillsborough Township Department of Social Services for a part time bus driver; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation and Social Services, Ron Skobo, recommends that Keith Hook be appointed to fill the part-time bus driver position, effective May 28, 2014, at the rate of \$17.00 per hour, not to exceed 29 hours per week, on an as needed basis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the recommendation of Ron Skobo, Director of Parks and Recreation and Social Services, be and hereby is accepted and approved.

Mayor Tomson stated that the part-time bus driver is utilized for Senior Citizen Transportation Program, which provides bus service in the local area for Hillsborough residents age 60 and over who are otherwise without a means of transportation. Transportation is provided to area doctors, senior wellness programs at the municipal building, grocery shopping, etc. The purpose of this program is to promote an independent lifestyle for our senior residents.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SUMMER EMPLOYEES RONALD PERSICO, RYAN BOLTON, MATTHEW DOMITROWSKI, THOMAS KESSLER, KYLE BURKE AND KAMIL DIEDLECKI FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH A START DATE ON OR ABOUT MAY 28, 2014, AT A SALARY OF \$10.00 PER HOUR FUNDED THROUGH THE CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT.

WHEREAS, there is a need for temporary summer employment in the Department of Public Works in the Township of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough anticipates receiving \$76,705.90 from the Clean Communities Grant Fund, said monies to be used to cover the cost of the summer help in the Department of Public Works and Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has determined that the following applicants are the most qualified candidates and has recommended their appointment as summer employees in the Public Works Department, with a start date on or about May 28, 2014, at a salary of \$10.00 per hour, for a period of up to sixteen weeks, 40 hours per week:

1. Ronald Persico
2. Ryan Bolton
3. Matthew Domitrowski
4. Thomas Kessler
5. Kamil Siedlecki
6. Kyle Burke

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendations of the Director of Public Works hereby be accepted and approved.

Mayor Tomson stated that the Clean Communities Grant provides the funding for temporary summer help in the Parks Department and the Department of Public Works. This particular resolution authorizes the hiring of the above mentioned summer employees. As always, grant funding is always appreciated as it allows for these types of hires without impacting our Hillsborough Taxpayers.

Upon motion by Committeewoman McCauley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burchette, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

3. RESOLUTION AWARDING A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT WITH "NORM HEWITT T/A TOUCHING ALL THE BASES" TO OPERATE A RECREATION BASEBALL SUMMER CLINIC FROM JUNE 23, 2014 TO JUNE 22, 2015.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Recreation Baseball Summer Clinic in the Township of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, a notice of advertisement for proposals was prepared and advertised on May 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, one (1) proposal was received from Norm Hewitt T/A Touching All the Bases and submitted on May 22, 2014 at 10:00 AM, which was the time and place as provided for in the advertisement; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough awards the contract to the sole bidder, Norm Hewitt T/A Touching All the Bases; and

WHEREAS, the sole bidder offered \$1,000.00 to the Township of Hillsborough for the use of Municipal Premises; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Norm Hewitt T/A Touching All the Bases is awarded a one (1) year contract, from June 23, 2014 to June 22, 2015, to operate the Recreation Baseball Summer Clinic in the Township of Hillsborough.
2. Norm Hewitt T/A Touching All the Bases will pay the Township of Hillsborough \$1,000 for the use of Municipal Premises.
3. This Resolution takes effect immediately.

4. Notice of this action shall be placed in the local newspaper.

Mayor Tomson stated that through the sealed bid process, "Touching All the Bases" has been awarded the one year contract for a Recreation Baseball Camp. This is the fifth year that this camp is being provided to the youth of Hillsborough to improve their baseball skills such as hitting, fielding, pitching and the overall mechanics of the game.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CONSENT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,524.19.

WHEREAS, real property tax payers overpaid their real property taxes and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received proof of such payments after correspondence with said property owners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee, of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund said amounts to the property owners; Total, \$27,524.19, properties, 17.

Block	Lot	Name	Amount	Qtr	Year
11	9	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	1,443.53	2 nd	2014
48	2	Duke Farms Foundation	29.28	2 nd	2014
48	3	Duke Farms Foundation	24.77	2 nd	2014
58	49	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	1,874.79	2 nd	2014
142	5.01	PrimeLending	466.17	2 nd	2014
142.01	2	Statebridge Co LLC	2,517.18	1 st	2014
149.12	13	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	2,451.87	2 nd	2014
151.07	14	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	2,356.16	2 nd	2014
153.09	3201 Condo	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	1,253.24	2 nd	2014
163.05	12.03 Condo	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	1,052.81	2 nd	2014
175.06	5	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	1,976.13	2 nd	2014
178.02	195	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	1,415.95	2 nd	2014
180.01	50	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	18.01	2 nd	2014
203.19	9	Farrell, Joseph & Elizabeth	2,645.55	2 nd	2014
204	32.01	Yurkow, Edward & Kathleen	1,962.27	2 nd	2014
204.07	45	Choi, Jin & Sola	3,687.65	2 nd	2014
207.11	4	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	2,348.83	2 nd	2014

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OF STREET LIGHTS FOR COUNTRY CLASSICS – PHASE 4B.

WHEREAS, a request has been received from Country Classics – Phase 4B for the Acceptance of Street Lighting; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Township Engineer Thomas Belanger has confirmed that 42 of the 80 lots in the above referenced subdivision have in fact been issued certificates of occupancy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.6 the streets lights within Country Classics – Phase 4B should now be accepted into the public street light system as 50% of the Certificates of Occupancy have been issued; and

WHEREAS, all of the street lights in Country Classics – Phase 4B are included in this acceptance; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Township Engineer Thomas Belanger has stated that the developer's account number for these lights is 71 127 050 02 and further recommends that the Township Committee take action to accept said street lights.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby accepts and approves the recommendation of Assistant Township Engineer Thomas Belanger, thereby accepting Country Classics – Phase 4B into the Township street light system.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, the consent agenda was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CLAIMS LISTS

Mayor Tomson presented Claims Lists 2014-10.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, Claims List 2014-10 was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, Public Laws 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. *Contract Negotiations – RPM Associates*
3. The Township Committee may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon motion by Committeewoman McCauley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burchette, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

Deputy Mayor Burchette motioned to reopen the public meeting after the executive session adjourned. The motion was seconded by Committeeman DelCore, and was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, the meeting duly adjourned at 8:57 p.m. Said motion was carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Attested:

Pamela Borek
Township Clerk