

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 March 28, 2017.

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Suraci advised that in accordance of 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 March 28, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Approval of the March 16, 2017 Regular Session Meeting Minutes*

Upon a motion by Committeeman Tomson, seconded by Deputy Mayor McCauley, the minutes of the March 16, 2017 Regular Session were approved upon the call of the roll.

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

Committeeman Tomson

Committeeman Tomson reported that Committeeman Burchette wanted to remind everyone that the next HBA Business Social is set for Wednesday, April 19, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Restaurant at Royce Brook. Committeeman Tomson added that the special guest speaker will be Jeffrey A. Wilke, CEO Worldwide Consumer, Amazon.com. Committeeman Tomson said tickets are \$15 per person and they are limited and to go to Hillsboroughbusiness.org to register.

Committeeman Tomson said the Annual Hillsborough Township Clean Up Coupons are now available for both residential access to the Auten Road Facility and for Senior Citizen Curbside pickup. Committeeman Tomson added that the purpose of the clean-up program is to allow residents the opportunity to dispose of old furniture, toys, rugs, appliances, etc. Committeeman Tomson said residents wanting information on recycling electronics, hazardous waste and materials not permitted at the Auten Road facility can contact Somerset County Recycling Department at 732-469-3363 or visit their website at www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle .

Committeeman Tomson said the Spring Recreation Activities & Programs are Open for Registration.

Committeeman Tomson stated this is the last chance to get your Official Run Around the Park T-shirt. Committeeman Tomson added that all participants who pre-register before March 31st will receive the official t-shirt for the 4th Annual Run Around the Park held on Sunday, April 23rd at AVM.

Committeeman Tomson stated that Summer Recreation Camp registration is also underway. Committeeman Tomson added that camps begin on Monday, June 26 and run for 8 weeks through August 18. Committeeman Tomson said information and registration are available on the Parks & Recreation website.

Deputy Mayor McCauley

Deputy Mayor McCauley said notifications were mailed to all property owners that received the Homestead Benefit Rebate. Deputy Mayor McCauley reminded residents that the amount due for the 2nd quarter taxes is reflected on the small statement that you recently received, not the amount on the green bill that you received last October. Deputy Mayor McCauley said if you have any questions on the Homestead Benefit, please contact the State of New Jersey at 888-238-1233.

Deputy Mayor McCauley reminded residents that the American Lung Association is supporting the Lung Force Walk at Colonial Park in Somerset on May 20th at 8:30 am. Deputy Mayor McCauley said to visit www.lung.org and help support the American Lung Association, and the walk at Colonial Park.

Deputy Mayor McCauley said that Saturday, June 3rd is The Annual Green Living and Wellness Fair that will be held in conjunction with the Hillsborough YMCA HOP 5K. Deputy Mayor McCauley added that organizations wishing to participate in the Fair must register in advance by calling the Health Department at 908-369-5652.

Mayor Suraci

Mayor Suraci reported on behalf of Committeeman DelCore, liaison to the Police. Mayor Suraci said that each year the Township Police Department selects "Top Cops", one from each Patrol Squad, to be recognized for their exceptional performance for the previous year. Mayor Suraci added the award recipients are determined based on a score devised from the Annual Job Performance Evaluations, along with a ranking achieved from their respective supervisors and peers. Mayor Suraci said for the first time two Officers tied for the highest ranking on one of the two Patrol Squads. Mayor Suraci added that Officer Joseph Paschall, Officer Jason Beverett and Officer Craig Heindrichs were awarded the "Top Cop" title for 2016, based upon their outstanding performance throughout the past year. Mayor Suraci said they are formally recognized by the Department and receive an acknowledgement in their personnel file. Mayor Suraci stated that in addition, Officers Paschall, Beverett and Heindrichs will have their names engraved on a plaque displayed in the lobby of Police Headquarters honoring each year's recipients since the program's inception in 1996. Mayor Suraci also said that in addition, they will be awarded a merit bar that is worn above their uniform badge. Mayor Suraci congratulated these three veteran officers on their exemplary service to the Township, earning them this distinct honor. Mayor Suraci added we are fortunate here in Hillsborough to have a force of superior police officers, but to be recognized by your peers as a "Top Cop" for going above the call of duty is quite an achievement. Mayor Suraci congratulated Officers Paschall, Beverett and Heindrichs for exemplifying the high standards of our Police Department.

Mayor Suraci noted that Chief Darren Powell would like to remind residents of the 2017 Distracted Driving Crackdown both locally and nationally from April 1st through April 21st, in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education. Mayor Suraci said that in 2014 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,179 deaths and 431,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing

circumstance in more than 800,000 crashes between 2010-2014. Mayor Suraci urged all residents and motorists to wait to text.

Mayor Suraci thanked the RoboRaiders Robotics Team 75 for hosting an open house this past Saturday. Mayor Suraci said that he, Congressman Leonard Lance, Deputy Mayor Gloria McCauley and Committeeman Doug Tomson got a tour of everything this great team is working on this year.

Mayor Suraci said the American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive at Hillsborough Fire Co #3 - 324 Woods Road on April 26th from 2 to 7 pm, to sign up donors can call 800-redcross or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code WoodsRoad or email Samantha Hand at shand1299@gmail.com

Mayor Suraci reminded residents that all Township Veterans and spouses are invited to the Annual Salute to Veterans Breakfast on Saturday, May 27th. Mayor Suraci said registration is required and to please visit the Recreation website or call the Recreation Office at 908-369-4832 to register. Mayor Suraci added that community organizations wishing to participate in the Memorial Day parade are asked to register with the Recreation Department as well.

Mayor Suraci asked for volunteer nominations and that they are due March 31st in recognition of April being National Volunteer Month. Mayor Suraci added that nominations and recommendations can be made by completing the online recommendation form.

Mayor Suraci said that residents can stay connected with all Township events via the e-newsletter, Twitter, TV 29 and Hillsborough YouTube channel. Mayor Suraci added that SwiftReach 911 is for traffic and emergency notifications.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

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- **Proclamation declaring March as American Red Cross Month**

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has touched many lives in Hillsborough, as well as across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross Month, is a special time to recognize our everyday heroes, and thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, whether through time, money or blood, and we invite others to support the Red Cross in helping people in need down the street, across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people and throughout the past year, the organization launched thousands of disaster relief operations, responding to an emergency every 8 minutes, to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid; and

***WHEREAS**, in Hillsborough, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and many volunteers to support us when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the members of the Hillsborough Township Committee, in conjunction with the President of the United States of America do hereby declare March as American Red Cross Month.*

***BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that we, the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.*

Attorney Willard indicated that committeeman delcore joined the meeting at 7:50 pm when the Red Cross Proclamation was being presented.

- **Proclamation honoring Dr. Mary Bridgeman with the “Education” Award for Outstanding Women in Somerset County**

***WHEREAS**, Hillsborough Township resident Dr. Mary Bridgeman has been recognized by the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women in celebration of Women’s History Month; and*

***WHEREAS**, Dr. Bridgeman was honored with the “Education” award at the Annual Outstanding Women in Somerset County awards dinner; and*

***WHEREAS**, Dr. Bridgeman is a Clinical Associate Professor at the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy as well as an Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacist at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital; and*

***WHEREAS**, Dr. Bridgeman graduated from the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; and*

***WHEREAS**, Dr. Bridgeman has authored and co-authored many peer-reviewed publications and is also a monthly contributor to a column that appears in the journal, Pharmacy Times; and*

***WHEREAS**, Dr. Bridgeman is active in state, regional and national societies that serve the pharmacy profession as well as several committees at Rutgers University and Robert Wood Johnson Hospital; and*

***WHEREAS**, Dr. Bridgeman shows passion and enthusiasm in her work as an educator and clinician and brings constant support and encouragement to her students both inside and outside the classroom.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough that Dr. Mary Bridgeman is hereby recognized for her many contributions to the community.*

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, join the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women in saluting Dr. Mary Bridgeman for being honored with the "Education" award and thank her for her dedication.

- **Proclamation declaring March as National Nutrition Month**

WHEREAS, National Nutrition Month started in 1973 as National Nutrition Week and as popularity grew, National Nutrition Month was established in 1980; and

WHEREAS, as a reminder that each bite counts, the theme for 2017 is "Put Your Best Fork Forward"; and

WHEREAS, food is the substance by which life is sustained and the type, quality, and amount of food that individuals consume each day plays a vital role in their overall health and physical fitness; as well as the prevention of chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for continuing nutrition education and wide-scale effort to enhance good eating practices; and

WHEREAS, National Nutrition Month, a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored annually by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, helps spread the word about the importance of a healthy diet and regular exercise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and Township Committee, of the Township of Hillsborough in conjunction with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and ShopRite of Hillsborough do hereby declare March as National Nutrition Month.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough encourages all Hillsborough residents to join the campaign and become concerned about their nutrition and the nutrition of others in the hope of achieving optimum health for both today and tomorrow.

- **Proclamation declaring April as Alcohol Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States where one in every 12 adults (17.6 million people) suffers from alcohol abuse or dependence; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 90,000 people die each year from excessive use of alcohol such as: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol - related homicides and suicides; and

WHEREAS, more than half of all adults have a family history of alcoholism or problem drinking and more than 10% of children live in a household where at least one parent is dependent on or has abused alcohol; and

WHEREAS, young people aged 12-20 years old drink 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United States with 90% of this being binge drinking and where people who begin drinking before age 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

***WHEREAS**, alcohol related problems cost America \$224 billion (\$746 per person) in lost productivity, absenteeism, healthcare costs, crime and family - related problems; and*

***WHEREAS**, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Hillsborough/Millstone Municipal Alliance envisions having our local community understand that alcohol use and abuse is a chronic condition that can be successfully prevented and treated. The Municipal Alliance is a committee of volunteers who works tirelessly to provide programs focusing on education and prevention for all members of the community.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that we, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, hereby join the National Council On Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) and do hereby proclaim that April 2017 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Hillsborough Township.*

***BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that we, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, also call upon all Hillsborough citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Hillsborough Township to support the efforts that will reduce stigma, increase community awareness and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism. Through these efforts, together, we can provide “Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow” for those in our community who are facing challenges with alcohol use and abuse.*

- **Proclamation honoring Gil Pilarte Hillsborough High School Educational Services Professional of the Year for 2017**

***WHEREAS**, Gil Pilarte has received the honor of Hillsborough High School Educational Services Professional of the Year for 2017 for his dedication and service to the Hillsborough School District; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarte is a Student Assistance Counselor and Co-Advisor for Sources of Strength and Peer Mentoring at Hillsborough High School; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarte has been a faculty member of Hillsborough High School since 2006; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarte provides a safe haven for students who are struggling and in need of assistance; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarte is known for his sense of humor and ability to help students work through their struggles and concerns productively; and*

***WHEREAS**, Hillsborough High School is proud to have Mr. Pilarte as their Educational Services Professional of the Year.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Mayor and the Township Committee of Hillsborough, further commend Gil Pilarte for being recognized as the Hillsborough High School Educational Services Professional of the Year and we thank him for all his work and dedication to the youth of Hillsborough.*

- **Proclamation declaring April as National Donate a Life Month**

WHEREAS, realizing the urgent need for donors around the country, the National Donate Life Month observance was established in 2003, to promote a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation; and

WHEREAS, established in 2012, National Donate Life Blue and Green Day on April 17, 2017, represents a national effort to support and raise awareness for organ and tissue donation and transplantation; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network (NJ Sharing Network) is committed to addressing that need through enhanced awareness; and

WHEREAS, the transplantation of organs and tissues is a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors, enabling surgeons to save thousands of lives every year. Donors not only give the gift of life, but also often restore health and sight to the recipients of the tissue and organs; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions are affected by the need for organ transplants; and there are nearly 5,000 New Jersey residents and over 120,000 Americans awaiting life-saving and life-enhancing transplant operations; and

WHEREAS, every capable person should support this vital effort by learning more about donating tissue and organs, registering as organ and tissue donors, making their families aware of their wishes, and be willing to give the precious gift of health, sight, and life to people in need; and

WHEREAS, registering as an organ and tissue donor at a local Motor Vehicle Agency or online at www.NJSharingNetwork.org signifies our fundamental human responsibility to help others.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that we, the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, do hereby recognize National Donate Life Month and National Blue and Green Day as a great opportunity to join in the fight to save lives by giving the greatest gift.*

***BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED,** that we, the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, urge all residents to join in promoting organ and tissue donor education through the National Donate Life Month observance.*

PRESENTATIONS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AND MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2017-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 188 (LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO DEFINE AND REGULATE CERTAIN UTILITY FACILITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP

New language is underlined thus.

Deletions are indicated with brackets and strikethroughs [~~thus~~].

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

Section 1. Amend Article I. Title; Purpose; Definitions, Section 188-3.B. by adding the following **new definitions**.

UTILITY FACILITIES BASIC

Basic utility facilities include power lines, water and sewer pipes, gas and telecommunication lines that provide those services directly to the end user. They are customarily found in a street, right-of-way or public easement serving adjacent properties and may include above ground structures covering 50 square feet or less such as transformers, switching boxes, and relay and booster devices. This definition does not apply to telecommunications facilities, solar energy systems or small wind energy systems, which are otherwise defined in this Chapter.

UTILITY FACILITIES MAJOR

Major utility facilities provide services of a regional nature such as electric, gas, telephone, water, and sewer to a customer or customers located at sites that are not on or contiguous to the site on which the facility will be located. Major utility facilities normally entail the construction of new buildings or structures such as, but not limited to, facilities for the generation and transmission of energy, electrical switching facilities, stations or substations, water and wastewater treatment plants, water tanks and towers, gas transmission pipelines and similar facilities. All associated overhead service, distribution and transmission lines are included in this definition. Major utility facilities may include repair and maintenance garages, offices, warehouses, open storage and work areas and similar commercial and industrial-oriented aspects of a utility service. This definition does not apply to telecommunications facilities, solar energy systems or small wind energy systems, which are otherwise defined in this Chapter.

UTILITY FACILITIES MINOR

Minor utility facilities are small-scale above ground structures that serve a local area. These facilities augment basic utility facilities and include pump stations, community wastewater treatment facilities and other such structures covering more than 50 square feet. Minor utility facilities exclude repair and maintenance garages, offices, warehouses, open storage and work

areas and similar commercial and industrial-oriented aspects of a utility service. This definition does not apply to telecommunications facilities, solar energy systems or small wind energy systems, which are otherwise defined in this Chapter.

Section 2. Amend Article V. Districts and Standards by adding the following **new section**.

Section 188-97.1 Utility Facilities.

A. Applicability. This section applies to basic, minor, and major utility facilities as defined in §188-3.B. It does not apply to wireless telecommunications facilities as provided for in Article VIII of this chapter, or solar energy systems and small wind energy systems as provided for in §188-76. This section does not supersede any applicable design and performance standards found in §188-75, §188-94, or §188-95.

B. Locations and standards.

(1) Basic utility facilities are permitted in all zones subject to any applicable private or public easements or other contractual agreements. They are not subject to any of the bulk standards of the host zone but must be appropriately screened from residential properties whenever possible and must conform to any site plan or subdivision requirements if the utility is to be installed as part of a development application.

(2) Minor utility facilities are permitted as a conditional use in all zones in accordance with the following standards:

(a) Unless the utility is located in a public right-of-way, the following conditions shall apply:

[1] The minimum lot area shall be one acre.

[2] No structure shall be permitted within 50 feet of any property line except that in the TC zone the setback shall be 100 feet from existing Route 206 (Main Street) or Amwell Road.

[3] Total impervious coverage shall not exceed 25%.

[4] A minimum 25-foot buffer is required from any residential use with adequate landscaping, berms or fencing to conceal the utility to the extent possible.

(b) The maximum height of any structure shall be 20 feet.

(c) All mechanical equipment shall be housed in a building(s) that is designed to be visually compatible with any surrounding structures or landscapes.

(d) If the utility is located in a residential zone or the Mountain or Agricultural zones, and the standard for a principal residential use is more restrictive than the conditional standard, the more restrictive standard shall apply.

(3) Major utility facilities are permitted as a principal permitted use in a consolidated district formed by the contiguous portions of the GI General Industrial, I-2 Light Industrial, and ED Economic Development zones located north of the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks and west of US Highway Route 206 in accordance with the following standards:

(a) Minimum lot area: 10 acres.

(b) Minimum lot width: 300 feet.

(c) Minimum lot depth: 300 feet.

(d) Minimum front yard: 150 feet.

(e) Minimum side yard: 100 feet.

(f) Minimum rear yard: 100 feet.

(g) Maximum impervious coverage: 50%.

(h) Maximum building height: 60 feet.

(i) Minimum buffer to a residential use or zone: 100 feet.

(j) Minimum distance to a park or school measured from property line to property line: 1,000 feet.

(4) Major utility facilities shall also comply with all of the provisions of the GI General Industrial zone not listed in subsection B.3 above.

Section 3. Amend the following sections as indicated.

§ 188-98. RA, RS, R, R1, R2, CR, AH, RCA and PD Residential Districts.

D. Conditional uses.

~~[(2) Utility facilities required to provide the direct service of the utility to consumers, such as transformers and pumping stations, but excluding warehouses, repair and maintenance garages, offices and storage yards.~~

~~(a) Minimum lot area: two acres.~~

~~(b) Minimum lot width: 200 feet.~~

~~(c) Minimum lot depth: 200 feet.~~

~~(d) Minimum front yard: 100 feet.~~

~~(e) Minimum side yard: 50 feet.~~

~~(f) Minimum rear yard: 50 feet.~~

~~(g) Maximum building height: 20 feet.~~

~~(h) Maximum impervious surface: not to exceed the amount permitted in the Schedule of Requirements for the zone district in which the facility is located.]~~

Renumber D(3) through D(6) as D(2) through D(5).

§ 188-99.1. RC Retirement Community District.

B. Permitted principal uses in the RC-Retirement Community District.

(2) Permitted accessory structures.

~~[(b) Utility facilities, such as transformers and pumping stations, required to provide the direct service of the utility to the resident of the retirement community. Storage and maintenance facilities are to be utilized by the residents and its homeowners' association for the purpose of proper maintenance of the community.]~~

Renumber B(2)(c) as B(2)(b).

§ 188-99.2. ARPDG Age Restricted Planned Development Gateway District.

C. Permitted principal uses in the ARPDG Age Restricted Planned Development Gateway District.

(2) Permitted accessory structures.

(b) ~~[Utility facilities, such as transformers and pumping stations, required to provide the direct service of the utility to the resident of the age-restricted planned development.]~~ Storage and maintenance facilities are to be utilized by the residents and its homeowners' association for the purpose of proper maintenance of the community. Additional storage and maintenance facilities are to be utilized by the owner of the multifamily dwelling units for the purpose of proper maintenance of that portion of the community.

§ 188-99.3. Agricultural District.

D. Conditional uses:

~~[(3) Utility facilities required to provide direct service of the utility to the consumers, such as transformers and pumping stations, but excluding warehouses, repair and maintenance garages, offices, storage yards and similar commercial and industrial-oriented facilities.]~~

Renumber D(4) through D(7) as D(3) through D(6).

§ 188-99.4. MZ Mountain Conservation District.

D. Conditional uses shall be as follows:

~~[(1) Public utilities necessary for the service, convenience or welfare of the public, provided that an application is made by the public utility to the Planning Board for a determination that the service, convenience or welfare of the public is involved.]~~

Renumber D(2) through D(4) as D(1) through D(3).

§ 188-99.7. ARW Amwell Road West District.

C. Accessory uses.

~~[(3) Utilities which are compatibly designed and/or screened, as appropriate.]~~

Renumber C(4) through C(8) as C(3) through C(7).

§ 188-100. C-1 Neighborhood Shopping Center District.

B. Permitted principal uses.

~~[(6) Utilities.]~~

Renumber B(7) through B(9) as B(6) through B(8).

§ 188-101. OLC Office, Light Commercial Zone.

B. Permitted principal uses.

~~[(5) Utilities.]~~

Renumber B(6) through B(7) as B(5) through B(6).

§ 188-103. O-2 Office District.

B. Permitted principal uses.

~~[(6) Utilities.]~~

Renumber B(7) through B(9) as B(6) through B(8).

§ 188-105. O-5 Office/Research District.

B. Permitted principal uses.

~~[(7) Utilities.]~~

ReNUMBER B(8) through B(10) as B(7) through B(9).

§ 188-106. I-1, I-2 and I-3 Light Industrial Districts.

B. Principal permitted uses.

~~[(6) Utilities.]~~

ReNUMBER B(7) through B(13) as B(6) through B(12).

§ 188-107. GI General Industrial District.

B. Principal permitted uses.

~~[(5) Utilities.]~~

ReNUMBER B(6) through B(14) as B(5) through B(13).

§ 188-107.1. LI Light Industrial District.

B. Permitted principal uses. All uses shall be provided at a scale and size that is appropriate for the district. There may be more than one permitted principal use or structure on a lot, subject to compliance with §107.1B to H below.

~~[(10) Utilities which are compatibly designed and/or screened, as appropriate.]~~

ReNUMBER B(11) through B(22) as B(10) through B(21).

§ 188-107.2. TECD Transitional Economic Development District.

C. Permitted accessory uses and structures.

(5) Maintenance [~~utility~~] and storage facilities subordinate to any permitted use.

§ 188-113. CDZ Corporate Development Zone.

C. Conditional uses.

~~[(2) Utility facilities required to provide the direct service of the utility to consumers, such as transformers and pumping stations, but excluding warehouses, repair and maintenance garages, offices and storage yards.~~

~~(a) Minimum lot area: two acres.~~

~~(b) Minimum lot width: 200 feet.~~

~~(c) Minimum lot depth: 200 feet.~~

~~(d) Minimum front yard: 100 feet.~~

~~(e) Minimum side yard: 50 feet.~~

~~(f) Minimum rear yard: 50 feet.~~

~~(g) Maximum building height: 20 feet.~~

~~(h) Maximum impervious surface: 60%.]~~

Renumber C(3) through C(6) as C(2) through C(5).

§ 188-113.1. GA Gateway A District.

B. Principal permitted uses. All uses shall be provided at a scale and size that is appropriate for the district. There may be more than one principal permitted use or structure on a lot subject to compliance with § 188-113.1C through H as contained below.

~~[(7) Utilities which are compatibly designed and/or screened, as appropriate.]~~

Renumber B(8) through B(11) as B(7) through B(10).

§ 188-113.2. GB Gateway B District.

B. Principal permitted uses. All uses shall be provided at a scale and size that is appropriate for the district. There may be more than one principal permitted use or structure on a lot subject to compliance with Subsections C through H as contained below.

~~[(11) Utilities which are compatibly designed and/or screened, as appropriate.]~~

Renumber B(12) through B(16) as B(11) through B(15).

§ 188-113.3. HS Highway Service District.

B. Permitted principal uses. All uses shall be provided at a scale and size that is appropriate for the district. There may be more than one permitted principal use or structure on a lot subject to compliance with Subsections C through I below.

~~[(9) Utilities which are compatibly designed and/or screened, as appropriate.]~~

Renumber B(10) through B(18) as B(9) through B(17).

§ 188-113.4. GV Green Village District.

C. Accessory uses.

~~[(5) Utilities which are compatibly designed and/or screened, as appropriate.]~~

§ 188-113.5. TC Town Center District.

B. Permitted principal uses. All uses shall be provided at a scale and size that is appropriate for the District. There may be more than one permitted principal use or structure on a lot subject to compliance with the applicable provisions as contained in Subsections B to H.

~~[(17) Utilities which are compatibly designed and/or screened, as appropriate, and may not be located within 100 feet of existing Route 206 (Main Street) or Amwell Road.]~~

Renumber B(18) through B(20) as B(17) through B(19).

§ 188-113.6. GC Gateway C District.

B. Principal permitted uses. All uses shall be provided at a scale and size that is appropriate for the district. There may be more than one principal permitted use or structure on a lot subject to compliance with § 188-113.6C through G as contained below.

~~[(7) Utilities which are compatibly designed and/or screened, as appropriate.]~~

Renumber B(8) through B(19) as B(7) through B(18).

Section 4. Interpretation. This Ordinance shall be construed so as not to conflict with any provision of New Jersey or Federal law. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative with, and not in substitution for, all other applicable zoning, planning, and land use regulations. All other ordinances or other local requirements that are inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency or conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply.

Section 5. Severability. If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

Section 6. Planning Board. After introduction, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of the within Ordinance to the Planning Board of the Township of Hillsborough for its review in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. The Planning Board is directed to make and transmit to the Township Committee within 35 days after referral, a report including identification of any provisions in the proposed Ordinance which are inconsistent with the Master Plan and recommendations concerning any inconsistencies and any other matter as the Board deems appropriate.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

Mayor Suraci stated that this ordinance is meant to provide clear and concise definitions of utilities that will distinguish between minor and major installations; and, to identify which of the zones are appropriate locations for each type of utility.

Mayor Suraci added that our Township Planner, Mr. David Maski is here this evening to provide further comment.

David Maski, Township Planner stated that the ordinance is to help consolidate the current ordinance. Mr. Maski said the ordinance will accomplish four basic things; it will clearly define three levels of utilities; basic, minor and major, it will clearly define where each type of utility is permitted, it will consolidate the utility requirements in the ordinance and it will delete any inconsistencies in the current ordinance.

Upon motion by Committeeman Tomson, seconded by Committeeman DelCore, to open the public hearing, the resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the role.

Committeeman DelCore said that this was reviewed at the Planning Board and it will help define where the utilities will go in each zone and to provide clarity for future applications.

Lloyd Haas, Titus Court asked if the ordinance has anything to do with cell towers.

Mr. Maski clarified that the ordinance does not impact solar energy systems, small wind systems or cell towers.

Upon motion by Committeeman DelCore, seconded by Deputy Mayor McCauley to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2017-02, the resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the role.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

- *None*

CONSIDERATIONS

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO BLACK LAGOON FOR POND MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT AVM PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,050.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough solicited quotes for Pond Management Services at AVM Park and three (3) quotes were received as follows:

Black Lagoon	\$6,050.00 (10 applications and NJDEP permits)
Solitude Lake Management	\$8,845.00 (10 applications and NJDEP permits)
Great Blue Lake & Pond	No quote submitted

WHEREAS, the Parks Department recommends the Township award the contract to Black Lagoon in an amount not to exceed \$6,050.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer.

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

1. An award of contract for Pond Management Services at AVM Park is hereby made to Black Lagoon, in an amount not to exceed \$6,050.00.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract provided by Black Lagoon for their services along with any modifications attached hereto.

Mayor Suraci said there exists the need for pond management services at AVM Park and Township solicited quotes for such services. Mayor Suraci added that three quotes were received and a result a contract is being awarded to Black Lagoon for those services.

Susan Gulliford, Hunt Club Road asked what type of services are needed.

Committeeman DelCore stated that it is algae control and making sure that nothing is developing in the pond.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor McCauley, seconded by Committeeman Tomson, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the role.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THREE (3) YEAR CONTRACT WITH XTEL TO PROVIDE PHONE LINES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE SYSTEM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,654.80 PER YEAR

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (f) permits the award of a contract without public bidding for the rendering of any service by a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, Xtel is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Technology has recommended the award of a three (3) year contract to Xtel to provide phone lines and maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$28,654.80 per year pursuant to their proposal dated February 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer, said certification is attached to this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a three (3) year agreement with Xtel to provide phone lines and maintenance services for the Township telephone system per their proposal dated February 24, 2017.

Mayor Suraci stated that the Director of Technology has recommended the award of a contract to Xtel to provide phone lines and maintenance services for the Township's phone system.

Upon motion by Committeeman DelCore, seconded by Committeeman Tomson, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the role.

3. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON HEALTH NETWORK FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) YEARS

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are currently provided within the Township of Hillsborough by Hillsborough Emergency Medical Services / Hillsborough Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, the Township contracted with Fitch & Associates to perform an assessment of emergency medical services within the Township of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, based on the assessment performed by Fitch & Associates and other factors, the Township Committee agreed it was in the best interests of the residents of the Township to solicit bids through the competitive contracting process for the future provision of emergency medical services within the Township of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(f), competitive contracting may be used by a municipality in lieu of public bidding for the procurement of emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3, the Township Committee adopted a Resolution on December 20, 2016 authorizing competitive contracting for the procurement of emergency medical services for the Township of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, the Township prepared a Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services and solicited bids in accordance with the competitive contracting process; and

WHEREAS, the Township received one (1) response to the Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services that being a Response from Robert Wood Johnson Health Network, dated February 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Response from Robert Wood Johnson Health Network was evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services and a report was submitted to the members of the governing body and made available to the members of the public in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.5(d) recommending an award of contract to Robert Wood Johnson Health Network based on the Response submitted; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Township Committee having reviewed the Response from Robert Wood Johnson Health Network and the report from the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent find and declare it to be in the best interests of the Township and its residents to award a contract to Robert Wood Johnson Health Network for the provision of Emergency Medical Services within the Township for a term not to exceed five (5) years in accordance with the Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services and the Response submitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows: (1) a contract is hereby awarded to Robert Wood Johnson Health Network for the provision of Emergency Medical Services within the Township of Hillsborough for a term not to exceed five (5) years in accordance with the Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services and the February 7, 2017 Response submitted by Robert

Wood Johnson Health Network; (2) the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute a contract with Robert Wood Johnson Health Network in a form approved by the Township Attorney consistent with the Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services and the February 7, 2017 Response submitted by Robert Wood Johnson Health Network; and (3) the Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the official newspaper of the Township summarizing the award of contract in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.5(g).

Mayor Suraci said that after thoughtful evaluation and deliberation, the Township is proceeding with the consideration of a contract award to Robert Wood Johnson Mobile Health Service, the only bidder in the process, to provide basic life support (BLS) services for the Township.

Committeeman DelCore stated that he is the Emergency Services liaison for this year and he recognizes that there is an emotional component of this resolution however he wanted to make sure the public understands the facts of the process, the history and what brought the Township to this point.

Committeeman DelCore said the rescue squad was formed in 1955 as a Volunteer Rescue Squad and that in 1988 HEMS Corp was formed with a sole purpose of having paid EMTs. Committeeman DelCore said the reasoning was that you could not have paid and volunteer EMTs in the same company.

Committeeman DelCore stated that HEMS Corp is not a township agency and that it is a 501C3 non profit private entity.

Committeeman DelCore said that paid EMTs covered times when volunteers could not and that due to a lack of volunteers most of the shifts are now covered with paid EMTs.

Committeeman DelCore said that nearly all of the calls that go through 911 go through HEMS Corp and that organization has 6 Full Time members, the rest are Part Time or per diem. Committeeman DelCore stated that Hillsborough Township is permitted, by law to contribute \$52,500 per entity. Committeeman DelCore said that \$52,500 goes to HEMS Corp and \$52,500 goes to the Hillsborough Volunteer Squad for a total of \$105,000. Committeeman DelCore added that the Township is allowed to pay for certain expenses via direct invoice which totals to about \$300,000. Committeeman DelCore said that the Township also pays for the vehicles that are used by HEMS and the Hillsborough Rescue Squad.

Committeeman DelCore said that in 2014 the Township decided to consult with Fitch & Associates, to perform an assessment of EMS services and the efficiency of operations. Committeeman DelCore stated that Fitch & Associates is a nationally recognized consultant in the field of Emergency services and they were one of the names provided to the Township by the Chief of HEMS Corp. Committeeman DelCore said the Township wanted to understand how the operations were being conducted and if there were any issues.

Committeeman DelCore said the assessment addressed current services, current and future needs of the Township and available options for the provision of services. Committeeman DelCore said the report was provided to HEMS Corp and the Hillsborough Rescue Squad to understand the issues raised and to understand the best practices that were outlined in the report. Committeeman DelCore stated that the Township worked with the organizations to see how we can best implement some of those practices and move to a more sustainable organization. Committeeman DelCore said that in the two years since the Fitch report was done, the Township is not convinced that the current organization can meet the

performance standards in the report and the Township felt compelled to evaluate alternatives available for the provision of EMS services.

Committeeman DelCore said that in January an RFP was issued for BLS (Basic Life Support) services. Committeeman DelCore said that there was one response to the bid, despite the fact that there were multiple agencies that picked up the bid, including HEMS Corp. Committeeman DelCore said that they had one viable bid response from Robert Wood Johnson. Committeeman DelCore stated that HEMS Corp did not respond to the bid.

Committeeman DelCore said the RFP requested BLS coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as well as standby services at community events, football games, Township events, as well as rehabilitation tents for fires in town. Committeeman DelCore said it requested an understanding of the equipment and maintenance needs for the vehicles, whether there was interest in volunteer, how to handle dispatch and OEM coordination, response times, training and appearance, compensation, quality assurance as well as records and reports being available to the Township. Committeeman DelCore added that it also included bidder qualification, experience in BLS services, a management team, education and training, references and staffing.

Committeeman DelCore said that Robert Wood Johnson responded that there would be 2 ambulances stationed in town at all times. Committeeman DelCore added that 2 more vehicles would be stationed on the outskirts of town as a backup when needed. Committeeman DelCore added that currently there are 2 crews during the day and 1 crew from midnight to 6am. Committeeman DelCore said that with Robert Wood Johnson there would be more vehicles than currently today as well as standby services for community events including most school events, sports events and rehabilitation for fires. Committeeman DelCore said that response time would show 90% of calls would be better than the national average of 10 minutes and 59 seconds. Committeeman DelCore said that Robert Wood Johnson wants to work with the volunteer portion of the organization. Committeeman DelCore added that if a volunteer crew is available and able to respond to a call they would get the call first.

Committeeman DelCore said that currently at HEMS Corp there are 6 Full Time employees and that Robert Wood Johnson is planning to hire approximately 16 more people to support Hillsborough and other surrounding towns.

Committeeman DelCore said that the bid was reviewed by four people within the Township including, himself, Committeeman Tomson, the CFO and Qualifying Purchasing Agent as well as the OEM Director. Committeeman DelCore added that the bid was a fully compliant response to the RFP.

Committeeman DelCore added that Robert Wood Johnson will provide the services at zero cost to the Township. Committeeman DelCore stated that patients will still continue to be billed as they are today after insurance is processed. Committeeman DelCore said that Robert Wood Johnson is currently providing these services in Franklin, Manville, So. Bound Brook, and Bridgewater/Raritan is moving to them shortly. Committeeman DelCore said Robert Wood Johnson also provides services to Piscataway, New Brunswick, East Windsor and Hamilton.

Committeeman DelCore stated that the rescue process will be provided by the Fire Companies as they are already providing some of those services today. Committeeman DelCore said that there is a bid that was submitted that is not only compliant but provides services to the Township as well as savings to the Township.

Mayor Suraci said that one of the issues is financial sustainability. Mayor Suraci added that the building the Rescue Squad uses was provided free to HEMS Corp. Mayor Suraci added that about ten years ago a mortgage was taken on the building and it was refinanced a couple of years ago with no payment information. Mayor Suraci added that there is a mortgage due on the building with a loan balance of about \$550,000. Mayor Suraci said that there are loans of about \$160,000 from the Hillsborough Rescue Squad to HEMS Corp. Mayor Suraci said there was a meeting a few weeks ago between the management of HEMS Corp, their attorney, Committeeman DelCore and Committeeman Tomson. Mayor Suraci stated that they asked where the funds went, what were they used for and what the plans are for repayment. Mayor Suraci said there was no answer given. Mayor Suraci added that the Township was giving the management the opportunity to answer the questions, through the weekend as to where the money went, and there has been no reply.

Mayor Suraci said there is two parts to the resolution. Mayor Suraci said the first part is having an entity to provide BLS services. Mayor Suraci said the second part of the resolution is in regards to a Volunteer Rescue Squad as one does not truly exist today as it did in the past. Mayor Suraci added that Hillsborough wishes to re-establish a Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Corinne McCann Trainor, attorney at Fox Rothschild representing HEMS Corp read a letter she had written to Attorney Willard and expressed concern regarding the bid process.

Attorney Willard said he is confident there is no violation to the anti-kickback statute. Attorney Willard stated that Committeeman Burchette was involved in the voting for the Fitch analysis and at that time Robert Wood Johnson was not involved. Attorney Willard said that Committeeman Burchette was involved in the decision to go out to bid and at that time Robert Wood Johnson was not involved. Attorney Willard stated that since Robert Wood Johnson sent in their response, Committeeman Burchette has not been involved in any of the discussions since Robert Wood Johnson rendered their response.

Mayor Suraci clarified that Committeeman Burchette has never been a liaison to emergency services. Mayor Suraci added that every vote is an equal vote at 20% and that Committeeman Burchette does not have any more input.

Attorney Willard stated that Committeeman Burchette had no legal conflict of interest until Robert Wood Johnson came to bid and since then Committeeman Burchette has stayed out of the process.

Judy Haas, Titus Court is in disagreement of the consideration of this resolution.

Attorney Willard clarified information that Ms. Haas stated.

Administrator Ferrera also clarified information that Ms. Haas stated.

Ms. Haas stated that her son was a volunteer EMT in Hillsborough for many years.

Harry Burke, 2 Sebring Round expressed displeasure with the Fitch report.

Mayor Suraci commented that Mr. Burke is a candidate for the Township Committee.

Dave Rainey, 20 Dogwood Drive expressed concern over response time.

Jane Staats, Devonshire Court expressed concern over the needs of the township.

Mayor Suraci commented that Ms. Staats is also running for Township Committee. Mayor Suraci added that there are two components to the resolution and that they are trying to bring back a volunteer squad that is sustainable.

Meryl Bisberg, 4 Hickory Hill Road expressed concern over the Fitch report.

Mayor Suraci stated that there was a contribution from Country Classics that was going to go towards a second rescue building on Hamilton Road. Chief Gwin asked if he could get \$100,000 for operational expenses.

Committeeman DelCore stated that some of the funding has been utilized for land for the building. Committeeman DelCore stated that some of the funding is in escrow and that it is still available.

Bill Dondiego, 12 Gulick Court from District 24 stated that he has had about 60 people from his district call him and expressed concern over not letting the public vote on the issue.

Committeeman DelCore stated that it is the job of the Township Committee to vote on the resolution in the best interest of the residents.

Deborah McNeal from Huntington Park in Hillsborough, stated she was on the rescue squad in the 1980's and expressed concern over logistics.

Bill Iden, Branchburg resident who owns property in Hillsborough expressed concern over costs and dispatch coordination.

Frederick Picchiello, Chief of Somerville Rescue Squad stated that Robert Wood Johnson does not provide rehabilitation services.

Committeeman DelCore stated that as per the RFP it is stated that Robert Wood Johnson would provide rehabilitation services for fires and that he can not speak for other towns and their contract.

Kaci Buck, Valley Road stated she was a former HEMS Corp employee, a former Hillsborough Rescue Squad volunteer, former 911 dispatch for another county as well as a current Station 37 Fire Volunteer. Ms. Buck expressed concerns over response times and coverage. Ms. Buck also asked why EMS services have not been put to a public referendum.

Committeeman DelCore stated that multiple options were thought.

John Beggiano, 62 Peterson Road expressed concern over staffing during storms.

Elaine Welsh, Orchard Drive questioned the process and asked for a postponement.

Savita Singh, 6 Piney Woods Drive asked why change when nobody from the public is complaining. Ms. Singh also voiced concern over patient safety with Robert Wood Johnson.

Lloyd Haas, Titus Court stated that his son was an EMT. Mr. Haas questioned why we need to change the current system.

Thuy Anh Le, 4 Ivy Lane stated that she was a former Board of Education member. Ms. Ahnle requested that the resolution be pulled.

Meryl Bisberg, 4 Hickory Hill Road asked if there is a performance bond on the contract. Ms. Bisberg asked to delay the decision.

Steve Pick, 3 Wakeman Circle voiced concern over Robert Wood Johnson's bid and the value we will be getting.

Roy Frieman, Snowbourn Place thanked the committee for putting up the information on the township website. Mr. Frieman questioned the financial viability of HEMS Corp.

Mayor Suraci stated that there were concerns based off of the Fitch report.

Committeeman DelCore stated that HEMS Corp runs on a very narrow cash flow plan. Committeeman DelCore said that if something required a quick response there aren't any resources available.

Mr. Frieman questioned the recommendation and evaluation process.

Committeeman DelCore explained that there was an evaluation of the bid and that the bid was compliant and fully viable as per Nancy Costa, CFO and Qualified Purchasing Agent.

Steve Weinman, Somerville resident and Former Chief of Somerville Rescue Squad, current Somerset County OEM EMS Bureau Chief and EMS Coordinator for Somerville expressed concern over Robert Wood Johnson's system. Mr. Weinman asked the Committee to look at the current system and see if it can be fixed.

Jim Bergstrom 78 Wertsville Road expressed concern over sustainability and feels there isn't a problem with the current system.

Ms. Lu, Hillsborough resident voiced support for HEMS Corp.

Mike Rimik, Franklin Township resident questioned if Attorney Willard was attorney for Green Brook during the time when Green Brook was going through a similar EMS situation.

Attorney Willard stated he was the attorney at Green Brook when their EMS squad became dysfunctional however he did not assist in an RFP process.

Committeeman DelCore stated that there is an emotional factor with the process as well as a personal attachment to the organization. Committeeman DelCore added that they have gone through an exhaustive process over the last three years to try and move forward with the current organization. Committeeman DelCore said they put an RFP together to get the best service possible with industry standards and benchmarks that they can count on as well as savings. Committeeman DelCore added that everyone on the committee lives in town and that they would not sacrifice the safety of their families.

Committeeman DelCore added that they put together a comprehensive RFP and received a viable bid. Committeeman DelCore has no issue with the RFP response recieved and voted yes for the resolution.

Committeeman Tomson stated he was very concerned that they got to this point. Committeeman Tomson stated that 2 weeks ago he sat down with Chief Gwin and was trying to get additional information and got no response. Committeeman Tomson said he is extremely concernced when the CEO is loaning money to pay bills. Committeeman Tomson said that he wished HEMS Corp would have put in a bid but they did not. Committeeman Tomson said that regardless of any personal connections to HEMS Corp and the people he has to vote yes on the resolution.

Deputy Mayor McCauley voted yes.

Mayor Suraci stated that this has been a long process for many years. Mayor Suraci added that the management of HEMS Corp is the main issue and that there is no issue with the services they provide. Mayor Suraci added that they would like to bring back a volunteer squad and that Robert Wood Johnson has committed to do that. Mayor Suraci said that he wanted answers from HEMS Corp and got none. Mayor Suraci stated that he kept this off the agenda because he wanted to give HEMS Corp and chance to respond but they did not. Mayor Suraci voted yes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOHN FIEDLER, CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL, TO CONDUCT SATURDAY BUILDING INSPECTIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S BUILDING DEPARTMENT ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Saturday building inspections for the Township's Building Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator recommends John Fiedler, Construction Official, be authorized to conduct Saturday building inspections on an as needed basis effective April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 at the rate of \$30.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that John Fiedler, Construction Official, is authorized to conduct Saturday building inspections on an as needed basis effective April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 at the rate of \$30.00 per hour.

2. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138.50
(total properties 1)

WHEREAS, real property taxpayers 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, authorizes the Tax Collector to refund the following amounts to the property owners; Total, \$138.50, properties, 1.

Block	Lot	Name	Amount	Qtr.	Year
147	20.01	Christian Community Church, Inc.	\$138.50	1st	2017

3. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2017 UDRIVE. UTEXT. UPAY. DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN FROM APRIL 1, 2017 THROUGH APRIL 21, 2017

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,179 deaths and 431,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in more than 800,000 crashes between 2010-2014; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2017 Crackdown* from April 1, 2017 through April 21, 2017 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is UDrive. UText. UPay; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that they hereby support the *Distracted Driving 2017 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1, 2017 through April 21, 2017 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

4. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TITLE AUTHORIZING MILLS & SCHNOERING ARCHITECTS, LLC, TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION AND NOT THE 2017 NEW JERSEY HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE VANDERVEER HARRIS HOUSE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,200.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough is desirous to preserve the Township's Historic Vanderveer Harris House; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2017, as a result of the fair and open procurement process, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq., Mills & Schnoering Architects, LLC, was awarded a professional services contract designating Mills & Schnoering Architects, LLC, as the Township of Hillsborough Architect; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planner has recommended that Mills & Schnoering Architects, LLC provide architectural documentation to assist in the Township's preparation of the grant application in an amount not to exceed \$3,200.00 per their proposal dated February 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified as such by the Chief Financial Officer and said certification is attached to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Mills & Schnoering Architects, LLC, is authorized to assist in the preparation and submission of the 2017 Somerset County Historic Preservation Grant Application in an amount not to exceed \$3,200.00.

5. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TITLE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP PLANNER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE SOMERSET COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION NOT THE 2017 NEW JERSEY HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE VANDERVEER HARRIS HOUSE

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough is desirous to preserve the Township's Historic Vanderveer Harris House; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planner has requested authorization for the preparation and submission of 2017 Somerset County Historic Preservation Grant Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Township Planner is authorized to prepare and submit the 2017 Somerset County Historic Preservation Grant Application.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FLAGTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PARKING LOT FOR APPARATUS JUDGING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

WHEREAS, the Flagtown Fire Department has requested permission to utilize the Board of Education parking lot for apparatus judging on Saturday, June 10, 2017, in Hillsborough Township; and

WHEREAS, the Flagtown Fire Department has produced a certificate of insurance naming the Township of Hillsborough as an insured.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of

Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Flagtown Fire Department is hereby authorized to utilize the Board of Education parking lot for apparatus judging, on Saturday, June 10, 2017, in Hillsborough Township.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR FOR SOURLAND CONSERVANCY FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON JUNE 18, 2017

WHEREAS, an application for a Special Permit for Social Affair has been filed by Sourland Conservancy for an event to be held on June 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application is complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby approves the application for Sourland Conservancy for an event to be held on June 18, 2017.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR FOR MANVILLE ELKS FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 2017

WHEREAS, an application for a Special Permit for Social Affair has been filed by the Manville Elks for an event to be held on April 23, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application is complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby approves the application for the Manville Elks for an event to be held on April 23, 2017.

9. RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOM BELANGER TO THE RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Township needs to appoint a representative (member) and alternates to the Raritan & Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to appoint Tom Belanger to the Raritan & Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission with David Fritzinger as 1st Alternate and Anthony Ferrera as 2nd Alternate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Tom Belanger is appointed to the Raritan & Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission with David Fritzinger as 1st Alternate and Anthony Ferrera as 2nd Alternate.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF RECREATION PROGRAM FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,110.00

WHEREAS, there are refunds due from Recreation program fees; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has received proof of such refunds being due and payable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee, of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund said amounts as detailed below, in a total amount of \$1,110.00.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mark Maffei	\$115.00	Barbara Keesler	\$75.00
MaryAnn Lombardo	\$100.00	Chandrasekar Ramasamy	\$145.00
Sundra Glennon	\$375.00	Mariann Bischoff	\$300.00

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR FOR MANVILLE ELKS FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON MAY 21, 2017

WHEREAS, an application for a Special Permit for Social Affair has been filed by the Manville Elks for an event to be held on May 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application is complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby approves the application for the Manville Elks for an event to be held on May 21, 2017.

12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF JUDY MATROS FROM THE POSITION OF CLERK TO THE TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER IN THE FINANCE OFFICE TO THE POSITION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANT IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the position of Technical Assistant in the Hillsborough Township Building and Construction Department; and

WHEREAS, Judy Matros, who currently works as Clerk to the Tax Collector/Treasurer in the Finance Office, expressed interest, has been interviewed and is the most qualified candidate; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official recommends that the Township Committee take action to transfer Ms. Matros to the Technical Assistant position in the Building Department with no change in salary, effective April 3, 2017.

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 the Construction Official is hereby accepted and approved.

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO INITIATE THE HIRING PROCESS FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER

WHEREAS, a vacancy exist for the position of Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has determined that this position needs to be filled as soon as possible and requests authorization to begin the hiring process for the vacancy of a certified Police Officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that authorization is given to the Chief of Police to begin the hiring process for vacancy of a certified Police Officer.

14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION FOR GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Community Development Block Grant Applications are due on March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough to endorse the submission of said grant by GiGi's Playhouse, requesting funds for a Public Service Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the application requesting funds for a Public Service Project be and hereby is endorsed and that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Municipal Certification for GiGi's Playhouse 2017 Community Development Block Grant Application.

Upon the motion of Committeeman Tomson, seconded by Committeeman DelCore, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CLAIMS LIST

Mayor Suraci asked to approve Claims List 2017-06.

Upon the motion of Committeeman Tomson, seconded by Committeeman DelCore, Claims List 2017-06 was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor McCauley, seconded by Committeeman DelCore, the meeting duly adjourned at 11:13 pm. Said motion was carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Attested:

Pamela Borek
Township Clerk